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9008/1 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

3/1/80

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

My dear Sir Harry

Very many thanks for all  
your kind letters & their  
enclosures: & for your  
most kind New Year's  
present of wood which  
I gladly accept. But  
will you not allow me to  
pay the carriage for both  
Mr. Fred & myself?

Among the Indians I see  
or hear from, I find an  
impression that there  
may be dangerous risings  
against us in different  
parts of India: & a relation

of Mrs. Stewart's  
told me that this  
was Major Stewart's opinion.  
Would it be too much to  
ask him (thro' you) to ~~put~~ write  
down his opinion, or rather  
any facts he has?

Would you tell Parthe,  
in answer to Miss Tynnot's  
request for my name,  
that, dearly as I value  
the object, a pulse of  
120° for weeks after  
my return from Lea  
Hurst & the camel's  
back being broken at last

warns me not to add  
another straw?  
And would you tell Parthe  
that I did have a long  
interview (in bed up=stairs)  
with Mr. Cunningham the  
very first day I had  
an hour free?

Wishing you & Parthe,  
dear Sir Harry, very &  
many happy New Years  
in the highest sense of the  
word.

ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale  
Mrs. Wardroper has written to me  
to know *what are the duties*  
*of the Matron at the Bucks*  
*Infirmary* F.N.

9008/2 signed letter, 1 f, pencil [1:208]

6/1/80  
{printed address} 10, SOUTH STREET,  
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir Harry  
Yesterday my dear Father  
had been gone home 6 years,  
(according to our reckoning).  
My Mother came to me. I  
thought her much altered but  
very peaceful. She took  
great pleasure 4 times in  
looking at the photograph  
of his monument.

I was so excessively tired,  
having hardly been downstairs  
since I saw you last, or able  
to sit up at all that ~~or~~ I could  
not have sent to enquire after  
you.

I hope you are well  
Could you

*Natal*

*Kaffir women*

*Could you tell me whether*

*you think I should do*

*what Mr. Chesson asks?*

*viz. write a few words for the deputation to use?*

*You say you mentioned to*

*Sir M. Hicks Beach*

*My interest in the subject?*

*Should I stop there?*

*Mrs. Brooks comes here again*

*the end of this week.*

*May God keep you:*

*ever affly yrs*

*F. Nightingale*

9008/3 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

24/1/80

I hope you are pretty well,

my dear P.

I am sorry to say that dear

Mother has been very

poorly for 3 days: cough

& unable to get up the

expectoration. She has

seen Dr. Clark's Assistant

2, I think 3 times: Yesterday

afternoon, tho' not leaving

her room, she was so

bright that Shore who

(tho' he has himself been

in bed with a bad cough)

goes up to see her thought

her well as usual.  
But the cough returned  
& was incessant all last night.  
And she is able to take  
very little - but seems  
comfortable to-day.

I cannot estimate the  
amount of danger, for  
she has such devoted  
care taken of her.  
But it is serious.

yrs ever

F.N.

Lady Verney

24/1/80

9008/4 initialled note, 2 ff, pencil

[6:636-37]

28/1/80

I should send Joseph's  
daughter to

Dr. Armitage

12 North Audley St  
who has been very  
successful with all my  
cases.

And please tell Joseph  
that for his sake I will  
include her in my Acct  
with Dr. A.

But I could not undertake  
a corresponde for one  
additional case (having so  
many at Lea Hurst too.)

And it is *no use* sending  
a girl to *any* Doctor  
(or indeed any Patient)  
without his corresponding  
with you: or without  
a capable person going  
with the Patient.

Please therefore either  
to send Julie with her:  
or to tell Dr. Armitage  
to correspond with you  
(*not with me*).

[end 6:637]

I hope my dear P. you  
will soon be better

F.N.

Lady Verney  
28/1/80

9008/5 initialled note, 2 ff, pencil

30/1/80

I am very thankful for the weighty  
opinion about our dear P.  
It was impossible that there  
could be "disease of the heart"

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Please return the enclosed  
- poor mother's sad  
restlessness & dryness of mouth

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~~Do not go to Mrs. Wardroper~~  
The change of weather came  
too late to save one of our  
Sisters at St. T's, taken ill  
on Saturday morning, she  
was dead on Tuesday evening:  
of fog & Bronchitis  
Miss

Miss Pringle from Edinburgh is  
in London (at St. Mary's  
Hospital, Paddington) till  
Tuesday night. She  
dines here tomorrow with  
her Sister, (who is a  
Probationer of ours, at St. T.'s),  
& Miss Williams.

This is a thing I could  
not put off.

I don't know whether you  
would like to ask her  
& Miss Williams to luncheon  
or tea some day before  
Tuesday night next. F.

9008/6 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil [1:209]

31/1/80

the anniversary of Mrs.  
Bracebridge's death

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My dear Sir Harry  
I am daily so much 'put to'  
it for Messengers since my  
dear Mother's illness that,  
unless you can kindly help  
me with an occasional  
man-servant, I must engage  
a second messenger.

I cannot possibly get another  
to-day.

Could you kindly put a  
man-servant at my  
disposal from 10.30 *today*  
till 1.? It is to go after

a Nurse for my Mother  
[Or Morris will not  
last out.]

I am sure my Mother  
was the better for your  
prayer yesterday.

I have a letter from  
the Gd Duchess of Baden  
which I will send you

yrs

F.N.

*Immediate*

Sir Harry Verney  
or Lady Verney

31/1/80

9008/7 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil [1:209]

2/2/80

My dear Sir Harry

There are many very  
strong reasons to my  
feeling why those who should  
follow my dear Mother  
to the grave should be only  
- *Shore & his wife & yourself.*

I would not *ask* any  
of the "Cousins" - not one -

If Wm Coltman &  
Harry B.C. like to offer,  
let them.

But pray do not let us  
do anything to prevent

Louisa going with  
Shore.

It is converting a lovely  
act of love into a farce  
to ask "the Cousins": is  
it not? -

The people *she* would  
like would be: -  
*yourself, Louisa, Shore -*  
*coachman & Charles -*  
and *Morris*, if she would  
like it:

no one else.

[end 1:209]

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I *must* send to  
Mrs. Wardroper this  
evening.

Could you lend me  
a man-servant?

ever yrs affly

F.N.

Sir Harry Verney  
2/2/80

9008/8 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil [1:209]

4/2/80

If I have not written, my  
dear Pop, it is because  
heart & hand & mind have  
been fuller than I could  
bear.

I will write to morrow,  
please God.

God bless you ever:

always your F.

An immense magnificent

Cross & wreath come just  
now from the trained Nurses  
for her dear memory  
for Friday



9008/9 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil [1:210]

5/2/80

If you would like, dear Pop,  
to see the beautiful Crown  
& Wreath contributed  
by all the Nurses of St.  
Thomas' to my Mother's  
grave, please send in  
a man to bring you  
the boxes.

F

Mr. Jowett comes to give  
me the Sacrament at  
6.30 to night.

9008/10 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil [1:210]

5/2/80

My dear P. I think a card  
in remembrance of my  
Mother would be valued  
by some of the Lea Hurst  
people more than any  
earthly possession.

If you think so, I would  
send in (as soon as I can  
get a maid to find it)  
our memorial card for Miss Hill  
& another - not of course  
to be copied but

as in  
specimens. We can  
then settle what we will  
have. your

F.

9008/11 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil [1:210]

6/2/80

The accompanying flowers, dear Pop, taken out of my Mother's coffin by dear Louisa's care are for you.

I have a long letter to write you about darling Mother, which I will to-day, if only possible.

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Enclosed are the two Memorial Cards. Something like *Miss Hill's*, I think, would be pleasing. But I am not at all wedded to it.

I don't think you mean, limit the cards to the 'Estate':

houses' - Not above 2  
or 3 of ~~th~~ my intimate  
poor friends with whom  
I am in daily intercourse  
at Lea Hurst, Holmes,  
Broomhead, a woman dying  
of tumour, Limb, dying also,  
Shardlow, Henstock &c &c.  
&c &c &c &c live in the  
"Estate's" house -  
ever dear Pop  
your F

9008/12 initialled note, 1 f, pen

I think it ought to be done *immediately*, if at all,  
I don't think you like my "texts" in  
general, my dear P.  
But as you ask me what do you  
think of the enclosed?

10/2/80 F.N.

9008/13 signed note on envelope, 1 f, pen black-edged envelope

There is nothing in this world [5:492]  
I should appreciate so much  
as seeing Col. Gordon: whose  
work is unique. God bless him for it.  
But ALAS! at *this* moment  
it is *quite* impossible to me  
11/2/80 Florence Nightingale [end 5:492]  
I am just sending off  
Wm Hedges to Dover  
Convalescent  
Home

9008/14 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil [1:215]

11/2/80  
I with draw my Mother's  
age, my dear P.,  
tho' it greatly loses in  
pathos thereby:  
but my Father's age  
must in that case be  
also with drawn.  
But the *place* of  
death is *always* put:  
& in this case the  
circumstances are so  
remarkable that it  
is quite impossible  
to omit it: the antithesis  
of the house in London  
& "the house not made  
with hands" is not painful but half the

pathos: (as in the  
verse so popular  
leaving "the cottage on earth  
"to dwell in ~~the~~ a palace  
in heaven".)

The poor people would  
not think it ~~a~~  
the right card without  
I send several that  
you may patch them  
as you like.

[I put on my wreath  
about joining our  
Heavenly & earthly Father]

I *think* I like No 4 the  
best. but am not  
particular: only I feel

it *quite* impossible to  
leave out that she  
died with Shore: don't  
you?

your

F.

If Sir H. likes the black  
instead of the gold  
line, *please* let him  
have it. But I  
explained to him that  
what we did was:  
gold ~~lined~~ edged card in  
*black* edged envelope  
And I thought he  
concurred F.

9008/15 initialled letter, 2 ff, pen [1:217-18]

11/2/80

My dear Sir H. These are "distressing"  
indeed. I wish I had never seen them.  
I had pictured her so different.  
The only one I could bear to have  
is the one I enclose.

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Parthe asks me if I "remember"  
'When Faith & Love' &c &c  
I repeated it not only every Sunday  
but almost every ~~week~~ day to my dear  
Mother: & never, never, never, did she  
not respond to it. Then she would  
always have the 2 other Sonnets,  
"My 23rd year" & "on my blindness".  
& always, always, always, she would stop  
me at "They alas serve who only stand  
& wait." & repeat it after me.  
I hear her dear voice now -  
Then another  
"And joy shall overtake us as a flood"

Parthe asks me if I "remember"  
'O what is death? 'Tis life's last shore'  
&c &c  
I do not know why I left it off this  
last time at Lea Hurst: ~~I coult~~  
but *till* this *last* time we always  
had it nearly *every day*  
And she actually learnt to repeat  
it after me: at her age!!!  
Were not her *card* for the POOR PEOPLE,

I should very much have preferred  
putting in some lines of Milton's Sonnet  
to what I have put. What do you  
say?

F.N.

M008/16 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

10 S. St.

Feb 13/80

My dear Sir Harry

I cannot do Lord Lawrence  
the injustice  
of writing anything at *this moment* about  
the man to whom & to  
whose career there is  
scarcely a parallel in  
Ancient or Modern  
history: who saved  
the ryots, who saved  
a Province, who saved  
the Empire. I knew  
his work too well to  
dare to write a hurried  
sentence. And I think  
it would be putting  
myself forward. God

speed the Memorial  
to this great man!  
And may others follow  
in his steps is really  
the deepest prayer of  
Florence Nightingale

The Queen has sent  
me a message of  
condolence.

I have not had a day's  
rest of body or mind  
for 6 years & 6 weeks.  
And the last 10 days  
have been enough to  
upset the strongest man  
— I can scarcely speak.

— You kindly said. you  
would change this £40  
Cheque for me.

I should like to see  
the Wilson letter. Perhaps  
you can show it me after  
to-day: not in a hurry. F.N.

9008/17 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

13/2/80

My dear P. You do not  
know how very ill I am.

I could not see any one  
between 2 & 3. my  
only hour of rest.

And at 5 Rosie is  
coming. I settled 5  
because I thought it too  
late for you -

Let us then say  
4.30. for 1 quarter of  
an hour - please.

your F.

I cannot see Sir H. Verney  
till 6 at earliest.

Lady Verney  
13/2/80

Wellcome Ms 9011

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9008/18 initialled letter, 1 f, pen

I am almost extinct, my  
dear P.  
If you would like to see  
me for 10 minutes to day,  
please send word  
when.

your

F.

13/2/80

Lady Verney

13/2/80

9008/19 initialled letter, 2 ff, pen [7:700]

Granville Hotel

Ramsgate

Feb 16/80

I am "not worse", my dear P.  
And I like looking at the  
'white horses' coming in,  
which I have not seen  
for 24 years. But the  
place is too London-y:  
& I don't like acting the  
'lady'.

I hope Sir H. did not  
feel cold at the Station.  
My love to him for coming  
with me.

Do you at all know  
what has become of my  
Mother's watch? Can you  
remember what became of

it before my dear Father  
went? Is it possible  
that it can be in her desk?

Grace must know:

God bless you:

[end 7:700]

ever your

F.



9008/20 initialled letter, 1 f, pen

Ramsgate

19/2/80

Would you not, my dear  
P., let "the linen" stay  
in use at York Place  
at least as long as they  
have the house. if this is my  
mother's household "linen".

And please be so  
very good as not to  
have any of dear Mother's  
things & boxes sent to  
mine but to your own  
house. Do, Please, please.

I am very glad you know  
where the watch is.

Dear Sir Harry ran  
up steps & about & about

like a young man  
here yesterday, doing  
kindnesses. I hope  
he caught no cold.

I will send back your  
letters at once. But  
you scarcely know how  
utterly worn out I am:  
& how much I have to do.  
even here ever your  
what arrears P.  
there are -  
people writing  
to me for Indian  
& other papers.

9008/21 initialled letter, 1 f, pen

19/2/80

Granville Hotel

*Bucks Infry*

My dear Sir Harry

~~Should~~ Hy Bonham Carter quite decides  
against Nurse Spreat for above.

But we have another to propose: Miss  
Fryer. He will tell you about her.

*Should not she go down to Aylesbury  
& see Miss Russell?* [Miss Fryer is  
'High Church']

I hope you caught no cold.  
Godspeed the Matron of Bucks Infry: Have

you heard from *Miss Pringle*  
& has she SEEN Miss Williams?  
in gtest haste  
yrs F.N.

9008/22 signed letter, 2 ff, pen [15:230]

*Army Hospital Nurses*

*Private* Granville Hotel  
Ramsgate  
Feb 21/80

My dear Sir Harry

I am "considering", as you  
desire, the proposal in your "Aid  
to Sick & Wounded" letter of Feb 19.

In the first place it is a bit  
of a 'job': Col. Loyd Lindsay  
of the "National Aid Socy"  
endeavouring to relieve Col. Loyd  
Lindsay of the "War Office" in  
pecuniary matters.

I had not yet apprised my  
usual advisers: because I  
was much pressed, & nothing  
definite had been sent calling  
for decision, \_ that Sir Wm Muir,  
Director Genl, wrote to me,  
about Xmas, that he was  
preparing (for the Estimates)

a scheme for extending trained Female Nurses to the Military Hospitals of 3 other Stations, probably Aldershot, Devonport & perhaps The Curragh: but the scheme was to embrace the trained Nursing of Sick *Officers* too: [& he forwarded to me a letter on the necessity of nursing the Officers.] He said that Col. Loyd Lindsay warmly supported the plan of Female Nursing. proposed.

Three or four weeks ago he wrote again saying that the scheme was before Loyd Lindsay, as Financial Secy: but that no definite answer could be got out of him as to whether the 'money should be provided' or not.

I heard nothing more till you sent me this, which it

struck me was ~~Col.~~ the War

Office's way of 'providing  
the money'.

Of course the object is a  
most desirable one: but do they call  
the "Netley Nurses". "*trained*"?

~~out~~ *training* at Netley has  
been an utter failure: & in  
the Herbert the ~~N~~ women  
who have been substituted  
for our proposed trained Nurses are  
just of the ordinary sort.

Is Mrs. Deeble, of Netley,  
to be the *training* Supt Genl?  
or the woman at the head of  
the Herbert recommended by  
her?

You see that the Nurses are  
to be "under the supervision of"  
the "Director Genl": (which means  
Dr. Munro:) in the official sense  
of course absolutely necessary:  
in the practical sense it is  
the very principle we most

do combat:

I have none of Sir Wm Muir's  
letters with me: but they  
contain no details.

How soon is your next  
Meeting of the 'Aid' Socy?  
And *how soon must I answer*  
*you upon the letter?*

ever yrs affly

Florence Nightingale  
Whether "they would obtain  
*training* & experience of that  
practical nature" &c. depends,  
I suppose, on what the  
*"training"* to be given is.

F.N.

The "*experience*" at an ordinary  
"Station Hospital" in a year is,  
in surgical injuries & acute diseases, scarcely equal  
to that of one Ward in a great  
London Hospital in a week:

Such as "would best fit them" F.N.  
for usefulness in time of war"

**[end]**

9008/23 initialled letter, 2 ff, pen

34 Granville Hotel

Ramsgate

Feb 23/80

My dear Sir Harry

I am glad you do not  
dislike Miss Fryer. Of course  
you will see or hear from  
Miss Machin about her, with  
whom she has been a year  
as Night Supt at St. Bartholo=  
=mew's, before you decide.

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I send you the Gd Duchess of  
Baden's letter, which I happened  
to have here. Please return  
it to me: as it is one of the  
heaps of letters of which the  
*non*=answering pulls me  
down to Hades. I have not answered  
it.

[16:861]

If you like to look at her

"plans", (which I am ashamed  
to say I have not,) they  
are *two Cahiers*, in a x  
square shallow frame box  
on the *floor* in my  
Dressing-room in the  
corner next the window.  
The maids will give them  
you. Please return  
them when I return.

[end 16:861]

x *not* in a portfolio

Many thanks for the rich  
wood Avalanche -  
I am writing to P.  
ever yrs & hers most affly  
F.N.

9008/24 initialled letter, 2 ff, pen [1:349]

My dear P. I have not been getting better for Ramsgate, & I do not return because I cannot.

I am the less disappointed, because we<sup>f</sup> expected me to feel even much worse than I do, when the immense strain of the last 6 years & 6 weeks was taken off. And all last year the Drs were telling me that I must go away at once & altogether for 3 months at least.

I want to have now a few days of entire silence: & then I must return. I want to see you  
my dear Pop.

Even here beggars have found me out. I do not know whether you would care to enclose the

2 notes about Miss St. John (wh I enclose) to

Miss Thornton who & not I is the heir to Sir Robt Inglis. But I always feel it a great liberty when it is done to me: & therefore I do not press it\_ She knows what to do better than any one with claims.

Her beautiful letter, beautiful in thought & feeling, the very poetry of religion, I will return. My Mother's 50 years' of active kind intelligence has been forgotten in so many notes of condolence that they jar upon one. But Miss Thornton's is the very genius of friendship

I must read it over once more

Thanks very many for  
books & flowers. & letters.

I am afraid Shore has  
been very poorly - very -  
& Louisa too. but less so.

I am so glad the watch &c  
is come. -

So no more at present from  
ever your

F

29/2/80

9008/25 unsigned note, 5 ff, pen [1:216-17]

In loving remembrance of  
our Mother,  
Frances Nightingale,  
who, from her nephew's, in London,  
Mr. & Mrs. Shore Smith's  
went home to God,  
just after midnight,  
on February 1-2 1880  
in her 92nd year.  
As well as of our Father,  
W.E. Nightingale,  
who died at Embley,  
Jan 5 1874  
in his 80th year.  
"And he walked with God: and he was not, for God  
took him."  
Gen. v. 24

"I must work the works of Him  
that sent me while it is day:  
the night cometh when no  
man can work."

John IX. 4

"Lord, what wilt Thou have  
me to do?"

Acts IX. 6

Now the labourer's task is o'er,  
Now the battle day is past,  
Now upon the farther shore  
Lands the voyager at last:  
Father, in Thy gracious keeping  
Leave we now Thy servant  
sleeping.

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Or:

By the bright waters now Thy  
lot is cast,  
Joy to thee, happy soul, thy bark hath  
past  
The rough sea's foam:  
Now the long yearnings of thy soul are  
Over



still'd:  
 Home, home, thy peace is won, thy  
 heart is filled  
 Thou art gone home!:

In loving remembrance of  
 our Mother 1880  
 Frances Nightingale  
 who from her nephew's house  
 in London  
 tenderly cared for by  
 Wm & Louisa Shore Smith  
 went home ~~in~~ humbly trusting  
 to join our Heavenly  
 & our earthly Father  
 just after midnight  
 on February 1 - 2 1880 -  
 \_ having survived 6 years  
 our Father  
 W.E. Nightingale  
 who died at Embley  
 Jan 5 1874  
 And he was not for  
 God took him.

No 4

Frances  
 for 56 years  
 wife of William Edward Nightingale  
 and daughter of  
 William Smith  
 M.P. for Norwich,  
 died Feb. 2 1880

space

God is love  
 I John IV. 16

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If Parthe wishes for our two names  
 as her daughters, I think they  
 could only be placed in this way:  
*To our Mother*

(*before the inscription*)  
 & (*quite at the bottom*) thus:  
 Frances Parthenope Verney  
 Florence Nightingale

Frances,  
wife & widow of  
William Edward Nightingale,  
of Embley and Lea Hurst,  
~~died Feb 2 1880~~  
died Feb 1 - 2, 1880.  
God is love  
I John IV. 16

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The simplicity of my Father's  
inscription is such that I  
am not sure I do not like  
this the best.

In loving remembrance of  
our Mother  
Frances Nightingale  
who from the house of her nephew ~~is house~~  
in London tenderly cared  
for by W. & Louisa Shore Smith  
when home to "a house  
not made with hands  
eternal in the heavens"  
or went home in humble  
trust to join our Heavenly  
& our earthly Father  
on February just after midnight 1 - 2 1880  
And of our Father  
W.E. Nightingale  
who died at Embley  
Jan 5 1874  
And he was not for  
God took him

In loving remembrance of  
our Mother  
Frances Nightingale, who,  
tenderly cared for by her  
nephew & niece,  
W. & Louisa Shore Smith,  
from ~~at~~ their house in London,  
when home to "a house  
not made with hands  
eternal in the heavens"  
just after midnight  
on February 1 - 2 1880  
And of our Father  
W.E. Nightingale  
who died at Embley  
Jan 5 1874  
And he was not for  
God took him.

9008/26 initialled letter, 1 f, pen

Ramsgate 1/3/80  
My dear Sir Harry You ask me to write a  
"few lines" recommendg Miss Fryer".  
I do not know her personally: & always hesitate  
when my ~~acquaintance~~ knowledge is only that which I  
have more or less of every woman we have  
trained. I think you could only make use  
of any word of mine (*if at all*) as a letter  
addressed to you as a member of the Bucks  
Infy: ostensibly in reply to your applicn to me  
for help in finding a suitable Matron. Such I enclose  
We hope the Bucks Infy Commee will be imbued  
with the necessity of giving the Matron proper  
authority over the Nurses & in the Wards. And should

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there be anything in former rules & practice seriously inconsistent with this being carried out, that they should consider the matter now that they are appointing both a new Matron & a new House Surgeon; but it is of course very necessary to be cautious in dealing with this question.

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Would you send to the Douglas Galtons for me & inquire after Gwendolen: & say that I have been so entirely beaten down as to be unable to write to Mrs. Douglas Galton about my dear Mother?

[1:470]

yrs affly & P.'s ever F.N.  
Thanks for Genl Vaughan's letter:

9008/27 2 ff, written in Italian

[1:350]

{2 postcards}

Lady Verney

4 South St.

Park Lane

2/3/80 London W.

2 Marzo 1880

Grazie tante e ben sentite a voi ambedue per il gentilissimo invito a Claydon. Udir cantare gli uccelletti e veder spuntare le primevere mi sorride. Forse più tardi, se voi rinnovate l'invito caro. Adesso bisogna ritornare da quà: e sarà più facile per la vista telescopica di Claydon. Non mi pento io di aver veduto un mare procelloso.

F.N.

Avete il numero di Marzo del 'XIX Century'?

Dove è (?a Embley) quel glorioso [1:350-51]  
Coreggio ?) del padre Madre: "Ego dormio  
sed cor meum vigilat," cioè Christo bambino  
dormente e la Vergine vigilante. In questi  
ultimi 6 anni eccoti lo stato di nostra  
Madre: l'anima infantile vigilata dallo  
Spirito vegliante creativo, di Dio. La  
memoria non era più, l'anima viveva.  
'Mia mente forse dorme ma il mio core veglia,"  
ecco quel che andava dicendo.  
Come mi sarebbe caro avere quel  
litografo adesso.

2/3/80 F.N.

Lady Verney

4 South St.

Park Lane

2/3/80 London W.

C'è permesso di domandare la grazia  
della carrozza domani (*Martedì*)  
alle tre/3 pomeridiane, cioè 2.50, p.m.  
a Victoria Station?  
E se il servitore potrebbe (colui che viene  
colla vettura) tornare cogl' impedimenti,  
molto gravi, e cosaccie in un cab,  
sarebbe per me risparmio di molta  
fatica.

March 8/80 F.N.

9008/28 initialled letter, 2 ff, pen

Ramsgate March 7/80  
I meant to have asked  
you kindly to send the  
carriage, my dear P.  
& Sir H., to meet me  
to morrow - But I am  
unable to come. I must  
however get back as  
soon as I can for a few  
weeks' work, - to get off  
again as soon as I can  
for a short time to the  
quiet haven you offer me  
at Claydon. *May I have the*  
CARRIAGE ON TUESDAY?

I was appalled at finding  
how utterly prostrated I  
was by seeing one visitor,

the famous gallant ex-  
coxswain of the Ramsgate  
life-boat, when I  
have to see far more  
exhausting visitors  
every day of my life  
in London.

But Doctors tell me  
that it will take at  
least a year "free from  
the responsibilities which  
have been forced upon"  
me to have any hope  
of being able to do ~~my~~ the same  
work for ~~the (few)~~ any future  
years of my life. And,  
to me, the prospect is  
appalling of letting the  
work drop for ever.

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I like your garrulous old  
lady. How well I remember  
Esholt: & sitting up till  
5 a.m. to read that  
beautiful 'André.'!

And John Parker was  
with us.

How much, how much  
has happened since!

Do you know if John  
Parker reads letters? It  
seems unnatural to me  
not to write to him  
about my Mother. He  
had truly a brother's love  
for my Father, & for her too.  
Do you know what he  
said to Mrs. W. Marshall;  
& she told my Mother.

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Can you tell me of an  
upper housemaid,  
capable & responsible,  
& KNOWN to some one  
we know & can trust?

**[1:770]**

You remember W. Hedges.  
I took him in from St.  
George's till I could get  
him into Dover 'Home'.  
His wife was looking out  
for a housemaid's place,  
And I took her. She  
was 3 months with child!!  
And just at this time I  
have all this on my hands.

**[end 1:770]**

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I had a feeling note  
from Margt Penton.  
You know Fanny Penton  
died a year ago.

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I will write tomorrow: ever your F.

9008/29 initialled note, 1 f, pen {IN ITALIAN!}

Lady Verney  
or Sir Harry Verney  
4 South St.  
~~Hyde~~ Park Lane  
8/3/80 London W.

9008/30 initialled letter, 1 f, & envelope, pencil

My dearie I am all in an  
"excitement" too: & the  
more zealous for every thing  
to be dared that can be dared,  
if we are not to win.

If you go to Claydon (I  
quite expected to hear that  
you were going) tomorrow,  
I wd gladly see you *to-day*  
at 5, & Sir H at 6 for  
a few minutes, or vice versa  
- or if you go *to-day*, I could  
see one at 1.30, & the other  
at 4, if that would suit.  
[I am quite prostrate with  
bilious Diarrhea - *not* from  
table=excess.] A faithful

Corrt of mine in Scotland, an  
ex-governor & peer, says that  
Mr. Gladstone's Scotch 'Jehad' [jihad]  
was ill-timed. "Mr. Gladstone  
makes speeches & the Duke  
(Buccleuch) makes votes" -  
I will read you part of his  
letter -  
Hurra! Hurra! Hurra! for  
the Liberals: but let them be  
wise as serpents.

thine ever

F.

10/3/80



[envelope]

*a verbal answer*

Lady Verney

or Sir Harry

10/3/80 4

9008/31 initialled postcard in ITALIAN, 1 f, pen [1:351]

Vorrei sapere come sta Sir H. -

*felicissimo augurio -*

una carta postale, ti prego,

*sorella 'pia'.*

*F.*

12/3/80

back of post card, stamped, cancelled Mar 12 80

Lady Verney

Claydon Ho.

Winslow Bucks

12/3/80

9008/32 initialled note, 1 f, pen

[5:344]

10 S. St.

13/3/80

The *song* is beautiful!!

it has gone the round of  
every body here:

so is the account of the  
Meeting

so is the Address:

1000 thanks

And may the song be  
fulfilled 'a hundred fold'.

Surely God must go  
with the Right!

Primroses, primroses,  
let this be a new spring  
time for politics as for you

*F.*

I pray for a new *righteous* Ho. of C.

9008/33 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

[5:345]

March 16/80

You see Mr. Forster was  
speaking at *Bradford*,  
My dear P. But that  
is no reason why he  
should not come back.

Success attend us:  
or the highest success  
of all: to do God's will  
for bringing about a  
Ho. of Commons which  
shall serve Him.

All hail to the brave  
old Paladin.

I shall be with you  
at all the Meetings, &

what is better, God  
will.

I hope you were not too  
much tired: & that  
(I had said, the  
stout old warrior  
but I say) the ever  
*young* warrior will  
not be the worse for  
last night.

God bless you:  
ever your  
F.

It is rumoured that  
Mr. Cowper Temple  
has resigned. We  
heard his chance  
was poorer

Mr. Rathbone gives  
up Liverpool for  
Lancashire S.W.

9008/34 initialled letter, 3 ff, pencil

[6:563-64]

10 S. St.

18/3/80,

My dear Sir Harry

In answer to your question about "compulsory vaccination", the facts, considered well & briefly put, are as follow:

while Sanitary measures give a perfect immunity from Small-pox, Vaccination does not:

&, while "*compulsory*" vaccination really means, *for the poor*, the Public Vaccinator taking the matter from *ANY poor child* he can get, probably ~~from~~ out of the WORKHOUSE, - Vaccination, to be safe from carrying anything

wrong into the system of the Vaccinated child, must be performed *from arm to arm*: & you must know the child, from whom the Vaccine is taken, to be a perfectly healthy country child, & not only know this but know ~~it~~ the family for its two previous generations.

Or the Vaccine must be taken from the *calf*. [I believe the best, even the oldest Physicians are coming over to this opinion.]

If there is to be any "compulsion", it should be as to the *sources* from which the Vaccine is taken.

[In England a Public Vaccinator would be scouted, if he were to ask questions as to the parents or grandparents of the child from whom the Vaccine lymph is taken: yet, ~~without this~~, we know that disease may be propagated down thro' two generations]

I have given the facts generally, as well as I can. But I must say I think it unfair to press you with

such a question (*non-political*) & unnecessary for you to answer it, unless you have a decided opinion of your own one way or other.

Vaccination, tho' it does not protect from Smallpox, as Sanitary measures do, appears to protect in a Measure from *Death* by Smallpox.

And I confess, if I were asked: 'Would you abolish compulsory Vaccination? Yes or No?' - without being allowed to enter into the facts as I have given them here, I should be at a loss to answer: much as I have gone into the subject.

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*anti-Vaccinators'*

The liberty=of=the=subject cry  
against compulsory Vaccn is  
absurd. I only wish there  
were more that was *compulsory*  
- such as house-to-house  
visitation of sinks &c &c  
But, if there is a State  
machinery for Vaccination,  
it is *worse than* absurd  
*not* to have a *State*  
*organization* for *providing*  
*(compulsorily) good lymph*  
\_ but to leav~~ing~~ the choice of  
this lymph to a parcel of Village  
apothecaries throughout  
the land. Austria has  
her *Calf* Vaccination State  
organization. **[end 6:464]**

Thank you for your 2nd song:

very charming that & the  
working men's feeling &

love & activity.

We pray daily in our  
family prayer that  
God will send us a  
good Ho: of C.

(I, like Garibaldi,  
cannot pass the Ho. of  
C. without tears)  
& we pray for all those  
who are working for  
a Ho. of C. that shall  
serve Him.

God speed: I hope the  
leg continues better.

ever yours & P.'s

F.N.

**[quoted 7:332]**

9008/35 unsigned letter, 2 ff, pencil

22/3/80

Sir Harry was looking beautifully well, my dear P., & really seems enjoying this work.

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The Affghanistan Telegram      **[15:850-51]**  
& leading Article in the Times this morning, of which I don't believe a word, will do us much harm. In a General Election, so closely run, it is not impossible that the Lytton job of giving Genl Vaughan the exclusive monopoly of the Sunday telegraph may turn the scale against us. Because it was generally believed that

the 'Rocks ahead' in the Affghan War were now so formidable that this was the reason for at once dissolving: And I believe it still.

You will observe that Genl

Vaughan told ~~you~~ Sir H. that he "had never had the "mortification of having a "Telegram refused", because - - - he says this himself

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BECAUSE he had always ~~altered~~ arranged the Telegrams to suit the authorities You will observe too that the Times has never announced the "final" & "satisfactory" ~~result~~ "conclusion" in Affghanistan, but it has

been followed by the massacre  
of an Envoy, a retreat  
from Cabul into Cantonments  
or &c &c &c

So it will be again.

Coupled with Genl Vaughan's  
denial of poverty in India  
(to Sir H. on answer to my letter) at  
a time when *such* a state  
of things existed as  
compelled the Govt to cut  
down all Public Works,  
& as I have described in  
my letter to Mr. Fawcett,  
one cannot but look upon  
today's Times as an  
electioneering 'ruse'.  
Ld Beaconsfield at the  
head of the Government,  
Genl Vaughan at the head

[5:532]

of the leading Journal, *qua*  
India, - these are the men  
who guide the Empire.

O tempora! O mores!

[I say this with the greatest  
respect for Genl Vaughan:

\_ only I wish he was not  
*there*]

[end 5:532] [end 15:851]

Thanks for the lovely  
primroses & flowers.  
I suppose there are no  
daffodils yet.  
I would I could come: but  
I am overwhelmed with  
people to see. And I  
think you are quite as  
well without me now -  
but I mean to come. I wish  
Fred were with you.

9008/36 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

24/3/80

Temperance's address, (*not* political 'Address') my  
dear P., is (you ask me)

Mrs. Peter Grillage  
Ridgeway

Plympton

[I will try & return you your  
letters to day.]

The talk here among the  
"academic & philosophic  
politicians" is: that  
Ministers will have a  
small Majority & will  
be obliged to form a  
Coalition Cabinet.

[5:345-46]

The breaking up of the  
Stupid, overwhelming &  
unthinking majority of the

last 6 years will be  
a great deed for the  
Liberals to do -  
And they *may* have a  
small majority, after all.  
God bless them.

Do you know that Shore  
& Louisa have actually  
been enlisted by the Liberals  
to canvass in Marylebone?

I am so glad.

Please tell Mr. Fred that  
nothing makes me so  
jolly as what he says:  
that the labouring men  
are rising to the interest  
of Liberal politics.  
*That* is the thing we have  
to do. So we shall beat



the beer at last: with  
The Savings' Bank,  
the daily newspaper,  
the improved dwellings -  
& schools.

Is it that the compulsory  
schooling is already  
beginning to tell?  
Hardly that, I suppose,  
yet.

But we must not let the  
politics degenerate into  
beer.

Hurra, Hurra for the Canvass  
Depend upon it it is a  
great thing, *when conducted*  
as it is with you, *purely*  
- whether we win or lose  
- for instructing & rousing  
the people to higher  
interests.  
Electioneering is then a great

& noble task - none  
higher.

I give you joy of it:  
but we mean to win  
besides.

This morning was a hard  
frost & a N.E. wind.  
But there was a dear  
little bird carolling &  
whispering away to God  
before dawn.

That is the dawn of  
purer politics.

Success, success.  
God bless the Election  
ever your & Sir H.'s  
F.

9008/37 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

[1:351]

*Mother's affairs* 26/3/80

I have hurried on Hy  
Bonham Carter, as you so  
wanted the money, my  
dear P., & he has been  
very kind about it.

He writes to me: "this  
"is in train, waiting for an  
Act of Parliament, which  
somewhat reduces duties.

"In the meantime it  
may be arranged to pay  
you over some money.  
How much do you require?

"I am going to open an  
acct at Smith's Bank in  
your name & mine for  
your Mother's administration

— Some of her little fund  
of Stock will be sold to

"pay debts & what  
Parthe & you now require  
And it will be convenient  
that you should give an  
order to the Bank to honor  
my sole cheques".

"I shd think there will be  
£800 to £1000 coming  
to you." Hy B.C.

I answered this by giving  
the 'Order', & saying that  
you would like to have  
£500 *at once*: that  
you really wanted it.

And I have since  
heard that *it was*  
*paid to your Acct*

YESTERDAY

that I should be  
glad of the same: but

that, *if you could have yours*, I could do with half the sum.

I believe however that the same will be paid in to my Acct tomorrow.

Sir Harry said to me on Monday: "Your Mother has left us a legacy of £1000: &, as you are the Administratix, please let it be paid at once."

I merely ~~said~~ answered that I had done all I could to hurry on Hy B.C.

[I did not mention what Sir H. had said to Hy B.C.]

I did not know that my Mother had left a Will.

F.N

9008/38 letter [edited text]

Good Friday [26 March] 1880

I send my "love" to the baker, the grocer and the furniture maker. I think this pure election of the people's is glorious. And I commend myself to Mr Ralph in red. There is nothing contrary to the spirit of this sacred day in a pure election for the right; I wish I were there, but I *am* with you in spirit. I am afraid it would be sheer madness both for me and for you to come in the body. Besides I am overwhelmed with "matrons": Miss Machin tomorrow, Mrs Wardroper and Miss Crossland next two days.

[8:725]

Yesterday I had Mary Baring at your desire and the day before her mother. I delight in the child: so natural and so sensible. And of course I addressed her as a "painful" Conservative and we had a great deal of pleasant chaff. She has plenty in her. I thought her mother quite broken down. She asked me to Seaton.

[end 8:725]

Tomorrow I send down wreaths, one for my Mother, and one for my Father and a cross. And you shall share in them--for Easter Sunday, to their dear memory. I have put up the cross and wreath of the nurses here. And Easter success, a rising again success for next week, but success anyhow there will be. And thank Sir Harry for his long letter. I will try & write by tonight's post, if I can, but could not help sending this line to be with you in heart.

The talk here is that the prospects for the *Liberal* side of the election are greatly improved in the last few days. Do you know that Mr Arch is opposing the young Sidney Herbert at Wilton? Not much chance for Lord Northbrook's son at Winchester, alas!

God bless you.

ever your & Sir Harry's

F.

9008/39 signed letter, 4 ff, pencil

[1:638-39]

10 South St.  
Park Lane W.  
March 27/80

Dearest Margaret

I take leave to give  
you joy with all my  
heart & mind & soul  
& strength & to sing  
'Hail to you in the  
strength of the Lord'  
at this truly Easter  
up-rising, as it seems  
to us, of the poor &  
the rough to their higher  
interests.

The beer & the bribing  
& the paid agents & the  
cabs are on the other  
side. On ours is the

purity & the real interest  
in the grand political  
issues & the disinterested  
enthusiasm

And one feels that,  
whether we win or lose,  
the men who have *thus*  
taught the crowds & the  
voters are great  
teachers, great & noble  
reformers of the people.  
And Electioneering, thus  
conducted, is a high &  
noble task.

Elections are usually  
so unutterably disgusting  
that one feels towards  
them as to some horrible  
illness out of which

the House of Commons,  
the grandest representative  
body in the world -  
(saving & except the last  
Ho. of C.) has to emerge.  
[I never can pass the Ho.  
of C. without taking  
off my hat & without  
tears in my old eyes.]

But this Election is being  
fought on our side with  
such unparalleled good  
faith & high motives  
that we may well call  
down the best Easter  
blessings on you & yours  
from the God who loves  
liberty & truth & progress

And I do pray every day  
& in our family prayers  
that the Heavenly Father

will send us a House  
of Commons, that  
most important body  
of all, which will  
further His cause &  
serve Him in spirit & in truth.

Depend upon it this  
awakening of the ruder  
classes to their higher  
interests, to something  
beyond beer, is a  
progress which will  
be pleasing in His sight.

Into His hands I commend  
you, dearest Margaret,  
& all these Elections,  
thinking it not ill that  
Easter tide should be  
*thus* passed.

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I hope my God-daughter  
is dressed in her  
Father's colours. I ought  
to send ~~her~~ little Ruth a bow:  
but I don't know them.

The best success will  
be ours.

God bless you both again  
& again. Think how  
you are putting a weight  
on the right side in  
the balance of eternity  
for all these poor people.

You have had a Sisyphus  
work up hill. But  
they will thank you  
in eternity.

I see the Angel or  
Archangel Raphael -  
whoever is commissioned  
as the Angel of the  
Elections - standing  
& crushing down the  
Dragon of bribery &  
beer. And he is  
bringing a green sod  
from heaven for  
Margaret to stand  
upon in the turmoil of  
Portsmouth.  
Aunt Florence

9008/40 signed letter, 1 f, pencil

[1:639-40]

{arch: 28.3} Easter Day 1880 [March 28]

Do you sometimes go  
& look at the *Soldiers'*  
& *Sailors' Institute*  
in the High St.? (Miss  
Robinson's)

It would be sinful to  
ask you to do ~~any~~ one thing more now  
But when you are M.P.  
for Portsmouth, perhaps  
I may venture.

Miss Robinson wrote  
to me some months ago  
to ask me to write in the  
'Times' for her. It is impossible  
for me to do that, which  
so many ask. And it was  
impossible for me then  
*even to answer her letter.*  
also = I had not even a shilling



which I could properly spare.

After the Elections I  
may ask you to speak  
to her & to tell her this,  
& to say *how deeply* I am  
interested in the Soldiers'  
Institute, which indeed  
I hope she knows, &  
kindly to give her a small  
sum which I will send  
you.

Easter Day:

Dearest Margaret, we  
may 'rise again' to-day  
& pursue & do His work,  
even ~~in the~~ His Elections,  
in the true spirit of the  
risen Christ. He himself  
made a turmoil in the  
Temple. But he was all  
the more Christ for that.

Aunt Florence

9008/41 initialled note, 2 ff, pencil [3:397]

Easter Day 1880 {arch: March 28}  
Almost my first Easter  
thoughts are for you -  
God & the Right are  
my first cry. May  
all the best Easter  
blessings be for His  
elections. And may  
we 'rise again' to day  
to do His work, even His  
Elections, in the true  
spirit of the risen Christ

He himself made a  
turmoil in the Temple.  
All the more Christ  
for that.

May all our short comings & difficulties  
only bury us with His

body: that so ~~we~~ our  
spirits may rise again  
to-day to work His work  
as He would have it  
done.

And may He give us a  
true Easter House of Commons.  
& give poor India an  
Easter too.

Three cheers for God & the  
Right & the Election =  
=battle of the Right  
[Mr. Gladstone has excited  
in Scotland just the  
same fervour as he did  
at first]

F.N.

[end 3:397]

9008/42 initialled note, 3 ff, pencil [5:346-47]

10 S. St.

1/4/80

Joy, joy, joy for Buckingham  
& so many other Liberal  
victories.

Sorry for Devonport,  
sorry for Westminster.  
glad for Lord Baring &  
Winchester: & for Hackney.  
Success to Portsmouth -  
but, whether we win  
or not, it will be a  
great moral victory: so  
pure & unadulterated: so  
much of the people, people: & not of beer, beer.

Our maids are all in  
the colours: red: & the  
four cats are marching in  
with their four tails up  
& in four red necklaces  
Mr. Wildgoose writes to

me from Holloway:

x x "very much absorbed  
in the Electoral struggle  
of this division (North  
Derbyshire) *which the*  
*"RANK & FILE" of the*  
*Liberal party* have  
*compelled* their leaders  
to undertake with  
*good hopes* of success."  
(Lord Edward Cavendish  
& Mr. John Cheetham,  
you know.)

How my Father would  
have cared for it:  
how I wish that the  
present possessors of  
Lea Hurst would go down  
& stir up our people to

a gallant fight. against  
the Arkwrights & Conservatives  
I am glad Henry Strutt  
has the Berwick seat.  
Your kind Telegram reached  
me at 5 minutes to 11  
last night: & put the  
whole house in joy.

I hope you are not too  
much fatigued.

The glory of it all is that  
on our side it is all *pure*  
enthusiasm, (without beer)  
of principle, & awakening  
to higher things.

May God continue the  
Election for the Liberal  
interest as He has begun  
it!

Let Mr Ralph know  
that I am in his colours,  
white & red, & that I  
solemnly share his  
triumph on this happy  
occasion, for which he  
has been so convincing  
a little argument:

ever your

F.

Tell Mr. Fred how jolly  
I am at the great interest  
of the people which  
he will never let die.  
I write today that I may  
put M.P., member of the  
greatest body on the world  
(not excepting the old E. India Coy).  
to your dear name.

[2]

'Its customs are - beastly.  
~~its~~ manners it has none,  
one may say of the weather,  
Ld Beaconsfield, & the Times.  
I have sent 'A Nile Novel':  
\_ it is very interesting &  
striking, tho' it does not  
catch the Nile 'couleur  
locale'. I have not been  
able to finish it since  
I left Ramsgate: & should  
like to see it again, please.  
I thought a *man* had written  
it.

Success, success, success to  
the ever young Paladin of  
Buckingham

yrs & his ever F.

9008/43 signed letter, 2 ff, pencil

[1:640]

10 South St.  
Park Lane W.  
April 2/80

Dearest Margaret

"Some natural tears  
we dropt but wiped them  
soon."

You have not lost:  
you have won: won  
for Eternity & even for  
time: won for the  
progress of the people  
in freedom & justice:  
won for a new era for  
the people, when their  
highest earthly interest,  
that of self-government,  
shall rouse them with  
only pure enthusiasm,  
not of beer but of principle  
You have lost, that is won, for a principle

Fifty Elections won on  
any lower standard  
would only degrade them.  
But a lost Election,  
purely lost, will ~~fructify~~ win  
for next time. & for  
Eternity.

And the Election, foully  
won, will be lost for  
Right & for Eternity.

How gloriously the  
Elections are going.  
And the Liberal majority  
is as much won by  
you who have lost as  
by those who have  
come in at the top of  
the poll.

God bless the Right.

I only hope that *you*,  
dear Margaret, have  
not suffered in health  
for all the turmoil.

Please let me hear -  
Please ask Parthe or Sir  
Harry to let me have  
the ~~trades & names~~  
of the "15 or 16 Committee  
men" who gave all  
their time for 3 weeks  
to return the Liberal side.  
There were 3 grocers, 2  
farmers, 1 Cabinet maker,  
1 baker - & who else?  
We are fighting a Liberal  
battle (the mill-men) in  
North Derbyshire. And

I want to make known  
such a noble example.  
Indeed the state of  
England *now* makes me  
not ashamed of being an  
Englishman: but jolly  
beyond measure.  
Only, my 'pearl', keep well.  
And don't consider the  
Portsmouth canvass lost time.  
God bless you all:  
ever yours  
Aunt Florence

9008/44 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

10 S. St.

7/4/80

My dearest P. & Sir H.

I *am* so sorry to go:  
but in London I have always  
not only to live at high  
steam pressure but with  
every sail set. And the  
crazy old vessel won't  
stand it. In another day  
or two it might be too  
late. ~~to~~ I ~~MUST~~ seek silence, if  
not rest. ~~And~~ yesterday  
I was to have started  
for Seaton, which Louisa  
Ashburton has been most  
kindly & urgently pressing.  
I go tomorrow, please God.  
I do not propose to be  
away for more than a  
fortnight.  
How beautiful the flowers of Sir Harry's colours.  
thanks, thanks.

I had much rather  
have come to Claydon first,  
& then have taken my  
chance of Seaton later.  
But so it is settled. I *am*  
sorry not to have the  
first bloom of the Election  
from you. God bless you:  
The Elections are going  
gloriously. [N.B. In *Lea*  
there are 3 Conservatives:  
\_ in Holloway one.]

But I am appalled to  
hear that Mr. Gladstone  
may not be in the new  
Ministry. I *can't*  
believe it. A Ministry  
without Gladstone is  
like an Engine without  
steam.

[5:474]

O that he could be  
Chancellor of the Exchequer,  
for but one year, for *India*

[end 5:474]

Please write or even  
telegraph to me ANY  
*Ministerial* news you  
hear. [Poor Queen!

My address will be, as  
you know.

Seaforth Lodge

Seaton

S. Devon.

I do not like being at  
Louisa Ashburton's  
charge for *housekeeping*.

Could you advise me  
how to manage this? Or  
do you think she meant *me*  
to keep house? I had much rather.

Are there *books* there?

I should like to have  
seen (from a tree/ Attic)  
your return to your own  
home on the night of  
the Election.

It is a glorious time:  
but the difficulty of ~~the~~  
forming the new Ministry  
will be enormous.  
And oh India!

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Do you think you  
could be so very good  
as to ~~send~~ order a *Hamper of*  
*fresh fine grass*, with  
also some *ribbon* grass,  
to be sent *here* at once  
for the *cats*, & continued  
every week?

I am so sorry not to be here  
when you arrive: ever your F.



9008/45 unsigned note, 1 f, pen **[7:701]**

Seaforth Lodge

Seaton

S. Devon

9/4/80

Arrived here all right,  
thank God, but very  
tired to-day.  
sea x & cliffs most bold  
& beautiful: but expected  
it to be more wild-flowery  
& bird-y, being Devonshire,  
& less cold. And O how  
it wants a little of  
Mama's or your  
landscape=cutting.

**[end 7:701]**

Questions solved: *I* am  
to keep house: this is as  
it should be.

Prince Leopold in train  
coming down

x sea ought to be blue

9008/46 initialled letter, 3 ff, pencil **[1:352-53]**

Seaforth Lodge

Seaton

April 19/80

My dearest P.            On your  
birth day I wish I could  
send you a flowery tribute  
from this glorious place:  
or rather a whiff from  
the noble sea-horses,  
which come charging in,  
without ceasing, in  
tremendous squadrons from  
the wide & far Atlantic  
but the whistling of the  
winds covers the thunder  
of the waves: & sometimes  
one seems to hear the cries  
of the poor Atalanta.

A blackbird tried to

sing two days ago, but  
was instantly silenced.  
The wide-winged sea-birds  
over head chuckle in their  
flight & say: None but us,  
none - but us can sit on  
the cliffs

Perhaps they are going  
up the Channel as far  
as Dover: & I will  
entrust one with a billet,  
under his wings, of love  
to thee, my dearest Pop,  
which, as he says he  
cannot carry a serenade,  
shall take a more prosaic  
fi'pun note, with best  
earthly birth day blessings

& heavenly

I feel that I have nothing  
now to do but to work the  
work of Him that sent me  
while it is called to day:  
& so prepare for the  
Immediate Presence of  
God. Pray for me that  
I may do it less badly.  
I have made no progress  
yet.  
The sea-gulls send word  
that no winged thing  
can breast the gale or sea  
to-day up channel. So  
this must go by vulgar  
post.

I would I could send you

& pick as of yore an  
Embley nosegay of lilacs  
from the American garden  
always out on thy birthday.

Rebecca ~~Bux~~ Buxton is dead:  
the carpenter's daughter:  
at Lea. And old Hannah  
Allen, the prophetess, is  
failing.

I wish you would send &  
enquire how Gwendolen  
Galton is *for me*. I wrote  
a long letter to Marianne  
to enquire & sent in by  
hand before I left: but  
received no answer. I am  
afraid she may be very ill.

Mr. Rathbone's failure  
very disturbing. Liverpool  
ought to insist upon  
having him her own again:  
& find another seat for  
Lord Ramsay.

\_ very anxious to hear  
about Bucks & North  
Derbyshire & Lord  
Hartington.

but more so still about  
Mr. Gladstone being in  
Ministry. Pray tell any  
thing you hear to  
ever your

F.

9008/47 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

22/4/80

My dear P.

Miss Mochler wishes to  
have a copy of the  
photograph of my Mother *after*  
*death.*

Also: of Embley - But,  
good Sam has taken ~~one~~ an etching  
I had of Embley (to York Place)  
to trace it for her.

But have you not one  
you could give her?

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What do you wish done  
with the Memorial Cards?  
(100). They have been sent  
here: ever your  
F.

9008/48 initialled letter, 4 ff, pencil

[8:964]

Madame Werckner:

Seaforth Lodge  
Seaton  
April 22/80

My dear Sir Harry

Thanks, thanks for what  
you are doing with the  
French Govt about poor  
Mme Werckner's fr. 1000.

You will see by the  
enclosed letter (which  
please return to me) that  
it was never more wanted.

A more terrible fate  
than hers one can scarcely  
conceive.

Her husband not insane  
enough, unfortunate man,  
to be put legally into

confinement: yet too  
insane not to ruin her -  
- with all her superhuman  
courage & exertions & patience  
[I heard much more of  
this from Miss Irby than  
I ever knew before:  
twice he had taken all she had, & once at least compelled  
her to have an execution  
in her poor one room,  
once by consulting a Doctor  
without telling her & sending  
her in the bills:  
& once by taking shares  
in some speculation without  
telling her, & making her  
pay, for them. She parted with her  
wedding ring.

By the enclosed you will

see he is always under  
the delusion that he  
can make his an immense fortune  
in Vienna!]

Her deafness, so clearly  
a *head=deafness*, I thought  
against her, even when  
here, for lessons or situations.

Now it must be, I should  
think, fatal to any employ=  
ment.

One knows not what to  
advise:

it is clearly useless for  
her to remain at Vienna,  
"to spend", as she says,  
her "summer in a Hospital".  
She should ~~clearly~~, come to

*her sister's* (the retired  
grocer's) ~~in~~ near Lymington.  
But *what is she to do*  
*with* the unfortunate  
*man*? She cannot put  
him under legal restraint:  
He will follow her to England  
as he did before. And I  
suppose the sister exceedingly objects  
to this.  
Then about her *going to*  
*Paris*: is it better or is  
it worse *for the success*  
of your kind efforts  
that *she should go there*?  
*Should I tell her what*  
*you are doing*: & *what*  
*you advise her to do*?

[2]

[I am only astonished  
that her health has not  
utterly broken down before  
this. I thought when  
she left England that  
her husband would survive  
her. I think so much  
more now.]

*Miss Irby* only left  
England, on Thursday last: &  
will doubtless see Mme  
Werckner in Vienna:

Perhaps a little money  
to bring her home is what  
she most *wants* from me:  
but *what to do with him*?

Ida (Mohl) Schmidt-Zabierow  
is with Mme Möhl in Paris.

*Buxton Hospl*

If the *Duke of Devonshire*  
is in London, will you not  
see him & make out what  
he has done or is doing?  
Thanks very many for  
your letter of this morning  
I shall hope to carry out  
my long looked forward to  
visit to Claydon. Just now  
what I seem to want  
most is total silence  
And if it were ever possible  
to have that sitting out  
of doors! - - - -

They have sent my Mother's  
*Memorial Cards* here (100)  
What would *Parthe* like to  
have done with them?

I send you one in another Envelope.  
ever yrs & hers

F.N.

9008/49 initialled letter, 3 ff, pencil {arch: 24.4.80}  
[1:456]

*My Mother's affairs: Hy B.C.*

Hy Bonham Carter writes  
to me, my dear P., this very  
kind note: -

"I have been remiss in.  
"delaying to respond to your  
"kind proposal that I  
"should accept £100  
"as an acknowledgement  
"of your & Parthe's  
"appreciation of what  
"I may have done in the  
"way of help in your  
"Mother's affairs.

"To accept this, would not,  
"my dear Flo, be agreeable  
"to me - detracting as it  
"would from the pleasure  
"which is afforded by  
"being able to be of some

"service in matters which  
"could not perhaps have  
"been so conveniently &  
"easily done by another.

"If you had had a  
"brother, such business affairs  
"would have fallen upon  
"him as a matter of  
"course and I hope that  
"you will both, in this  
"respect, allow me to  
"stand in the position of  
"one". \_\_\_\_\_

"I have not mentioned  
"the subject to Parthe and  
"I should be glad if you  
"would communicate my  
"wish to her."

Hy B.C.

24 April



How very very kind  
this is -           *How* kind he  
has been.

But do not you think  
we could get him to  
"accept" the £100  
for *one of the Dieci* (boys)  
I vote for this.  
F.N.

[2]  
How *can* Mr. Gladstone  
who *must* know Lord  
Ripon appoint  
him to India?  
I should have thought  
it a worse appointment  
than Lord Lytton.

The cold here is intense:           **[7:701]**  
I think it is the bleakest  
place, not excepting  
the Heights of Balaclava,  
I ever was in.                   **[end 7:701]**  
your  
F.

9008/50 initialled letter, 3 ff, pencil

Seaforth Lodge  
Seaton  
S. Devon  
April 25/80

My dear Sir Harry

"The earnest expectation  
of the creature waiteth  
for the manifestation of  
the ~~children~~ sons of God".  
\_ and I do indeed in the  
new Ministers, but most  
especially for India

Pray do not forget to  
answer me about *Mme*  
*Werckner* whose letter  
I sent you: poor soul.

I enclose *Mrs. Brooks'*  
Natal letter: you see  
you have been partially  
successful. Please return.

I have had a letter with [5:493]  
long enclosures about  
the bad Nursing of the  
Orderlies in Military  
(Station) Hospitals at home  
from - I can hardly read  
the signature?

C.G. Gordon [end 5:493]  
dated

114 Beaufort Street  
Chelsea  
Is this *the Col. Gordon*  
of the Soudan & Upper  
Nile - a truly great man -  
Must one address him,  
if it is,  
*Col. C.G. Gordon*  
or what?

As my Grandfather said:

I want nothing but the  
"extremest quiet":

I hope you see Shore & dear  
Louisa sometimes.

ever yrs affly  
F.N.

*Madame Werckner*

April 26/80

My dear Sir Harry

Miss Irby writes from  
Vienna: "She, Mme Werckner,  
"will, I hope, to go Paris  
"in May. Lady Elliot  
"is interesting herself very  
"much about her: I fear  
"Mme Werckner's health  
"is breaking down, & we  
"urged her to go while  
"she can." Go *where*?

[8:965]

This does not help one  
much as to how to best  
advise her what to do,  
especially about her husband  
in gt haste

ever yrs affly  
F.N.

Seaforth Lodge  
Seaton  
S. Devon

9008/51 signed letter, 1 f, pen

*India* Seaforth Lodge  
Seaton

May 6/80

My dear Sir Harry

I enclose a card for  
Mr. Robertson's Lecture  
on "Agriculture in India"  
*tomorrow (Friday)* at the  
*Socy of Arts*. Please,  
if you do not want it,  
make somebody go who  
*will be of use there*.

Mr. Robertson's address is:

W.R. Robertson Esq  
Hotel West Central Temperance  
Southampton Row

*Russell Square:*  
as he telegraphs to me).

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

9008/52 signed letter, 1 f, pen

Seaton

May 12/80

My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

I am coming back to  
South St. tomorrow, please  
God: & shall arrive,  
all being well, at  
*Waterloo Bridge Station*  
*at 6 p.m. on Thursday*  
(tomorrow).

I shall be very much  
obliged if your Coachman  
could order me an easy  
*Brougham*, in case your  
own carriage is too busy:  
& if you could send a  
*man-servant* to meet me

& bring back the  
  'impedimenta' in a  
  Cab to South St.  
as I shall be very tired:  
  au revoir  
  ever yours  
    F. Nightingale  
Please not to tell any one  
  I am coming back:  
    F.N.

9008/53 unsigned letter, 2 ff, pen {arch: ca 12 May 1880}

My dear Sir Harry  
  I have read your  
son's letter with the  
utmost interest

  With regard to the  
first subject, I have  
written & printed my  
opinions on it very  
strongly. And they  
were adopted after  
a long experience  
of both English &  
French armies. It  
is quite time that  
the system is adopted

in the latter - And  
with what result!!

  To me it seems  
like the former English  
custom of carrying  
idol offerings to  
idol temples in  
India - founded on  
the same false reasoning -  
& to be abandoned  
on the same principle.

9008/54 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil {arch: 15.5.80}

Whit Monday  
My dear P. I am so sorry,  
as you are alone today.  
But I saw Sir H. this morning:  
& Shore comes this afternoon -  
& I am besides more than  
3 quarters dead  
I return what you ask for.  
F.

9008/55 initialled letter, 1 f, pen

[5:494]

Col. Gordon May 19/80  
My dear Sir Harry: Thanks  
for showing me this valuable  
letter. You see Col. Gordon  
says that  
"a man ought to be sent to the [lent?]  
"Sultan of Zanzibar, - chosen  
"by the Sultan, - *to be the Sultan's*  
"Officer - only privately  
"countenanced by our Governmt  
" - to be as Col. Gordon himself  
"was in the Soudan".  
"that the man made Governor  
"Genl by the Sultan ought to  
"be *entirely under the Sultan,*  
"and *independent* of Consul Genl  
"Kirk. Or there will be all  
"sorts of international jealousies".  
I would gladly see you this  
afternoon. F.N.

[end 5:494]

9008/56 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

My dear Sir H.

You *must* not, *must*  
not, *must* not think  
of taking Miss Crossland  
from us; you  
would utterly RUIN  
the School - without  
saving the Military Hospls  
yrs F.N.

23/6/80

what if our  
Chairman himself  
goes to ruin us -

9008/57 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

Monday May 24

My dear P. I am so  
feverish & unfit to see  
people that I really  
feel as if I must accept  
your kind offer & go to  
Claydon for a week -  
if not inconvenient to  
you -

How would it do if  
I went on *Wednesday*  
till the following Wednesday  
ever your  
F.

9008/58 signed letter, 1 f, pen

Dear Sir Harry

I have only this moment  
heard that Shore is  
not coming to me this  
afternoon.

If not too late to  
accept your kind offer  
to *come to me at 6*,  
I would gladly do so:

but I am quite  
prepared to hear that  
you are otherwise  
engaged:

ever yrs aff

F. Nightingale  
25/6/80

9008/59 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

26/5/80

My dear Sir Harry

How kind you & Parthe  
are! I have been so  
ill these last few days  
that your kindness is doubly  
welcome

1. I send *Miss Frere's* letter:  
I have not had time to  
read it. Please, when  
you & Parthe have read  
it, return it to me to  
read. And I will  
forward it to the others  
named.



2. You have not sent me  
Genl Vaughan's letter.

3. *Paper on Station Hospitals*  
*for Mr. Childers.*

I have only now received  
this copy -

Please read it, then  
return it to me, & advise  
what is to be done -

I ~~will then~~ send you [15:859]  
*Col. Gordon's & Mrs. Hawthorn's*  
*letters for yourself only.*

You & I will then decide  
what shall be shown to  
Mr. Childers only.

He must then back it

with *his* authority, not  
mine or Col. Gordon's  
to Sir Wm Muir.

[end]

4. Could you & Parthe  
give me a List of  
*Pleasely* people you wish  
my Mother's Memorial  
card to be sent to?

5. & tell me what has  
become of poor Coachman  
*Moss?*

ever yrs affly  
F.N.

9008/60 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

Claydon

June 7/80

My very dear Pop & Sir Harry

I cannot say how sorry I am  
to go away from your lovely  
place (with its wealth of  
singing birds & of luxuriant  
trees such as I have not  
heard, not seen since Embley -)  
*without seeing you -*

You had given me hopes  
of coming on Saturday.

But I am obliged to go -  
I have to see on Hospital business ladies  
going to & coming from Africa  
this week & also from Edinburgh  
And unless I can be at home  
At least 48 hours without any  
one knowing I am there, &  
have not even to speak on the  
journey day. I cannot live, to

to work -

I have hardly been able to  
raise my head from the  
pillow since I have been  
here: but that was not  
the fault of the place (as  
dear Margaret said of  
Ellen, when she was so delicate  
- "it was not her fault" -  
as if any one thought it was!)

I was so broken down when  
I came - I am very weak -

I have enjoyed the thrushes  
so I cannot say: it was  
like heaven to me -

But the cuckoos outraged  
my feelings: I thought of  
the poor little hedge sparrows  
strewn on the ground -

God bless you both:  
I think Sir H. should attend  
more to taking something  
he can eat *always* with  
him so as never to  
be irregular at meals -  
I had the pleasure of  
seeing him 2 days -  
& hope to see you both  
again. Thank you, thank you  
Fare you very well, dear  
people: I wish I could  
stay to see you now: &  
tell you how I have  
enjoyed your beauties  
ever your  
F.

9008/61 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

8/6/80  
My dear Sir Harry  
I am very, very ill & tired,  
thank you.  
I see Mrs. Hawthorn,  
*to-day* (about the Station  
Hospitals - Col. Gordon's)  
She starts for Africa  
*immediately*.  
I had hoped to be left  
one day, if not one week,  
to rest. But it is not to be.  
I was very, very sorry  
~~not~~ to leave Claydon. But  
there was not the remotest  
possibility of my being able

to sit up & "to see the Nurses" - I am  
sure you & Parthe do not  
know how very ill I am -  
worse than I was when I went  
to Claydon.

I hope you are not  
over-fatiguing yourself.

ever yrs affly

F.N.

I will report to you about  
Mrs. Hawthorn. She is at  
68 Gower St - ~~left~~  
Mme Mohl is in London  
4 Melbury Road  
Kensington

9008/62 signed letter, 2 ff, pencil

9/6/80

My dear Sir Harry

I am to-day so entirely  
unable to sit up, & so in  
need of entire rest, that  
I am afraid I must  
forego the pleasure of seeing  
you to-day.

I had that capital, God=  
sent woman, Mrs. Hawthorn,  
yesterday. She told me  
a great deal, - very appalling,  
about the Station Hospitals.  
- I must write it down &  
consult with you what is  
to be done with Mr. Childers

[15:859]

[end]

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Parthe says: "30 Nurses are

"expecting to see" me.  
It *is quite* impossible, it  
has ever been quite impossible  
for me to see them - I am  
sure I can never have  
given the slightest  
"expectation" that I should  
But I do not think they  
do "expect". When I wrote to  
Mrs. Wardroper to congratulate  
her on our 20th anniversary,  
& to send her the £13  
for your delightful day,  
I told her that I was  
scarcely able to raise my  
head from the pillow.  
- You saw ~~how~~ I was not.  
I should have thought

Parthe would have said:  
'We know you cannot see  
"30 Nurses": we know you  
cannot see one: if you  
stay at Claydon, we  
must not tell a soul  
you are there'.

*Would you explain this  
to Parthe? you don't  
know 'comme cela fait mal'  
to have such letters as  
hers & yours when one  
is so ill - just off a journey.*

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Tomorrow I have to see  
Mrs. Deeble from S. Africa  
She must leave London  
afterwards. It was the *last*  
day I could accept her.

Mme Mohl was here  
yesterday. Of course I  
could not see her.

*Have you?*

I trust, dear Sir Harry,  
you are rested -  
ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale

9008/63 initialled note, 1 f, pencil

I think Sir Harry has a bad  
cold. You will know best  
whether to make him stay  
for a night or two at Claydon  
for it to be nursed.  
All good be with you to-day  
& every day  
your  
F.

June 16/80

9008/64 unsigned note, 1 f, pen

London June 18 1880  
Miss Nightingale is sorry  
to be obliged to decline  
being used as a reference  
by Mrs. Houlton  
She can give her no  
"recommendation", as  
desired.

9008/65 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

19/6/80

My dear Sir Harry

I was very sorry to be so totally unable to see you yesterday: I can hardly sit up or speak.

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1. Many, many thanks for your note this morning.

I am glad that you did not move your "instruction", & most glad at the same time you set it going.

Lawson's Victory is, as you say, important.

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2. Pray tell Parthe that your entertainment to the Nurses gave boundless

delight: & tell Margaret that the little waitresses, her daughters, were most applauded. I felt a little jealous that my god daughter had not her share of the waiting & consequently her share of the plaudits.

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3. I enclose a note from *Mrs. Hoult* who, you remember, was dismissed from Embley: & my reply, which please *post*, unless you would kindly *write yourself* to decline for me. Perhaps a yet shorter note would be best.

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4. Have you yet seen  
*Lord Shaftesbury*?

[15:524-25]

I think your suggestion  
that the National Aid Socys  
plan must be seen  
& approved by *Mr. Childers*  
so important.

I did not propose that  
a *Civil Training-School*  
should be *substituted*  
for a Military one:  
but that, if they *will*  
have this plan, we  
should give the "9  
"Probationers" a year's  
training at St. Thomas',  
& or at our other own (Civil) Training  
Hospls Surely this,  
inadequate as it is, could  
hardly be declined.

[end 15:525]

I am glad you are  
going out of this  
horrible atmosphere  
to lovely Claydon.  
Thanks for fruit & flowers.

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5. Will not Parthe ask  
poor *Madame Mohl*?  
[I have seen her. She is  
so pathetic: so subdued.]

4 Melbury Road

*Kensington W.*

ever yr aff

F. Nightingale



9008/66 initialled note, 1 f, pen

Mrs. Scharlieb's address:

25 Gordon Street

Gordon Square

W.C.

says she has "written 4  
"letters to Lady Verney  
"& had no answer: hence  
"I feared I had in some  
"way offended her".

[I told her you were  
always enquiring for her]

She has had Bronchitis  
- is very busy preparing  
for Examn \_ she will be  
in London till August.

F.N.

26/6/80

9008/67 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

July 3/80

My dearest Pop

I return you some letters,  
including Miss Thornton's  
& Mr. Rathbone's beautiful  
letter to Sir Harry -

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2. About the *Inscription* for  
my Mother:

you know I could not  
have anything to do with  
an inscription which  
says: "the mother of \_\_\_\_\_  
& of F.N." especially as  
she never said a word  
to me of the kind, tho'  
constantly talking about the

tomb -

The inscription is supposed  
to be written by the  
nearest survivors, who  
are the daughters -

How then could I put in  
that "mother of - - -  
& F.N."?

I will ~~contribute~~ try to compose  
an Inscription if you  
like it:

but if you think it  
necessary to have *that*  
put in, surely it can  
only be thus:

(at the bottom of the  
Inscription)

"to her dear memory  
affectionately } inscribed  
lovingly }  
by her daughters  
F.P.V.  
F.N. "

(something of that kind)

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3. You never answered  
me about a *Monthly*  
*Nurse* for *Mrs. Craven*  
(Miss Lees) - Margaret  
was to recommend. Mrs

Craven to be confined  
on the 25th & has  
not yet found one.  
ever your  
F.

9008/68 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

I have Miss Frere in  
the afternoon: & am so  
very much driven -

But if you are going  
away tomorrow, I will  
see you, please, to-day  
at one, if that will  
suit you: but would  
rather it were tomorrow

F.N.

6/7/80

9008/69 unsigned note, 2 ff, pencil

Guy's 6/7/80

The proposed Committee to receive evidence

but not decide *how the thing is to be done*.

~~Their~~ conclusion to be drawn thro' the actual system  
(or experience) of other Hospitals where there is a  
good organization - & not from *a priori* views  
of *what ought to be* & the scheme of administration

The Officer who is responsible (Matron) to advise  
as the scheme of carrying out these things. x

as to *how the thing is to be done*:

a Vice Chairman or a small Committee may  
take evidence of the Medical Officers *how*  
*these things affect their Patients* - but not as a  
matter of administration:

and ~~but~~ *only to take evidence*: not to lay down details

The Officer who is responsible for the *details*  
to say what these are to be:

if she is not fit to do this, why keep her?

she is not fit to be Matron.

~~If they are not~~

The Committee may lay down principles -  
the responsible Officer (Matron) must arrange &  
carry out details x as to Night Nursing, Special cases, hours

9008/70 signed letter, 2 ff, pencil

July 10/80

My dearest Pop

I should have thought  
that you would have  
wished Shore, - more  
than son & daughter to my  
mother, - to have had  
half of the Embley furniture  
\_ Surely you would wish  
him to have that which  
you designed expressly  
for Embley.

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As for my not having told  
you, I only knew myself  
the Sam 'Smiths' intentions  
a week ago: It came

upon me like a blow  
when I could least bear  
it. A day or two before,  
I was told what they  
wished. Believing it  
was only on the money  
account, I immediately  
offered that, if they  
would let it (all the  
furniture) alone for the present,  
they should pay you  
only £50 a year: &  
I would pay the other  
£100 a year: (i.e. £25  
to you & forego the rest:)  
I pressed this with all  
my might. They would not

You knew of it on the  
same day that I did.

[It was your very "visit to Embley"  
& your letters which determined them]

I am seriously ill: & [6:639]  
I have had Fanny quite  
delirious with a Doctor  
& a Nurse day & night  
for the last week. [end 6:639]

I pray, God, poor Pop,  
to give you peace -  
& me too  
ever your  
Flo

9008/71 signed letter, 2 ff, pencil [1:353]

10 S. St.  
July 14/80

My dearest Pop

You ask me: "will you  
allow me to have the China  
at the old valuation made  
by Alsop?"

It *never* was valued  
separately from the "Plate  
&c." but all  
valued in a lump. The books  
& "pictures" &c. "valued in a lump in the same way

This was made a great  
difficulty of by the Execr  
And a new valuation was  
made absolutely necessary  
\_ I have *no power* to stop  
the valuation of that  
or of the "pictures" & "prints" &c or of any  
thing else. But I do not see how  
that need affect the division.

As to the "books", I earnestly

wish that they may be  
*left at Embley* & "not  
divided" for the present.

It is absolutely impossible  
for me to attend to it at  
present.

And I would have (& did  
offer ~~at~~ the sacrifice of  
almost any money) staved  
every thing off for the  
present.

You shall have my "half  
of the bust", & welcome:  
not "to buy" it: but  
for you to leave it to  
Shore or his successor.

My dear P., I should  
have thought you would  
have felt that my  
Mother's one wish  
during these latter years  
was to give to & to bless  
& to do for *Shore*.

And I am carrying out  
her mind, which I am  
sure will be yours also.

Had she said *that* to me  
about "Mother of F.P.V. &  
F.N," I am sure it would  
have been "of Shore".

As for my part, I was  
made to swear upon  
the Bible "so help me  
God" that I would do  
my best as Administratrix.

That oath I must  
carry out to the best  
of my power, as you, I  
am sure, will agree -

Would to God I had  
never accepted the Office  
which was to rend my heartstrings.  
Or would to God I could  
have had my offers accepted  
to put the whole thing off

I am quite bowed & broken  
God bless you, my poor Pop  
& give us all peace  
yr old Flo

9008/72 signed letter, 1 f, pen

10 S. St.

July 15/80

My dear Sir Harry

I am more fit to be  
in my grave than seeing  
people. Yet I have  
to see our Asst Matron,  
who returns to Edinburgh  
tonight, this afternoon.  
And tomorrow a Lady  
who is also leaving London.

I *could* see you, please,  
at 6.30 for a few minutes  
*this* afternoon: or at one  
*tomorrow*: or on Saturday  
yrs affly ever  
F. Nightingale

9008/73 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

I have put your last letter, my dear P., in the hands of those who know about it. And they will communicate with you.

I earnestly hope that if an arrangement can be made that will satisfy you, it will be. And I have said so.

God bless you

F.N.

17/7/80

9008/74 signed letter, 2 ff, pen **[6:565]**

10 S. St.

July 23/80

My dear Sir Harry

At the last moment in July, foreigners flock in & expect me to do every thing for them.

A Mlle Juliette Dodu, "Chevalier de la légion d'honneur," distinguished in the Prussian=Franco War, is charged, as "Inspectrice Générale des *salles d'asile de l'enfance*" to visit our principal "salles d'asile". She brings me a letter from her "parrain", Baron Larrey,



who asks me not only  
to see her but to make  
her known to people  
who can help her.  
[She has just been here.  
I could not see her.]

She is in London for  
a week, at  
Miss Lawrence's  
18 Whitehall Place  
then goes on the same  
"Mission" to Scotland &  
Ireland.

What *am* I to do?  
I have not an idea  
how to help her to  
"*Salles d'asile de l'enfance*".

[Yet I think it such a  
good thing to have  
female Inspectors. I  
wish we had.]

Could you kindly  
*introduce her to any*  
*one who would help*  
*her?*

ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale

9008/75 initialled letter, 1 f, pen [15:851]

30/7/80

My dear Sir Harry Thanks  
for your note about  
Candahar. What an  
appalling fulfilment of  
Lord Lawrence's forecast.  
Do you think our wounded  
are brought in?

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2. Did you ever call upon  
Sir Richard Temple  
as you intended? [end]

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3. I am so very sorry that  
Mr. Rathbone will not  
stand for Liverpool.  
Have you seen him?

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4. *Could you give me Mr.  
Cunningham's address?*  
Au revoir at 6. F.N.

9008/76 signed letter, 1 f, pen

10 South St.

9/8/80

My dear Sir Harry  
If Mr. Childers has  
sent you the *Memo*  
from the *War Office*  
*answering the one on Station Hospital*  
*Nursing by Orderlies*,  
could you let me  
have it *at your earliest*  
*convenience?*

I will return it to you  
yrs ever affly  
F. Nightingale

9008/77 signed letter, 1 f, pencil

To ask Sir Harry to be so  
good as to send me  
immediately, if possible,  
the ~~Office~~ Memo in answer  
to the "Station Hospital  
Orderly Nursing" Memo

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I am going to see Sir Wm  
Muir to-day.

F. Nightingale  
14/8/80  
Sir Harry Verney

9008/78 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

10 S. St  
19/8/80

My dear Sir Harry  
"Col. Loyd Lindsay received  
"a letter from Prof. Longmore  
"yesterday which he is  
"sending on to" you -  
"in answer to his".

You do not appear to have  
received it.

"Prof. Longmore", as you  
know, "consulted Mrs.

"Deeble and says that  
"the training at Netley  
"will be much more  
"Suitable for Nurses for  
"Army Hospitals" than the  
"training in London Hospitals  
"He writes a public and

"a private letter.

"Col. Loyd Lindsay is  
"sending *both to Sir H. Verney*"

[I am then asked to  
read them.]

"Col. Loyd Lindsay  
"thinks that if desirable  
"we had better try to  
"supplement the Netley  
"training by some London  
"Hospital training - as  
"we can only work thro'  
"Netley in some form  
"or other unless we  
"alter the scheme altogether".

I am then asked:  
"when" I "have read  
Longmore's letters" to  
"send to Sir H. Verney

"some suggestion".

It is again very  
unfortunate that you &  
I should not have read  
Prof. Longmore's letters  
before you leave London.

To offer "some  
suggestion" is easier  
said than done.

I must consult Harry  
Bonham Carter:

& no good London  
Training School will  
take Nurses to train  
for a few *months*:  
God help us.

yr aff

F. Nightingale

9008/79 signed letter, 1 f, pen

10 South St. Aug 21/80  
My dear Sir Harry  
Has Col. Loyd Lindsay's  
letter to you, - with Prof.  
Longmore's 2 enclosures, -  
not yet reached you,  
about the training of  
Nurses ~~for~~ at Netley?

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

Thanks for the "reply" to [15:852]  
Mrs. Hawthorn's paper  
\_ most extraordinary  
document! We shall have  
to consider now whether  
to give Mr. Childers the  
*names* of the Hospitals  
& what else to do? F.N. [end]

9008/80 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

10 S. St.  
Aug 24/80  
My dear Sir Harry  
I have done a most  
unwarrantable thing,  
which you can scarcely  
think so unwarrantable  
as I do myself.  
When you found that  
Col. L. Lindsay's letter was  
not at Claydon, I was  
in hopes you would  
include in your Telegram  
& letter an order for me  
to send to your 2 houses  
here for your letters, &  
for me to open Col. L. L's,  
if there.

I had not a moment to

spare: Col. L.L. had  
desired that I should see  
Longmore's 2 enclosures:  
& Capt. Galton was  
coming almost immediately  
to talk them over with me,  
~~which~~ I therefore took  
my courage in both hands,  
sent for your letters; Col.  
L. Lindsay's was unmisake=  
=able. And I forced  
myself to open it.

The contents are to my  
mind almost as  
extraordinary as the  
"reply" you sent me from  
Mr. Childers".

Capt. Galton had of course  
already seen them.

He is quite disposed  
to fight it. Indeed I think  
he feels almost as strongly  
about it as I do.

I will send you the (your)  
letters, (~~illeg~~) as soon as I have  
had time to make some  
remarks, as you asked.

Capt. Galton is disposed  
to fight ~~it~~ - not by a  
protest but a  
'substantive motion'.

Pray God we may succeed

*The meeting not to be called till Saturday  
at earliest.*

2. Madame Werckner [8:965]  
 is back at Lymington!!!  
 her husband insisted on  
 leaving Paris & going  
 back to Vienna!!! she  
 had no control over him:  
 & is come back to England.

Poor woman!! she  
 has sent me a heap of  
 letters, which I will  
 send you: [end 8:965]  
 ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale  
 I greatly approve your Protest  
 but would alter its form  
 to a motion: & somewhat modify  
 it.  
 I don't think I could do  
 otherwise than I have  
 done: in opening Col.  
 Lindsay's packet. [It  
 contained 1 note from him to you  
 2 letters from Longmore  
 the same as I was told. to him]  
 Yet I shall not be surprised  
 if you never speak to me again

F.N.  
 Nat. Aid Meeting will not be till  
 next week: or this Saturday at earliest

9008/81 signed letter, 1 f, pencil

Col. Loyd Lindsay's letter } enclosed  
*Prof. Longmore's 2* }  
 My dear Sir Harry

I enclose you your  
 letter, stolen & opened by me.

The contents are most  
 extraordinary.

You will probably think  
 they will modify your  
 Protest which is quite to  
 the point: But would  
 it not be well instead  
 of a Protest to move a  
 Resolution? I will if  
 you please return you  
 your Protest, suggesting  
 some modifications to make

it a Resolution        which  
Capt. Galton, & I conclude



Lord Shaftesbury will  
support -  
I am very tired & have a  
long afternoon with  
Miss Crossland before me:  
Or I would do it to day:  
for your consideration -  
But I did not like to keep your  
letter another day.  
I still think you have it  
all in your own hands,  
if you choose to fight it  
through - God helping.  
yr affte  
F. Nightingale  
10 South St  
Aug 25/80

9008/82 initialled note, 1 f, pencil

1000 thanks for your  
Telegram, just received,  
a great relief -  
Capt. Galton thinks the  
Committee cannot meet on  
"Saturday": but probably will  
early next week. He says  
you will have some days'  
notice.  
F.N.  
25/8/80

9008/83 unsigned note, 2 ff, pen

*Your Protest & 'Resolution' as as  
proposed:*

*Nat. Aid Socy Meeting:*

10 South St.

Aug 26/80

My dear Sir Harry

This is what Capt. Galton  
& I have agreed upon:

The letter of Dr. Longmore  
seems based upon the idea  
that the Nurses are to be  
trained for Military  
Hospitals only.

The object of the National  
Aid Socy is to provide Nurses  
who would be competent  
to proceed to the scene of  
a war when called on by  
the Society either with  
English troops or to foreign

armies.

The original plan was  
that the Nurses should  
sign an agreement to  
serve in that way when  
called on. This was given  
up because it was feared  
it would prevent nurses  
from engaging. But are  
Nurses worth training by our society  
who would not consent?  
And is the Nat. Aid Socy  
justified in devoting its  
Funds simply to train  
nurses for Civil Hospitals  
or for Military Peace  
Hospitals?

Sir Harry Verney's Minute  
is quite to the point: But

Would it not be well  
instead of a Protest to move  
a Resolution:

1. that the Funds of the  
Nat. Aid Socy can only properly  
be expended in training  
Nurses who will be available  
for War Service
2. that for such training,  
whilst it is desirable  
that the Nurses should be  
taught the customs of  
Military Hospitals, there is  
not in peace time at Netley  
a sufficient basis of sick  
on which to train Nurses  
for emergency, and acute  
or operation cases.
3. Therefore that whilst it

[is] desirable that the Nurses  
should be originally  
selected by the authorities  
at Netley & should be tried  
~~serve~~ there for a specified  
period 1: they should then ~~serve~~ be trained at  
some Civil Hospital in  
London for a further  
period 2: & return to  
Netley to complete their  
training. 3

- 
1. say for one month
  2. say for 8 or 10 months or better still a year to St Thomas',  
~~they might be excused~~ male surgical & Medical omitting the  
women's & children's, wards -
  - 3 say for 3 months

9008/84 unsigned note, 2 ff, pen

[2] {arch? Aug 26.80}

| It should be noted that  
| Dr. Longmore's private letter  
| is not quite correct in  
| saying that at London  
| Hospitals, that is at St.  
| Thomas', the Dressers do  
| all the cases of dressings  
| after operations, accidents  
| & severe surgical injuries.  
| Because on this his whole  
| argument is based:

-  
And I am now taking  
every means to obtain for you  
evidence that cannot be  
challenged on this point,  
other than mine.

I have written to Mrs.  
*Wardroper* to ask her to state

1. what do her Sisters &  
Probationers do in regard  
to dressings
2. what ~~more do~~ difference, if any, in what they do  
in this respect at the  
present St. Thomas' ~~than~~ from what  
they did at Surrey Gardens  
(where Mrs. Deeble was  
trained.)

I have written to *Mr. McKellar*  
of St. Thomas', - employed  
by the Nat. Aid Socy, as  
you will remember, - than  
whom is no higher authority,  
\_ asking him to state  
in a letter to you:

1. what is wanted from  
Nurses in time of War  
(of which he has served  
in two)

2. ~~If~~ how far the training ~~they~~ given ~~receive~~ at St. Thomas' would prepare ~~them~~ Nurses for what is wanted in time of War.

And I have offered to see him to-day.

[I should have written to

*Mr. Croft*: but he is absent.]

Dr. Longmore says that only at Netley can they get "personal practical training" - Only at St. Thomas', of any Hospital with which I am acquainted, is "personal practical" Ward training given, ~~on~~ with acute Medical & Surgical cases & especially

on Operations & Accidents, ~~of~~ none of which classes ~~are there any~~ exist at Netley.

With regard to the concluding

Paragraph of your Minute,

I have had the unexpected satisfaction of hearing

from *Sir Wm Muir* as

follows:

"I am quite at one with you, in thinking that it is better to nurse one Hospl efficiently than two or three in a perfunctory manner: & I will bear your wise recommendation in mind when the allotment of the *personnel* comes to be considered".

9008/85 signed note, 2 ff, pen {arch: Aug 26.80} [3]

I am very glad that you  
are going to take Parthe  
abroad.

But who is to move your  
Resolution? at the Nat. Aid Meeting  
Capt. Galton will support  
it: but I am quite  
sure he will not move  
it.

Does a day or two make  
much difference in your  
going abroad?

All falls to the ground at  
this Meeting of course if  
you are not at it. And  
now we are "in" for it.  
I have seen all these men  
& pledged them to your  
side: & shall have all  
the evidence ready.

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

II

I ~~have~~ am preparing a letter  
for you to Mr. Childers  
on the Station Hospital  
Orderly Nursing scandals.

Please return me  
*Prof. Longmore's 2 letters*  
*by Friday's (tomorrow's)*  
post, if you are not  
coming up this week.

F.N.

9008/86 initialled note, 2 ff, pencil

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

Nat. Aid Socy: Training Nurses 27/8/80

I saw Mr. MacKellar yesterday. He told me even  
~~be~~ more than I knew before, of the unfitness of Netley  
for training Nurses. (The Patients are almost all out of  
bed & generally do their own dressings!) - ~~and~~ as well as  
of the *large proportion* of dressings &c. done by our Nurses &  
Probrs at St. Thomas' - (not by Dressers!)

I enclose you a letter from him:

& one from Mrs. Wardroper to me -

Please *not* to make use of them, if at all, *without me*.

& please *let me see "them both again"* -

[That part about "*Mrs. Deeble*" should not be in Mr.  
MacKellar's. And Mrs. Wardroper should write  
independently of "Mr. McK". & "Mr. Patts". it shd not allude  
to my "interview" with Mr. McK.] FN

9008/87 signed letter, 4 ff, pencil

Nat. Aid Socy } 10 South St.  
Col. Loyd Lindsay } Sept 1/80  
7 a.m.

My dear Sir Harry

I was in hopes of hearing  
from you yesterday how  
this matter stands - & of  
laying before you how  
we think it stands.

I have consulted both  
Capt. Galton & Hy Bonham  
Carter:

\_\_\_\_\_ And this is what we think:

We conclude that, if you  
can obtain a Meeting, you  
will propose your Resolutions  
[Col. Loyd Lindsay appears  
to have chosen Prof. Longmore  
as his adviser: & of course  
in many respects Longmore  
would be a very valuable  
adviser. *But to do this*

| is to ignore altogether the  
| past history of Nursing  
| Reform. & the experience  
| which has been accumulating  
| for 25 years - experience  
| which we may say Military  
| Medical Officers have as  
| a rule not taken in or  
| understood the meaning of.

-  
If the object of the Council  
is to inform itself on the  
subject of what *is* & what  
*is not* taught, & *how* taught  
in St. Thomas', & *how* suitable  
for War Nurses - their  
best course would undoubtedly  
be to ask Mr. MacKellar  
to attend. - and we suggest  
that 'Sir Harry' should  
consider whether this could  
not be arranged.

Capt. Galton says:

"I think it would be VERY  
desirable to have Mr. Mac  
Kellar to examine.

"But Dr. Longmore should  
be present

"If he had attended the  
last Meeting he could  
have been questioned as  
to the opportunities  
Netley affords.

x x x

"It would be much  
preferable as carrying  
more weight to have  
Dr. MacKellar present.  
than to read letters only."



Our objection to reading the letters at least *in extenso* is that they are written *with a purpose* - no doubt perfectly *bona fide* - and do not carry the weight which verbal communications would do.

We would suggest that only those parts of Mr. MacKellar's be read which contain a statement in reply to the question "What is needed in time of War" &c marked in red & of Mrs. Wardroper as to the dressings marked in red. This would answer Mrs. Deeble's statement.

[2]

It appears to us very desirable to avoid conveying the impressions {rest of paragraph in large bracket} that the N. Fund (i.e., I) wishes to oppose any action of the Council for the sake of having a finger in the pie. And these letters put forward St. Thomas' too prominently. We do not want the War Nurses, but we do wish to insist on the principles which 25 years' experience has taught - which experience will be thrown away if the scheme propounded is followed out.

'Sir' Harry's Resolutions embody the principle of ]

| Civil training, which be it  
| observed embodies also  
| Civil discipline not to  
| be found in Military Hospls  
-

*In supporting these  
Resolutions, notice will  
have to be taken of  
Mrs. Deeble's allegations -  
- and it might be sufficient  
for the mover simply to say  
that enquiries had been  
made, & it was  
conclusively shown that  
these statements were  
not now correct, & if  
need be the Extracts  
could be read on  
confirmation.*  
| But the main principle  
| is involved in the question

of Civil Hospital with |  
proper Training School |  
as against Military. |  
*Mr. MacKellar's verbal  
evidence would be most  
valuable.*

You have probably  
taken copies of *Longmore's  
2 letters (public & private)*  
to Col. Loyd Lindsay.

If there is no opportunity  
of proposing your Resolutions  
& of bringing your counter  
evidence, *these letters  
will stand as unanswered,*  
(as fact) in Col. L. Lindsay's

(Nat. Aid Socy's) archives.  
F Nightingale

9008/88 signed letter, 1 f, pencil

*Madame Werckner*

*Lymington 1/9/80*

My dear Sir Harry

Could you return these  
letters to Madame Werckner  
with one of your own  
kind words of comfort?

           F. Nightingale

I send you Gd Duchess

of Baden's letters

Please return

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I have Miss Pringle to-day  
& am quite overworked.

9008/89 signed letter, 1 f, pen

*Nat. Aid Socy 1/9/80*

My dear Sir Harry

I would offer to copy  
those *Extracts* for you  
from *Mr. MacKellar's* &  
*Mrs. Wardroper's* letters:  
but it is better my hand  
should not appear. Yet  
I think, as you say, the  
letters themselves should  
not appear. Could not  
*Morey* copy for you the  
passages *marked in red*?  
(- my name not to be used  
at all.)

2. It is perhaps important  
that you should *first*  
move your Resolutions:  
*before* Mr. MacKellar is examined.

because Resolution 1, about  
object of Socy's fund,  
& Resolution 2., about  
no sufficient sick at  
Netley, are not based  
on Mr. MacKellar's  
evidence at all, &  
should *precede it* -  
and ~~also should~~ Resn 3,  
& the rebutting of Mrs.  
Deeble's allegations, are  
all in the same 'boat'.

I trust you will not be  
too tired.

God save the work:  
ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale

9008/90 unsigned letter, 1 f, pencil

1/9/80

I would see you, if it will suit you, dear Sir Harry,  
*tomorrow at 1, and or*  
even to-day at 1: - only  
that you will know nothing  
more about Col L Lindsay  
to-day.

Please say which.  
Or I could see you tomorrow  
at 11, if that suits you  
better.

Don't return me "Mrs.  
Wardroper" yet - you may  
want it at the Meeting.

*How are you?*  
so sorry not to be able to  
come to Claydon, as yourselves  
so kindly wished.

9008/91 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

Sept 3/80

My dear P.

Sir Harry had a bleeding  
at the nose yesterday -  
I am sure you think  
he requires much care -  
I hope you will rest too.  
Make my devoirs to  
beloved Ghent.

your  
F.

9008/92 signed letter, 1 f, pencil

Sept 3/80

My dear Sir Harry

I earnestly hope you have  
had a good night & will  
not travel too hard.

Few, perhaps none, can feel  
as I do this day, or know  
all that you have lost -  
all that we have lost  
in her. Yet can we help  
being glad for her who is  
safe & happy for ever,  
working for her Lord as we  
hope to work some day?

Thanks, thanks, thanks for  
all you have done for the

Nat Aid Socy

Nurse-training. We have  
done our best: & must  
leave the event with  
God who is Infinite Love:

May He

~~God~~ bless you:

Give yourself some  
rest on the journey:  
ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale

9008/93 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

Lea Hurst  
27/10/80

I hope, my dear P., that you  
have arrived at home  
comfortably. Welcome home  
& glad that you are back  
this wintry weather.

Shore has been very  
seriously ill & is still  
at York Place, nursed  
by Louisa. [We had been  
expecting them back here  
daily.] I am here with  
dear Rosy: & Miss Irby  
has joined us but leaves  
on Friday.

You will hear that  
Uncle Sam is dying:  
painlessly & calmly  
But neither Aunt Mai

[1:485]

nor Shore who will be  
heart broken at not  
being able to be with him at the  
last know *how* ill  
he is. [He ~~knows~~ is conscious every  
one is recognized by him.]  
Nor indeed does Aunt Mai  
know how ill Shore has  
been.

It seems cruelly sad that  
the two illnesses should  
have been together.

[end 1:485]

Louisa's brother, Mr. Sam  
Hutchins, of Ardnagashel,  
County Cork, who had  
only succeeded ~~his~~ the elder brother  
Emmanuel, 4 weeks ago,  
(when Emmanuel died)  
was shot at & escaped,

but his driver was killed  
by the shot: this is the  
third Agrarian murder:  
it is quite unaccounted  
for in Mr. Hutchins' case.  
Shore was too ill to be  
told for some time. And  
it has been an immense  
strain on Louisa.

Altogether our times  
have been troubled.

Should you know  
*personally* a cook & an  
upper housemaid in  
want of a place, I am  
in want of both. If  
e.g. your own kitchenmaid  
were leaving you, she might  
do for my cook.

But do not trouble about this  
I could not take strangers.

I will return Sir Harry  
tomorrow. He has been  
so good as to write to me  
from Brussels:

ever dear Pop  
your affecte  
F.N.

9008/94 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

Lea Hurst

Oct 31/80

I grieve indeed, my dear P.,  
that Sir H.'s valiant  
crusades have ended with  
a Diarrhoea: & can but  
rejoice that he is safe  
at home where I hope he  
is not only cared for but  
locked up.

Pray thank him very  
much for his very kind  
letter to Madame Werckner,  
only hoping that something  
may come of it.

I can to day only write  
about the housemaid  
you mention. [I do not  
quite know who Mrs.  
Fremantle is. The Dean  
has not married again,  
has he?] I think



*it must depend* upon whether  
'She' (you do not say  
her name) has been for  
SEVERAL OR MANY years with  
*the Dean* whether it is  
worth while for me to  
enquire about her. If she  
has *only one or two years'*  
character, I should *dread*  
it too much.

'She' would have to wait  
upon me for 2 hours every  
day: she would have  
a very industrious little  
under housemaid under her,  
whom I should expect her x  
not only to improve strictly in her  
work but to 'mother':  
She would have to keep  
my house in my absence:  
with one other maid under  
her: she would have to do

what is done by upper  
housemaids where  
neither butler nor housekeeper  
is kept. It is a very  
easy place: but there  
are only 4 maids: (& a  
man to do the morning's  
work, but not sleeping  
in the house).

And this makes it rather  
serious to have a "wilful"  
woman with "a temper".

I rather like the idea  
of a "reading" housemaid;  
but then she must be willing  
capable of taking care of  
a younger servant.

I might sometimes allow  
her "to sit with a fire in her own room",  
tho' as the 4 maids have  
2 {underlined 3x} sitting-rooms, *besides* a large pantry, it seems  
rather 'de trop'.

Tho' I say it that should  
not say it, I think a  
really nice woman would  
be very happy with me.

And oh how thankful I  
should be to have her.  
But I would not take any  
one not likely to stay.

Thank you for taking  
this trouble.

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Do you know of a cook?  
One who had been only  
a kitchenmaid would do.

I have heard from the  
Gd Duchess & answered  
her. She speaks  
most kindly of your visit.

I will return your 2 letters  
With best of wishes to Sir H.  
ever yrs affly F. Nightingale

9008/95 initialled note, 1 f, pen

L.H.

1/11/80

I am so very thankful  
that Sir Harry is better.  
I return Grand Duchess & Sir H.  
Shore makes progress,  
slow, ~~but~~, &, as Louisa  
says "talvolta indietro:  
ma pur si muove".  
of course the not being  
able to go to his Father  
has been much against  
him: (agitated him much).

[1:510]

You ask for F.N.  
Miss Irby's address:  
if you like to write  
here, I shall shortly  
be able to forward  
it. She leaves  
Mr. Freeman's  
tomorrow.

9008/96 signed letter, 4 ff, pen

Madras            Lea Hurst  
                 Cromford: Derby  
                 Nov 17/80

My dear Sir Harry

I extremely wish, if  
it were possible, to  
introduce *Mr. Robertson*,  
Superintendt of the  
Government Farm, at  
Sydapet, Madras, to  
her Governor, *Mr. Adam*.

Mr. Robertson has not  
only been for many years  
'in command' of that Farm,  
Agricultural College, &  
Institution - & has an  
intimate practical & moral

knowledge of his Students,  
\_ Brahmins, Parsees &  
others - of their abilities,  
caste prejudices, & the way  
to manage them & turn  
them to good - also,  
of the people &  
agriculture of Madras:  
\_ but he has made Government  
agricultural tours in  
Coimbatore, Bombay  
Presidency & elsewhere.

He knows the state  
of the land & people  
of Southern India.

There is perhaps no  
one who could give His

Excellency the Governor  
more *intimate* information  
as to the causes of  
deterioration &c. of land  
- as to the ways by which  
the attention of the native  
"gentlefolks", or the  
higher class of cultivators,  
or of the class which  
now all 'runs' to  
*Government clerkships*,  
could be called to  
the *improvement* of  
their *lands* - the main  
'desideratum' in S. India.

[Students from Western  
India come to the Madras  
Agricultural College].

*Mr. Robertson* has  
of course opponents. He  
would be nobody if he had not.

*Mr. Adam* will judge  
for himself on all these  
'burning', these vital  
questions. *No Governor*  
*better.*

As you know, these  
questions have interested  
me for years. I should  
have ventured almost  
to ask an interview  
from *Mr. Adam* himself.  
But that is now impossible.

*Could you kindly*  
*not only write to Mr.*

[2]

Adam, - (I believe he leaves England this day week); to recommend Mr. Robertson, who has just returned to Madras from England, & the Agricultural College specially to Mr. Adam's protection but also give ~~me~~ a letter of introduction to Mr. Robertson for his Governor elect, for me to send to Mr. Robertson.

To insist upon some Agricultural knowledge as a qualification in native Revenue Officers:

to direct the energies of the richer native classes ~~into~~ the intelligent improving of their lands:

these two seem to be the main wants in this line of S. India.

All the higher education 'runs' to making natives, especially Brahmins, into Government clerks & petty officials: & these not good Revenue officials:

none into making

them *good farmers*, good  
landlords or landlords'  
agents - none into  
making them 'better'  
the main industry of  
India \_ agriculture.  
And the 9 tenths who fail in becoming  
Govt clerks become Home Rulers, read  
Bradlaugh, & write seditious nonsense  
in native newspapers. in *Madras*.

I would almost venture to ask *Mr.*  
*Adam's permission*  
to *let me write to him*.  
There is no one who  
bids him 'Godspeed'  
more earnestly - no one  
who raises a parting  
cheer to him & poor  
Madras with more  
eager hope.

Pray believe me  
dear Sir Harry  
ever yours affly  
Florence Nightingale

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My address for any one  
in India:  
10 South St  
Park Lane  
London W.

9008/97 {copy of 9008/96, dictated by FN}

9008/98 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

Lea Hurst  
Cromford: Derby  
Nov 17/80

My dear Sir Harry

I am so thankful that  
you are better.

But pray take care  
of yourself at Pleasley.

I was just going to  
post this (enclosed) letter  
to you to Claydon asking for  
*recommendations for*  
*Mr. Robertson, of Madras,*  
*to Mr. Adam,* when  
your kind note came.  
Could you be so very good  
as to attend, if possible  
to my troublesome requests  
*without loss of time,*

as *Mr. Adam,* I believe  
*leaves England early next*  
*week.*

I hope you have Morey  
with you. Remember me  
to him.

I cannot say when I  
shall be in London.:  
- Shore has had a relapse  
here & has been in  
bed since Saturday. He  
is quite unable to go  
to Embley where his  
father is dying. And  
tho' going on perfectly  
well I should think

would probably not be  
able to move ~~till~~ before  
the end of this month  
I am almost glad you are  
not coming here: for  
under the circumstances  
we could not have made  
you comfortable.  
Good cheer: good cheer:  
God speed.  
Pray give my love & regards  
to every one who remembers  
my Father at Pleasley.  
I am always thinking of  
them.  
God bless them:  
in haste  
ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale  
This is "Wakes" week here. Last night

I gave a Tea & Entertain=  
=ment at the Institute  
to all the members, wives  
& widowed mothers.  
And we ~~try~~ have a Concert  
tonight, another Entertainment  
on Saturday &c. &c.  
trying to compete in  
attraction with the  
awful drunkenness of  
this week.  
On *Sunday* the public-house  
was crammed: F.N.  
I am trying to set up  
another Coffee-room  
at *Whatstandwell*.



9008/99 signed letter, 4 ff, pen [7:600-01]

*Dr. Carl Fliedner* (my Godson)  
now at *Munich* -  
Candidate for *House Surgeoncy*  
at *German Hospital*, Dalston,  
*London*. Election  
to be decided on *Monday* or  
*Tuesday* next, Nov 22 or 23.

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Lea Hurst: Nov 19/80  
My dear Sir Harry

I am extremely obliged  
to you for your kindness  
about Madras, Mr. Adam,  
& Mr. Robertson. It is very great.

It seems as if my  
"reconnaissance n'est qu'un  
vif sentiment des bienfaits  
futurs". For here I am  
troubling you again.

Could you be so very good  
as to write, if you would think

well to write, to *Count*  
*Münster* about this young  
man, *Dr. Carl Fliedner*,  
(whose letter I only read  
last night).

I have written to the Committee  
by this post, but doubt  
if this be of any use,  
unless some "considerable"  
person, patron to the  
Hospital, would interest  
himself kindly in the matter.

*Dr. Carl Fliedner* ("*praktischer*  
*Arzt*") is son of one of the  
best & ablest men I ever  
knew, *Pastor Fliedner*,  
founder of the Deaconesses  
at *Kaiserswerth*, on the Rhine  
This young man is an eager

Candidate for the, now  
vacant, office of *House  
Surgeon* (or Assistant Surgeon)  
in the *German Hospital, London*.

He is my Godson -

He wishes for the House Surgeon=  
=cy for the sake of the (*ungemein*)  
"immense" opportunities of  
seeing & of learning it offers  
to a young man whose  
heart & soul are in his  
profession.

He has sent in his *Testimonials*  
which speak for him.

But there is a crowd of  
candidates.

After having been at Halle,  
he successfully passed his  
first Examination in Medicine  
at Bonn in 1877. Then he  
went to Würzburg University:  
then he travelled. From Nov.

1878 he has pursued his  
studies in Medicine at Munich  
\_ & from Nov. 1879 to March 1880  
he went through & he triumphantly passed  
the "Approbations Staats Examen  
für praktische "ärzte" in  
all its parts. From April  
to October of this year he  
served his second half year  
of Military Service in the  
great Garrison=Lazareth of  
Munich as "*Militär arzt.*"  
He is in love with the study  
of Medicine & Surgery: & is poor.  
He asks me to try ~~for~~ to help him  
in his eager Candidate ship for Dalston.  
I believe him to be fitted  
by energy, moral & intelligent  
qualities - & I understand  
him to be by practical  
studies & knowledge  
to gain the experience he

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wants & so earnestly seeks in the  
*House Surgeoncy of Dalston*  
*German Hospl*

[In Bunsen's days I knew this  
Hospital very well.  
And it was then nursed  
by my friends the Kaiserswerth  
Deaconesses.]

You see the election is on  
*Monday or Tuesday next.*  
\_ not an hour to lose.

With very many thanks & very  
many apologies  
please forgive me & do this  
if possible - I know you will  
[Do you remember getting a  
watch for me for this  
young man - boy then -  
some 9 or 10 years ago -]

**[end 7:601]**

I trust you are none  
the worse for your  
Pleasley Expedition  
Shore is better, thank  
God. in haste  
ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale

9008/100 signed letter, 1 f, pen

Lea Hurst

Cromford: Derby

Nov 30/80

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you for what  
you say about Shore.  
It has been and is a trying time.  
But thank God we have  
kept him here: & he is  
better.

Your game has been  
*most* acceptable for him.  
Parthe, whom please  
thank for her letter, kindly  
asks whether we will have  
some more. We should  
be very glad of it.  
He cannot eat the meat  
here. ever yr aff. F. Nightingale  
I have much to write to you  
about: Fliedner, Adam &c. &c.  
To-day is Uncle Sam's funeral:  
*quite* quiet on Aunt Mai's account.

9008/101 initialled letter, 6 ff, pen

Lea Hurst

[16:862]

Dec 2/80

My dear Sir Harry

How much I have to thank  
you for: but in this sad and  
trying time I have been  
unable to write one line not  
absolutely pressing. When  
I wanted to *beg* of you you  
see I wrote:  
{excerpt cut from page}  
2. I cannot say how anxious  
the danger of Sir James Hope  
must make every one  
who knows what he is.  
And that is everybody.  
May he recover!

[not FN] 1 The Eau de Cologne from  
the son of Mme Joseph of  
Scutari will be welcomed  
thankfully

3. I wished to tell you how **[7:601]**  
in spite of Dr. Carl Fliedner's  
unsuccess how very grateful  
we are to you for your  
great kindness. I return  
your letters.

A Dr. August Schreiber,  
of Augsburg, at present  
first Assistant at the Hospital  
at Munich was elected.

Sir James Paget said he  
was "greatly surprised" at  
the "kind of men" - "men of  
"really marked scientific  
"ability - including Dr. Fliedner.  
"who were candidates for  
"this post". **[end 7:601]**

I return your letters  
with many thanks.

4 I do not quite understand **[16:862]**

[2]

Mme Bunsen about *Mlle de Cornberg* She came, introduced to me by the Grand Duchess, ~~from~~ with whom I have had the most detailed corresponde about her. I got her in to St. Thomas' at my own expence The Gd Duchess & I have settled together, I submitting a Programme to her, of what "Institutions" she is to see when she leaves St. T.'s And I shall of course see *Mlle de C.* as soon as I return [Mme Bunsen asks ~~talks of~~ you to "introduce" her to me]

I shall be grateful to you if you will suggest "to me

"philanthropic Institutions" you ~~wish~~ could let her ~~to~~ see", & take notice of her yourselves. But I very much hope Mme Bunsen will not interfere in the "course" laid down with so much trouble by the Gd Duchess & me.

5.

The Gd Duchess has sent me the plans for the proposed *Heidelberg Children's Hospital* And I have gone over them with much labour: & made Dr. Sutherland & Capt. Galton in London do so too.

[They are not very good.]

How *would you advise me to return them to the Gd Duchess at Baden?* They

[not FN] {illeg}	1	
Ly {illeg Lywell?}	1	
{illeg}	2	
M. {illeg Patton?}	1	
Prof - Smith	1	
C {illeg Muhr?}	1	1
{illeg neverme?}	1	- 1
{illeg}	1	1

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[3]

are in a box. [It is  
rather a job for me  
'toute seule' to despatch  
a package to Germany.]

[end]

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Mr. Adam wrote to me  
one of the very kindest  
notes I ever had in  
my life, thanks to you.  
I hope he will really  
take up the Agricultural  
question & Mr. Robertson  
\_ also Mrs. Scharlieb  
How much we have to  
thank you for.  
7 I hope Mr. Greene has  
returned better. Pray  
remember me most kindly  
to him, if he is come back

in greatest haste  
ever yrs affly  
with love to P.

F.N.

Shore is better:  
but life is trying:

9008/102 signed letter, 2 ff, pencil

Lea Hurst  
Cromford: Derby  
Dec 4/80

My dear Sir Harry [16:862]

Thank you many times  
for your most kind letter.

I find that the Gd Duchess  
of Baden would like to have  
the plans returned to her  
*as soon as possible*, as  
she "was particularly  
"anxious to obtain our  
"criticisms thereon before  
"any work was begun".

I should therefore be  
extremely obliged to you  
to "write AT ONCE" as  
you so kindly propose, "to  
"Sir Charles Dilke" "to ask

"if a *Queen's Messenger*  
*may leave them as he*  
*passes*" at Baden  
"on his way" somewhere.

*Must I send the box up*  
*to the Foreign Office?*  
*& with what address?*

[end]

Thanks for some game (2  
pheasants most acceptable,  
arrived yesterday.

I earnestly hope for good  
tidings of Sir James Hope.  
in haste with love to  
ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale

Many thanks to P. for  
her "autumn ramble"

F.N.

Mlle de Cornberg is, I am  
thankful to know, buckling  
to her work very well  
at St. Thomas' -



9008/103 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

10 South St.  
Park Lane W.  
Xmas Day  
1880

My dear Sir Harry

To you & Parthe my very  
deepest wishes for the  
highest Xmas blessings  
& New Year's - *all* the  
comfort of "peace & good  
will to man" given & received  
"May all the number of the stars  
give light  
"On your fair path".

I am full of cares:  
which is very impertinent,  
for God says that "cares"  
are *His*.

I am going to ask you two  
favours:

1. Mr. Haywood, the Lea

Schoolmaster, is here  
for part of his holidays.  
And he has asked me  
to invite *Mr. Sayles*  
his friend, & a most  
respectable well-to-do  
man, a Guardian, in Holloway  
to share his room here.  
I have but one room,  
& never put two men  
in the same room.

Would you object to  
my *asking for a room*  
at *4 South St. for him?*  
I would send in sheets  
& every thing: And he  
would of course "meal"  
here. It would be  
for 2 or 3 or 4 nights  
at the very outside.

If you or Parthe object,  
I would try to get him a  
room at Grosvenor Hotel.

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2. Would you & Parthe  
like me to have from one  
of *your tenants* a weekly  
as follows: *Hamper*  
*3 chickens*  
*2 doz. fresh eggs*  
lard }  
pork } when ordered  
apples }  
fresh vegetables } ditto  
& fruit }

Snowdrops, primroses &  
grass  
*I pay in advance.*  
If you see no objection  
& would settle it with  
*one of your tenants*, or give

me *one of your tenants'*  
*names* (to settle it  
myself) *whom you approved*,  
I should be truly obliged.  
I am sorry to trouble you  
I should like to know *his prices*  
Great Xmas love from  
ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale

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Your kind letter just  
received.

I am so thankful Sir  
James Hope is better.

F.N.  
27/12/80

9008/104 initialled note, 2 ff, pen {arch ! Dec '80}

[2]

I have written to Hy  
Bonham Carter "about  
giving him £100 from  
dear Mother as Executor".

He is sadly overworked.  
Many thanks to Sir Harry  
about poor Mme Werckner.  
I trust his goodness may  
win.

I tried hard to get in poor  
old Moss into the Alms-  
houses of St. Cross near  
Winchester. I did not  
know but what he was in.  
Racked with anxiety as to  
new Ministers: x no greater  
crisis since the Common=  
wealth: x especially for India

No worse Viceroy I should  
think possible than  
Goschen: a man who  
will say that the Hindoos  
WILL die according to  
Political Economy &  
OUGHT to die because  
Pol. Eco. says so.

And Lord Northbrook, you  
know, will do nothing  
about the Land question.  
O but "one pulses' beat" of  
Gladstone as Chancellor  
of *India's* Exchequer.

I wonder whether all *England*  
prayed yesterday for  
the Queen that her choice  
might be according to the  
Spirit of truth.

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[end 5:533]

What does Mr. Cunningham  
say of the Famine Commission?

I will return Mr. Rathbone's  
beautiful letter. He wrote  
to me too.

I believe people can as  
little prognosticate the  
march of things as they  
could after Charles I's  
death in the Commonwealth

Pray tell Sir Harry  
I give him best birth day  
joy:

ever your & his  
F.

Have you heard of an upper  
housemaid whom you *know*  
for me?

9008/105 unsigned note, 1 f, pencil

*Letters 1881*

3 March Ld Roberts (in Morey's hand-writing)  
25 April Colonel Gordon  
9 June H.L.W.V.  
22 July Christening  
15 Nov District Nurses

9008/106 initialled note, 1 f, pencil, black-edged Verney N165

8/1/81

Thanks many for the lovely flowers:

& also for the 'contract' about fowls & eggs, - very "  
welcome - bacon &c. &c.

Our maids are going to have a little 'spread' & 'party'  
on Wednesday next.

Would you let Julie & Leonard come?

But, very important, could you let  
me *buy* a *ham* of you, I mean of  
Claydon: for this 'raout'? must be here  
by TUESDAY morning: yr F.

9008/107 initialled note, 1 f, pencil [1:800]

I shall be very much obliged  
to Morey & Bond to come  
& have supper & play  
on Wednesday evening -  
And if the maids' hearts  
are set on dancing,  
*would* they play *SOME*  
*dancing music?*  
Yes, I had the Eau de  
Cologne, thank you  
1000 thanks  
F.N.  
9/1/81

9008/108 signed letter, 2 ff, pencil, black-edged paper

10/1/81 [1:800]  
My dear Sir Harry  
1. Would you kindly send  
me the address where you  
get your *Hams?* *at once.*  
The programme of our  
Wednesday's entertainment is  
as follows: p.m.  
Company come at 7  
(a little tea & cake)  
Dancing 7.30 till 9  
Supper 9  
a little music afterwards  
~~Disperse~~ at 10  
Break up at 11  
2 I should be extremely obliged  
to *Morey* with your  
permission if he would

take the head of the  
table at supper:

& if he would order  
from Grosvenor Hotel a  
sufficient number of  
*bottles of Bitter Beer* or  
Ale for about 17 or 18:  
& dispense it himself.

[Three out of my 4 maids  
are not allowed Beer  
by Doctor's orders. I don't  
want to forbid it on this  
festive occasion: but I only  
want moderation]

3. I should be extremely  
obliged to *Morey* if,  
with your permission he  
will engage a *fiddle*  
to come at 7, & play

*dance music*: I don't  
like to ask *Morey* to  
play dance Music:  
but we shall hope to have  
*his music too & Bond's*.  
both before & after supper.  
We hope to have from your

house

*Morey & Bond*

*Julie*

*Leonard &*

*Phoebe the housemaid*

And if you would look in  
upon the festivities, (as I  
can't,) it would *more*  
*than double* their value.

4. Is *Col. Gordon* in London?  
ever yrs affly F. Nightingale

9008/109 initialled note, 1 f, pen, black-edged paper

10/1/81

I like Lady Verney's two  
cloaks very much:  
but what I want is a  
quite loose *round*  
cloak, not very long,  
with hanging sleeves, \_\_\_\_\_  
lining wadded & quilted: ~~with~~  
lining silk ~~lining~~ or satin (but such as I  
could wear for my every day  
walk at Lea Hurst)  
no jet, no beads, no chenille,  
no papementerie,  
trimmed with plush or  
silk band.  
I should like it *ready made*  
as being cheaper.  
Howell & James are selling  
off TO-DAY: I enclose their book.  
F.N.

9008/110 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil, black-edged paper  
[1:801]

11/1/81

My dear Sir Harry

The servants want to  
*dance* in the *Pantry* -  
(not in the Dining-room)  
& to sup in the Dining  
room.

Could you kindly come  
& settle this knotty  
point, or send Morey?

Could Parthe kindly  
send me a little cold  
stewed Beef, or anything  
you have had at  
luncheon, tomorrow,  
for my dinner at 6.30  
please. F.N.

9008/111 initialled note, 2 ff, pencil, black-edged paper, red und

13/1/81

I was very sorry not to be able  
to see you ~~to-day~~ yesterday.

I had been immersed all day  
in the most harassing business  
which I had to send off by  
post: & then was so tired.  
*Waterloo House* has sent in  
4 Models of Cloaks, very  
kindly - They are not my  
sort: too much Carriage  
DRESSES: not round jackets too long: too wintry  
\_ all fur & jet & lace: too heavy  
I *could* give an order upon  
one of them, I think:  
altering it completely -  
But I should like to know

first what you kindly settled  
with *Waterloo House*: for I  
suppose they will fetch  
them this MORNING:

& whether there is anything  
at *Howell & James*  
you would recommend in  
preference.

You see I want a thing that  
I can throw on to walk in  
Lea Hurst garden:

If I go out once or twice  
all WINTER, it is all.

Pray thank Morey: he was the  
life of the "party".

& "thank you for my good dinner".

F.

[1:801]



9008/112 initialled letter, 1 f black-edged paper & envelope,  
pencil

14/1/81

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you very much for  
speaking to Lord Hartington  
about my man, Dr. Hewlett

It will take me a day or  
two to look out so as to  
write *shortly* his merits  
& claims - Will this  
short delay signify?

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I am sorry to say I have  
had in a Load of Logs (wood)  
but the day before yesterday.  
And if we were to accept  
your munificence, we  
should overflow into all  
the passages, as we did

last year - I am afraid  
therefore we must put  
off your kind gift.

I would gladly "pay the  
carriage up" -

yrs affly

F.N.

My dear Sir Harry

[envelope ink] Lady Verney  
with F's love & hope  
that she will wear the  
mantle for 1000 years  
to 'become' it. 15/1/81

9008/113 initialled note, 1 f, pencil

18/1/81

I did not propose to Miss Crossland your sweet company yesterday (she seemed so 'dead' beat) If the weather at all clears up, would you have her *this evening?* - or to dinner?

[Her dinner is ordered here: so there is no occasion for that.]

Please give my love to Mrs. Cox & Genl Cox, IF they come: & say how sorry I am not to be able to see them -

Please send me the Blue Book (Mr. Cunningham which you mentioned: your F

9008/114 unsigned letter, 1 f, pencil

21/1/81

My dear Sir Harry

I am sorry that I am double deep in engagements tomorrow afternoon:

but still hope to talk 'Balaclava charge' with you some other day.

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Thank you, we *have* water  
\_ we covered up our pipes -  
\_ we have even *lent* water  
to our unthrifty (& worse)  
neighbour, Ld Lucan, next door

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When *Morey* goes to the  
*Co-op Stores*, I shall be  
very much obliged if he  
will do a little business for  
me - *What day will he go?* Can  
he take out a *ticket* for me?

9008/115 signed letter, 1 f, pen, black-edged paper

Stores: 22/1/81

My dear Sir Harry

Of those things of which  
I have not marked the prices,  
the prices are either posted  
up in the Dept: or - I  
have not got the "book".

Morey will be so good  
as to insert the number of  
my Ticket.

I enclose a £5 cheque  
which perhaps you would  
be so good as to change.

Many thanks

yrs ever aff

F. Nightingale

I must try the things  
before I make a large order.

must I not?

9008/116 initialled note, 1 f, pencil, black-edged paper

26/1/81

My dear Sir Harry

I am so very much pressed  
& troubled with various sad  
affairs & so poorly  
(& Fanny very ill in bed)  
that I am afraid I cannot  
accept your kind offer  
to-day. But if you  
will offer it me again  
tomorrow, *IF* it is convenient to you  
I will try *tomorrow* or *next day*  
Would you be so very kind

as to order me another  
Bible, like that very nice  
one for little Ruth? \_\_\_ and  
a very fine New Year's card?

F.N.

9008/117 unsigned letter, 2 ff, pencil, black-edged paper

30/1/81

[15:530-31]

My dear Sir Harry

I am so very busy:  
but I do not think you & I differ  
much: -

"The superior advantages" are those  
which attract to the Army:  
pay, pension, rank, status, scientific  
education, &c, release from house=  
keeping duties for the higher ranks &c  
The superior "roughing" produces  
a better article in the Navy: that is  
what I was speaking of -

The "superior Army" advantages"  
make the *Army popular*: - that is  
what I was speaking of. make  
a more scientific & perhaps more  
gentlemanly Army Medl Officer  
& in that sense a better article  
- but in the sense that I was  
using "over the leaf" certainly

a worse article.

It is just the difference  
between the sailor & the soldier -  
the soldier off duty is the  
most helpless yet gentlemanly  
animal: the sailor can turn  
his hand to anything.

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Take the greater part of  
the Drs' lives: viz. *peace* time -  
there cannot be a comparison  
~~ex~~ as to the superior ease &  
comfort & dignity of the Army Doctor  
over the Navy one.

These are what make the  
service popular: they are not  
what turn out the better man.

But take time of *war*: the  
misery of the wounded soldier  
on board ship is unspeakable.

Nothing but the sailor being  
used to it & loving his ship  
~~mak~~ from boyhood makes  
him endure it.

But the Navy Doctor has  
not lived on a ship from  
boyhood: any more than  
the Army Doctor has.

~~The wounded soldier's~~

The Army Doctor was found  
quite helpless in the miseries  
of the Crimean War -

[As for Affghanistan, the ~~sick~~ wounded  
were left behind, & the ~~sick~~ wounded  
were murdered.]

But if you think there is  
discrepancy in my letter.  
pray alter it.

The passages you mark seem to

belong to two different  
categories of conclusions

[end 15:531]

9008/118 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil, black-edged paper

30/1/81

My dear Sir Harry

I enclose Dr. Acland's \_ & my answer:  
could you kindly read & *post mine* either *tonight*  
or tomorrow? if you approve - It has been too long delayed.  
I am sorry to say that I am in close correspondence &  
conversation with Mrs. Craven, Mr. Rathbone & others  
about the matter you write to me about, the Met.  
Nursing Asson, & have been for fully a month,  
indeed for more - It must be settled on Tuesday  
next. F.N.

9008/119 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

5/2/81

My dear Sir Harry

I was very sorry not to have my letter ready  
when you were so good as to call for it yesterday  
But it was almost impossible for me to do  
it in the afternoon.

And I had understood you to say that you  
meant to call at Lord Hartington's house  
with it

Will it do now? [printed address, sideways] 10, SOUTH STREET,  
F.N. PARK LANE. W.

9008/120 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

6/2/81

My dear Sir Harry

This is the letter you wished to see -  
I cannot think that you will care to read it -  
Please return it me very early tomorrow morning -  
I begin writing at 7.30 am -

I must hear, please, what Mr. Childers said  
to you about Haslar before I ~~answer~~ reply to Dr. Acland  
F.N.

9008/121 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

7/2

My dear Sir Harry

I am sorry it is quite impossible to me to see  
you now or even to write.

I sent down to the Horse Guards this morning  
for information about the proposed Haslar  
School. And perhaps you would *defer* your

kind question to Mr. Childers till I can  
breathe & *communicate* with you -

I am NOT at all anxious that Mr. Childers

should "discuss it with Dr. Longmore"  
who only wishes all the Naval s to be  
left at Netley with no *Naval* education  
at all. F.N.

9008/122 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

12/2/81

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

My dear Sir Harry

I am so much overworked [15:860]  
that I fear I could not see you  
to-day. But I would gladly  
see you tomorrow at 5 or at 6,  
as it suits you.

You know perhaps that  
Sir G. Colley has telegraphed  
for Nurses - We are sending  
out a capital woman from  
St. Thomas', a beautiful young  
widow!!, *widow of Genl Fellowes*.

Would you give her or get  
her a letter of introduction  
to *Sir Hercules Robinson*  
at the Cape - (to make use  
of in case of need) She goes

straight to Newcastle - with  
4 Netley Nurses - on Thursday  
I am also corresponding with  
Col. L. Lindsay about stores  
(N.A. Socy)

I have reason to fear that they  
have worse news at the  
W.O. than they tell the  
public or Ho. of C -  
but they keep it very private,  
as they ought. [end]

F.N.

9008/123 initialled letter, 1 f, pen

14/2/81

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

My dear Sir Harry [15:862]

Mrs. Fellowes may  
possibly sail *tomorrow*  
[The Netley Nurses sail  
*tomorrow*] for *Natal*.  
Could you kindly get her  
a letter for Sir Hercules  
Robinson to - day?  
And could you send me  
a man to take  
some messages for me? [end]  
F.N.

9008/124 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil, red und

15/2/81

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}  
PARK LANE. W. [15:862-63]

My dear Sir Harry

*Mrs. Fellowes* was truly  
obliged to you - & so am I -  
for your great kindness  
She wishes to have letters  
to *both Sir G. Colley*  
*and Sir Evelyn Wood*.

And I told her you would  
kindly get them for her -  
[I saw her again last night.]

She is a daughter of Genl  
Kirkland (Major Genl Vesey Kirkland)  
Could you be so very kind  
- you say Mr. Childers will give  
"introductions" to Sir H. Robinson  
" & either Sir E. Wood  
or Sir G. Colley"



could you be so very kind  
as to obtain introductions  
to both *Sir G. Colley* &  
*Sir Evelyn Wood*.

I wish I could save you this  
trouble - ever yrs affly **[end]**

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F.N

9008/125 unsigned note, 1 f, pencil

*Thanks, thanks, thanks for the snow-drops* 16/2/81  
Would you like a maid, but it must be  
one of age & discretion, to go with my  
foolish girl cook to Reserved Seats at a Concert  
at Steinway Hall, Seymour St - *to-night*  
Concert begins at 8 -

I am too humble to ask Mrs. Ellis - but  
either she or Julie or some one of standing.  
(My cook is such a 'Jim Crow'=ess.)

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I will return Endymion, as soon as I go downstairs  
I am ashamed of having such a low thing in the  
house.

9008/126 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

17/2/81

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

My dear Sir Harry

Many thanks for Sir C. [15:865]  
Dilke's information.

It seems to me that as  
4 Nurses (from Netley) are  
being sent out by the War  
Office & Mrs. Fellowes  
*under the authority* of the  
W.O., I should scarcely  
venture to make use of  
private information to stop  
them.

*What do you think?*  
All five meet at Dartmouth  
today to embark tomorrow  
morning.  
I have secured Mrs. Fellowes'  
address at Dartmouth

in order to telegraph to her if necessary

But for my part I  
sincerely hope they  
*will* go out. Wounded  
do not get well in a  
month. And there will  
be sick too.

ever yrs aff

F. Nightingale

Of course if peace *is* to be  
made the Govt will be  
too glad to stop its  
reinforcements,  
& its Nurses too: but not I.

Do not you think so?

*Please advise me.* [end]

Fanny is in a dreadful state -  
a most serious anxiety  
to me -

9008/127 signed letter, 1 f, pencil

17/2/81

My dear Sir Harry

I think your letter (enclosed) very good.

I should be disposed to put *under your signature*:

"Chairman of the 'Nightingale Fund' Committee"

(or whatever you please to style it.)

It might also be put in at the end after "a year's training

"as one - - - - Hospital" -- "& was Night Nurse"

(or "*was actually serving in that capacity*")

'at St. Thomas' Hospital up to the present date'

[You will put it so much better than I -] Perhaps

however this is making it too long:

I like the letter -

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

9008/128 initialled note, 1 f, pencil

Whatstandwell}

Coffee - room} 20/2/81

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}

PARK LANE. W.

Would you be so good as to

look over the enclosed

& tell me what you think of

my answer to Mr. Dunn?

Perhaps Parthe would kindly  
look over Glossop's hideous  
plan.

I am so overworked.

I was so sorry not to see

Parthe yesterday. But it was

impossible. And Shore

came about the Coffee room

Would you kindly come in &

see Fanny about your

luncheon time?

F.N.

9008/129 signed letter, 2 ff, pencil {not FN hand}

Mrs. Fellowes 3 March. 1881 **[15:867-68]**

Nurse at Newcastle 10 South Street

Natal Park Lane W.

Morey's handwriting

H.V.

Dear Sir Frederick Roberts.

you may well be amazed at Florence Nightingale taking up one moment of your invaluable time - tho' only to say that Mrs. Fellowes, widow of General Fellowes, who went out under the authority of the War Office (from our Training School for Nurses at St. Thomas' Hospital) to nurse at the Seat of War - is a thoroughly trained Nurse & most competent & devoted woman - one who will never interfere with but always carry out & obey efficiently orders from Medical & other authorities.

I have the greatest trust in her, and anxiety for her success & welfare in nursing our sick & wounded men.

You have been most kind in promising my brother in law, Sir Harry Verney, that you will "look after her", & be her efficient Protector. Thank you a thousand times. She is a woman

of great price -

May God speed your every step  
is the fervent wish of every man, woman & child  
in England, & of especially

your ever faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

**[end 15:868]**

M. General

Sir Frederick Roberts

&c. &c. &c.

9008/130 unsigned letter, 1 f, pencil

3/3/81

My dear Sir Harry

Would you kindly read & return this to me  
(Col. Loyd Lindsay) when if you approve I will  
send it at once?

I would not mention sending out Doctors.

It is highly unlikely that *our* Army wants  
Doctors.

9008/131 initialled note, 2 ff, pencil

9/3/81

I am very glad that you will join us at 6.15.

I have a small bit of rather important business  
with Mr. Jowett which I have been waiting since  
September to do: (for I have not seen him for 6  
months) - And as he comes so late, I suppose  
he will not give us more than 1/2 an hour: therefore  
I am afraid I must have it *all* - I shall  
hope to see you & Sir H. many other times.

F.N.

9/3/81

[blue pencil]

Would you or Sir Harry or both  
like to take the Sacrament with me  
to-day at 6.15?

Please show the enclosed to Sir Harry  
& return it to me:

F.N

9008/132 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

9/3/81

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

My very dear Margaret

I have never thanked you  
for so kindly getting the  
Bibles & cards for me:

And now Sir Harry tells  
me you are going to leave  
London. All blessings go  
with you & yours wherever  
you are: & special  
love to little Ruth:

Might I ask you to  
convey these two cards to  
the Gwendoline who  
sent a card to me?

Perhaps, she may one  
day 'train' as a Nurse.  
I am always thinking of future recruits

I should like to have  
sent the incipient  
'psyche' some  
~~prettier~~ better present. that  
your cards are lovely,  
as all you do -

Might I ask you, if you **[6:641]**  
have time, kindly to  
tell me whether you  
recommend "Barton Smith"  
(whom Parthe tells me  
you employed) as a  
'comfortable' Doctor for  
the maids?

Is his address  
29 Charles St.  
Berkeley Sq?

**[end 6:641]**

We sent such a treasure  
of a woman, a trained woman,  
Mrs. Fellowes, my 'cape of  
*good hope*', to the Transvaal  
War.

great love to all.  
God bless you:  
Aunt Florence.

9008/133 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil {arch: ? 9.3.81}

[2]

*Kitchen-maid* (with Lady - Buxton?)

The cook I had ~~for~~ & have is  
such a failure - & such a dirty cook  
as one rarely sees - but nice a woman

With love to Sir Harry, ever  
your & his F.

Please tell Murdoch (Jane) your  
housemaid that we at St. Thomas'  
{page ripped} Edinbro' are quite full (of Probationers)

till after Xmas. Her sister's  
application came too late. But  
all are ready to help - perhaps later -  
I meant to write to her - Jane & will -  
Please tell Mrs. Ellice (your cook)  
of my cook wants. I did speak to  
her. I hope her little boy is  
pretty well.

I saw your little "Silence". She  
does not wish to go any "Home"  
till next year. What an interesting  
little soul

in haste

F.

9008/134 initialled note, 1 f, pencil

Am I to pay this to *Sir Harry*?  
If so, please let him put his name to the  
two Accts, (nothing more) & return them to me.  
I do not see the Cream & Butter charged:  
I have only had ~~it~~ them *once*: I know not why.  
Neither do I see the 'Logs' charged.  
15/3/81 F.N.

9008/135 unsigned letter, 2 ff, pencil

19/3/81  
My dear Sir Harry - I decide according to  
your advice & great kindness - to go to  
Seaford on Monday for one week -  
Would you be so good as to telegraph, as  
you advise, to take the rooms at the  
Hotel (the addresses were not in the letter)  
~~for but~~ if there ~~must~~ can be A BED in the *Sitting* -  
*room*: a spring bed if possible - [I spend 16  
hours out of the 24 in bed]  
And would you be so good as to let Morey  
  
order either an Invalid Carriage or  
a Compartment (of a first-class Carriage) to  
to *through* from Victoria to Seaford  
by 2.0. p.m. (I think it is) train on Monday.  
A thousand thanks for all your kindness  
I should like to see Morey to day  
& will write to Seaford by post to-day.



9008/136 initialled note, 1 f, pencil

20/8/81

I send back "Fox" with many thanks. I have now sent back all your books but Michelet, which shall come this evening.

*Could you recommend me some "foolish" book for Seaford?* The worst of my going to the Sea is that I have to carry with me all my employments & all my books - It is no real change - The only real change is to go to a house where there are all the books & pictures (NOT one's own) lying about - & on the shelves - And one has only to *choose* - not to

provide -

I hope it is not very inconvenient to spare Morey

Could you tell me what to repay you for his journey to Seaford, besides ~~with~~ many thanks  
your F

9008/137 initialled letter, 2 ff, pen

Seaford

28/3/81

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

My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

I return from here on Tuesday (*tomorrow*), & reach *Victoria* Station, please God, at 4. 50 p.m. Pray be so very good as to ask Joseph to order a Brougham to meet me at *Victoria*. [I am sure you want your own carriage.] Please kindly remember that my only chance of *not* being the worse for the journey is to have no kind voice to answer & to talk to

& not to be obliged to speak  
one word that afternoon  
With many thanks for all  
"favours" (I will duly recount  
my history,) ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale  
If you kindly sent a man  
or boy to bring back the  
luggage in a cab, that  
would be all I require.  
FN.

9008/138 handwritten copy of an unsigned letter, 8 ff, pencil  
[from shorthand copy], original 43546 f158, copy 45778 f75

[1]

Apr. 14. 81

Dear Lord Ripon, May I venture to recall to  
your kind remembrance, one Florence Nightingale,  
and to ask you a favour for Auld Lang Syne at the  
War Office? With joy I have heard of your Measure,  
so much needed, viz: of the creation of a native strong  
Hospital Corps. The wants of the present  
system or no system of hospital attendance in the  
Indian Army were so enormous, the name even of  
Nursing was such a farce, the Ward Coolies who  
~~with~~ are the nurses, at four rupees a month, &  
are not even enlisted; any day they may desert,  
& do always desert in time: they would seem  
to be there merely to be kicked by the European  
soldiers, who one officer says & says truly, he  
did not know who the native was, for they  
wear no uniform, they cannot be recognized in  
the Bazaar, if absent there, as they always  
are. Then there is  
the Mahtar, or sweeper of a yet lower caste, who,  
sweeper as he is, does all the most necessary

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work about the sick soldier.

Alike board coolie or sweeper, they are of course utterly untrained. There's absolutely no supervision of these nurses. The Indian hospital is forsaken when the medical officer is not there, or either coolie (coolie called but no coolie) is there.

The ward coolie, who washes & nurses the patients, is worse paid than the shop coolie who washes the bottles. The better paid officers, the compounders, & the dressers, so called, are all in the dispensary & none in the wards.

The coolie nurse has no one to overlook him, & even when in the wards, he seems to be there only to be gentle, & to be bullied by the patients whom he is there to nurse.

This is the real state of things in the Military Hospital in India in time of peace.

It is not known to inspection, because when the hospital is inspected, of course it is not there \_ then everything is in order, & ~~expe~~ prepared to be inspected & praised. But

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the best medical officers, & are those who know most of it, & who most anxiously looked out for a remedy. The British Army in India is the worst nursed army of any army in the world, if indeed it can be said to be nursed at all. This is the state of things where there are few & ordinary sick: when a patient is dangerously ill, a regimental comrade is sent for to nurse him. The old system condemned by Sydney Herbert at home, twenty years ago \_ the taking of untrained comrades from the ranks to nurse the worst cases, & still more to be deplored in India, where there's the aggravation of the language, & the regimental comrade nurses the patient by beating the ward - coolie, who does not understand him, & who says the *Briton* ought to understand.

In India it is often a matter of life and death, if a man can be attended to within his first seizure, & so-called superintendent medical department is supposed to be there,

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in the hospitals for his; but a man may go to the hospital sick, & knock, & there be no one to open to him, & a life be lost in consequence. Such is the lack of regular organization, that the hospital may be shut up, with none but patients in it.

This is the state of things with a native crowd of unorganized, un-enlisted hospital servants (supplemented by a regimental comrade in ordinary times), sixty to a hospital, perhaps 600 or 700 to say 130 or 150 patients in non-ordinary times. In times of cholera and epidemics, what the hospital becomes, in point of nursing, can neither be told nor imagined; & yet these poor natives are most superior, most kind, most tender, excellent stuff for nurses, if only trained, supervised and organized; of all which, there is at present there is not the shadow, much less the substance. The medical officer has to do all the ward nursing, if it is to be

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done at all, & upon whether it is done depends the patient's life. In time of war, it is yet worse, especially in the recent campaign. - then the natives desert "en masse"; then hospital servants (one cannot call them nurses) has had to SCRAMBLE his doolie bearers into are not to be had at all, and the medical officer nurses, thus improvising attendance on the sick at a critical time, when anything improvised must be a failure, & the medical officer die of it. These ward-coolies or nurses may be children of 10, old men of 80, cripples, blind, anyone in short who will come for four rupees a month. No other inducement is given - no promotion \_ no reward \_ no good-conduct pay - no increase of pay for long service \_ no camp equipage, The nurses; shelter has to be, in the bitterest night, under the hospital tent walls to be either roasted or drown in the monsoon.

Having no uniform, & not enough pay to feed them, to be perhaps seized for entering their

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own lines. . . but it would be too indiscreet to enlarge to you upon these things.

In a word, there's no training of native hospital nurses, no ranking, no supervision, no responsibility no organization, & very little pay. Of course no "esprit de corps", no interest in one another, no pride in the reputation of their body - there cannot be. There is nothing constituted, nothing that is not haphazard, & this for the most critical & essential of all minor duties, because it has to do with life & death

No steps have been taken to attach the new representative & the old regimental orderly, namely trained Army hospital corps men, to Indian regiments proceeding for the language difficulty, & the cooking is bad.

N.B. For what share of the drinking in our Army, well & sick, in the India of badly trained cooks are accountable, no one tells, no one knows. These are the reasons, not only for enlisting, but still more for training

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and organizing a regular corps of native hospital nurses, out of this untrained crowd.

All this was pointed out before the Royal Commission on the Sanitary State of the Army in India.

Sydney Herbert's [afterwards Stanley's] recommended

1. Trai[ni]ng the Hospital Attendant.
2. European Hospital orderlies.
3. Female nurses at large station Hospitals.
4. Properly trained cooks.

But no one has taken it up but you.

You have come to India. It has been left to you to save them from all this misery.

{not FN's hand} Shorthand copy of letter by Miss N. to Ld Ripon  
on training of nurses in India

9008/139 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

15/4/81  
{printed address} 10, SOUTH STREET,  
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir Harry

The Indian letters ~~are~~ do not go  
gone till to-day.

Is she not The *Marchioness*  
of Ripon?

You know she is ill: (something  
like Cancer in the face)

You did not criticize my letter:  
to Lord Ripon

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I hope your cold is much better

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I am going to see Madame  
*Helmholtz* (Anna Mohl) to-day  
at 5 - She leaves England tomorrow  
Would Parthe like any message  
given to her?  
ever yrs F.N.

9008/140 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil, blue und

*Your letter to Lady Elliot* {arch: 18.4.81}

Easter Monday

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

My dear Sir Harry (see p. 4)

Madame Werckner's sister is  
not a "solicitor's wife" but ~~the~~  
a *Grocer's widow* - Her husband  
is dead - & Mde Werckner  
remains with her sister, on  
condition that she shall not give  
her address to her husband: who  
thinks she is in London.

With my regard to p.p 1, 2 & 3:

it is hard for me to say anything:  
\_ the prejudice against M. Werckner  
as having assisted *French* prisoners  
is so strong in Prussia that he  
would not & could not remain there except  
by force, which his wife would  
never consent to- And he would

probably (or certainly?) forfeit  
the 1000 fr. a year from  
the French Government which  
you were so good as to get  
for him.

How very, very kind Lady  
Elliot has been.

I am writing to Mme Werckner  
to-day, & hardly know  
what to say to her

yr affte

F.N

9008/141 unsigned letter, 1 f, pencil

Ap 19 1881  
{printed address} 10, SOUTH STREET,  
PARK LANE. W.  
Many happy returns, my dear Pop,  
of this day - alas! it is a dreary  
looking day - *no fit emblem of brightness - no lilacs out -*  
the  
flower of April 19 - Please  
accept graciously my prosaic  
ungracious birth=day present,  
to be turned into beauty by you.  
As Papa used to say of my  
mother: 'beauty & grace  
sprung up under her touch'.  
Is Ellen Tollet now the only  
living Sister? Did you kindly  
think of asking her for a cook  
for me?  
Please let me see Strafford, Vol 2,

9008/142 unsigned letter, 1 f, pencil, red und

21/4/81  
{printed address} 10, SOUTH STREET,  
PARK LANE. W.  
My dear Sir Harry  
I have Mrs. Wardroper  
to-day. Would you mind  
having *her at dinner afterwards?*  
May I send & ask her?  
I would gladly see you tomorrow,  
if you will fix the time.  
I would see Dr. Acland at 5  
on Monday if that will suit him,  
or at 6, if he prefers it [15:869]  
I am greatly disturbed by  
this letter from Mrs. Fellowes.  
Still I think *if* her "orders" had  
not come, she would have  
*telegraphed* to me - *would she not?*



I think it would be very kind  
if you would call on *Sir Wm*  
*Muir* & ask him about her,  
*Mrs. Fellowes*. [I feel very uneasy

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*Private*

You see, tho', in her position *outside*  
the Regular Nurses, introductions  
were indispensable, these are not  
the things which make our  
path easy with our *real Masters*,  
the ~~Pr~~ *Medical Officers*.  
Rather they create obstacles  
in the way of our work.

I was obliged to caution  
her about this: & tell her  
that I never appealed to the  
authorities against the Medical  
Officers, under whom we ought  
to be. [end]

9008/143 copy of an unsigned letter, 4 ff, pencil {copy of letter  
from F.N., from shorthand copy} [5:495-96]

Miss N. to Col. C.G. Gordon  
5 Rockstone Place South'ton  
10 South St.

Ap. 23. 81 Park Lane. W.

I have regretted never hearing from you again, as  
you promised, about that scheme of yours for  
improving the military hospitals, these connected with  
Mrs. Hawthorne's paper of defects which you sent.  
Sir H.V. tells me that you are going immediately to  
Syria, from a desire to follow in our Saviour's  
Footsteps. Will you pardon a weary old woman  
for saying or rather for asking would it not  
be following more in our Lord's Footsteps to employ  
the gift so absolutely unique as yours for the benefit  
of some of the countless millions of natives dependent  
upon our own country. We see  
English gentlemen, going at their own expense, to  
discover regions ~~North of~~ near the North Pole (a cousin  
of mine does it every year): regions where, if any  
unfortunate being did hurt them, we should do

## 2.

our best to bring them away at once. Others ride across Patagonia, N. America or Asia, or, what is more intelligible because it is opening the way to civilizing poor natives, across Central Africa; but what we have never seen, & ~~His son~~ I have prayed God that we might see, is an Englishman who would visit our own greatest possession, our own fellow-countrymen, two hundred millions of the most interesting & perhaps the most miserable peoples in the world, & peoples absolutely dependent upon us, for the sole purpose of doing them good in India. Englishmen say "oh there's the climate, & there's the language, & what could I do among people as strange & alien?"

Well! Here's a man who has braved worse climates; who, in spite of languages, has a God-given power wh. appears ~~affairs~~ almost divine, & is certainly peculiar to himself for attaching, leading, civilizing and delivering peoples yet more strange and alien, and those Indian peoples are our own!

## 3.

And will this deliverer now go on a journey of curiosity among other strangers, & this deliverer is Col. Gordon. I have made India my study for nearly twenty-two years. If Englishmen want to find a state akin to slavery to deliver, and to deliver from slavery: let them go to India. But Englishmen, who are the pioneers in every impossible country in the world, among all religions & races, yet never to go their own country, India, for the single purpose of doing what good they can do. This phenomenon is still to be seen: what a revelation it would be to the natives, to them who see none but officials, or organised missionaries, or planters, or speculators, or drinking soldiers.

Pardon me if I had hoped to see you again. I should not have ventured on a letter, which may well seem presuming, & yet not clear, but too vague. But should you be in London again before

you leave, would you kindly make an appointment, two or three days beforehand, to see me.

I pray God to guide your sovereign talent, to the use worthy of it, as He has done hitherto. The Master of one of the most prominent Oxford Colleges, told me that he would have the L.L.D. honour offered you this year at Oxford, not for the sake of giving you an honour, but of honouring themselves by making your great deeds - as far as is in their power - known to the world, in order that the world might employ you. Will you not accept it? But do not leave England so ~~immediately~~. suddenly.

may the Risen Life be yours & mine & poor India's, today & for ever.

But am I risen again - that is what I ask myself.

[end 5:496]

9008/144 initialled letter, 3 ff, pencil, red und

Mme Werckner (v.p. 2 of your letter) 23/4/81

My dear Sir Harry

Did she not ~~say~~ write, in answer to your kind questions, that the "Court" where her affairs were treated was at Breslau, not Berlin?

\_ I distinctly understood her letters so -

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p.1.

Can he quite be said to live upon "Alms" when you got him 1000 fr. from the French Govt &c?

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p. 3

I do not understand her Sister to be in "poor" but in

very *comfortable* circumstances, not rich -  
a retired grocer's widow -

2 Will you kindly read the enclosed to Sir W. Muir, & if you approve, send it by one of your Servants?

yrs aff F.N. [1:710]

3. I should like much if Fred will send me a copy of his review of the *Irish Land Bill*. [end 1:710]

before you send it back?

Fare you very well

ever your

F.

9008/145 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

I wish Col. Gordon would come | 23/4/81

& see me Where are the Basutos? |

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My dear Sir Harry

I *will* go out for a little walk, as you are so [1:587]  
good as to wish it. But I have only strength to  
walk, if I am quite alone & unnoticed - & will  
therefore transfer your kind visit to me to 6 or  
6.30, if that will suit you & if you will allow me -

I hope Parthe is not too unwell to take a little  
drive with you. I would have a little drive, as she  
kindly asks, either before or after hers - *Please say*  
*when* - to day.

Fred *has* kindly sent me - his Irish Land Bill - F.N.

9008/146 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

[3:397]

24/4/81

My dear Sir Harry

I *would* accept your kind offer to Westminster  
Abbey, including your "putting me in" - if quite  
convenient - [I have not been to Church for  
24 years: & may never go, if not to-day] -

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Would you read the enclosed to Col. Gordon,  
& if you approve *put the right address* on it,  
& post it?

I enclose, according to your request, about  
{printed address}10 SOUTH STREET, my Mother's inscription F.N.  
{sideways} PARK LANE. W. [end 3:397]

9008/147 initialled letter, 2 ff, 1 envelope, pen [5:471]

Col. Gordon

25/4/81

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

My dear Sir Harry

About Col. Gordon, if you  
mention my name *at all* to  
*Mr. Gladstone*, PLEASE NOT  
to write or to say that I  
"think" him Col. Gordon fit for employment  
"among the frontier tribes of  
India", or "the Basutos", or "the  
"Boers & natives in the Transvaal".

You know I have always  
especially eschewed offering  
*political* opinions, or even  
giving them when asked for.  
With these it is mere  
impertinence for me to have  
anything to do.

If you mention me at all  
it *can* only be to say that

*Col. Gordon's power of attaching,  
governing, civilizing  
& administering & leading NATIVES  
of Oriental & African races is  
absolutely unique at the  
present time: & that  
it seems a pity when the  
British Government has to  
govern 200 millions of  
Oriental races, a larger  
~~the sixth of mankind,~~  
~~number than any other Govt,~~  
they should let a man  
with such an unique power - no  
matter how queer he is at  
home - go out of their ~~hands~~ reach.  
What he did in the Soudan  
& in China can be known to  
Ministers: & to any one who enquires.*

This is an *administrative* opinion, which facts support, & which it is not impertinent in me to have.

2. I did not say to ~~him~~ Col. Gordon that "he would be following more in the footsteps of our Lord by serving his *fellow-creatures*"

(he would say he could do *that* in Syria)  
but "by serving his *fellow-countrymen*" (in *India*), - "using such a God given & unique power for the *natives* under *our own* Sovereign & Government," our *fellow' subjects*, in short. Excuse my troubling you  
yrs aff F.N.

On envelope, pencil  
*Sir Harry Verney*

*If* you are going to see Mr. Gladstone at the Ho. about Col. Gordon, please see me for 2 minutes first.

*If to-day*, I could see you, please, at 2.10, if convenient to you, for 2 minutes.  
F.N.

25/4/81

9008/148 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

[5:472]

My dear Sir Harry

It is *because* I think "that the gain or the "loss of such a man as Gordon" is so important that I so very much deprecate anything being said to Mr. Gladstone from *ME* *except* what I put to you in my letter of this morning.

How can *I* recommend him for "frontier tribes"?

If *I* were "Prime Minister", it would set me against Col. Gordon to have him recommended {printed address}

10 SOUTH STREET,  
in such a fashion - & rightly, I think -  
{sideways} PARK LANE. W.

25/4/81 F.N.

9008/149 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

Ap 26/81

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

My dear Sir Harry

I return the letter to Dr. Hahn,  
as you desire it. But I  
should like, please, to see it  
again.

Would you ask Dr. Acland,  
busy as he is, in what way  
we could get some such  
questions introduced for  
discussion as those I have  
noted in pencil at p. 2  
of Section XIV. Military Surgy & Medicine  
in the Programme of Medical Congress  
(which however is not the  
last Edition)

I had great pleasure in  
making Dr. Acland's acquaintance

yesterday: but I am afraid  
he was very tired.

Could you settle with him  
about going with *Miss*  
*Acland* to *St. Thomas'*  
tomorrow?

Doubtless you go to Lord  
Beaconsfield's funeral  
to-day. How solemn  
is the rendering up of his  
soul to God.

ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale

Please return me my  
Programme of Medical Congress

9008/150 initialled letter, 1 f, pen [8:965]

*Madame Werckner*

2/5/81

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

My dear Sir Harry

Here is this poor Madame  
Werckner with a fresh &  
heavy blow.

You kindly asked me  
whether you could do anything  
for me in London.

You see her Counsellor  
in Vienna tells her to settle  
her husband's affairs, & to  
remove him if possible  
from Vienna.

Would you be so very  
kind as to write to Mme  
Werckner direct, & advise  
her? She will attend to  
you more.

You see poor M. Werckner

being unable from mental  
disease to ~~take~~ discriminate  
is involved with a scoundrel  
who has been arrested:  
(which may have serious  
consequences for him:)  
& owes money.

I cannot help her about  
selling her bracelet.  
What would you advise!!  
Please tell her.

You see what she says  
about translations.

ever yrs affly

F.N.

[end 8:965]



9008/151 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

Would you object, my dear P., to my taking  
2 cats?

ever your

F.

2/5/81

9008/152 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

May 7/81

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir Harry

You are too kind to be so  
uneasy about me. We came  
in two flies, "luggage" & all,  
from Buckingham. [I am  
writing for Fanny.] And if I  
had driven THRO' Buckm, so as  
to see your town, my fatigue  
would have been much relieved.  
I have not been very well  
since I have been here: but  
then I was not well before I  
came.

This is for Parthe.

[6:641]

2 I have had much conversation  
with *Mary Hughes*, your  
Scullery maid, according to your  
desire. No time should be lost

in sending her to Aylesbury  
Infirmary. [I am afraid it  
is a bad case. These spine cases  
always are.] The next  
taking= in day is Wednesday,  
they tell me.

I suppose Sir Harry's order  
of Admission, & a Medical  
certificate are necessary:  
Can I do anything?

She is very lowspirited &  
cries.

After she has been in the  
Infy, I should like to send  
her to Margate or Seaford  
or Ascot, as recommended.

**[end 6:641]**

3. The cook, Mrs. Brown, is, I  
am sorry to say, a total  
failure.

And I must look out for  
somebody else.

Do you know of any one?  
yet?

I suppose you would like  
Mrs Brown to stay here  
till Mrs. Ellis comes?  
Or not? What day does  
Mrs. Ellis come?

[Mrs Brown blazed out the  
third day after she came.  
And if she was not \_\_\_\_\_, I never  
saw anyone who was.  
It is grievous to me.]

I had a long talk with  
Mr. Grey: what a  
capital man, thrice  
capital.

Today is so lovely  
Thanks for this lovely place.  
ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale  
I have written  
to Mrs. Fellowes

9008/153 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

Claydon

May 11/81

I send back Mrs. Fellowes' letters,  
my dear Sir Harry, as you  
desire. But, as you say, we  
must take care not to  
compromise her. It would  
prevent her future usefulness.

[15:870]

Did you see in the "Overland Mail",  
quoted in the "Times", that Col.  
Gordon was to be Commanding

[5:497-98]

R. Engineers in the Mauritius?

I hope this is true--. Tho' it  
seems a very small post  
for a man like him, yet to  
utilize him in those parts of  
our possessions where are  
native races seems the right  
thing - & then to go on to larger  
commands, but all in Oriental parts.

[end 15:870]

[end 5:498]

F.N.

9008/154 unsigned note, 1 f, pencil

May 18 81

How are you?

Please send me Mrs.  
Hawthorn's letter from  
Fort Amiel -

Please tell me what  
Morey paid for his journey  
back. By mistake he did  
not take this.

A thousand thanks  
I am in a *torrent* of Matrons  
already: began yesterday -  
Or should have been so  
glad to have seen you.

9008/155 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

*Soldiers' Wives Nurses*

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you very much for  
your draft -

I should like not only to look  
it over carefully, as you desire,  
but to consult Hy Bonham Carter

Do you stay till Saturday  
morning?

I am so driven with seeing  
Nurses for Marylebone new  
Infirmary, (& Sir R. Temple),  
that I have only "10 minutes" at  
7 tomorrow (Friday) if that  
would suit you.

*How are you?*

26/5/81 F.N.

9008/156 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil,

26/5/81

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you for your suggestion.  
The folly of the Paragraph is so  
intense, so contrary to even  
what the Horse Guards & War  
Office have decided, that I  
think you *should* "observe" "on"  
it.

Will you tell me *how*?  
And will you let me show  
what you write to

Hy Bonham Carter?

F.N.

Paragraph in) Times of today

Soldiers Wives Nurses for soldiers

9008/157 signed letter, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper [1:641]

10 South St. W.

June 9/81

Thank God that Margaret,  
my dear, my very dear friends,  
is well through her lying-in  
dear, noble, beautiful, brave  
— Margaret: & her little son.

And may we not thank  
God too, as it is His own  
doing, that it *is* a little  
son at last\_ the little 'he'  
will give so much pleasure  
to many & not the least  
to his Grandpapa - his  
Grandpapa who wished to  
live to see Margaret's son.

And tho' Aunt Florence  
sticks by her god daughter,  
yet she *must* give

Margaret joy of her son.

I give you all joy, my  
dear friends. Let us  
sing a new song of joy  
this Whitsuntide -

I am sure you will  
see the little man, come  
of such good stock, in  
future days, fighting as  
in the brave days of old,  
standing shoulder to shoulder  
& not alone with other

brave few,       perhaps  
    against heavy odds,  
in the good cause -

    Then God bless the little  
man lying in his little  
shirt on his Nurse's knee  
with his queer little bundle  
of features - or perhaps  
opening his eyes to the light  
by his Mother's side in  
her bed.

And tell my little Ruth  
    to send her god=mother  
        a detailed account of the  
young hero     whose protector  
& guardian     she now is.

May all blessings attend  
    you all.  
I always thought Margaret  
    looked as if she had  
brought down a sod from  
    heaven     to stand upon.  
        ever yours  
        Aunt Florence  
Love to Maude too  
Capt. Verney R.N.

9008/158 unsigned letter, 2 ff, pencil [1:587-88]

10 South St. W.

June 11/81

Thank God that dear Margaret  
is safe: & we thank God too  
that she has a *boy*.  
I give you joy, my dear Sir  
Harry, & Parthe too, of the  
jolly little man who  
comes hurrah=ing into  
the world, like the Scots  
Greys into the battle of  
Waterloo - a gallant charge,  
carrying all before him -  
Three cheers for him.  
And a brave & a gallant  
man fighting against evil  
he will doubtless be. &

justify his creation -  
in the heroic mould  
as in the brave days of old -  
God be praised -  
How many a prayer we  
shall put up for him -  
Edmund was so good as to  
write me word of the  
dear little welcome  
new-comer -

Truly do we grieve over  
the loss of Sir James Hope -  
\_ I thought he had been better  
& did not know it was  
so near \_ And the whole  
Navy will grieve over it.  
\_ I remember him when he  
was like a fresh breeze  
of delightful sea. not  
chilly, no, but like a  
Southern Mediterranean  
breeze - And before that  
in China time when  
I used to hear of him every  
day from some Government  
member -

The two widows - how  
forlorn they will be - Miss  
Hope & Lady Hope.  
Please, if you go to the  
last 'lay him in the earth.'  
say something for me to  
each of them. It is  
from the bottom of my  
heart.  
Amicia Milnes is married  
to day.

9008/159 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil, blue paper

15/6/81  
My dear Sir Harry  
Could you kindly look over  
Robert Robinson's letter  
(enclosed), & tell me what  
you think I should say  
to *Mrs. Galton* who comes  
tomorrow?

I could gladly see you  
to-day at 6, if  
convenient to you:  
ever yrs affly  
F.N.



9008/160 signed note, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper, red und

[2]

Miller, the Clumber Gardener,  
declines to give Herbert  
Crooks a holiday - Perhaps  
he is right.

But a much more serious  
thing has happened:

*Robert Robinson*, to whom  
you have been so kind,  
& who has a farm of Mr.  
*Galton's*, *has fallen out*  
*with his landlord*, who,  
he thinks, has used him  
badly. He writes to me  
all about it, & asks me  
to see *Mrs. Galton* who is  
in London. She wrote to

ask to see me (which  
she ought not to have done.)

And I have accepted  
her for *Tuesday*, thinking  
I should see you on *Monday*,  
*show you Robert's letter*,  
& settle what I should  
say. It is a farm-building quarrel.

I don't like to *send* you  
Robert's letter, for fear  
you should be gone to  
Carriden. But if you  
don't come to London on  
*Monday*, I think I shall  
*put off* Mrs. Galton till I

can see you about this  
unlucky quarrel - (which  
I can judge nothing about.)  
I am voracious for pink  
'May'. & white 'May'.  
God bless you & Parthe -  
& let the little grandson  
be a good Verney  
ever most affly yours &  
hers & its  
F. Nightingale

9008/161 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper

29/6/81

My dear Sir Harry

I am sorry I have not a  
minute to-day or yesterday

I had even to decline  
Mrs. Fellowes, who is now  
entering St. T.'s.

Thank you very much for  
offering "to speak or to do  
"anything for" me at St.  
Marylebone to day. But  
there will be no opportunity  
either "to speak or to do" -  
will there? -

I quite agree that it is  
most important "to raise

"the status of Nurses" -

That is what we are at

St. Thomas' for, is it not? -

But did you mean that

there would be *any way*

*to further that to day*

at *St. Marylebone*?

[I think it is quite necessary

that the friends of *TRAINED*

Nursing should muster there

to-day: especially

when I see what Ly Strangford

is about.]

Sir F. Roberts comes here

tomorrow -

I hope you are not going  
to Nottingham *after* St.

Marylebone -

Please tell me your plans

---

*Grant Duff,*

I hear

*is* to go to *Madras* -

*Do you think he would  
be willing to see me?*

I am much pressed

yrs

F.N.

9008/162 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper

[1] July 1881

[1:354]

I do not wonder that you are uneasy, my dear P., about Sir Harry's inveterate activity - But I have nothing to do with it, except a constant effort to restrain it, almost at the peril of my own.

With regard to the "Military Orphans on Friday" in last week, I *could not* have "said ~~any~~ some thing "about it", for I did not know he was thinking of Orphans. I did not even know of their existence. He told me he was going to Claydon.

If he means the "Military" "Widows the day before (Thursday)

I certainly did "say something "about it", & a great deal, - - - to persuade him *not* to go, two days running - (seeing him on purpose, when I was half dead). I told him all the harm I knew of the Institution, which is a great deal -

About the opening of the St. Marylebone Infy, (which we nurse,) the day before yesterday, I was so careful that I did not even ~~me~~ answer his question. He then wrote to me to ascertain the hour - which I did by Telegram - (4 p.m. on Wednesday)

thinking then he had an  
Invitation & that he was 'in'  
for it. To my horror I  
found out that he had none,  
that he expected me to get him  
one, (which I did) - & that  
he meant to go down to  
Nottingham the next morning  
*i.e.* the *same* morning as the  
College opening by P. Leopold -

There is perhaps no one so  
fearful of his overdoing himself  
as I am -

---

Many thanks for the lovely  
roses - As Rover says: *do it*  
*again* - & for the strawberries,  
& dear Margaret's letter.

I thank God about  
the Railway -  
am very sorry about  
dear little Ellen  
ever your  
F.

I saw Sir Fredk Roberts  
yesterday - going to Madras.  
I scarcely ever saw a more  
manly man - not in appearance

but in essence.

9008/163 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper, red und

July 4 1881

I am very much obliged, my dear P., for the renseignements about the two under housemaids.

[Somebody (qy you) ought to write a novelette called the "3" under house-maids.]

You kindly ask: shall Sir Harry

*bring up either of them*

*tomorrow* (Tuesday) - Yes, please, I greatly incline to see them both, one after the other

If he would bring up *tomorrow* the *one who lives with Mrs Smith*, the "sentimental" one, (not the Rawlins) - - -

And would you make a

message to Mrs. Smith how

truly obliged to her I am that I *may* do this, *without* losing the girl her place, in case I do not keep her.

I do not know by what train

Sir Harry comes up.

Could he leave a message with me here, when he does, whether *I could send* the girl *back* to *Claydon* the *same evening* - and by *what train*?

- I had rather, if possible, she did not *sleep* here.

It is terrible to me to have

to say this. but the ways  
of the Lizzie Brooks I am  
parting with are so  
immodest, tho' not immoral,  
that I could not answer  
for what she might say to  
this innocent girl - or "put"  
'her up to' - And I am  
particularly anxious that  
the country girl should  
begin well here.

Many thanks  
ever your  
F.

I have had an old *cook* on  
trial, who takes a whole day  
to prepare one mutton chop.  
I am again *looking out* for a  
*cook*.

9008/164 initialled note, 1 f, pencil, blue paper

July 6/81

I am so very sorry, *Friday*  
& *Monday* are so entirely  
filled up (since I wrote)  
that I am afraid I cannot  
see the girl - (the housemaid)  
*Saturday* is a bad day for  
her to be on the rail.  
But it must be, I fear,  
either *Saturday* or *Tuesday*  
which you think best.  
yrs my dear P.  
F.N.

9008/165 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper

10 South St.

July 6/81

I think, my dear P., that I  
must ask you to be so kind  
as to send up the girl  
Harriet Smith the earliest  
day possible to be looked  
at. You will not  
get this in time for tomorrow  
(Thursday). Then let it be  
Friday.

Let Morey be so good as to  
write to me tomorrow  
(Thursday) telling me by  
*what train* the girl will  
*come - & by what train*

she must *return*. And  
let her take a return ticket.  
Pray God. she may do well.  
I wish you had kindly  
telegraphed to me yesterday  
that Sir Harry was not  
coming. Otherwise it runs  
the chance of putting an  
excessively old child into  
a terrible fright.



Many thanks for lovely roses,  
just come.

A few more & a few strawberries  
will be very acceptable (see  
Rover.)

Your invitation is too tempting  
\_ I *made* a leisure day to  
see Sir Harry (he wrote to  
ask me) & the girl yesterday  
\_ When that will come again  
on this side the grave I  
don't know \_ the Gods only know.

A grand thunderstorm all  
last night.

Please remember me most  
tenderly & gratefully to Lady  
Monteagle, if she is good  
enough to remember me. ever your  
F.

9008/166 signed letter, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper

July 9/81  
My dear Sir Harry  
Would you think well to  
re-inclose to Robert Robinson  
all the letters: he ought to  
possess them - I send  
them to you in a stamped  
envelope, in case you wish  
to re-direct them to him.

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I have not heard whether  
you saw Fanny, or the result  
If you could kindly look  
in upon me at 10, I would  
gladly see you for a few  
minutes

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Did you go to Savory? -

Please say at Claydon  
that the girl will not  
return till the 5 o'clock  
train.

ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale

9008/167 initialled note, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper

19/7/81

So Arthur Stanley has  
passed away -  
where is he now? & where  
is she?

With regard to your School  
feast, there is doubtless  
some risk: but I  
question whether there are  
many villages which have  
not "2 or 3 slight  
"Scarlatina cases" -

[6:565-66]

Is your School closed in  
consequence?

If your School feast is  
entirely out of doors,  
if no body comes from

the Scarlatina houses,

I should think the  
risk was at a minimum

But I would take the  
'Doctor on a bicycle' into  
my confidence & ask  
him.

All kinds of Fevers arise  
so much more from  
one's own circumstances  
than from one's  
surroundings that I  
should think your children  
would be safe. I suppose  
it would be impossible  
to prevent them from  
running in & out among

the school-children.  
Must you have the school  
feast *on the tennis lawn*?  
not in the park?

The baby & Ruth at all  
events need not be carried  
into the *thick*. dear little  
Ellen cannot run, alas! -  
there is only Lettice who  
may rush to close quarters.

I should not myself be  
afraid. But between  
this & then it will  
probably be known whether  
the Scarlatina is spreading  
or assuming Scarlet Fever  
form.

[I am so very sorry that  
it was quite impossible  
for me to undertake any  
purchases.]

Supposing the Scarlatina  
becomes *decided*, I cannot  
think there is ~~any~~ much risk  
in Margaret's dear children  
coming to Claydon, if they  
never go near the cottages.  
Then of course the School  
Feast must be given up.  
Good luck attend you.  
Success crown all the  
dear ones -  
ever your  
F.

9008/168 signed note, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper

Genl Vaughan's letter returned  
with many thanks

Delight in your christening  
festivities, ushering the  
child of many prayers  
among the people where  
we hope he will continue  
the good traditions of his  
race.

[1:641-42]

prayer to the Heavenly Father  
for him - for all His  
choicest blessings  
love to his dear Mother who  
lives already on a green  
sod from heaven  
joy in the Holy Spirit

these are my wishes for you

---

3 little Indian famine Orphans  
sent me the following  
blessing:

The love of God the Father  
the grace of God the Son  
the joy of God the Spirit  
be with you always.

I say the same to you  
& yours tomorrow  
& every day. I shall be  
with you to-morrow &  
every day

July 22 1881     Aunt Florence

Longmore, not "straight", [15:533]  
has talked of the confidential paper  
you sent him, communicated  
the contents of his letter  
to you, including his  
depreciation of Mrs. H.  
One of the men, an Army  
Surgeon, to whom he has  
done so, has written to me -  
I will not tell you more  
of a disagreeable subject.  
on a joyful day. But  
some say you must write  
a few words to Longmore.  
Anon, anon. [end]  
F.N.

9008/169 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil, blue paper

25/7/81  
My dear Sir Harry  
I am very, very sorry not  
to be able to see you to-day.  
\_ I have two appointments  
(long interviews) on Indian  
matters, which is one too  
many. But I could not  
put them off- & I dare not  
weaken my strength -  
Tomorrow I have almost  
the same  
But I *would* see you in  
the morning if you do not  
stay till Wednesday  
I give you loving joy on  
your christening.  
F.N.

9008/170 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

Aug 5/81

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

My dear Sir Harry

I am glad you are going  
back to Claydon, for I  
thought you seemed so tired  
yesterday.

All blessings go with you.  
Fanny will not let me  
send the cat to Mr.  
Langdon. But Parthe should  
have it, if she likes.  
And I will send *Mr. L.* a  
LITTLE WHITE CAT, thoroughbred  
too, as soon as it is old  
enough to leave its mother.  
I wish I could see you this  
morning: But I am  
going at the rate now

of business interviews  
*morning and afternoon.*  
This cannot go on long.

I would ask you to write  
to me now "*what passed in*  
*"the House last night as to*  
*"Hospital Orderlies"*. Then  
when we meet you shall  
tell me more.

Thanks about the cook.  
Does she come from Lady Lucy's  
housekeeper?  
Poor *Madame Werckner*  
*asks you & me for a*  
*testimonial. Shall*

*I give it her?*  
ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale  
Please return me Madame  
Werckner's letter.

9008/171 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper, red und

*D. of Buckingham* | 21/8/81 |  
*Madras Drainage & Sewerage*

I thought I had better, my  
dear P., take advantage  
of your kind offer to give  
a message from me to the  
*D. of Buckingham*,  
& write a letter which you  
could show him, & which  
if he answers you will  
have been clever -

It is very important that  
he *should* answer it.

Or, if you prefer, will  
you give it to Sir Harry  
to show him?

P. Turn Over

2.

One thing I wanted to ask  
you, & there was no time:  
whether you entertain the  
idea of our sending our  
*washing* to *Claydon*  
when we come back from

Lea Hurst  
ever your  
F.

9008/172 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper

25/8/81

I hope, my very dear P.,  
to be in your haven  
on *Saturday* by the  
train leaving London  
at 3.        when, if  
you will send a barrow  
to meet me, & let  
me go straight to my  
room        most happy  
shall I be.  
But it is alas! uncertain  
whether I shall be able  
to get away on *Saturday*  
I have no letter from the

D. of Buckingham. *To-day*  
there is a Meeting at  
the A.S.C. Horse Guards to  
decide what I am to  
say to Mr. Grant Duff  
about the Madras  
Drainage & Water Supply -  
And not a word from  
the D. of B.!!

If it comes tomorrow,  
it may be necessary  
to call another Meeting  
on *Saturday*. And then,  
I ought not to be away.



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1000 thanks for the  
most exquisite flowers.

**[5:543]**

The C.P. admired them -  
She was very touching,  
unsatisfactory, clever -  
I thought very much  
altered since her boy's  
death. [She was  
dressed plainer than  
any maid.] very  
affectionate, very  
graphic, almost  
hysterical & yet subdued  
\_ sent a message to Sir Harry  
that she was ~~not~~ very  
sorry not to see him when

he called on the C. Prince.  
(she was out

I suppose at Osborne)  
She came up to London  
on purpose - looked ill  
but young: like a girl.

thinner - not happy -  
she used to be so joyous -  
You have not told me  
whether that poor spine  
girl shall go to the  
good Ascot Sisters -  
I had a letter from  
them this morning

**[end 5:543]****[6:642]**

ever your

**[end 6:642]**

F  
with love to Margaret

9008/173 signed letter, 2 ff, pencil [1:588]

Claydon

Sept 3 1881

My dear Sir Harry

I have been with you  
all day, & *her*: this happy  
day for her -

I have carried flowers  
& wreaths to the grave  
as a poor outward token  
of the constant love  
which is ever burning  
in our hearts for her -  
a wreath of barberries  
as an emblem of the love  
of God: & a cross of  
white flowers as shadowing  
forth her "white robes" -

And I strewed the step  
with pansies & small flowers.  
But I could find no rosemary

"for remembrance" -  
I will take in the wreaths  
tonight, if this December  
weather continues, that  
they may be fresh for  
Sunday, the Resurrection  
morning.

I shall be very glad to  
see Mr. Trelawny Saunders,  
if you are kind enough  
to ask him, & if I could  
see him before dinner,  
instead of after. He  
will tell me an immensity  
about Indian affairs -

I wonder whether he is  
the Saunders who was  
discussed, with others,  
to write Ld Lawrence's Life

Mr. Fred is here: &  
the children are well: but  
I think they wanted their  
Papa - He came yesterday.  
I have heard from Parthe,

a cheerful letter from  
Meurice's - Paris -  
going on to Dijon.

Thanks for the  
enjoyment of this  
beautiful house & gardens  
ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale

9008/174 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper

7/9/81

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you a thousand times. There are few, probably none, so sorry to quit your roof as I am. But I do not think Miss Pringle would come unless you & Parthe were quite alone - She is in very delicate health - And - you kindly ask me to invite my "friends" - I could not bring all Lea & Holloway here -

I think I ought to go tomorrow, *Friday* or *Saturday* -

Please decide which: as I must order two maids to-day to meet me at Derby -

I should like to go ~~to~~ by Lichfield & Derby - if you would kindly order a Saloon Invalid Carriage to go *thro'* to Cromford.

The train I should like the maids to go by - (one is your little Harriet - one the new cook - both very feckless -) would be St. Pancras' 12  
Cromford 4 - something  
if I could meet them at  
Derby

[They will have cats  
& a deal of luggage.]

The only way of tempting  
Shore to Lea Hurst will  
be my being there - And  
I should be there some time  
before him - to do some business  
=== 2.

Parthe wants me to see  
a poor spine - girl  
Katie Perkins  
at, I think, Mrs. Barrett's -  
& to send the "dog-cart" for  
her.

I would see her to-day at  
12.30 or

at 1.30 or at 4. or  
at 5 - whichever  
time you are likely to  
be busy & away -  
if you would decide.  
& kindly send for her.

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But my main question  
is: *how are you* after  
such a tiresome journey?  
have you eaten?  
& have you slept?  
F.N.

9008/175 signed letter, 1 f, pencil, blue paper

8.30 Sept 9  
a.m. {arch: ? 1881}

My dear Sir Harry

Would you have the kindness  
to write to-day, as you proposed,  
to order a Saloon Invalid  
Carriage (with conveniences  
for Invalid & door through  
to Servants' Compartment)  
for *Monday*  
to go *through* to *Cromford*  
by Lichfield & Derby -  
I shall write to two maids  
to meet us at Derby  
by train at 12.0 from *St. Pancras*  
if we can be at Derby to

meet them by that time.

Or had they better go  
thro' to Cromford without  
thinking of us?

[They will have much  
luggage: & cats -]

I shall have to write to-day  
to Yeomans to order  
flies & carts to meet  
us all at Cromford Station

~~The maids are helpless.~~

yr aff -

F. Nightingale

9008/176 signed letter, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper

Claydon Sept 11 1881  
My dear Margaret (if you  
will allow me to call you  
so) You know perhaps  
that Miss Cunningham  
asked my sister whether  
we could take her into our  
School at St. Thomas' Hospital  
for 3 *months*' training -

I should have been so very  
glad to do this: but our Secy,  
Bonham Carter, representing  
our Commee, is so very much  
afraid of this being made  
a precedent; that he feels  
himself compelled to decline.

Failing 'us', I was asked  
where Miss Cunningham had  
best go? *Not* Guy's certainly.  
\_ I should recommend Edinburgh  
R. Infirmary as in some  
respects better than St. Thomas' -  
not the systematic training,  
but the great 'drive' of  
real hard work - And  
Miss Pringle, the Lady Supt,  
is such a jewel -

Miss Pringle is coming to me  
on Tuesday at Lea Hurst.  
*Should I sound her on*  
the subject of *Miss Cunningham*?

Miss Williams, also a  
pupil ~~friend~~ friend, Matron of

St. Mary's Hospl, Paddington,  
is also coming to me on Tuesday.

Should Miss Cunningham  
prefer a *London* Hospital,  
I can recommend St. Mary's,  
from 8 or 9 years' experience  
of Miss Williams: but it  
is far inferior to Edinburgh  
R. Infirmary; which for  
that *kind* of Hospital,  
where Probationers are *apprentices*  
rather than 'in training', is  
unrivalled.

May I enclose you the  
definition of our wants *re*  
Lady Probr for future Heads  
of Hospls, should you ever  
meet with any such? who  
would come to us -

Fare you very, very well,  
dear Margaret - you &  
all your children:  
happy they to have  
such a mother.

Remember me most  
kindly to Capt. Verney,  
whom I was very sorry  
not to be able to see -

& believe me

ever yours

Aunt Florence



9008/177 signed letter, 4 ff, pencil

Lea Hurst

Cromford: Derby

Sept 21 1881

My dear Sir Harry

I saw Mr. Yeomans  
last night. And he  
proposes to come on  
Monday to Claydon  
with a man, a farmer,  
whom he describes as a  
very intelligent & good man, to look  
at your farms & see  
whether he would take  
one if he likes the land.

They would return on  
Tuesday. Of course you know  
this.

Could you conveniently  
give orders that they

should be put up  
somewhere to sleep on  
Monday night?

I think it would much  
facilitate matters.

Of course I did not  
'even' such a thing to  
him: or he to me -

Yeomans looked at  
the specimens of corn  
you had kindly sent  
(for the cats), & admired  
them. Nothing like the  
*barley*, he said at once,  
could be grown here:  
the *oats*, he thought, were

grown as good here.  
& the *wheat*, he thought,  
better.

The harvest is not yet  
all got in: & the next  
week will determine its  
fate. Sunday was the  
hottest day this year, &  
ripened the corn very  
much.

I return the List of your  
Buckingham Commee  
with thanks. I was in  
hopes that I might have  
been allowed to keep it  
for my very own. (as the

children say) - the men  
who gave up their own  
time to their own cost,  
instead of having to be  
bribed & paid, as in  
other places. dear Sir Harry  
I was very glad to see so many Publicans  
on your List: 2 Labourers Chairmen of  
Meetings

Many thanks for the  
trouble you have taken  
about Mr. Chamberlain  
& the "Elder Brethren" -  
& Sir John Lübbock  
has sent me his  
beautiful Address by  
your kind desire.

[2]

I have been so knocked down  
since I came that for  
some days I was unable to  
raise my head from the pillow,  
& was obliged to have Dr. Webb,  
& could only see Miss Pringle  
& Miss Williams for a few  
minutes each on alternate days -  
I have as yet been able to  
see only Yeomans, & not  
even the servants.

This must be my excuse  
to your kindness for not  
having returned the  
(glorious) List before -

Yesterday I thought  
continually of the poor Grand  
Duchess who asked our  
prayers that she might  
"understand her life"

God bless you  
& with thanks for beautiful  
Claydon  
ever yrs affly  
dear Sir Harry  
F. Nightingale

9008/178 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

13/10/21 {arch ? 81}

Dear Mr. Fred

It strikes me that it  
would throw an air of  
genteel comfort over the  
Institute tomorrow night  
(which might keep them  
from adjourning afterwards  
to the Public) if after  
the performance which  
you so more than kindly  
offer, I were to ~~give~~ add  
what they call a 'free  
tea' -

Would you if you think  
so & approve suggest  
this to Mr. Wildgoose?

There would not be  
time now to get ready  
more than Tea & a  
bun. which must  
be ordered at once at  
the Village Oven.

[Haywood, the Secy,  
generally manages this.]

I want to give all  
the éclat possible to  
your generous proposal  
wh: so richly deserves it.

I hope Maude is  
not tired

F.N.

9008/179 initialled post card, 1 f, pen, stamped cancelled  
28/10/81 Sir Harry Verney  
Claydon Ho: Bucks

L.H. Oct 28 1881  
Welcome home to you & P.  
Thanks for your note & for all  
the kind trouble you have taken  
for poor Madame W. She is on her  
way to or arrived at San Remo,  
where she has taken the post offered  
But I have not heard from her yet.  
I believe her sister is leaving Lymington  
Very many thanks for game very  
acceptable F.N.

9008/180 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

Lea Hurst  
Nov 6/81  
My dear Sir Harry  
Very many thanks for your great  
Goodness to Mme Werckner. I enclose  
her note to me. I should address to her  
Madame W.  
M. (? le Chavalier) *Blanchi*  
San Remo.  
The letter is better than I expected: I feared  
much worse, with her bad health.  
  
I will write again to her & you -  
All good attend you:  
ever yrs affly  
F.N.  
I hope Mr. Gladstone does not talk of  
his "approaching retirement" -  
F.N.

M9008/181 unsigned letter, 2 ff, pencil, to Parthenope Verney

L.H.

13/11/81

I return F. Milnes' letter - with thanks -

I have not the ghost of an idea who  
"Arthur" is, nor whether he is a "sposo",  
nor whether "sposo" *at all* there is -  
God bless her if she is going to be  
married: & God bless her if she is  
not going to be married. dear P.

[13:775]

~~I will write~~ about Village Nurses

~~But~~ we have never trained them  
at St. T.'s, except for Miss Lees.

One of our 3 District Homes is  
writing to me for one, whom we  
cannot give: (413 Holloway Road)

~~I will send tomor~~

I should write, ~~filleg~~ I were Mrs. G. Verney, to  
23 Bloomsbury Sq. W.C. (see book)

They may *know* of one. It is certain  
that they cannot spare one.

We do not give one, even when one of ours  
volunteers without making ~~her~~ our  
conditions for her, that board & lodging  
shall be provided &c. that she shall  
not cook for herself &c. -

I should also write to 510 Edgeware  
Road)

(book enclosed)

And God prosper Morfy's plan.

I will write again about other things.  
Do you see in the papers how ill the  
Grand Duke of Baden is?

Miss Irby has been here.

I came down=stairs yesterday for the  
first time -

I shall have done tonight 26 village  
afternoons - but have 8 more to do.

[end 13:775]

I am afraid you have been pretty bad.

Can you still tell me *of that cook*

9008/182

initialled letter, 4 ff, pen, red and blue und  
[13:775-76]

*Village Nurses Please Return* L.H.  
to F.N.} Nov 15/81

It has occurred to me, my dear P.,  
that Mrs. G. Verney might adopt a  
plan that has just been adopted  
here ~~at~~ for Crich by the Miss Hurts.

They have engaged a Nurse from the  
Nurses' Home at Derby at 52  
guineas a year, 'tout compris' all paid (which  
seems very little) & £26 to be paid  
retrospectively for her training - They have

engaged a very nice lodging for her a Crich  
with a good widow who is to cook for  
her & have the place *warm & comfortable*  
when she comes in *cold at night*  
(2 rooms) They are to have the  
right to change the Nurse if they  
are dissatisfied with her - or if she  
becomes disabled, or on her holiday  
- so that they are *always* to be provided  
with a Nurse -

I think every thing will depend as  
to whether the Nurse works strictly  
*under the Doctor*, as in Hospitals, -  
& is carefully supervised by some  
lady (or ladies) who knows what  
she is about, as in our London District  
Homes: & whether the Nurse is a Nurse & *not*  
an alms-giver -  
=== Now there are Nurses' Homes all over  
the country. If I were Mrs. G. Verney,  
I should enquire what is the nearest

similar Institution to Esher (there  
are several in Essex & Kent) - & what is its  
character, especially as to the *training* given, & try to make  
some similar  
arrangement, if with an approved Institution.

[*East Grinstead 'Sisters'*. I know send  
out Sisters as Village Nurses during  
Epidemics. & I should think as  
permanent Village Nurses. but on  
what conditions I am not aware.]

There are so few of our highly trained

[2]

District Nurses that some such arrangement is certainly the one I should adopt, *provided* the Nurses of said 'Home' were *trained* at some accredited *Hospital Training School*.

[But I have known an excellent Institution of this kind (the Norfolk one) entirely fail, because it neglected to require such conditions as that the clergymen (or lady) or other responsible

person engaging the Village Nurse, should arrange ~~that~~ how the Nurse is to be lodged, warmed & cooked for, & if possible boarded - so that the Nurse's strength & care shd not be absorbed in 'fending' for herself.

[I can hardly believe that all this is included in the £52 guineas a year. but I am told it is so.]

I am ashamed to ask it: but I should be glad if this letter could be *returned* to me. The question is so often asked of me that it would be a convenience to me to have this to refer to]

ever your

F.

[end 13:776]

9008/183 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

*Washing* [3] 15/11/81

Could you tell me, my dear P., how the *Washing* (Claydon) contract progresses? I must give *some* notice to the Embley Washerwoman - which I have delayed, because I did not know what you had settled or what you wished.



[I did not think my washing very well done when there -

But few badnesses can surpass the badness of the Embley washing, except my neck-ties, cuffs & caps, which are well done-]

Yes: the Damson Preserved would be made welcome - The pears & apples, kindly sent, were eagerly cooked & proved most desirable -

I suppose I shall be here another fortnight, tho' Dr. Webb says I ought to go as soon as possible -

F.

It was the Lady V. Buxton cook that I was

hankering after - Mrs. Ellice spoke to me of her again at Claydon. Is she at liberty?

I don't want to trouble you to look out 'promiscuous' -

9008/184 initialled letter, 2 ff, pen

Dec. 13 1881

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

I am very sorry indeed, my dear P., about the washing. As soon as I had written to Sir H. & you, I agreed with the washerwoman at Embley to try her again till *March* next. And we have already begun. And I have already paid her in advance.

Thank you very much: I shall be very glad of Stewed Beef & flowers. The smallest favour thankfully received.

Will you say to Sir Harry that if he is so good as to

come up about the Gd Duchess'

clock, as he proposed,  
he must, please, tell me  
a day or two or three  
before - & the hour:

I should have thought  
you would have said: 'I  
know that till the very  
moment you drive off from  
the door at Lea Hurst  
you have almost as many  
people to see you on business as there  
are minutes - & not only  
this but that people meet  
you at Belper, your present

'Station', to talk business  
till the train starts.

I know that it is as much  
as your life is worth to  
have a week clear after  
you arrive at South St. -And I do  
hope nobody found you  
out'.

I am very sorry you are  
still so invalided, my  
dear P.

ever affly yrs & Sir H.'s

F.N.

9008/185 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil, red und

*Mme Werckner*            Lea Hurst

Nov 26 1881

My dear Sir Harry & Parthe  
Many, many thanks for your letters &  
game & pears & flowers.

I think the slices of Stewed Beef saved  
my life, as it is almost the first meat  
I have been able to eat these 2 months

MME WERCKNER.        Misfortune & mistake  
seem to pursue this poor woman -  
Please read the enclosed about the  
1000 fr. you were so kind as to get her.

*What is to be done?*

Thanks, my dear P., about the washing.

I think we had better defer it till March, as there is so much uncertainty about it.

I trust you are better & Sir Harry well.

ever yrs affly

F.N.

9008/186 initialled letter, 2 ff and envelope, pencil [6:642]

Dec 14 1881

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

~~{line struck out}~~

my dear P.

Please, if Miss G. Hurt is still

with you, first give her my  
best love: & then ask if she  
would be so very good as to  
write to me, & tell me,  
shortly, what she meant by  
"BUXTON HOSPITAL" being a  
"*gigantic blunder*". Of course  
*I agree with her*. But I want  
to know if our experiences  
coincide -

The poor woman died in

August last in the greatest  
suffering - [you knew her,  
widow of Limb, the ~~carpenter~~ mason]  
who was *destroyed* by  
*Buxton Hospital* - I *ought*  
to have prosecuted them -  
(she was considerably under 50)  
I sent her to Buxton: she was  
put in a Ward with 5  
other helpless, not bed-ridden women  
from Chronic Rheumatism.  
They were left every night  
from 8 to 8 with only a  
Nurse (?) sleeping in the  
*next* room, whom they dared

not wake - One poor woman  
remained on the Close-Stool all  
night, unable to get back  
into bed

Mrs. Limb got a friend to bring  
her back to Holloway, & never  
left her bed again, but died,  
as I have said, in intense  
suffering. It was so admitted  
that *Buxton* had done it,  
that I thought it my bare duty  
to doctor, nurse, & give all  
Medical appliances to her.  
It cost me about £60 a year,  
(which I only mention for the  
purpose you see) -

The woman was a Saint, if  
ever there was one - She was as  
patient as "Uncle Tom"

This is only a *fatal*  
instance of much else that  
I know about Buxton Hospital

I am most anxious to hear  
from Miss Hurt what she  
considers. the present state  
of the *Nursing*, the *Matronship & management*

[I have just sent a man  
there, but *not* helpless. And  
these kinds of male Patients  
all come back in ecstacies] -

in haste **[end 6:642]**

ever your

F.

The densest smoke fog I ever saw  
was last night.  
But we have had 3.

"POST CARD" with stamp & postmark}  
*Please forward*

Capt. Verney R.N.  
Claydon House  
Bucks

20/12/81

Do you remember a George Douglas

Seaman & Ship's Carpenter; ~~who was~~ he says he served  
on board Capt. Lyon's & Capt. Peel's ships  
in the Crimean War, & went up with  
the Shannon's men to Lucknow in  
the Mutiny? He is a Glasgow man,  
has been at Singapore in business, failed  
& came home: asked me to help him  
home to Glasgow: [said he had been  
nursed in Scutari Hospl]: did not seem  
to know your name: but spoke of a  
Lieut. Vernon 20/12/81 F.N.

9008/97 is a copy of FN letter to HV Nov. 17/80 re Madras

Wellcome Ms 9009, microfilm

9009/2 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen & pencil [1:355]

January 2 1882

{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

Every good & perfect gift for  
the New Year, & many New  
Years, to you & Sir Harry

my dear P. [end 1:355]

And in return for your lovely

flowers, I send you a  
misfortune -

At Lea Hurst a careless under  
housemaid actually burnt with  
her candle a hole in the amber  
poplin of my Mother's Escritoire  
immediately on the right as  
you go into the Drawing - room  
(as we were packing up to go) -

The Village Tayilor said he  
could mend it - & you see what

he has done -

[The careless Under housemaid  
was your poor Harriet - who  
does very well under her  
vigilant Mentor here. But  
at Lea Hurst I lived in  
the perpetual fear of every  
kind of disaster, except  
when I was in the presence  
of every kind of disaster.  
She is a dear good girl  
without head, eyes & or hands.  
And I don't think she will  
ever get any. But - she  
always tells the truth.]

To return -  
I have sent to every great  
shop *in London* to try to  
get anything at all like it -  
And failed:  
I send in an Envelope 3 *patterns*  
which might possibly do -  
I am told ~~at Derby~~ that I  
might possibly get it at  
*Manchester.*

Shall I try?  
If it were not that the Shore  
Smiths might possibly  
go to Lea Hurst this month,  
I would leave it till you  
come to London -  
But I don't think you will

find anything.  
I have ransacked the shops  
here, whether in damasks,  
satins, poplins or anything.  
*Shall I put up the least  
unlikely of these patterns  
at Lea Hurst? & which?*  
And if we get anything pro tem better,  
*later, then put that up?*  
Shall I try at Manchester?  
*Which is best?*  
Please not to tell Louisa.

9009/3 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil,

10, South Street,  
Jan 14 1882

I had such a delightful account  
of your revels from Louisa S. S., my  
dear P. & Sir Harry. She really  
entered into them with her soul & MIND  
- & gave me quite a poetic account of  
them - I shall try to reproduce  
something of what she said ~~as~~ to the  
people when I see you -

2. *Katie Perkins*

I think I ought to write to you  
about this poor child.

She ought not to go to the good  
Sisters' Convalescent Home at Ascot  
as an Incurable or dying person -  
~~be~~ or wait till she comes to the worst  
before she goes.

They are not for Incurables but for  
Convalescents.

When I said that they would not  
turn her out if she were incurable or  
had to die, that was because they  
take them as Patients to whom some  
good may be done - & *then*, if none  
can be done, (unlike all other Institutions  
of the kind), they will nurse them till  
they die. [I had little Harry Lee of  
Lea for 4 years between St. Thomas'  
& Ascot where he died.]

But I *had* written to Sister Bertha



of Ascot about poor Katie  
*immediately after* your first letter -  
& *paid the money for the bed.*

[Your second letter dated Saturday  
(wishing to put off sending Katie  
"till she was worse") did not reach  
me till Tuesday night with a  
post-mark, "Merton"!]

Sister Bertha answered my letter,  
written before your second reached me

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thus. on Dec 28

She says: "*I shall only be too glad*  
*"to do anything that lies in my power*  
*"for her, I enclose Admission papers*  
*"which if the Doctor at Claydon signs*  
*"it will be sufficient.*

*[Admission paper enclosed:*

*to be filled up.]*

"There is one thing I think right to mention

"-we may be obliged to close our Hospital

"for a time, as little or no funds come  
"in. X X X (they took in 112 *free* Patients)  
"Still for all that we must keep on those  
"whose *beds are paid for*: so there is  
"No difficulty *about taking her for the*  
"present x x x

"From what Sir W. Gull said, he  
"would endeavour to make it only  
"a *convalescent* Home; not for those  
"long-standing cases; but there is  
"time enough to think of that."

I have no place to recommend  
within a century of this for the *care*  
given: except St. Thomas', for which  
she, poor child, is not a suitable case  
- I saw her at Claydon, as perhaps you  
know - She is exceedingly interesting.  
I thought if she would have gone  
*then* to Ascot, there was a good  
chance for her. But she kept saying:  
'No, not till I am worse' - And I had

not the heart to use pressure.

But I feel very strongly that it is  
not fair upon ~~her~~ no Ascot nor fair  
upon her to send her there *merely* to  
die. It is quite against their object  
& *raison d'être* -

They took 112 *free* East London Patients & kept them for  
months in year 1881-

3 Please *send back the amber col'd (old) front*  
of *Lea Hurst* Drawing-room *Escritoire*.

ever my dear P. & Sir Harry

yrs affy

F.N.

May God bless poor Katie & direct what is best for her

9004/4 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South Street,  
19/1/82

My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

I am very sorry for Sir Harry's bad cold. I too have a dread of *his* bad colds - And I thought I would write a word to say how very bad the weather is in London now for colds - The moment the day-light ought to have begun to lengthen, there ceased to be any day-light at all - We have

the *cold* heavy ~~wet~~ smoke fog with the high barometer - the most hopeless fog of all. Yesterday we burnt lamps all day nearly. Black frost at night -

2. [16:834]

*Bucks Infirmary: 2 additional Wards.*

I did not answer Sir Harry's printed paper about the extension to this Infy, because I could not understand it without the plans- tho' I have no doubt he was right.

But nothing is more risky than adding to an Infirmary - You may entirely spoil the Sanitary advantages

Surely it would be better to have the highest Sanitary advice (professional)

If you will send me up the plans,

including Ventilation, Drainage &c I will have them overhauled by the Army Sanitary Comm: & overhaul them myself, if you please.

I see the Meeting at the Bucks Infy is to be held on *February 1* - [emd]

3. Please bring up when you come to London the strip of Lea Hurst amber poplin.

ever my dear Sir H. &P yr affte

9009/5 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

26/1/82

My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

Welcome back to London which has cleared up its very ugly face of yesterday to receive you.

I hope you are neither of you suffering now.

I fear I shall hardly be able to see you "to night", as you kindly propose; for I have the Shore Smiths at a farewell tea (before dispersing tomorrow to School & College)

- nor yet "tomorrow": for I have to go out to what is very fatiguing business to me -

2. Could you kindly ask your Coachman

*to order for me an easy Brougham with one horse, & if possible a second man* by the hour to be at my

*door punctually at 1.10/ one: ten TOMORROW?*

[I shall want it for about 2 or 2 ½ hours.]

I shall hope to see you on Saturday -

3. How gladly would I help the good Grand Duchess about the Cookery - But I have been asked before how to teach ~~cookery~~ **nursing from a book - but never before how to teach Cooking from a book.** I think it is impossible, because if the cook is a good one, he will find out the way to do what he is told better than from a book: & if he or she is a bad one, no book will teach him or her.

We teach our Probationers something of sick Cookery in the Ward kitchens - & at Edinburgh we give them Cooking classes. As you know, not thinking they learnt much of Cooking at St. T.'s, I gave them classes, which were very good, at the National School of Cookery - where a cook also was taught for me sick cookery, & much better

I send you their book: see Sick Room Cookery: p. 382 - you see how meagre it is - the classes are really much better than the book.

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I send you another book. Francatelli -  
see Invalid Cookery p. 414 & passim -  
But neither book is of much use.

[There used to be a good book of Soyer's  
but it is quite out of print] -

Let the Queen send over a Cook, (not  
a book), to the Gd Duke -

May heaven restore him.

In the most poverty stricken places in Germany  
-even at Kaiserswerth, the cooking, to my  
mind, is immeasurably better than in  
England.

I don't think the Gd Duchess will learn  
much from England.

4. I have no cook.

Would you be so good as to send me that  
*address* of a Register Office in *Mount St.*  
for servants?

Amen May God bless you  
ever yrs affy  
F.N.

9009/6 initialed letter 1 f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry I am sorry that I kept  
your carriage so late. You know where I  
have been - It is the first time. And ~~I am~~ it is  
only lucky that I got away before midnight  
2. It is a pity that Mme de Bunsen should  
"make *Extracts*" from Francatelli. Let her  
keep the book & send it to the Gd Duchess,  
if she thinks it will be of the least use.  
I don't. Let her return the School's book  
to me, because I know it will be of no use.

I am sorry to say I know the School have no cooks to recommend. For I have applied once & again. And, if they had, it† an Englishwoman would be of no use - as you say. If the Queen were to send ~~one~~ a Cook, it would probably be a Frenchman or an Italian, either of whom would do -

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3. About the clock, if Mr. Morey would come & undo it in this house - under your kind superine, if you like it - but not "in my presence" - That wd. be a considerable & very useless addition to my fatigue. [I am sorry to say I am obliged to avoid any such. Dr. Webb, in whose hands I was during my whole time at Lea Hurst, said that, 'for greatly as it was against his own interest & that of Lea H. to say so, he must order me to change my name & go away to a Southern

sea for at least 3 months, where I had no one to speak to, every year. Or he could not think that I could go on for another year.]  
& ~~as expected I had not one days' rest~~

4. I could gladly see you tomorrow at 5 or at 6, whichever is best for you -

ever yr aff

27/1/82 F.N.

9009/7 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

Could you kindly give me the address of Lady Hobart, widow of the Governor of Madras?

F.N.

31/1/82

9009/8 initialed letter, 1f, pencil **[1:355]**

Feb 2 1882

Dear Mother went home this last night two  
years - my dear P.

I have been reading again your Article in the  
Contemporary. It is very graphic & agreeable  
reading. But still I want more about Hamlet  
["peasant proprietors"] in the play of Hamlet.  
Thanks for your magnificent rabbit -

I am glad Sir Harry is gone out of this fog -

Sir Harry was so good as to offer me a  
share of a truck of little woods from  
Claydon with Mr. Fred & George - & desired  
me to answer - I would accept if he would  
let me pay.

Thanks for the lovely snow-drops -  
I have 2 books more of yours to restore -

When am I to have the Peasant Proprietor  
books?

If you are so kind as to have the  
"little woman" at my expence for Julie  
to superintend & make my black skirt  
(when shall I pay the bill?) I shall  
be very much obliged - & will send in a  
skirt for a pattern with variations -

God bless you: ever your  
F.



9009/9 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

*Immediate* 4/2/82

Sir B. Frere called here a day or two ago - but left no address  
but "Wimbledon" -

Could you tell me, my dear P., *immediate*  
whether *that address* is *sufficient*?

& whether he is a "Right Honble."?

[I have an important paper to send him.]

2. Could you tell me whether Sir Harry  
wishes to see me *tonight*? & if so  
whether he will be back ~~at~~by 5 or ~~at~~ 6?  
I don't know when I can see him, if not

this evening, as appointments come  
fast & furious?

I should have to put *on* an appointmt. for  
to morrow (Sunday) to *today*, if he cannot  
see me *this* afternoon, but wishes to see  
me, as he says, immediately - i.e. on Sunday

[I also want to talk over the proposed  
Whatstandwell Coffee-room with him.]

3. Miss Pringle of Edinburgh will be  
with me on Monday on her way back  
to Edinburgh - Would you like to ask  
her & Miss Williams on *Monday*

of St. Mary's  
to *dinner*?

No occasion if you don't like-  
- Godspeed

~~What~~ ever yrs aff

my dear P.

F.N.

9009/10 initialed note, 1f, pencil

5/2/82

I am so sorry that I have been totally unable  
from press of Nursing business even to  
look at your paper or at '2 Mondes' -

As you want them, I return them, *hoping to*  
*see them again*:

I don't think that Cheque is due to me, I will  
explain.

Will Sir H. bring back a nosegay of grass  
for the cats? F.

9009/11 initialed note, 1f, pencil

24/2/82

I am most thankful that Sir Harry has  
acceded to having the horse up from  
Claydon - It is a relief indeed - I give you joy -  
I give ourselves joy.

And you must allow me to give the horses  
Board Wages while in London, & the livery,  
as your Birth-day present, my dear P.

With the best will to appropriate the Cheque  
enclosed, I cannot find out that it belongs to  
me. Please score it out of your counterfoils  
your F.

9009/12 initialed note, 1f, pencil

M. Werckner's 2nd letter (within)  
what shall I do?

Mrs. FitzGerald (Amicia Milnes)  
is safe from Cairo on board  
the Invincible

This is delightful reading - But where  
is the Peasant Proprietor?  
middle of

p. 20 Is not the transition rather  
brusque, unaccounted for,  
from "Vénus de Milo" to peasant properties?"

I return Leplay, *hoping to see him*  
*again.*

Have I your Revue des Deux Mondes?  
You lent it me: but you took it away  
again. I *think you* have it.

19/2/82 F.N.

9009/13 initialed note, 1f, pencil

20/2/82

How is your cold this morning?

Mrs. Boyce's address is: 2 Upper Wimpole St.

Please be very careful, if you write to Sir Evelyn Wood, not to mention Mrs. Hawthorn at all: & to mention me only incidentally *if* at all. e.g. as having large opportunities of information from Natal or as always carrying on a Nursing correspondence with *Doctors* & others everywhere - If you see him, you can afterwards say what you like  
F.N.

9009/14 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

*Natal* 21/2/82

My dear Sir Harry

I think that there must be God's purpose in the curious coincidence of Dr. Acland writing to you & Mrs. Hawthorn to me about this Typhoid Fever -

[I have written to a man here *in confidence* to ask his advice - & shall try to get his answer tonight - about Orderly Nursing.

Both on account of this & because I am

so very much occupied to-day, & have Miss Irby coming to-day (& to sleep) - would it "do" if I were to see you *tomorrow* at 4?

Or do you attach much importance to speaking to Mr. Childers to-night?

If so, I *could* see you to-day at 1.45. But I feel sometimes almost worn out You are younger than I.

F.N.

9009/15 Letter 15 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

23/2/82

My dear Sir Harry

How are you?

*Natal*

In Dr. Acland's letter you see it merely [15:875]  
says 'there is Typhoid fever': & asks you  
to call on Sir John Stokes - Perhaps you  
have done so -

It occurred to me: if *Dr. Acland* would  
ask *his son* Frank to send him word

*how the men in Hospital are nursed,*  
whether he hears any complaints about  
Orderly Nursing, or the Diets and drinks -  
And you might tell Dr. Acland what we have heard  
And would you ask *Sir John Stokes*  
who you see has a son there the same  
thing: giving him hints of what we  
have heard.

If we had the testimony of these  
two young Artillery Officers, it might be a  
good thing.

Have you anything from *Sir Evelyn Wood*?

yrs

F.N.

You see it will be nearly 3 months from the  
date of Mrs. Hawthorn's letter to the time  
she receives our answer: the Typhoid Fever  
will either be well or dead

It is not the question, is it? of Sir E. Wood.'s  
sending out Mrs. Fellowes or any Nurse but

more of seeing whether he is aware of the  
true state of things - & whether he  
thinks "the General", (Who is the General?)  
will have done anything.

and what he would suggest as to the

Nursing Orderly Service - *whether he*  
*knows how bad it is -* [end]

F.N.

9009/16 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

24/2/82

My dear Sir Harry

It was very good of you to have your horse up from Claydon, which will be an inestimable comfort to Parthe, & I may add to me.

You must allow me to have the pleasure at least of paying ~~the~~ Board Wages to the horse: And I shall make this, my Birth day present to Parthe, to you -

I think you said that you had Livery

for the groom boy. Else I hope you will allow me to provide this, as you are so condescending to our fancies - It is really very good of you -

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2 No bill has been sent me for the *wood* you were so kind as to give me - Please let it be sent me -

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3. I am glad you are going to see Sir *Evelyn Wood to-day*. No doubt you will ask him *his opinion of the Pietermaritzburg & Newcastle Hospitals, & hi* if he has one: & how the men would be *nursed* there, in an outbreak of *Typhoid*, by Orderlies - as well as *who "the General" is* - & what *he would do* in such a case -

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4. I enclose this extraordinarily dry letter in answer to my extraordinarily civil letter from *Miller* the Gardener at Clumber about *H. Crooks* - I am afraid it is ~~no~~

~~use~~ obvious Miller ~~de~~ wishes to get rid of him - If you will kindly give your opinion I will send the letter to Shore.

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We have lost all our 4 beautiful little kittens - in a week -

ever your affect

F.N.

9009/17 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

3/3/82

I am almost sorry, my dear P., to say that the Embley laundress, after have done atrociously, has done much better during the last 4 weeks -  
- mainly owing, I think, to my having taken away a part of the washing, & given it to a laundress at Hampstead.

If I must answer now, I think I must say that I must give the *Embley washerwoman* another quarter's ~~notice~~ trial: that is, '~~law~~' till June -  
[She is very anxious to keep the whole -] I am

very sorry for any inconvenience to the Claydon washerwoman in thus putting off my decision till June -  
& shall be glad to offer any compensation that is right -  
May Morey bring me *primroses* & *daffodils*? & *snow-drops*?

~~1-2~~ 3/3/82

F.N.

My love to Sir Harry

9009/17 {duplicate numbering} initialed letter, 1f, pencil

March 9/82

My dear Sir Harry

I enclose Mrs. Hawthorn's last letter to me, as you desired.

If Mr. Childers does not take up the matter energetically, it ought to be brought in some form or other before the public?  
And Parliament would be the best form?

I would therefore in the first place make a fresh & strong attempt upon Mr.

Childers; & in the next prepare  
for the matter being brought before Parlt.  
Should not the demand be for Mr.  
Childers to make a local enquiry into the  
facts as stated in this letter, & into  
the management of all the Hospitals -  
Of course it could only be done by a  
person or persons of weight proceeding  
from England: & such an enquiry would  
be useless unless it involved an Examination  
of all the available patients who had been  
in the Hospital, as well as of all the persons

connected with their administration -

Nothing short of this could bring out  
the facts - And if Mr. Childers limits  
himself simply to referring these  
questions to the General Officer Commandt.  
or to the Medical Department, no useful  
result will come of it.

F.N.

9009/18 initialed letters, 1f, pencil

Dearest You were so good  
as to say you would come  
*instead of* Sir Harry - Sir H.  
appoints *one* & to-day  
*one-thirty* - [And even that, I  
believe, shortens his ride -]

But that is too early for  
you - is it not?  
I suppose the time most  
convenient to you is just  
*before* or just *after* your drive.  
Will you say to-day what it  
shall be?

ever your

F.

March 16/85

18/3/82

I wish your kind invitation to Louisa & Shore could have come in 3 hours earlier, my dear P.

*She* did not come in till 12 last night, tired to death - & started again for York Place this morning - Neither she nor Shore will be in here again till 6 or 7 - this evening - to dine here at 7.30. If ~~you~~ I cannot judge for them - Whether you should send up to York Place your invitation or put it off till tomorrow - I shall not countermand my dinner till you tell me.

9009/19 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [3:397]

19/3/82

You do not know, my dear Sir H., how entirely unable I am to go to Wellington Chapel -

[I should certainly not be able to lie down for a week after it, even if I got through at all.]

~~There~~ I have scarcely been able to lie down for the last 4 nights.

There is nothing I should like better than to go to W. Chapel, except to go to Church with you. [I sent this message on receipt of your kind note yesterday -]

How are you? & how is the Groom? -

F.N.



9009/20 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

[7:764-65]

20/3/82

My dear Sir Harry

As you "propose to give notice *to-night*," I will try my best: tho' I had rather have had leisure to think - & to talk it over with you.

I should give a *great deal* more prominence to the MILITARY dangers, which are undoubted & truly terrific - & ~~a great deal~~ less to the commercial, which are *local* & doubtful & might be described (by an enemy) as selfish & purely affecting London.

[I was told that many would say: the answer is: *not* to discourage the Tunnel: but -" so much the worse for London."]

And I would certainly omit all mention of the "Suez Canal" (at the end) - because it damages our case; & the answer is conclusive. It is: is it not? 'the Suez Canal is a benefit to the *world*. - "And for the sake of the English carrying trade, '-would you shut it up?'

In India ~~I am~~ we are entirely against "diverting the course of the carrying trade" from *water* to *rail* -- but simply because it rail makes heavy goods so expensive to carry that it virtually shuts a distant market

to the poor for their produce.

Whatever country has cheap water & cheap coal (for steam on water) has cheap transit - see America with her grand water carriage - And whoever has cheap transit ~~has~~ is the granary of the world - & commands the markets of the world.

But ~~I~~ we should never think, ~~of putting~~ should we? of urging *water* as against *rail* ~~for the~~ on the plea that otherwise a shipping interest ~~should~~ would be injured.

For I think the answer is ready:

Also: cheapness will always win the day: will it not?

And no artificial barrier will prevent it, or promote it.

This motion is most important:

it involves almost the future of England:

I should put it on the broadest possible basis: of the VITAL interest in a "Military point of view"

I should say: something to this effect:

"That it is of vital importance to our country to maintain its insular position:

-That a submarine Tunnel, uniting England with the continent, destroys this position.

"in a military point of view:

"and that by diverting trade from London, at present the entrepôt of commercial transactions between the East & West, it might have an injurious effect both on ~~E~~ our commerce & on our ship-carrying trade"

**[end 7:765]**

9009/21 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

22/3/82

The Bonnet-maker, my dear P., has sent me not a bonnet but one of *those* hats, transmogrified. She has sown on 2 ears, 5 feathers at the top, put a stout heavy velvet bar inside with a thicket of black lace over the forehead, no white cap at all, & heavy black ribbons - nothing I ever wear at all

The bonnet is a master piece - wholly unsaleable to others - wholly unwearable by me -

It is the reverse of anything I ever wear: the reverse, as I believe, of your orders.

{written at the top of the page, but apparently unconnected with it}  
& that he will give them to "opportunity"

of "discussing" it till then -

If you think otherwise, I will try my very best to look over your Notice  
But I fear I could not see you today  
Many thanks for  
Col. Smith's note  
F.N.

You said she wished to see it on. Shall I let her come tomorrow at 1.30?

I cannot think how it is to be altered -  
And wear it I cannot -

It is besides perfectly grotesque on me -

Could you lend me Guizot's  
Histoire de la Civilization  
(*not* from a Library)

F.

Thanks many for your Article.

9009/22 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil [7:765]

27/3/82

My dear Sir Harry

I do not know: but is there anything that Mr. Gladstone could answer to your proposed Notice but what he has twice already answered in the Ho: of C. & in the Lords viz. that he has appointed a Committee to report upon how the Channel Tunnel ~~is to~~ can be made *defensible*. & that till it has reported the Ho. of C. will not be called upon to consider it - ~~& has w~~ & nothing will be done

re *London* against *Liverpool*  
 as in re *Bombay* against *Calcutta* -  
 Last year the completion of the rail-roads  
 between Bombay & the Punjab diverted  
 the wheat-trade from the N.W. of India  
 down to Bombay (instead of to Calcutta)  
 & saved us as you know from a rise  
 in the price of bread in England.

Calcutta does not therefore cry out - but  
 she seeks to develop the resources of the

countries North of *her*. Assam & the like

And Calcutta will soon have a flourishing  
 trade - again -

We think Mr. Deichmann's objections will  
 rightly be put down as trade= selfishness -  
 He is merely thinking of his own firm -  
 But this is not the way to reason for a  
 great Empire. **[end 7:765]**

My earnest hopes that you will be  
 comfortable at South St  
 I shall be there tomorrow to welcome  
 you -  
 {a word cut off}

Sunday I was entirely engaged in **[10:697]**  
 seeing the new Legal Member of Council  
 previous to his departure for India -  
 Monday (yesterday) in preparing papers  
 for him - & in the evening in seeing  
 another gentleman about Agricultural  
 Education for the Civil Servants / Service previous  
 to going out. **[end 10:697]**

To-day Shore's wife & Rosy come  
 to stay.

How are you ? I thought you tired on  
 & how is Parthe? Saturday

9009/23 & 24 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

31/3/82

My dear Sir Harry If you are so good  
as to see Sir Henry Parkes, please  
remember, as our honoured Chairman of  
the N. Fund, that we owe him the  
greatest obligations.

He raised a large sum towards the  
N. Fund: he sent me home an Address  
on my return from the Crimean War.

He afterwards had our Nurses  
out on the most liberal terms to Sydney

(Miss Osborn, you remember.)

They nursed the D. of Edinburgh -

I wish we could have done as much,  
or nearly as ~~much~~ well for Sir Henry Parkes  
as he has done for us -

He has always supported us.

I will be sure & see him before he goes -

2. You see that in 'XIX Century' for April  
there is a signed petition ~~for~~ against the  
Channel Tunnel -

And it is still lying for ~~names~~ signatures  
at the 'XIX Century's' Office in  
Paternoster Row -

Thank Parthe for the lovely flowers -  
I am almost afraid I cannot find time  
or strength to see her this week.

F.N.

9009/25 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

2/4/82

I had not heard of a "Lady Parkes" (in these 20 years' correspondence.) but then neither had I heard of "a daughter".

Tho' I did not mean to have seen him Sir H. Parkes so soon, ( I am so knocked up), I will accept your kind offer & say 6 on Wednesday - [You dine at 7.30?]

F.N.

9009/26 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil **[7:766]**

28/3/82

My dear Sir Harry

Your note on the Channel Tunnel quite agrees with the general idea, I think.

I said yesterday what occurred to me about making it a Notice of Motion -

Might I add that I think it is not I nor yet Parthe - but an M.P. - who should be consulted as to whether or not Notices of [not?] Motion should be made? **[end 7:766]**

9009/27 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

28/3/82

Louisa & Rosalind are ~~rather~~ very tired, my dear P.,  
& seem to prefer dining quietly here with Shore  
tonight, many thanks. They are just come up  
from Cambridge.

Some weeks ago Miss Benedicks, of Gothenbourg,  
now Mrs. Barclay, who was with her sister, in law,  
that lovely Mme de Björkenstam, at Albergo dell'  
Arno (Palozzo Acciajuoli) at Florence, you remember,  
called here. She was to spend "the winter" in London  
And I have always been too ill & overworked to see

her. Could you or Sir Harry leave  
a card there, 25 Bolton St,  
& explain, IF she is not gone, how unwillingly  
impossible it is to me to see her -  
She returns to Sweden -

F.N.



9009/28 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10/4/82

My dear Sir Harry

I am not sure but I think it was Capt. Clough Taylor ( of Ld Ripon's Aide de camps) who married a daughter of D. of Argyll. but what *her* name is I don't know - but I think it was an alliteration of Clough, a Lady C. Campbell - But I don't know -

The Indian Mail does not go till Friday - does it? - I was very angry with Ld Ripon for sending me that message by you: because I wrote to him on 2 most important subjects, partly

at least at his own instigation -

And if he had *done the thing*, & said: 'I *don't* owe Miss N. ~~the~~ a letter, it would have been much more to the purpose -

But if you are so good as to wish to come at 6 to day we might concoct something.

F.N.

9009/29 initialed letter, 1f, pencil **[6:644-45]**

*Katie Perkins* 10/4/82

Dr. Denton has written me a Certificate in which he says that "the spinal curvature "from which she, Catherine Perkins, suffers is "getting worse, & that her general health is "suffering in consequence x x x  
"but no doubt a residence in any "place where she would have proper food, "care & Medical attention would do her "good for the time - & probably for some "time after she left the Institution" -

In another letter he said that she was quite equal to the journey.

I accordingly wrote to Sister Bertha, the Superior of the Devonport Sisters, who answers

"We shall be very much pleased to "receive Katie Perkins at Ascot (Convalescent Hospl) whenever she is "able to come. It is now a beautiful "time of year for her to be there."  
"I enclose Admission paper for her."

The way to Ascot for K.P. is through *Oxford & Reading*. Reading to Ascot ½ an hour: change of rail -

The bed is paid for already -

I enclose Admission paper: in case the one I sent before is mislaid. I should be very glad to contribute to travelling expences & washing

And I earnestly trust that Katie Perkins may get better -

That she will be happy under their great care & kindness there is no doubt

Post Office

Address : Florence Nightingale

Ascot Convalescent Home

Bracknell

Berks Station. Ascot **[end 6:645]**

9009/30 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

12/4/82

Many thanks, my dear P., for your welcome to Claydon

I will take the cook. Could I have a stout girl at Claydon - she need not be a kitchenmaid - to do the kitchen cleaning & kitchen-utensil-cleaning under her - my cook is rather a delicate woman -

Do you want me to take the Claydon girl, Harriet, there as housemaid? - I had rather not. - rather give her a holiday to see her mother some

other time - I should always be afraid of her destroying your furniture. She is much worse than any number of Jumbos - poor child

If I am not well enough or if the weather is bad, I think I shall hardly go on Saturday or till Monday or Tuesday, if equally convenient to you -

But I suppose I ought to write tomorrow to Mr. Grey to stop my Hamper -

I did write to R.M.M. - & sent to inquire after him. but had no answer how he was but that he would write -

I hope you are somewhat better from Dr. Brunton's handicraft. In the V. of Wakefield the lady could not spell because she had sprained her ankle - You say write: 'this hand won't *right*'.

Sir Harry, I trust, is bonny - again - but I  
ever yours                      thought him looking delicate  
& his  
F.N.

9009/31 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

14/4/82

My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

I am so very sorry for Parthe's "rheumatic gout", & wish I could see her - Please tell me what Sir W. Gull says -

I enclose a characteristic note from R.M.M. Please return it. - [I can scarcely decipher it]

I will accept your kind wish that I should go to Claydon *tomorrow* Saturday by the 3 o'clock: if Morey will order a Saloon carriage

for me with door thro' to Servants' compartment (2 maids) to *Claydon*

But I am afraid I must make a proviso not to go if weather very bad or me very unwell -

I am so sorry to bother Parthe just now - but about the stout girl wanted in the kitchen - would she Parthe direct to whom I should write or telegraph to secure her, to come tomorrow before we arrive?

ever yours & hers anxiously  
& sorrowfully  
F.N.

9009/32 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

*Private* Claydon April 19 1882

My dear Margaret

You have good news of Ellin: thank God - And my little God-child: how is she?

Will you excuse me for asking your advice on what I know you will think with me a most important subject/ I have no one else whose advice I *can* ask -

You know that when Parthe leaves London, Sir Harry goes to Mr. Calvert's to "meal"

as we say in Derbyshire. but that, as Sir Harry cannot have a bed at his brother's, he is to "sleep" at me's - Now

1. How am I to tell whether he comes in cold at night ? [I shall of course have his spiced wine ready for him: a very bad thing *without food* for so spare a man: but that in itself is not enough.]

2. What is the latest hour at which if he does not come home, one ought to send out to see if anything has happened?

3. If an attack of cramp should come on from cold & indigestion, such as might occasion a fall & he remain senseless on the floor in the night, *as has* occurred, what ought to be done?

[You will think me over-anxious: but I understand that it is expressly to guard against these ~~very~~ grounded anxieties, which ~~as~~ ~~that he does not~~ make it not fit for him to go to a hotel to sleep; AS I ENTIRELY CONCUR! that he comes to me.]

It seems as if only a wife or a son or a confidential man-servant could do what is wanted, effectually -

I spoke to him of course about having Morey to sit up for him; & to sleep at hand. & he of course utterly pooh-poohed it -

Do you think that it would be right or possible for the proper things to be done without Morey at least sleeping within call of him? I would empty the other room on the floor he will sleep on of my maid (Fanny)

[2]

who would be *quite useless* in the case of a night attack. [she herself has night attacks - & I have no maid in the house who would be of any use.] And Morey should sleep in the room next him - And we must trust to Morey's good sense for the rest, if Sir Harry will not let him sit up for him -

As for the terrible probability of these cramps recurring, I should hear of any fall - for I should sleep under - or any groan - And I should of

{page missing}

My best love to Fred & Maude - & oh & how sorry, how very sorry I have been to have been quite unable to see or write to them any time this long year or to hear Maude's music or to see my little friends -

"When 2 or 3 are gathered together" - - - -

God bless you all:

ever yours

Aunt Florence

Thank my little Godchild for her Christmas card. I have not neglected her in thought.

9009/33 Letter 33 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Claydon Ho: April 27 1882

My dear Sir Harry

*I hope* you will come to 10 South St. to sleep when you move from your own house - I begged you to do this any how - there would have been room - But now, I am sorry to say, the Shore Smiths are not coming - [They have taken a lodging in Albemarle St]

Thank you very much for your kind

invitation to stay here - But I *must*  
be back -

I put my Easter wreath of blue forget      [1:589]  
me nots & white flowers on  
dear Emily's grave -

The singing birds seem fast disappearing  
from your trees on both sides the Tennis  
Lawn. I cannot help fancying they  
have been shot, tho' not by Mr. Phillips  
the Gardener -      [end 1:589]

But it may be the cold which is like  
February

I have a *dreadful* letter from Mrs.      [15:880]  
Hawthorn of Natal - (3 indeed since  
I saw you} She says: make Mr.  
*Childers* examine the *Patients* who  
are *now coming home* from Natal  
If he won't do it & if they don't  
convince him nothing will      [end]

Yr aff

F.N.

9009/34 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil.

Claydon Ap 28 1882

I trust Sir Harry's things will be brought straight in to  
me's. I have not liked to trouble you, my dear P.  
-seeing you have been so poorly & worried -  
& I have been so ill that all my most  
important business is neglected - God help  
me & it - but I must ask now  
questions regarding Sir Harry's comfort &  
indeed safety at No. 10, where he will  
come on Tuesday for the Channel Tunnel  
debate - I trust - [Thanks for your very

kind invitation to remain here - But I  
*must* be back]

1. *How am I to know* whether he comes  
in *cold at night*? [I shall of course  
have his spiced wine ready - & you will  
tell me how to make this - Let the person  
who usually makes it *write it down* for me -  
Do you have an Etna, or what? to keep  
it warm? But so spare a man as he  
should have something of *food* with it?  
And how am I to know whether he does  
not want ~~more~~ fresh hot water bag in bed -  
or the like? & whether he will take care of himself?

2. *What is the latest hour* when if he  
does not return one should send out  
to know what has become of him?  
One must consider this with his age &  
frame - And I know you do -  
He is so perfectly fearless about himself that  
he cannot conceive your being uneasy.



3. Suppose he were to have from cold  
& indigestion some such fit (with  
unconsciousness) as he had once?  
What exactly ought to be done?

I should hear any fall or groan from my  
room below - & should of course run up -  
stairs at once - But I could not rub him  
or lift him into bed again -  
And I have *no one* to send out for a *Doctor* -  
Please give me the *name & address of the Doctor*  
[3]

4 My best of loves to Margaret - & tell her  
how sorry I am -  
Did you get from her the address for the  
"imitation stamped leather" for the  
piece of furniture at Lea Hurst?  
Aunt Julia is going there in a month -  
& I must get it done -  
Please send me the address -

5. *Katie Perkins*

After hearing in answer to my enquiries  
that she was "dead", - that she was "wasting  
away", - I sent Fanny & Mrs. Greig to see  
Mrs. Barrett & her.

She is better - & would like to go to Ascot  
Convalescent Home -

I suppose the Doctor here should see her  
first.

I had better do nothing about moving her  
till you come home??

6. Mrs. Clark (the washerwoman) -  
I have seen her & Greig (according to your  
desire) & Mrs. Greig -

She seems satisfied.

7. I saw a miserable deformed baby, living  
at Catherine Cottage here - & ~~have~~ sent  
for Dr. Denton.

Please send me word the day  
? (Tuesday) Sir Harry will come in at  
No 10

Please send his things in now -  
God bless you both  
ever yrs & his affly  
F.N.

9009/35 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

29/4 {arch: ?'82}  
Dear P. I don't know whether your  
Carriage means to take me the round of the  
sights, as you kindly proposed.

Don't think about it, if you are too much  
pressed these last days.

You said I must have a new bonnet.

F.N.

"Mary Baring" returned:

9009/36 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil [7:766]

*Channel Tunnel.*} Claydon May 2 1882

My dear Sir Harry  
You desired me to write to you what I  
thought & discussed with you about Mr.  
Deichmann's objections to the Channel Tunnel

The real objections are so strong - &  
Mr. Deichmann's so *ill-pointed* that we  
can make a much better case than this;

1. Mr. D. fears that foreigners will  
come (? through the Tunnel) & do their

business in English & Colonial produce  
*personally*.

They can do so now by coming by steamer:  
-the sea-sickness is then the only preventive?

~~2nd Paragraph: does not explain~~ why or  
how the Tunnel should injure English  
*Trade* but merely the English Shipping  
trade. It would probably benefit  
the Railways - And it is not shown how  
Trade in general would be injured.

There should be something stronger than  
this to make a good case out against  
the Tunnel -

Surely the unanswerable Military  
objections - the discomfort as a route  
for passengers of a tunnel 25 miles  
long without ventilation -- & the  
great cost which will certainly not  
pay a high rate of interest, as the  
moment this is put to work, 5 or 6  
more will be started - should be

reasons for spending the money on  
improving the *Harbours* at each end  
of the passage, and on good steamers  
rather than on such an enterprise -

I wish you had talked to Shore  
who has such very clear & strong views  
-much better worth your having than  
mine - about it.

In India we should never dream of  
giving such reasons as Mr. Deichmann does [end 7:766]

9009/37 initialed letter, 2ff, pen.

Mrs. Hawthorn's

letters: May 4 1882

~~{printed address:}~~ 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I trust that you are well  
this morning & not too  
uncomfortable.

If you would like to see  
me this afternoon, please  
fix the time.

Would you kindly look  
over *now* the two letters  
from Mrs. Hawthorn  
enclosed?

[I have two others which  
you have not seen.]

You see the plot thickens.  
*Genl Drury Lowe* is  
coming home.

*Could you see him?*

A question must be  
asked *in the Ho*: asking  
for this *official report* against  
the orderlies.

Who shall put it?  
May I ask what you did  
about moving for a  
Return & Report of the  
Army Hospital Corps?  
What do you think the  
course to be adopted  
upon these terrible letters?

I suppose I must see  
Dr. Blair Brown  
& Trumpet Major Epps.

What a blind guide  
is Mr. Childers.

yrs affly  
F.N.

9009/38 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

*Netley Probrs.* 4/5/82

My dear Sir Harry

Did you ever have any answer from  
Sir R. Loyd Lindsay about the Examn  
of the Nurses?

I am afraid it is over & nothing done  
(see the enclosed from Mrs. Deeble)

I am afraid I must see her.

F.N.

9009/39 initialed letter 1f pen

May 5 1882

{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have signed this, as you  
think well but at the end -  
-I think nothing could be better  
than that you should sign it

You see Mrs. Boyce asks  
*me* to "have it forwarded  
to the Crown Princess." I  
don't quite think I ought to  
undertake this. If I do, I  
must write a separate letter  
to her with it. And that  
I ought not to do.

The alternative is "to send it to  
"Miss Whateley": & to let her  
"forward it". What do you think?

I am afraid I expect  
nothing from it.

Do not go till 11 tomorrow  
9 is too early.

yr aff ever

F.N.

Can you find out anything  
about Genl Drury Lowe?  
When does the Channel Tunnel  
debate come on?

9009/40 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [Mme W]

*Madame Werckner* 5/5/82

My dear Sir Harry Have you heard any  
thing of this poor woman?

I am afraid her husband has caught her  
& brought her to England.

I found on my table a card:

"Mrs & Mr. Werckner - Columbus;"

(this is one of his insanities)

& a direction at Dalston: not a word from her

In the meantime I have this letter  
from your Mrs. Boyce of Bordighera -

Do you think any good can be done  
by an appeal, or by *this* appeal, to  
the Crown Princess?

farther than what you did already.

F.N.

9009/41 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil [3:398]

10 South St. Park Lane

5/5/82 W.

My dear Sir Harry

I shall be VERY *much* obliged to you  
"to read prayers at 9," as you so kindly  
propose

I do it - (but in a most unsatisfactory way)  
that is, I read prayers with Fanny at 8.30

- & she afterwards reads again what I have  
said & read, to the others at 9.10 -

[end 3:398]

Do you think it would do if *you* would

kindly write to the Cr. Princess with  
about the Petition?

9009/42 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

8/5/82

Mr. Fred wanted to dine with you yesterday  
at the Travellers' or to-day at the Ho. of  
Commons - His address is at the Travellers' -

My love to him - & I should so like to  
know his Irish news -

I should like to ask you a question about  
Mr. Forsyth, the Dentist, if I may.  
F.N.

9009/43 initialed letter, 1f,, pen.

I hope my dear P. this may save  
you some trouble.

I trust you are better

I cannot write any more -  
affly yrs ever

F.N.

10/5/82

9009/44 unsigned letter, 1f,, pencil

11/5 {arch:1882}

My dear Sir Harry

It is quite impossible for me to ~~send~~ see  
Mr. Forjett or any one this morning -  
And I am too ill to see any one not  
quite necessary this month at least -  
I am well acquainted with Mr. Forjett by  
*correspondence*: & have the highest respect  
for him. Please tell him so -  
& ask him if he is in London later in  
the year to kindly to make an

appointment with me beforehand  
some afternoon about 5 -

I have been obliged to put off many  
most important appointments  
this last fortnight from inability



9009/45 unsigned note, 1f, pencil [1:815]

*Philip McCarthy* about 24 or 25  
carman & previously car *boy* in the  
service of the Midland Ry: St. Pancras' Station  
son of an old soldier who was in India  
under Sir F. Roberts - now an  
attendant in a Lunatic Asylum -  
from Ireland: born in India  
a tee-totaller: not a R. Catholic -  
inclined to the "Salvation Army-  
might, I know what character he bears  
as to sobriety, steadiness &c a tea totaller  
very good

9009/46 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

26/5/82

My dearest Sir Harry

I trust that you will not think of *not*  
returning here. I do not mean to part from you  
till you can have a room at Mr. Calvert's  
or at some relative's as good as you are  
pleased to say this is.

It was quite impossible for me to  
decline any longer taking in Shore - They  
have no home - But I did not mean it

to make any difference to you. I told  
you in order that it might make none.

I have been & am so very ill that I  
fear I have not been able to make it as  
pleasant to your kindness as I could have  
wished -

I own I am glad that the Ho: takes  
Whitsuntide holidays - & very glad that you  
get into the country by the 5 o'clock.

*If you are good enough to go to the  
Midlands*, I enclose Fanny's lover's  
signalement.

I shall expect you on Thursday  
Pray make a good luncheon to-day.

God bless you & God bless the right  
ever yr aff  
F.N.

May I have the ~~for~~ Draft of your Notice of  
Motion to Mr. Childers? A.H. Corps

9009/47 initialed letter, 1f, pencil,

5/6/82

I would *make* time on Thursday  
or Friday at 5 or 6 or at 4  
if Genl Lowe would be so very good  
as to come -

To-day, tomorrow & Wednesday I  
am engaged -

But any day after that (after 4  
in the afternoon) that Genl Lowe would  
kindly fix I would be ready gladly -  
F.N.

9009/48 initialed letter, 1f, pencil,

As we have always said, no good can come of Mr. Childers' enquiry into the Army Hospital Corps unless some *unofficial* person is on it - some one whose promotion does not depend on the Horse Guards - some one independent

6/6/82 F.N.

9009/49 initialed letter, 1f, pencil,

6/6/82

My dear Sir Harry

*If* Genl Drury Lowe intends to leave Euston by the 5, would he come to me at 3? We have at least 2 good hours' conversation before us - [But perhaps he would leave Euston by a later train. I must not however ask this.]

Very many thanks for your note. It is very important.

Very many thanks for going to St. Pancras about McCarthy.

I told Fanny about it  
Do you think I should now write to the *Derby* Manager about it?

Of course we cannot learn whether McCarthy is a married or engaged man  
Such things have happened.

I am so sorry I shall not be able to see you to-day. perhaps tomorrow

ever yrs aff

F.N.

Sir Henry Parkes will be in London again on the *18th* for a few days only -  
Could you call upon him?

9009/50 initialed letter, 1f, pencil,

15/6/82

My dear Sir Harry

Thanks for your budget.

How terrible the prospect of injustice in  
the A.H. Corps enquiry -

As we were told before, the only foundation  
we shall not find to fail us is the  
Report made to Genl. Leicester Smyth  
by his Mil. Secy. -

Can you ascertain from Mr. Childers  
whether this has been received -

2. Who are the members on the enquiry  
&c &c &c

Do you know the Lord Provost of  
Edinburgh (Sir Thomas Boyd)

I am canvassing (by desire) for Dr. Bell  
to be elected to the chair of Surgery  
at the Edinburgh University?

The Lord Provost is one of the Curators  
to be Canvassed.

[I will tell you when I see you how  
all important to the welfare of Miss  
Pringle's Infy. & Training School is  
- Dr. Bell]

Capt. Verney, I believe, knows Sir T.  
Boyd

If you see them today, would you  
first give Margt my best love = &  
how is she? & then ask Capt. Verney about  
this Edinburgh matter - **[end]**

yrs affly

F.N.

[in another hand: Duncan McClaren  
formerly M.P. Edinburgh]

Miss Campbell

3 Crick Road [Rosinwarn[?]

Park Terrace [?]

9009/51 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {written on an envelope} [1:355-56]

Sir Harry permitted me to open  
this letter, take out the prescription  
& send it to Squire's to be made  
up - It shall come by him

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I will write to Sister Bertha about  
Katie Perkins. I was obliged to give  
£20 ~~about~~ for the bed, or I could  
not have had it at all under  
the circumstances which I wrote to  
you - If they keep the poor  
child on, it will not therefore  
cost you anything - May she improve!!

I will write to the Devonport  
Penitentiary (Home of Hope)  
about the frightful case you  
tell me of at Steeple Claydon.  
But if the girl is "shameless", will  
she go? - They only take  
VOLUNTARY penitents - Is she  
a case where the magistrate has  
interfered to place her in a  
Penitentiary? May God convert her:  
16/6/82 For man cannot!

9009/52 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dear Sir Harry I am glad that I have  
a vigorous letter from Parthe this morning:  
in much better handwriting than usual.

You ask me about Maude's letter with  
reference to showing it to Sir W. Gull -  
There is nothing in it to give him any  
"knowledge" of "Parthe's condition" -

The only step which could do this  
would be for her to ~~write~~ report to him herself

with accurate & quite other particulars  
than this - especially stating the effects  
of his medicine -

Or, what Sir W. Gull would prefer,  
for her to be seen by a local Doctor  
- *not* for the local Doctor to dose her  
but for him to watch her & the effect  
of Sir W. G.'s medicine & *report to*  
*Sir W. G.* -

\_\_\_\_\_ No other report except a Nurse's or Parthe's careful  
\_\_\_\_\_ one would be of any use

Would you allow me to send any  
Prescription of Parthe's to *Squire's*  
to be made up?

The difference of Squire's drugs  
from Potts' or nearly any one's else  
is the difference between purity &  
the exact strength ordered - and  
haphazard in old drugs - You could not  
believe it was the same prescription

Careful Doctors always tell you  
this -  
F.N.

9009/53 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

17/6/82

My dear Sir Harry Parthe has written to  
me about the Shore Smiths - She makes  
a little mistake about them - Would you  
explain to her?

They are *not* in London: & cannot  
remain in London. They ~~have~~ broke  
up their little household, & parted with  
their servants -

Shore was in London two days this week

His wife was at Cambridge with  
daughter & son -

They come up to encamp at York Place to night  
for only a few days: & hope to let the house  
again -

They have telegraphed to me to see them

I am afraid they ~~are~~ will be going to Ireland  
Aunt Julia is at present at Lea Hurst  
I hope they will go there afterwards -  
I trust you will find Parthe better

yr aff

F.N.

9009/54 signed letter, 1f, pencil

June 22 1882

My dear Sir Harry

I am so very glad to have had you this one week more. Parthe told me that you would not be coming to London much more after this week. And I hope for your own sake it may be so - She also told me that after this you could have a room at Mr. Calvert's -

I am so very unwilling to have to say

that there has been a long engagement for Mr. Jowett to come here for a week in order to go into very important enquiries in London about the subject of training of Civil Service Indian candidates who as you know are chiefly at Balliol.

I have put him off every week this month And he told me on Sunday that *this next week* is the last week he could come. So you would wish him to come, I know.

I am almost worn out.

And I am now so crowded with engagements

But if Claydon is empty, & it is quite convenient, as you so kindly propose, I believe it would be ~~almost~~ necessary for me to go there for a little rest the week after next, if there is no one there- if I am to go on at all -

I hope you would come here for two days for the wedding of your Schatz on July 4 - if more convenient to you than elsewhere



You sometimes kindly speak on things so [3:398]  
near my heart. There are but two things  
that I am sure of - One is that I for my  
sins have deserved infinite punishment.  
The other that God of His infinite mercy  
will save me from my sins.

May God be with us both! I am ~~ill~~ getting so that  
perhaps I cannot go on much more -

Yrs ever affly  
F. Nightingale

9009/55 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

23/6/82

My dear Sir Harry

Very many thanks for your notes -  
It is a great relief ~~to me~~ that you are  
not going into a lodging, unless it were  
with Edmund & Margt \_ Thanks.

The address of Fanny's "schatz", whom  
you said you would be so good as to find out about,  
is: 43 River St

York Road  
King's Cross F.N.

9009/56 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [3:398]

24/6/82

My dear Sir Harry

I had rather say 'Welcome' than 'Good-bye'  
which I hope to do on Monday week.

I trust you are not coming to London next week  
& that Parthe will greatly improve -

We shall miss you & your prayers -  
I saw Sir R. Loyd Lindsay yesterday: (& Margaret)

But I should like to know what *you* thought of  
the Nat Aid Socy. Meeting: God bless you: Au revoir!  
F.N.

9009/57 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

27/6/82

My dear Sir Harry: very sorry you  
are in London & not here -

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Sir Henry Parkes, 98 Lancaster Gate, is  
~~only~~ in England till Saturday only.

You said you would call on him

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[I hope the Queen has seen him]

Col. Gordon has taken the command of  
the Colonial forces at the Cape - He

would be the best possible Englishman  
for Zululand -

God bless you -

ever yrs affly

F.N.

1

Thanks for your note about Sir E. Wood -

I was very anxious to hear -

But has he had before him Genl. Leicester  
Smyth's Report (Col. Montgomery's)

2. Will he keep the enquiry open till the  
fresh evidence comes next mail?

It is quite impossible to have *women* at *all*  
Military & War Hospls. -

Will he help, *not* in "punishing these

[2]  
“drunken rascals” but in reforming  
their enlistment  
training  
organization  
promotion?  
I wrote you a note which could be read  
to him if you liked?  
Very many thanks  
28/6/82

9009/58 Letter 58 signed letter, 2ff, pen

June 28 1882  
{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.  
My dear Sir Harry [15:888]  
I rejoice that Sir Evelyn  
Wood is the head of this  
enquiry into the conduct of  
the Army Hospl. Corps in  
Natal.  
I have had a “letter from  
Natal saying that more  
evidence is coming home by  
*next mail*. Doubtless Sir  
E. Wood will *keep the*  
*enquiry open* for this.  
But the important thing  
is that Sir E. Wood  
should have before him

the result of Genl. Leicester  
Smyth's informal enquiry  
contained in his Military  
Secretary's (Col. Montgomery's)  
Report to Genl. Smyth.

It is a pity that there  
are not more witnesses in  
England (of those who have  
actually suffered) for Sir E.  
Wood to examine

But there is one  
A. Epps  
late Trumpet Major Inniskillings  
Horticultural Depot, Peat Stores  
Vauxhall Station **[end]**

I think Sir E. Wood has  
seen some of Mrs. Hawthorn's letters:  
but I send, by your desire,  
~~the~~ some later ones which  
*perhaps* he has not seen.  
Please return them to me.  
They are strictly private.  
As you know, however, I do  
not put myself forward  
to mother this enquiry. **[15:888]**  
Sir Evelyn Wood will  
elicit the truth victoriously.  
*He* knows that Privates &  
N.C. officers will not stand  
to their word: that Medical  
Officers must consider their

promotion & how difficult  
it is to obtain *evidence*  
of any abuse, however many  
may know the exact truth  
about it.

Nevertheless Sir E. Wood                      **[end]**  
will elicit it, I feel sure.

Yrs very sincerely  
Florence Nightingale

9009/59 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

30/6/82

My dear Sir Harry I wish I *could* see  
you to-day. But I am quite overwhelmed-  
Sir Henry Parkes telegraphs that he must  
see me - [He sails tonight -] And I have  
Mr Jowett besides - I feel quite worn  
out. Perhaps I may go to Claydon on  
Thursday, as you so kindly propose  
F.N.

9009/60 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

30/6/82

My dear Sir Harry

Tho' I am very sorry you are in a  
lodging at all, as you say that you are  
"comfortable" & "*do not wish to move*", I  
will not press your coming here for the  
wedding on Monday, as I fully hoped you  
would do.

A thousand thanks for your  
most kind invitation to Claydon - I am so

completely done up & ill that I believe  
I must go somewhere next week  
to be *quite alone* - But you will probably  
be having friends at Claydon, & I could  
not bear of course to prevent this -

I feel like my grandfather who said:  
"I want nothing but the extremest quiet" -  
& to be able to lie about in the house  
& saunter about in the garden without  
having to speak or to see *or to avoid*  
any one

A thousand thanks - for your most  
kind notes.

I cannot thank you enough for your kindness  
in going to River St about Fanny's  
suitor -

ever yrs affly

F.N.

9009/61 signed letter, 1f, pencil

June 30 1882

*Herbert Crooks*

My dear Sir Harry

What should you have me answer to this letter?

~~What should you~~ I point out to him that it is  
*thro' Clumber* he has got this good place -  
but that he has shown such infirmity of  
purpose that I cannot be sure of him  
till he has been there at least 3 months:  
Shall I let him have the Gardeners'  
periodicals again or not?

*Wildgoose*

What an odd letter this is -  
reproaching me (who am very much  
his Senior at Lea Hurst) for taking  
any information but his own -  
& then doing all & much MORE than all that  
I ever suggested!

What should I answer him?

ever yrs aff-

F. Nightingale

Many thanks for your note about the Egypt  
trouble

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Just return me these letters tomorrow  
morning if you have no time to  
consider them.

9009/63 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

July 4 1882

{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

God speed to your marriage.

Thanks for your kind wish  
that I should go to Claydon  
tomorrow. But I have  
Indians coming tomorrow.  
And besides I could not get  
the Saloon Carriage now  
in time.

Could you be so very  
kind as to order ~~the~~ a *Saloon*  
*Carriage* for me to go from  
Euston by the 3 o'clock  
on THURSDAY: & a private  
Bus or easy Brougham to

come for me *from Euston*  
in time to go by that train?  
I am sorry to trouble you.

==  
You see there is a MOST  
URGENT *WHIP* for all  
M.P.'s at the Ho: of C.  
TO-DAY at 2.

Au revoir at 6  
I have much to say & to ask  
yrs  
F.N.  
I have the evidence  
from Natal  
just received



9009/64 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

5/7/82

My dear Sir Harry

I was so very sorry to keep you last night  
& sorrier still not to see you

1. Yesterday I received the enclosed *evidence from Natal* regarding the *Sir Evelyn Wood* enquiry - Would you think well to send it *to him?* to be returned to me -
2. I also received the enclosed about Dr. Bell's election at the Edinburgh University -

I have written to-day to *Mrs. McLaren*, as he wished it. You had already been so good as to write to Mr. McLaren -  
Do you think anything can be done about "a Post Card from Mr. Gladstone?"  
I should have thought it impossible -  
I fear very much I shall not be able to see you to-day. I am so hard pressed.  
Thanks again about Euston Station. What time will the private Bus be here? tomorrow -  
Is Sir Evelyn Wood going to Egypt?  
Au revoir- I hope your wedding was satisfactory -- ever yours affly  
F.N.

9009/65 initialed note, 1f, pencil

"Lady Falmouth's candidate" for Bucks Infirmary wrote me an imperious letter to vote for her which I took no notice of -

FN

5/7/82

9009/66 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Claydon House

Bucks July 13 1882

10. South Street, {printed address, stroked out:}  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I hope they are making  
you pretty comfortable.

Indeed we must think  
intensely of this Egyptian  
trouble - [What a good  
speech of Mr. Gladstone's  
last night.]

In answer to your  
question, I do not think  
the Nat. Aid Socy. could  
have a better trained person to send  
out than Mrs. Fellowes:  
if they do send out Nurses:  
but I suppose they will  
scarcely do so till something

is known about the Expedition  
to be sent out. *Not* in all  
war=situations could women  
be useful.

I have been enjoying the  
quiet & silence of Claydon.  
But I have not been out  
of the Garden. The showers  
have been violent & frequent  
~~constant~~ every day but  
Sunday. The roses are  
lovely. The Library grand  
& harmonious

We expect you on Saturday  
*gladly* -

Sir Evelyn Wood has  
returned me the (Mrs.  
Hawthorn's) Natal evidence.

I wish we knew *how* his  
Report is going: & whether  
Genl. Leicester Smyth's report  
has come at last. [I hear  
Genl. L.S. is not going to  
do anything himself]

God bless you always

Auf wiedersehen

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

9009/67 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

17/7/82

I am so sorry, my dear Pop, not to wait  
& see you - but so glad to leave Sir Harry  
to see you. [I do not think he is well. I am  
sure he ought not to be in London much more.]  
He was not well yesterday.]

As for me, he will tell you it was quite  
necessary for me to be in London to-day -  
most unwillingly - I have enjoyed the quiet  
& silence so much, the lovely Roses, the  
noble Library, (but do make its windows open

at top) the sweet smells, but the singing  
birds are dead.

I have not looted -

Your letter asking for Maude's  
charming wedding letter went round by  
*Windsor* & did not reach me till Sir H.  
had left you. He has read it now -  
I enclose them both with thanks.

ever my dear Pop your loving

F.

I hope Mr. Cunningham's excellent book  
reached you -

unnumbered letter unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

Thanks about the Return. But I/we should want one *much more* detailed than that. I will consult you about it tomorrow, please.

Sir Harry Verney M.P.

20/7/82

9009/68 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry 25/7/82

Would you not call on Lord Houghton who must be in London & ask him from me how Mrs. Fitzgerald is:

It is strange that, in these times, so lovely a flower should become an actor in scenes so terrible & important - But I dare say she hardly regrets it this apparently cruel change of drama -

If she is in London before I go I hope to be allowed to see her. What shall

I do for Mrs. Fellowes?

9009/69 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

25/7/82

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you: I think it *is* the best way that you should say to Mr. Childers to-day that Mrs. Fellowes has volunteered -

I would then write to Dr. Crawford, the new Director Genl.: qy to-day or tomorrow?

[Mrs. F.'s note is so unlike herself. so childish & silly for such a solemn

duty - that I think I would not show it to Mr. Childers, but you will judge best how it would strike a man.

F.N.

9009/70 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

26/7/82

My dear Sir Harry

Did anything pass between you & Mr.  
Childers last night in the Ho: about Mrs.  
Fellowes?

Please read & return me this letter of Mrs. F.  
I have heard nothing from Mrs. Fitzgerald -

Do you think Albert had better go for an  
answer to your note? whether she can come  
I think we ought not to *press* her to come

9009/71 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

27/7 {arch:1882}

My dear Sir Harry

Altho' it is unavoidable, I am  
sorry to think of our poor  
wounded, of whom there are  
sure to be many, many *sick*,  
being sent to Malta & Cyprus -  
But they can't be careening  
about after the troops in Egypt  
*TILL* more is known.

Do you think I had better  
send this news off by hand  
to Mrs. Fellowes *before*  
you write to Sir Garnet?

F.N.

{in another hand}

If I can be of use to you  
in the H of C pray let me have  
a line from you

9009/72 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Please send up the  
Director Genl.'s letter -  
I do not think it possible  
that Mrs. Fellowes can  
have written to Sir Garnet  
Wolseley LAST NIGHT -  
Had we not better wait  
~~Miss Nightingale~~  
till we know whether  
she ~~was~~ is going to write  
before you write to Sir  
G.W.?

She *may* not wish  
to go now -  
{arch 1881}

9009/73 signed letter, 1f, pencil

27/7/82

£1 to pay for the 3 books which  
you were so very good as to get for  
our dear children - God bless them -  
I have embezzled the 4th for another  
child -

They-4 came to 17/ & something -  
Please have the great kindness to buy  
some weapons with which Herr Baby  
(charming Herr Baby) may NOT be able

to destroy himself or others  
with the rest -  
My love to Herr Baby & all =  
great love  
Aunt Florence

Letters 74 & 75 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

27/7.{arch: 1882}

My dear Sir Harry

Do you not think that you had better tell Sir Garnet that you apply to him at ~~by~~ Mr. Childers' suggestion: & that the Director Genl. HAS ~~granted~~ forwarded Mrs. Fellowes' ~~leave~~ application to go out?

I am afraid if your letter & mine to Sir Garnet are shown to the Director Genl. *without* these additions, that it MAY injure

Mrs. Fellowes with the Army Med. Dept. who are very jealous, & look as if we were intriguing with the Genl. Officer Commanding, at the same time as & unbeknownst to the Medical Departmt.

Nothing that Sir G. W. could do for her would then be of use to her.

9009/76 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

27/57 1882

My dear Sir Harry

I think this very good -  
If you were going home tonight, pray do not stay on our account. All that *can* be done *has* been done to forward Mrs. Fellowes' going. Nothing more, except my seeing her, can be done till next week - 1000 thanks  
F.N.

9009/77 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

28/7/82

My dear Sir Harry

I opened the 3 enclosed letters, according to your kind desire, tho' they only looked like Prospectuses - but closed them again in great haste, there being nothing from Sir G. Wolseley - I have heard nothing further from the D.G. as to Mrs. Fellowes & am rather uneasy.

I am in *great* want of the Crich Cliff sketch *this afternoon* - Did you take it?

Yrs

F.N.

9009/78 initialed letter, 1f, pencil.

29/8/82

My dear Sir Harry

I return the enclosed from Mrs. Douglas Galton which you sent me, as I fear I shall not now see you.

While quite agreeing in the nature of Capt. Galton's services it is not for me to advise in the matter of obtaining (as you say) an "honour". after you had

been so kindly willing to ask for "employment" for him -

Nothing I should like better than to come to Claydon. (a thousand thanks) as you know - But I am expected at Lea Hurst - & I can only stay there this year - 6 or 7 weeks -

[Lea Hurst is so heavy a ~~duty~~ task to me that I may not perhaps go another year.] But God knows -

A letter from Julie to Fanny - pretty good accts of Parthe  
ever yr affec  
F.N.



9009/79 initialed letter, 1f, pencil, Claydon bundle

31/7/82

My dear Sir Harry

Since 10 on Friday night when I received [15:915]  
an order for more Nurses for Egypt, I have  
scarcely had an hour's rest. This will  
go on for several days longer - On Saturday  
I worked from 4.30 am to 10 p.m -

As regards your "Question", there is always  
now, provided everything for the health &  
comfort of the men - But these things stay

at the base, & somehow never get up-  
country - ~~to wh~~ especially *not* what  
pertains to the Hospls. [end]

How is Parthe? & where?

F.N.

I have seen Mrs. Fellowes -

1000 thanks for the welcome fruit

9009/80 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

2/8/82

My dear Sir Harry

This letter rather appals me:

"Dr. Crawford *has* "utilized"/accepted ~~the~~ our women  
(6) & placed the whole matter  
in Mrs. Deeble's hands who  
was with me yesterday - *Nothing*  
but *harm* can come of Sir G. Wolseley  
"communicating with Dr. Crawford  
"on the subject" What shall we do?

9009/81 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

8/8/82

I am very anxious my dear Pop ~~to hear~~ about what  
Dr. Weber said: & what you propose -  
& what time I might hope to see you tomorrow

My head goes round & round:

ever your

F.

9009/82 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

8/8/82

My dear Sir Harry

I am grieved indeed about Parthe -  
I hope we shall be able to make her  
comfortable this afternoon. She will  
have luncheon about 3. 315, I suppose -

I am sorry that I am utterly unable  
to see her to-day. I think you & she  
hardly know how I am pressed. I can

hardly breathe - And this will go  
on sometime longer.

I hope to see her tomorrow - & to hear

Dr. Weber's verdict.

I am grieved to be obliged to ask  
you where you sleep tonight?

F.N.

9009/83 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

9/8/82

I am glad to hear ~~your~~ the, I *hope, hopeful*  
verdict of Dr. Weber.

If you are going away at 2, I am sure  
it will be too much for you to come here  
this morning - And I am so overwhelmed  
& worried (& have Mrs Wardroper all  
the afternoon)  
that I can hardly lie down without the  
heart's action stopping -

Mrs. Fellowes & Miss Solly embarked  
yesterday - No one can realize what  
the pressure is just now & has been  
for the last fortnight - & perhaps a  
week or 10 days more - *PRAY* do not stay  
*on their account.*

ever my dear Pop yours  
hoping to see you shortly  
F.N.

I have a housemaid severely ill Doctor  
every day - a great anxiety & Fanny  
breaking into excitement.

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Friday

[in another hand] My dear [1:356]

I should be very glad if you could see me  
for a few minutes. Small Pox is in the neighbourhood  
& we have had a very slight case & I want good advice

I am afraid you are very unwell  
FPV

[in FN's handwriting]

I would gladly see you for a  
few minutes at 5 or at 6.

But the Sanitary authority of your  
"neighbourhood" is the person to ask:

If I gave "advice" contrary to the law of the land  
you could not follow it.

You say you will be in London again  
before going abroad -

You do not say that you wish to see  
me this morning.

You are so good as to say that you  
wish not to leave Claydon immediately  
on account of your kindly invite to  
*our Nurses* - Mrs. Wardroper has written  
to me about it. It is perfectly impossible  
for us to 'man' the Wards so as to  
admit of giving a day to so large a  
number *this week* or till  
the Eastern Nurses (Egypt) are gone -  
We are sending some of our best Sisters

9009/84 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

[2 letters returned]      Aug 15/82

This is indeed a weighty & anxious matter,  
my dear Pop, about your (best) Watering-place.  
I conclude that your not being able to go  
abroad till Aug 19 or 21 instead of 10th  
entirely precludes your going to Royat now.  
I read Dr. Weber's letter rather to mean that  
he deprecates your love of "bracing" places  
(& repudiation of hot baths), ~~as every Dr~~  
~~does~~ because the one important thing in

Rheumatic gout is to determine the blood to the surface, to prevent the circulation & the perspiration from being thrown inwards, & to prevent any check to the excretions, especially the urine, or to the secretions from the skin.

Every Doctor would say the same. You see Sir James Paget (dear man!) warns you against "cold" or "severe" douches - or violent shampoo-ing -

I conclude that Wiesbaden will be your destination now - And I earnestly hope that much good will come of it. I think you said that Dr. Weber said he could correspond *to effect* with the *WIESBADEN* Dr. & said that you would come back much better than you went. Pray God it may be so -

Sir J. Paget's opinion that the blow to the spine could have been the cause in no other way of the affection to the joints

than by shaking up the Rheumatic gout, is satisfactory in this way: because a blow to the spine which could produce such effects as difficulty in raising the arms & in rising from the seat would be such a very serious matter - far less under control than Rheumatic gout.

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It is very kind of you to think of our Nurses - But I am very sorry you have troubled your dear self - I ought to have expressed to you even more strongly how absolutely impossible it is to make arrangements for them to come this week or next - or how terrible the "drive" of the preparations for the East - not to be relaxed till everybody is off. I have

never known anything like the contradictory orders - or the altering of destinations at the last moment -

This last however may be unavoidable  
And I glean from the destination of the Hospital Ship Carthage which has greatly disgusted Mrs. Fellowes & Co who are on board that she is to take up wounded on the coast from an ~~expected~~ arranged landing of our troops somewhere towards Damietta - to be resisted by Arabi -

Our authorities are however excessively 'close', as they *ought* to be. Everything gets telegraphed to Arabi thro' the obliging kindness of our newspapers who publish all he wants to know -

God guide us - I have never known so anxious a business in my 29 years of serving my country -

What you tell me from Sir Harry exactly tallies with my own observation & with what I told you - he had *no Diarrhoea* while he *stayed* here - but when he had that lodging in Mount St -it was so severe that he was obliged to ~~stay~~ sit *here* in the Dining room in daytime for the use of the W.C. - next the Dining room

ever your  
F.

9009/85 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [Mme W]

Aug 16/82

My dear Sir Harry

Thanks for your most kind note  
Could you tell me whether you ever had any answer to that petition drawn up by Miss Whately in favour of Madame *Werckner* to the *Crown Princess* of Germany & forwarded to me by Mrs. Boyce for transmission which you kindly

signed & forwarded to the Cr. Pr.?  
Mrs Boyce writes to me to ask its fate.

Mme Werckner is now in London -  
Pray for our Nurses going or gone to **[3:399]**  
Egypt -  
ever yours affly  
F.N.

9009/86 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [Mme W] **[5:520]**

Lea Hurst  
Cromford  
Sept 7/82  
Indeed, dear Sir Harry,  
I do feel for & with you  
about the last illness of  
your 50 years' friend, Sir  
George Grey. He was so  
honourable: such a true.  
gentleman of England.  
Of such stuff English  
statesmen are made.

I could not but contrast  
the fatal collision between  
the soldiers & the Irish  
rioters on Saturday night  
in Dublin streets with  
Sir G. Grey's management  
of April 10 1848

Sir G. Grey was Minister  
in attendance at Balmoral  
when I was there in 1856.  
And he showed me a letter  
from Lord Palmerston telling  
him to help me ( a letter  
unasked for by me)

Yes: I do indeed feel  
that such men as Sir G. Grey  
are few, & I am afraid  
more irreplaceable every  
day. **[end 5:520]**

I should like to have been  
at Claydon to hang my  
forget me nots & white  
emblems of her rising  
again on dear Emily's  
grave on Sept 3 -

I always think of her  
& feel for you & with you.  
She would have been a  
great servant of God here  
We cannot doubt that she  
is so now - one far greater.  
I also think of your Father -  
how much he did for  
the Army.

I will thankfully return  
the letters you have so  
kindly sent.

I have heard from Parthe  
since I have been here -  
gay & enjoying - but cannot  
say yet whether Royat is  
doing her good - I will  
send it you her letter

Mrs. Wass died yesterday  
morning: one of the best  
women who ever breathed

I have to write to you  
about many things - poor  
Mme Werckner - with whom  
I had a long talk - among

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[8:966]

[end 8:966]



others. But I have been  
too ill to write. Else I  
should have written to you  
about dear Emily & Sir  
G. Grey before  
God bless you  
ever yours  
F. Nightingale  
Many thanks for your  
letters - for the partridges  
& grapes -  
I tried to write yesterday.  
but I have had so many  
business letters - More  
Nurses are being sent out -  
to Ismailia

9009/87 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Lea Hurst Sept 11/82  
Cromford

My dear Sir Harry: My mind is filled for  
you with your loss: my mind is filled for  
him with his gain: when I think of the  
death of such as Sir George Grey - After  
a good work done, he is gone to  
greater works. he is gone into the  
immediate Presence of God to taste His  
love, to rejoice in His Wisdom, to trust  
His almighty Power. What can we ask

more for him?

I would not but send a little  
word of what I can scarce call  
condolence for so good a man:  
God bless you  
ever yours affly  
F. Nightingale

9009/88 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Lea Hurst

Cromford. Derby

Sept 11 1882

10, South Street, {printed address, stroked out}

Park Lane. W.

Thank you very much, my  
very dear Pop, for your  
inspiring account of the interest of Royat  
I only hope that by this time  
(you find interests wherever you go)  
it has done something in return  
for your poor arms & knees.  
We have had quite hot summer  
weather here: I hope you have had the same. Long ago I  
should have written: but I came  
here thoroughly exhausted & have  
been ill ever since; I don't know when  
I have been as bad.

Here the scribe was obliged  
to stop.

Dear Mrs. Wass died on the **[3:207]**  
6th. She had a very painful last  
illness - sickness & pain - could take  
nothing but a little water - But  
all doubts & fears which you know

had harassed her life had left her:  
& she said herself how surprised  
she was at her own "calm" & happiness.

Her last conscious words  
were of comfort & peace. Mrs.  
Anstie, her daughter, says she  
cannot think what the "tomorrow"  
of life will be without her.  
The prolongation of her life was quite  
"mysterious" - a sort of "life in death"  
Who can tell what the rapt communion  
of the Soul of such a one as she  
may be with God at such a time?  
It may *live* upon *Him*. 'Man  
does not live by bread alone.'

**[end 3:207]**

I am afraid this poor letter  
never will get done: It should  
be as long as my love -

I must break off if this is to  
reach you at all.

~~Our~~ Five parties of Nurses  
have reached Malta, Alexandria,  
Cyprus, Ismailia, & one in  
which were Mrs. Fellowes &  
Miss Solly are in the Hospital  
Ship Carthage off Ismailia.

There seems every prospect  
of a decisive engagement  
today - horrid sound.

A sixth party of Nurses  
starts for Ismailia on Friday  
Miss Helen Norman, daughter  
of Sir Henry Norman, in it  
arrangements sadly unsatisfactory  
as far as *Nurses* are concerned.

Fare you *very* well at  
Royat.

ever your  
old Flo

Thanks to Julie for her  
letter to Fanny

Sir Harry seems alone with  
Ralph & Gwendolyne

He mourns Sir G. Grey. {map on page facing first page}

9009/89 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Lea Hurst

Cromford Sept 12/82

My dear Sir Harry

Very, very many thanks for the trouble you  
have taken about the Kittens -  
But in the first place I have no money:  
& in the second there are this year five little graves  
of my five beautiful little kittens, & a sixth  
of my dear old Pet, in your garden at  
South St. And I feel as if I had no heart  
to begin again - So I think I will not write

for either Kitten, tho' I felt strongly tempted,  
after you had kindly taken so much  
trouble.

I will keep the printed paper, for it is  
a good thing to know of such a Training School  
for Girls as Servants

I trust Parthe is really mending -  
She seems very much interested -  
I think she rather underrates the French  
peasant.

God bless you  
ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

Another party of Nurses, including  
our Miss Helen Norman, goes out to  
Ismailia on Friday - She is a daughter  
of Sir Henry Norman -  
of the India Office.

F.N.

9009/90 Letter 90 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil & pen.

Lea Hurst

Cromford

Sept 15/82

My dear Sir Harry

I wish Parthe could give a better account of herself - And I wish I could answer your questions with any advice that was at all worth having: but I can only tell you what she said when I saw her the day before she left. & even that must be subject to the weather -

She said that she hoped you *would* come: & that she did not wish money

to be saved in *that* way.

I understand that IF you went to her & IF the weather were fine (the weather here is like summer, with cold nights) - you & she would make a little tiny tour in the Mont D'or: but that you must go *at once*.

If you were to return as you say by Paris & if she were pretty well you might see a few people there, as you say. But *pray take Morey* with you.

1. Ask M. Barthélemy S. Hilaire, or any [3:399] one there, how they have arranged the *Paris Hospital Nursing*: whether they have dismissed all the Augustines, the Soeurs de Ste Marthe (Jansenists) [illeg] from the Hospitals [a *very great* mistake, if they have] & also the Soeurs de Charité -not so great a mistake - & whether they have substituted Lay Nurses. A lady came over from Paris to learn from us at St. Thomas' with this view.

My advice was "*Don't*" "Keep your Sisters." [They dismissed some Sisters. And the others resigned, I understood]

If I knew you *were* going to Paris, I would tell you more.

2. I would also tell you about *Mme Werckner*: *not* to induce you to apply again at Paris for her, as you have so kindly done so often: & as now appears to be useless, as you say: but because, by cross: questioning her in London, - poor, poor soul! - I for the first time have understood the real state of her affairs  
Their property is *gone*! -there is not a

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thaler left: not one. It has been sold sometime since to a gentleman who undertook it on these terms: viz. that *he* was to undertake to pay all the fees, due for years, all the mortgages &c &c - all the legal expences incurred. And on these terms, considered very onerous for him, he took over the manufactory & all that was left of any kind, without paying a **sou**

It is vain to talk of getting them back  
anything

that is left of their property, for  
there *is* NOTHING *left*.

It is vain also to talk of getting  
him into a Poor-house at Berlin.  
For neither do the poor-houses at  
Berlin undertake to ascertain  
whether their inmates have property.  
Nor would there be any of his, to be ~~had~~ found  
if they did.

M. Werckner is now in Paris: he  
escaped from London where he had  
run up a debt of £10 at his lodgings,  
leaving behind him his portmanteau  
in payment - which however contained  
nothing worth that sum.

He & *his wife have often been*  
*without bread to eat*. [He has been  
so lately at Paris.]

She has paid his scores again &  
again: & has nothing left - Next,

He has a fixed delusion - *not*  
perhaps *quite* a delusion - that if

he returns to Berlin, Bismarck will  
get hold of him. And the Doctors  
say that if he were *forced* to return  
he would certainly become a raving  
lunatic.

*She* is still seeking a situation.  
But she is in that state, poor woman,  
that I cannot conceive any ~~one~~ lady  
seeing her & taking her. I think *as she says*  
that it is like a miracle that *she* has not become insane.

Her state is deplorable  
*What is to be done?*

I should have more to tell you, if you wished  
it.

[end 8:967]



[3] [15:895]

Mrs. Hawthorn writes me, from Natal  
that the troops are not yet hutted:  
that "in 3 weeks," (that is, *now*,) the rains  
& the hot weather will begin: & that  
Typhoid will infallibly begin too -  
And she repeats her request that  
Mr. Childers will telegraph out orders  
to the Principal Medical Officer that  
she may be empowered, engaging 2 or 3  
trained Nurses who can be had out  
there, to nurse the Sick, if any.

The P.M.O. will certainly do nothing without  
orders from home..

If you kindly see your way to  
doing anything, I would write  
more particulars. [end]

Her letter is dated "August 11"

I thank God for our victory (Tel el Kebir) [15:230-31]  
It seems complete

The loss of Officers is large. But the  
total loss of killed & wounded very  
small. At Scutari we have taken  
in nearly that number of critical  
cases of *sick* AND wounded *every*  
*day* for 17 days - At that time  
about 70 of these died in each 24 hours  
These are the cases may be called critical

Thank God a thousand times we are not  
to have a long war in Egypt

I have letters from all our Sisters in  
the Mediterranean. Continue your kind  
prayers for them, as I we do - [end 15:231]

God bless you [end 3:399]

ever yrs. affly

F. Nightingale

I shall be anxious to know what  
you & Parthe do: very  
{map on page facing the first page}

9009/91 Letter 91 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Lea Hurst  
Cromford; Derby  
Sept 17/82

My dear Sir Harry

I am sorry that Royat is so inhospitable - But no doubt it is better for Parthe to come home now. [The weather here is quite hot.] I earnestly hope the good effects will show themselves now - If I were she, I think I should show myself to Dr. Weber in London -

Thank you a thousand times for [8:967] thinking of an "almshouse" for poor Mme Werckner - But please not to trouble yourself - For of that it is not at all the question - You know she is now living with her sister at Lymington - And while she is there, tho' far from comfortable, yet certainly there is no need to p canvass for an "Almshouse" for her -- *Her* care is: how to maintain her husband who has now literally nothing, who often lacks bread - (& she too when she is with him) -- & to whom she has now literally nothing to send, except what she makes by her poor little fancy work. Her sister will not let the husband live with her, nor give him anything: both things one cannot wonder at. I should feel more alarmed than even poor Mme Werckner lest he should commit suicide. She some=  
=times shows me his letters. [end 8:967]

A very great many thanks for the  
grapes & partridges - very welcome.

Indeed we *have* cause for joy **[3:400] [15:931]**  
that the war in Egypt is so well over -  
What might it not have been? Every  
little bird seems to sing its praise for  
this great mercy - **[end 3:400] [end 15:931]**

I will write to morrow about the Nurses  
in Natal (Mrs. Hawthorn's) as you are  
so good as to see Mr. Childers.  
I should like to have been with  
you, dear Sir Harry, all {2 upside down} this time: F.N.  
~~farthing left~~ {upside down}

9009/92 signed letter, 1f, pen

Lea Hurst

Cromford; Derby

Sept 20/82

My dear Sir Harry

I shall be anxious for  
tidings of Parthe.

No one can thank you  
enough for having obtained  
of Mr. Childers the  
telegraphic order for  
Nurses in Natal - & also  
for the huts. I have  
written to Mrs. Hawthorn.

Many thanks for your  
letters. Great love to Parthe.

ever yours & hers affly

F. Nightingale

9009/93 signed letter, 1f, pencil [Mme W]

Lea Hurst

Cromford; Derby

Sept 27/82

My dear Sir Harry - I am  
grieved indeed that Parthe  
appears to have endured Gembloux  
without the benefits we had so ardently  
wished - I was almost in hopes she  
would have spoken with Dr. Weber in  
London - Pray tell me how she goes  
on: Please God it may be better.

You must forgive me that I did not **[8:968]**

forward your kind £5 note to Madame  
Werckner - & I now return it to you by  
cheque. She has not been the loser by it

I do not think she has the slightest  
claim for money upon you who have  
been so kind to her - And if you  
did this - I could not consult you  
upon the poor woman's really  
overwhelming misfortunes, out of  
which I can see no way.

I will tell you more of what I with  
difficulty gathered from her when we  
meet. **[end 8:968]**

May God bless you both at Claydon  
her & yr ever affecte

F. Nightingale

I have been so very much pressed - or I would  
have returned you the £5 note by return of post

9009/94 Letter 94 signed letter, 1f, pencil [Mme W]

Lea Hurst  
Cromford; Derby  
Oct 10/82

My dear Sir Harry

You may judge of my anxiety by  
your own - I thank you very  
much for writing to me so often -

I am almost glad P. is not gone to  
London, but glad, if she goes, it will  
be H. Weber or Quain she will consult.

*Is a frequent change of Doctors good?*

She has had, has she not, ~~8 since two~~ in five years months?

["Guaincum & Sulphur" are *not*  
"powerful medicines."]

I will only say now what I cannot  
say how truly I grieve for & with my  
dear Pop in the distressing want of  
success of what she has undergone -  
I hope to write this afternoon - but  
will not miss this morning's post - **[15:938]**

I have had inflammation in my  
eyes - not yet well - I missed  
the account of "the passage home of  
"the sick & wounded in the *Malabar*"  
which you mention -

Could you direct me to the "Times"  
or other paper in which it is?

Mrs. Fellowes has been here!! & is  
gone out again in the Carthage to  
Alexandria

to fetch home more Sick - They came  
home with the Carthage crammed with  
wounded - dangerous cases all. Mrs. Fellowes  
working from 5 a.m. to 12 midnight  
or later - & Miss Solly as well -  
the Head Sister not doing much - **[end 15:938]**

I am still unable to read - & not  
much to write - therefore must stop -

God bless you both.

yrs & my dear Pop's ever affly

F. Nightingale

9009/95 Letter 95 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Oct 22/82

My dear Sir Harry

I am extremely anxious to know the  
result of Dr. Ogle's visiting Parthe. I  
hope she will give him a fair chance.

A consulting Physician should recommend some lesser man  
always to carry out his treatment - & the  
consulting Phys: be summoned once a week  
or fortnight -

*Natal* - Mr. Childers' order has come out

for hutting the troops both at Maritzburg  
& Ninetown: but the Huts will be only  
of Corrugated Iron so that the heat will be  
intense. Still the Huts will be dry.

*Bangor: Typhoid Fever:* I have been employed  
(privately on this - The case is a very  
bad one: the local Board having  
considered their whole system of drainage,  
sewerage, water supply &c as a self-acting  
machine which wanted no looking to,  
after it was paid for

God bless you & my dear Pop:  
ever yrs affly  
F.N.

I return a most interesting letter from Mr.  
Fred. Many thanks for Col Philip  
Smith's valuable letter -

Many thanks for beautiful grapes  
& partridges.

[2] [15:940]

*Egypt*

Enteric Fever among the troops at Alexandria.

The Cyprus Nurses (including our Miss Airy) returning home were detained at Alexandria

to help our Nurses there in the Hospitals -

Miss Airy has a Hospital all to herself at Ramleh: - very severe Typhoid cases: but Doctors say have picked up wonderfully since she came - There has been a high mortality -

She desired me to thank you for your kind letter forwarded to her in Cyprus from Egypt. They do so value letters.

The troops are mostly young men at the Enteric fever ages.

Alexandria is in a wretched Sanitary state or was: & the water bad -

With regard to your question: you remember ~~the~~ Sidney Herbert's *R. Commission of 1857* advised *completing the regimental Hospl.* system for the field, *giving it power over the supplies & over a part of the transport*, while at the same time *general Base Hospitals* were provided for.

This was done by Sidney Herbert by the 1859 Regulations; and now we find that dependence has been placed *solely* on the *possibility of having base Hospitals* - And hence the result -

Economy has had to be paid for *not* by the War Office people, who altered the whole work of a Royal Commission, but by the soldiers.

We May thank God the result has not been worse. [end 15:940]



9009/96 unsigned letter, 3ff, pencil

**[1:356-47]**

Oct 30/82

Dearest Pop I send you  
(to look at) the photo of the  
Titian's Assumption in the  
Accademia at Venice - I  
never understood the picture  
before - a miracle of  
fore-shortening - & a parcel  
of people worshipping a lady-  
=God was all that I saw,  
more stupid me. But  
what an ideal this is -  
the "pure in heart", *they* shall  
"see God". She has so entirely  
left the world behind her -  
herself behind her, that *is*

“rapt” devotion -  
I think it ranks *with*,  
tho’ unlike, the very finest  
heads of Christ, (of which  
I still think Guido’s  
crowned with thorns one  
of the greatest) & M Angelo’s  
greatest Sistine prophets  
& Raphael’s baby Christ  
in the Dresden -

How unlike Murillo is  
*this* Virgin! & indeed how unlike Titian  
in general! It is an inspiration,  
like Mozart’s Don Giovanni  
Please let me have it  
again tonight or tomorrow  
morning

I also send ( for you)  
a very different thing -  
Whatstandwell Coffee room -  
don’t despise it - 108  
members already. Where  
we were told we should  
not have 40.

My love to Maude -  
& tell her we regretted  
not having her & children  
two at Lea Hurst with Mr.  
Fred. And I left the  
Holloway Reading Room  
wringing 200 hands at  
not hearing her Violin this year  
& Mr. Fred’s songs -

Lea Hurst was a sheet  
of gold when we left -  
how *ugly* London is -  
black leaves instead of  
golden - an oleograph instead of a  
sun -

we came away thro' such a ~~snow~~  
storm as I have not been  
out in since Crimea - All  
the country below Derby  
under water - men  
climbing up trees & not  
rescued till next morning.

- I don't mean I saw  
the men in the trees but  
in the newspapers -

We had a disastrous foot  
trudge thro' the slush & snow to Belper  
Station. I had been quite

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knocked up, as you may  
suppose, before I left  
L.H. And since I came  
have been unable thro' illness  
to see ~~some~~ any of the many  
men waiting to see me on account  
of this (more) disastrous  
enquiry into the Egypt  
Army Medical Service -  
But one is coming today  
who always stays till 9.30  
p.m.

Also, about India  
(Bengal Land: Rent Law question)  
But, more disastrous than  
all, is your illness, my dear  
Pop -

9009/97 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

30/10/82

My dear Sir Harry

I have a man coming this afternoon for 4 or 5 hours' hard work on the A. Hospl. Corps enquiry, (for which I am very unfit).

Would it be troubling you too much to ask you to return me a note I wrote you which must have reached Claydon this day week, Oct 23. It was a note on two sheets like this, in pencil - and on the 2nd sheet was a short summary of Sidney Herbert's views

on Field Hospls -

It would save me a great deal of trouble if I could have this back -

I think it was headed thus: *Egypt*  
*Typhoid Fever*

Could you ask Morey whether on Friday last about 6.p.m.- in Mount St. a girl (our "Lyddy" from Mrs. Grey's) did not say to him; "How do you do, Mr. Morey"?

She adheres to her story: [I did not like to let her see that we suspected that she had been mistaken as to Mr. Morey, & that some man had personated him for a bad purpose]

She says: she followed him back as he desired: that there were two men between him & her - but that she thinks he turned in at No. 4 -

9009/98 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

1/11/82

My dear Sir Harry

You kindly ask: this is the  
substance of what I should say to Mr.  
Childers -

I have Sir Jas Caird: but if he is  
gone in time & I am not quite dead,  
I will gladly see you at 6.40 -as  
you propose

F.N.

9009/99 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

1/11/82

My dear Sir Harry

How is Parthe?  
I think you have done a  
great act in getting Loyd  
Lindsay on the Committee  
of enquiry - & that it  
will be the saving of the Comm:

I only wish you had  
got two -

Col. Philip Smith's is an  
excellent letter - I hope  
*all* these men will be  
examined: Dr. Hanbury ~~F.N.~~  
& all the Egypt men And

above all I hope they  
will not deny ~~anything~~  
everything -

F.N.

9009/100 unsigned note, 3ff, pencil

[1] [15:898-99]

*Enquiry into Army Hospl. Corps &c Nov 1/82*

1. Would ~~not~~ Mr. Childers let this Committee of  
"Enquiry" into "Army Hospital Corps" & "field &  
"base Hospitals" sift the whole matter to the  
bottom? And would this not be quite  
impossible to do *in time for THE ESTIMATES?*  
Should not the enquiry last thro' the whole  
winter *2 or 3 months* at least?

[No harm can happen in War to Army  
Hospitals for the next year at least]

Therefore is it not a pity to hurry the solving  
the question - which will then have to be  
re-opened again & again?]

Let these burning questions of Field & Base  
Hospitals, Army Medical, & Army Hospital  
Corps be solved now - so that for the next  
10 or 20 years there may be satisfactory  
arrangements for our troops in sickness  
and wounded.

Mr. Childers has now the ball at his  
feet. He will set it rolling -  
And if the enquiry is not too much hurried  
it will ensure success -

E.g -

If Mr. Childers knew how the Field Hospitals  
were ~~got~~ "rushed" together, the men collected or rather  
pitchforked together from all parts of the  
United Kingdom - without previous knowledge

of each other or of their matériel - no habit of  
doing work together - want of system & method  
-how would a Captain command a company  
not one man of which nor the matériel  
he had ever seen before?

if Mr. Childers will allow this & *many*  
other things to be brought before him,  
he will wonder - not that ~~the~~ things worked  
so badly but that they worked so well.

But then the Committee of *enquiry*

[2]

must have time to *enquire* into all these  
things: to take the evidence of Surgeon  
Genl. Hanbury & many others now in  
Egypt *and* at home - to examine, sift & report -

It is earnestly to be hoped that they Doctors  
will not deny everything: but say  
*what* happened, *what* failed, *why* it  
failed, *what* they *want* -  
that they will ask, & it shall be given them

They will then come in on the wave:  
& the Army & War Hospitals will be  
set on a good foundation - not indeed  
for ever but for years -

N.B. It will be seen how much & how well  
the Doctors do: & where they fail, from  
the present nature of things, to do well - not  
from their own fault.

{3}

Latest news I have had from *Pietermaritzburg* -  
*Natal* dated Oct 2, 1882

Mr. Childers was so good as to order the troops  
to be hutted. But the huts are to be  
only of Corrugated Iron which of course  
will be ~~quite~~ as *hot* as Tents, tho' ~~much drier~~  
quite *dry*.

Natal orderlies have been telegraphed for  
home, & five for Cape Town where there is Small  
Pox. This leaves P. Maritzburg with *one* Orderly  
only for each Ward: Enteric fever just appearing

Therefore the more need of *Nurses*.

When the rains, expected every day, begin  
the Wards will be full -

The 41st are under canvass - & their  
huts cannot be up for at least 2 months -  
- Stretchers should be at once provided  
for the men in camp to take them off  
the damp ground.

men sleeping on wet blankets in deep mud  
with thermr: over 90° in the shade by day  
when the sun is scorching - & falling  
above 30° by night - soon have Diarrhoea,  
Dysentery & Fever when other causes are  
added. There is a fever-panic among  
them after the ~~scenes~~ mortality of last year -

6th Dragoons at PineTown.

P.M.O. deplotes the want of Orderlies - but says  
"I got the order & I had no alternative but to send  
the men" **[end 15:899]**



9009/101 unsigned note, 1f, pencil

2/11/82

I think from old experience that it  
would have been better if Mr. Childers  
had put on, as Sidney Herbert would  
have done, not Dr. Crawford, the head,  
but his immediate subordinate, Dr.  
Mackinnon or some active man: NOT *at all* out of.  
want of sympathy with Dr. C. (for  
I said this to him himself) but to  
leave him more freedom to explain  
& suggest & enquire

I think it would have been better to  
ask Mr. Childers to return my  
papers - But I dare say it  
you judged best.

If he shows the Natal paper to Dr.  
Crawford, they will know who  
furnished the information.  
you will be at the Ho. of C. this  
afternoon - and I am afraid I  
shall be engaged - But when  
could you come? to tell me all  
Thanks 1000  
God bless you

9009/102 unsigned note, 1f, pencil

I must not keep you waiting -  
I am sure you will put  
my "paper" rather in *questions*  
than as implying *blame*,  
of which there is none to imply  
- still less as *advising* Mr. Childers.  
God bless you -  
They examined one witness  
yesterday at the Commee

[note from HV to FN 2 Nov 82  
Nov. 2 10 Alb

Childers says  
The Enquiry will last  
until Jan or Feb.

I am to see him at  
10.30 at his own  
house & shall read  
your Paper to him.

H.V.

If you wish to see me  
first I will come:  
but I have nothing to  
say to you.

9009/103 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:357]

2/11/82

Dear Pop I am very sorry you want a  
night Nurse - And it is a very risky thing  
to recommend a Private Nurse.

But I should send to Miss Pyne  
Westminster Hospital  
who I know has several private Nurses at  
liberty now & who would be 'proud to serve'  
you. I should tell her exactly what  
I wanted - not a crack Surgical Nurse to

dress a man's broken bones - but a nice,  
clever, quiet Nurse - as near a good  
domestic ~~servant~~ maid to a lady as  
possible - who will not talk & keep  
you awake but will do her work  
tenderly & silently -

You know Miss Pyne was trained by us  
-was years with Miss Pringle at  
Edinburgh - & is now Matron of Westm: Hosp.

She would take pains to send you  
what you asked for

I am afraid there should be no  
delay: for it is quite an accident  
that she has several Nurses at home now -  
ever my dear Pop your F.

9009/104 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:358]

10 South St.  
Park Lane  
Nov 6/82

My dear Sir Harry

I share deeply your sorrow  
at Parthe's suffering.

But, thank God, there is not,  
so far as I know one  
dangerous, much less "fatal"  
symptom.

The danger is exactly  
the reverse of what you fear  
& is as Dr. Acland told  
you that this might ~~pass~~  
~~into~~ a become chronic - ~~st~~ or confirmed

~~And~~ As Parthe has herself  
written to me: "And I may

"have 20 years of this!"  
There is no symptom of  
Rheumatic Fever, or of  
suppressed Gout or of  
anything dangerous.

~~I sh~~ Those would be doing all ~~†~~ they  
could to induce or confirm  
this state into becoming  
Chronic - if ~~†~~ they were to  
"suggest" "fresh remedies",  
"further advice," or be  
always "proposing" something  
else -

She has had 10 Doctors  
in little more than 5  
months! Nothing could be  
worse hardly for her -  
I will gladly see Dr. Ogle  
or Dr. Acland if you  
like if a time can  
be found when I *can*  
see him. & give him  
a fee. He will certainly  
tell me the truth -

yrs

F.N.

It is always cruel to say so

to a person in suffering  
~~but~~ else I should say that its  
having *come out* is a  
~~most~~ fortunate thing -  
And perhaps this is the  
result of Royat & Droitwich

9009/105 initialed note, 1f, pencil

M Please NOT to ask Mr. Childers for  
my "papers" back.

F.N.

2/11/82

9009/106 initialed note, 1f, pencil

14/11/82

I think it is better,  
thanks, that my name  
should NOT be written for the  
Crown Princess -

I hope Parthe sees Dr. Ogle  
*at least* every other day -

Mrs. Wardroper is coming to me  
this afternoon - If you should  
have any of your sons &  
their wives with you, to dinner, [yes, wives]  
would you ask her to dinner?

I was infinitely touched by the lean,  
shabby Guards, looking as if not one  
of them felt he had done anything to  
be proud of - tho' we were all proud  
of them

Thank you for making me see them  
F.N.

9009/107 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

14/11/82

Dearest Pop. I hope that  
you saw Dr. Ogle yesterday  
& asked him about the means  
of preventing cold after the  
perspirations.

We are often ordered to  
sponge the Patient all over  
either with hot vinegar and  
water or hot water - or  
any other wash preferred -  
*after* the perspiration.

This is done by a  
skilful nurse *between*  
*blankets* without the  
slightest exposure of the  
patient who is then replaced

in hot clean night -dress  
and flannels in her  
own bed (or better still  
in an adjoining bed) -  
made hot & dry -  
& generally sleeps for  
an hour or two -  
Thus the perspiration  
which is Nature's way  
of getting rid of naughty  
matters is utilized  
- instead of its making liable  
to cold.

There is nothing like a  
profuse perspiration as  
a medicinal agent.

Pray don't disappoint it

I was very glad to see  
my dear children yesterday  
for the first time for  
25 years - all the more  
because they looked like  
shabby skeletons half their  
former size in worn  
out clothes -

Perhaps I had rather  
have seen them in the  
street welcomed by the  
people.

It was too dark to see  
their faces.

But I hope they knew  
that Royalty was there

to bid them, tho' a silent  
welcome - Royalty was  
most exceedingly unobtrusive

*That* was nice, because  
the soldiers were to be  
all in all -

I heard one voice say:  
*"that's Miss Nightingale,"*  
(tho' it is not possible that  
any one could have  
known me by sight).

Thank you oh so much  
for your kindly note of  
sympathy - in the carriage  
ever dear Pop

your F.

I am so glad Sir Harry took no cold.

9009/108 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

15/11/82

My dear Sir Harry

Mrs. Pigott whom I do not know  
wrote to me before on the subject of  
this Memorial. I gave her my written  
leave to append my signature to this  
in which I most heartily concur -  
But as you send it me, I append

it myself - Pray give my most  
hearty 'God speed' to Col. P. Smith  
& I shall esteem it a great favour  
if I may see him - [I am engaged  
every day this week]  
unfortunately

I do hope Parthe is seeing Dr.  
Ogle every other day at least.

I am sorry I have two engagements  
today & cannot ask to see her.

ever yrs & hers

F.



9009/109 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil

17/11/82

My dear Sir Harry

You wished Col Balfour's  
case enquired into by the  
(Army) Committee of Enquiry

I find he came home by  
the Carthage; was attended  
by Prescott Hewett: at his  
Sister's Lady Downshire's:  
his wound was a flesh  
wound, no bone injured:  
& he died of Pyaemia.

I cannot find out that  
Prescott Hewitt said that

"his case was so jeopardized  
"by deficient nourishment  
"on the voyage home  
"that he had no chance".

I had one of the members  
~~with~~ of the Committee of  
Enquiry with me yesterday -  
And without mentioning  
your name I told him  
what had been told you  
(by "one of the family")  
for the purpose of enquiry -

He said that, if I  
could send it him in  
writing, the Chairman,  
Lord Morley, should enquire into it

I was very glad to see  
Genl. Gordon again

I saw yesterday an  
Examiner of the London  
University - He told  
me he had just  
examined *Mrs. Scharlieb*  
for her final Examination

Do you know her  
address?

I should like to write  
to her.

I hope, dear Sir Harry,  
you are taking care of  
your cold.

9009/110 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

17/11/82

It is very good of you,  
dearest Pop, to care  
about my seeing the Review.

I do not feel that I  
COULD face the Münsters  
or Prussia House -

And I should think  
it next to impossible.  
for the carriage to be  
allowed to stand anywhere  
to see it.

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*I need not say how*  
*grievous* it is your being

no better - I hope to  
catch sight of you  
to-day: But I have  
two (gentlemen) appointments

I was so very grateful  
for you note, grievous  
as it was  
God bless you: dear Pop:  
ever your  
F.

How I think of the  
Bunsens with Prussia  
House  
Mrs. Scharlieb has gone  
thro' her final  
Examination at  
London University.

9009/111 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

18/11/82

My dear Sir Harry - I am  
so concerned about the  
men's disappointment & for the  
crowds ready to welcome  
them on this day -

As for myself, I don't  
think I could have gone  
any how - [I am so much  
obliged for your kindness  
& Mrs. Gladstone's] I think  
I must give it up altogether

It is not the cold. I  
could wear a Bear=skin  
if that were all - But it

is the amazing exertion  
to me of sitting or  
standing among people  
who know me or half  
know me - to me who  
for 25 years have only  
seen one person at a  
time - You cannot judge of it.

It quite unfits me  
for days & days for serious work - And  
I have so much, that  
cannot be put off

I hope your cold is  
better - And I do hope  
you are not going to an

uncovered out of  
doors platform.

I ~~hope~~ trust to seeing Parthe  
this afternoon.

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I could not have gone  
out at "11" today - at all  
events -

ever your & P.'s affly  
F.N.

Had not we better give  
up my place at good kind  
Mrs. Gladstone's?

9009/112 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:589]

21/11 1882

My dear Sir Harry Please tell me  
how you are: & how Parthe is -  
& how the dinner was.

Whom do you mean to vote for at the  
School Board Election next Friday?

I think I shall vote for Sydney Buxton  
& Arthur Hobhouse - But I should  
like to know who *all* the candidates are  
& whether I can vote *by Proxy*.

The Polling Places are the Board Room,  
Mount St. or 21 Old Bond St -  
where Voting Papers & information  
can be had.

You have not told me what I  
am to say to Lord Morley about  
the information given you by the  
family as to the supposed want  
of food in poor Col Balfour's case  
yrs & hers  
F.N.

9009/113 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [5:499]

*Most Private* 21/11 1882

My dear Sir Harry

I did speak with Genl.  
Gordon ~~on~~ to urge his "accepting a  
"high post in the Soudan"  
And he replied that he was  
on such bad terms with the  
Khedive that such was  
impossible

[I had previously been  
told by a high officer in  
Egypt that Genl. Gordon, when  
his head was affected by  
his labours, had behaved  
in such a way to the Khedive

as to make his Genl. G.'s return  
impossible]

Genl. Gordon further told  
me that he *had*  
recommended & should  
recommend to the Foreign  
Office Sir C. Wilson  
of Roumelia for his,  
Genl. G.'s, former post of  
Governor=Genl. of the Soudan  
You may certainly "tell Genl.  
Gordon" that I wish *him*  
to be there, since I told  
him so myself - But is it

possible that the post  
will be offered? or  
even that it would be  
desirable for him to be  
there *under the*  
*circumstances?*

[end 5:499]

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About poor Col Balfour's

case, there is no  
question about the  
"mode of communication  
with Lord Morley", since  
I settled *that* with the  
Member of the Commission  
to whom I spoke.

All *you* have to do  
is to send me *in*  
*writing* what you  
believe to be the case, having heard  
it "from the family" -  
And I am to forward it  
to Ld. Morley thro' this  
*Member* - I am sure  
that you will agree with  
me that we could not  
pass him by now  
ever yr aff  
F.N.

9009/114 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

22/11/82

My dear Sir Harry

I am too happy to see  
Col. Smith a C.B. to  
wish to see him *here*  
on Friday-

Would he give me  
the pleasure of seeing him  
on Saturday at 5 or  
any day next week  
at 5 after Monday -  
provided I might know  
soon? which day?

I am in fact rather  
glad to have my Friday  
- I am so overworked  
& harassed just now -  
And I do not like  
seeing Parthe so *seldom*  
as innumerable offers  
of interviews compel me  
to do - F.N.  
ever yrs aff  
F. Nightingale

9009/115 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

23/11/82

My dear Sir Harry

1. Dr. Acland was so  
good as to say, thro' you,  
that he would come  
here to-day "at one  
"or half past" - I will  
be ready - & am most  
anxious to see him -
2. Did you have any  
conversation with the  
Indian Contingent - especially  
about the way things were



managed in Egypt?

One of them tells how  
he, his men & his horses  
were 3 days without  
food on beginning  
their march - He makes  
not the least complaint.

3. Can Maude get from  
Lady Downshire the  
true story about poor  
Col. Balfour's food?

4. I return a Lark  
which you were so  
good as to send me -

*Pray, pray* forbid

ALL killing of Larks -

[I have enforced this  
on the Cookery School]

5. Who is "*Alice* Gladstone"?

That is not *Mrs.*

Gladstone's Xtian name,  
is it?

A lady of this name

writes to me on the  
ground of having  
seen me on Saturday?

Is it *Miss* Gladstone?  
Did you see her? at the  
Review?

ever yrs aff

F.N.

9009/116 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dear Sir Harry It is  
very kind of you to think  
of the carriage - I could not  
do MORE than "the Embankment"  
And I would have it at  
3 - *unless* you think it  
will cloud over. When  
I would have it at what  
{in another hand:} ~~Miss Nightingale~~  
time you like -

Thanks: yes:

I am very anxious to [10:817]  
learn some thing from the  
"Indian Contingent" - But  
a mere complimentary visit  
with an interpreter would  
be no good - & an enormous

[2]  
fatigue to me - If  
somebody could ask  
them some confidential  
questions - -? [end 10:817]

I do implore that  
no more "Doctors",  
"Swedish" or other, should  
be "seen" by Parthe -

But if there could be  
no harm in "mentioning  
"it to Dr. Ogle".

F.N.  
24/11/82

9009/117 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

27/11/82

My dear Sir Harry

I suppose I must  
receive the Indian Officers  
But I don't see how any  
good can come of it -

[10:817]

I wonder how many  
there will be -

[end 10:817]

I will be ready by 12.

F.N.

9009/118 incomplete letter, if, pencil [3:400]

30/11/82

For Parthe's better night  
like you I say

Bless the Lord, O my soul

And all that is within me

Bless His holy name -

[end 3:400]

Mr. George Lefevre has sent  
us two tickets for the

Law Courts Opening, in the  
very best compartment

(near the Dais) - But  
alas! our numbers are not  
together - The Tickets

9009/119 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

How am I to get out?

Mr. Lefevre says you have  
to cross the Dais

2/12/82

My letter returning the  
Tickets to Mr. Lefevre  
to go, please, directly -

I return your own  
letter to him

F.N.

Sir Harry

Dear Sir Harry

What do you say to this?  
Mr. Geo. Lefevre's man  
is waiting  
He is too kind

9009/120 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

But, dear Sir Harry  
how am I to go in  
alone?

A woman could hardly  
do so in perfect health -  
Suppose I should  
tumble down? F.N.  
4/12/82

9009/121 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dec 3/82

My dear Sir Harry

One Ticket is come  
for me from Mr. Lefevre  
& a pass for the  
carriage

but *not* two Tickets  
What is to be done?  
F.N.

9009/122 initialed letter, 2 ff, pencil

Dec 4/82

My dear Sir Harry

Mr. Lefevre has sent  
me one single Ticket  
(Lady Constance's) No. 24 -  
also an Order that your  
carriage is "to have all the  
"same privileges as H.M.'s  
"Judges".

What is to be done?  
Have *you* had another  
Ticket?  
I did not say what time  
the Carriage should come.

because I cannot  
possibly tell -

You and Joseph must  
decide -

I hear gentlemen are  
to go in Levee dress -

I would send you  
my Ticket: but it  
is *not* Transferable.

Say what am I to do?

How is Parthe?

F.N.

9009/123 signed letter, 1f, pencil

[1:359]

8/12/82

Dearest Dr. Ogle will  
come to morrow, if  
wanted, to give you the  
Sub-cutaneous. He hopes  
you will have a better  
night to-night. God  
be with you - For so  
He giveth His beloved  
sleep -

ever thy  
Flo

9009/124 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10/12

My dear Sir Harry

I send in a note for  
Dr. Ogle which perhaps  
he would read before he  
sees P.

At 5 I am expecting a lady  
from C.P. whom we have  
been training - But I  
almost hope she won't  
come. Then I hope  
to see you or Dr. Ogle or  
some one from you

ever yrs  
F.N.

9009/125 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

[1:359]

11/12/[82]

My dear Sir Harry

For several days the  
introduction of a [illeg] Day Nurse  
has been inevitable -

Julie is overworked.

The Night Nurse ought  
always to be off duty *by 10*  
*a.m.* Or she cannot go  
on.

On Friday I tried to  
persuade Parthe: but she  
only said: "I am not  
ill enough yet." Nor is she:  
But still it is necessary.

Can you persuade her  
without frightening her?

If so, I would recommend  
another Nurse from Miss  
Pyne's, & would write  
another note to her, Miss P., if you  
wish it, & will send it.

Dr. Ogle desires me  
to write to him *before 4*  
an account of Parthe's  
state - I am sure he  
does not realize the  
extent of her wandering -

I should avoid telling  
her that he thinks her  
better. It annoys her.

I should wish to have  
now the Night Nurse's  
report: & later on  
a bulletin - with *all*  
particulars about one  
or two o'clock - before I  
write to Dr. Ogle -

God bless our dear  
Invalid

yrs & hers

F.N.

I have a blister behind each

ear, a mustard poultice  
on my chest - & have  
been so for several days -  
or I would come in &  
see her whatever the  
weather I need  
scarcely say

I hope you have no  
cold

9009/126 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil

*Private* 11/12/82

My dear Sir Harry

Will it do to have Mrs.

"Ellis" "upstairs"? Is it

not certain that it

would not?

As for dear old

unwieldy "Turnham", what

good would she be of

as a Nurse?

It seems preposterous in her to

make the objection that

"regular" Nurses "make work", & that

it they will "knock up

your maids" -

Your Night Nurse has

sometimes not been in

bed more than 3 hours

out of the 24 - I spoke to

her seriously -

As for her having her meals

"up -stairs", I suppose she

has them with Julie -

But whether or no it

is most undesirable that

she should be downstairs.

Indeed she is always



helping Julie.

If there is another  
Nurse for the day, her  
meals will only go up  
with the others' - Surely this  
will save, not "make work".

To prevent Julie &  
the ~~Day~~ Night Nurse being  
quite knocked up I  
think a Day Nurse most  
desirable. But if this  
cannot be, then Phoebe  
seems the only alternative.  
But Parthe could not be

left alone with Phoebe.

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I see the Night Nurse daily  
& write to Dr. Ogle by his desire

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Would you be so kind  
as to put *outside* your  
notes, instead of inside,  
"a verbal answer" - "wait"-  
Your men do not "wait":  
& I have to send my becolded  
maids, 3 of whom are  
only just out of the Dr.'s  
hands, with my messages  
& notes.

9009/127 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.

12/12/82

My dear Sir Harry

I have had the  
Night Nurse's written  
report, & I have had  
Julie for an hour..

And I have written  
the enclosed to Dr. Ogle  
to be sent by you, please

If you wish Parthe  
to see Dr Sir W. Gull again,  
please add a note  
to this to Dr. Ogle -

I cannot say that  
Parthe seems better -

*Unless you have heard  
from Dr. Acland, I  
propose to write him  
an account of her  
state - [She did ask  
for this]*

As to a Day Nurse,  
I did not find Julie  
so averse to it: but  
I agreed to put it off urging it  
for a day or two,  
provided Julie had  
the command of Phoebe

for several hours in  
the day, (& a Charwoman  
was got in to do  
Phoebe's work) -which I  
think she Julie mentioned to you.

I trust your grazed  
shin is better:

God bless you:  
ever yours & Parthe's  
F.N.

9009/128 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St.

Dec 12/82

My dear Sir Harry

Dr. Ogle will come  
to see Parthe about  
*½ past 10* o'clock THIS  
*evening* - & if it seems  
desirable he will give  
her the 'sub-cutaneous  
'injection' to give her  
sleep -

Please tell Julie at  
once: & also the Night

Nurse when she gets  
up -

It would be desirable  
that Parthe should  
be ready in bed for  
him in order that  
she might not have any  
undressing & washing  
to do *after* the Sub-cutaneous  
to make her restless -

May God speed the  
remedy -

ever yours & hers  
F.N.

9009/129 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

13/12/82

My dear Sir Harry

Dear, dearest Margaret,

how good of her to come -

Tell her I kissed her letter -

I am glad the Doctors  
are coming to-day & anxious to  
hear their report.

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Unhappily I have an  
appointment at 5 I cannot  
put off. But Dr. Acland  
would not have time to  
come - Perhaps he would  
write to me -

F.N.

9009/130 signed letter, 1f, pencil

[1:642]

14/12 {arch: 82}

My dearest Margaret

(if you will allow me  
to call you so)

Thank God you are come!

There is nobody in the  
world who can do  
half for her that you  
do.

If it is not bad for  
you to go out, I would  
most thankfully see  
you, as you kindly propose

Would half an hour  
hence suit you?  
as it would perhaps be  
advisable that we  
should consult before  
the new Nurse comes?

ever yrs gratefully  
F. Nightingale

9009/131 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dearest Margaret -  
forgive me if I am  
fidgetting your  
kindness in putting  
this down?

F.N.  
14/12/82

9009/132 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

15/12 1882  
My dear Sir Harry

I will gladly accept  
Your kind offer to send  
"A brace of pheasants"  
"in my name" --- to

Dr. Crawford  
Director Genl.  
Army Med. Dept.  
6 Whitehall Yard

He can do much for us -  
Let his temper be sweetened  
by pheasants -  
Many thanks

I think she is better -  
Dr. Ogle comes to her  
to-day at 6.15 -  
But Margt. is her best  
medicine -

She is very weak -  
ever yours & hers  
F.N.

I think an appointment  
should be made every  
day with Dr. Ogle at  
what hour he should come  
the next day

9009/133 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

**[1:359-60]**

10 South St.

Dec 15/82

Dearest Margaret

My letter to Dr. Ogle  
yesterday afternoon was  
merely to introduce him  
to you as an angel  
from heaven who had  
come (unawares) to feed  
the Patient, as angels  
do, you know, sometimes  
now as they did in  
the O. Testament, & to  
soothe & calm & comfort

the sufferer, as also  
is their calling -

I told him that  
exact records of the  
sleep & food taken,  
would be given to him  
now by *you*: & that  
you would take charge  
of the carrying out of  
his orders.

I am sure you have  
done a great deal  
already to do her good.

I did not post that my  
old note -

But I have now written  
another - which perhaps  
you would have kindly  
(immediately) sent. And  
he will be sure to  
come this afternoon.

I believe she is now  
taking no day-medicine,  
waiting for him.

I return the record  
of food (liquid & solid)  
you so kindly sent - to

enable you to make  
out the record for him  
And would you kindly  
add to it the *brandy*  
taken?

I await with anxiety  
the bulletin of the night.  
I fear I shall not be  
able to see you this  
morning (& it is not fit  
for you to come out)  
- for linseed disputes my  
possession -

And I am obliged to

[2]  
get up this afternoon  
to see a W.O.  
man,  
on business -  
But I hope to see the  
Nurse or you or Julie  
some part of the day,  
if the weather improves  
with love to Sir Harry  
ever my dear Angel's  
grateful  
F.N.



9009/134 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

I have had 3 notes from  
Dr. Ogle since the  
consultation the day before  
yesterday - He is most kind  
& wishes to be most  
attentive - He  
rejoices at your presence.

He will ~~be~~ come to  
see my sister between  
6 and half past *this*  
evening.  
15/12/82 F.N.

9009/135 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Sunday 17/12 {arch: ? 82}  
Dearest Margaret

This is not a very good  
report.

How thankful we are  
you are here -

I dare say she will  
doze all the morning  
It is unfortunate -

Could you see me *any*  
time to-day that is  
convenient to you?

If you ask me, any

time between 12.30 and  
2 - or ~~and~~ between 4  
and 5.30 - that you  
would kindly fix.

but *any* time would  
do, except that I have  
an appointment at 6 -

You have the Doctor  
I think at 4.30 -  
And I believe you are  
kind enough to take  
her at one  
God bless you both

{written vertically on the facing page}

I will restore  
the records

9009/136 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil

**[3:206-07]**

Dec 20/82

My dear Sir Harry

The poor mother wrote  
to me yesterday that  
Parthe's god-son, *Arthur*  
*Coltman*, passed away that  
(yesterday) morning - (at  
Folkestone).

She asked me to tell  
you - As Parthe does not  
see the newspapers, the right  
time may be ~~taken~~ delayed for  
telling her -

He was a boy of  
splendid courage & patience,

always, & almost to the  
last, the most cheerful  
in the company - always  
the most excellent company  
- interested in every thing -  
when he knew he could share in nothing  
-unselfish in these latter  
times - unselfishness itself -  
-thoughtful for all - even for Yeomans

There was not much  
pain at last - he knew  
everybody till within 2  
or 3 hours of the end -  
he was down stairs on  
Sunday -& took notice  
gaily of a wood-cock at luncheon  
[He was an excellent shot].  
did well at Eton & was going to Cambridge

we must pray God to  
Support the poor father  
& mother whom his  
long illness has greatly  
tired - they gave up their  
homes both in London &  
Scotland for him - And  
they were wrapped up in  
him. But they ought to rejoice  
now in thinking of him: risen from the fire.

His father & brother were  
there - He was 21 -

The father was with us  
at Lea Hurst & looked as  
if he might have gone first  
He was quite broken down

**[end 3:207]**

≡≡≡ I trust we may be  
thankful for Sir W. Gull's  
opinion -

Julie came in last  
night to tell me ~~she~~ Parthe  
had made a better dinner  
It was as much as, and  
a great deal more than  
a dinner to me  
Will you come & see me  
to-day? & at what hour?

— I heard on Sunday the Arch:  
bishopric lies between Lightfoot  
& Benson: Queen for the former:  
Gladstone for the latter  
O how could he so fail India?

9009/137 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

22/12 {arch: ?82}

Thank God, O thank God  
that she is better &  
asleep -

And thank you too,  
dearest Margaret.

Might I see you after  
the Doctor has been?  
And I have to consult  
you about X matters of  
the greatest importance,  
- Xmas cards -  
ever your grateful - F.N.

9009/138 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

22/12 {arch:1882}

My dear Sir Harry

I am ill *in bed*

& "carriage" & me will  
be long parted -

O thank God for  
Parthe's much better  
night. Thank God.

What time will you  
come and see me this  
afternoon?

And would Margt.  
come and see me *after*  
Doctor has been? F.N.

9009/139 2 letters, signed & initialed, 1f, pencil

23/12 {arch: 82}

Dearest Margaret: She is so  
often not *Doctors'* 'worse'  
but *Nurse's* 'worse'.

I think this is a little of  
Nurse's better as well as  
Doctor's better -

God bless you -  
Will you come & show  
me your dear face & let  
me hear your dear voice  
this afternoon?

You are good enough to  
undertake the weighty  
matters enclosed

Aunt Florence

Xmas Eve {arch 82}

Alas! dearest Margaret -  
this is a bad report -  
God bless you all the  
more -  
ever yrs gratefully  
F.N.

9009/140 2 letters, initialed & signed, 1f, pencil [1:643]

You are our Christmas  
blessing -  
You are our "glad tidings  
of great joy"  
dearest Margaret -  
God bless you  
F.N.  
Xmas Day  
1882

27/12 {arch: 82}  
Dearest Margaret  
If the weather clears  
up this afternoon, might  
I have a sight of you -  
a sight good for sair  
e'en -  
You have not been  
exercising up & down stairs,  
I trust - or sitting up at  
night - I shall be in  
a fury that 'beggars'  
description if we return  
you to Capt: Verney in a  
dilapidated state.  
yrs ever gratefully F. Nightingale

9009/141 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Thursday 28/12 {arch: '82}  
Thank God O thank God  
& thank you dearest  
Margaret.  
F.N.

9009/142 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

**[1:642-43]**

St. Thomas' Day  
    {arch: ?82} [21 Dec.]  
Dearest Margaret  
    This is indeed a severe  
disappointment - but still  
she is better since you came -  
We must not be like St.  
Thomas' on his day: 'be not  
faithless but believing', your  
dear face says to me each  
time I see it -  
    I shall be very anxious  
to hear what the Doctor  
says - And he must  
change the 'bhang' pill, must  
he not?

As to Sant's Xmas  
cards, they are lovely:  
each one is worth all  
the whole store I have -  
You so very kindly say: 'I  
may keep any I fancy' -  
I am like the child  
to whom it is said: Which  
will you have ? - And it  
says: All -

But I must not keep  
"All" - What will *you* do?

I meant to send some  
Xmas Cards, of course, to  
my dear little God-child,  
motherless for Xmas -  
& her sister -

I must not send  
the same as you.

Might I have 2 more  
sets of Sant's beautiful  
angels?

And what shall I do  
about all the other  
beauties?

I am afraid I ought  
to have written this  
before you went out  
God bless you  
ever, ever yours  
F.N.



9009/143 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

**[1:643]**

Dec 29 {arch: 82}  
She *is* better, dearest  
Margaret, thanks to you,  
who have the power of  
making the crooked straight  
& the rough places smooth

One cannot feel at all  
content that *you* should  
"take the afternoons" - And  
I write this before Dr.  
Acland comes - Might  
we not try another Nurse?

I cannot forego my  
  
privilege of seeing you  
this evening, if you  
will still give it me -  
I will not ask to see  
Dr. Acland because  
he has you - And I  
shall have him (& you  
who are much better)  
in ~~him~~ you if you kindly  
will come this evening

I am so very sorry  
about dear Ellin -  
& penitent.

Messenger of peace,  
God bless you

I shall not try to  
see my sister to-day  
because she will be  
tired with Dr. Acland

F.N.

9009/144 2 initialed letters, 1f, pencil

Dec 30/82

Dearest Margaret

Alas! that there is  
no better account - I  
am so unwilling to miss  
to-day when there  
is no Doctor to tire  
her. Would 4  
suit her to-day for  
me to see her? Please  
tell me the best hour,  
5 or 5.30, or any other,  
for her - ever yrs gratefully

F.N.

Please send Mr. Fred  
to me, if only for a few  
minutes.

I hope you are saving your  
'grazed & have no cold  
shin

yrs & hers ever

F.N.

9009/145 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

New Year's Eve 1882

Dearest Margaret I feel  
so loath to lose a single  
day of you -

I have the 2 Schoolmasters  
from 5 to 8 -

Could I see you for a  
minute at 4, *if* you  
are *quite* at liberty -

How is dear Ellin?  
& poor Capt: Verney?  
May God bless you - and  
He *will* bless you - in the  
New Year: ever yr grateful

F.N.

9009/146 initialed letter, 3ff, pen.

**[3:400]**

New Year's Day

[1883]

My dear Sir Harry

Infinite blessings - for  
God's blessings *are* infinite -  
on your head for the New  
Year - And may it bring  
all that the Almighty Father  
can give of His own good  
to Parthe: & to your dear  
& blessed Margaret &  
all her children - & to  
all your children &  
grandchildren - May He  
whose gifts are without  
stint or measure, save

that of His own goodness

bless them *all*.**[end 3:400]**

I trust you have good  
accounts of Parthe this  
morning

I wish that I *had*  
letters of introduction to  
give Dr. Acland for  
Paris in order to help  
him to "make enquiries  
"into the working of the  
"Contagious Diseases Laws"  
&c - that terrible  
"working" which is at  
once the outcome &  
the ruin of French  
society - & morals -  
For such introductions

**[8:496]**

would show him the  
real state of things,  
as no three days' visit  
could do -  
But alas! I am the  
survivor of all my  
French friends - Doctors,  
Medical Directors,  
male & female heads  
of Hospitals with  
whom since the  
Crimean War I have  
been so intimate -  
Pasteurs &c all are dead.  
Many died during the Siege

**[end 8:496]**

[2]  
May he Dr. Acland be guided  
to the truth!  
I dare say you have  
been so good as to  
write to Mr. Noble  
of Derby on MacCarthy's  
account.  
What time would you  
like to see me today?  
What time will you see  
Haywood, the Schoolmaster  
who is here from Lea?  
F.N.

9009/147 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

**[1:643-44]**

New Year's Day 1883  
All God's choicest blessings  
rain upon you, dearest  
Margaret, on this day,  
the beginning of ~~th~~His New  
year, & every day - on  
you & yours -

No greeting that I  
have received pleases  
me like yours, ~~my~~your Hope,  
& your 3 *daughters*" (!!!)  
little letters are charming.

I would gladly in  
penitence make myself

into a holocaust for  
Capt. Verney to kill  
& roast & eat, if it  
would do him any  
kindness - But I am  
afraid I should 'eat'  
'tough' -  
I enclose a 10/ bit for  
all your little ones -  
the only part I can pay  
- but for all your  
trouble with them & with

us, who can repay  
but God?  
Does Dr. Ogle come to  
day? And if not  
shall I come? & when?  
I am afraid I should  
not be able to come  
to-morrow -

-God bless you  
ever yr grateful

F.N.

**[end 1:644]**

9009/148 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Jan 2/83

Dearest Margaret

I think we are getting on  
pretty well, thanks to you -  
She was *chatty* yesterday tho'  
restless - It seemed as if  
the Scotch Nurse got on  
better than the Oxford one -  
But I ~~rather~~ very much dread your  
being left with only one Nurse  
Perhaps we can talk this  
over tomorrow -

Thanks very much for  
the tickets to the Zoo - I

Dinner as little as  
possible after 7 -  
put up for the night  
as little as possible after 10  
- nothing to be done in  
her room after night - *pill*  
at 10 -

Such, I believe, should  
be her régime -

Records returned with  
thanks many -

O dear Margaret, how  
can we thank you?

F.N.

9009/149 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Jan 3/83

A disaster has befallen  
me, dearest Margaret: - I  
have not seen you for 2 days  
-worse luck for me!

Could you fix a time  
for this afternoon to see  
me?

Shall I come in & see  
poor Parthe about 4?  
if Dr. Ogle is not coming -

I fear our night was a  
failure -

So thankful dear Ellin is

better -

As for Capt Verney, the  
next time he is in my  
vicinity, I shall retire  
to the dust-hole, for the  
day & night, cover myself  
with dust & ashes, &  
implore his pardon in  
a loud voice to the  
terrors of the papers - by  
yr grateful  
F.N.

9009/150 2 initialed letters, 2ff, pencil

4/1/83

Dearest Margaret

Might I have the  
pleasure & the blessing  
of seeing you today after  
the Doctor has been?

yr grateful  
F.N.

Jan 5/83

Shall I come in & see  
Parthe now?  
And might I see you this  
evening - it is my last  
day of you - if weather  
not too bad?

F.N.

9009/151 initialed letter, 4ff, pen.

Jan 7/83

Dearest Margaret How  
are you?

I am afraid I shall not  
see you before you see  
Dr. Ogle: & therefore I  
inclose the 4 mema. -  
[I have not copied them  
out: as you desired me  
not - but will do better  
another time]

I *hope* the bowels have  
acted to-day - but do not  
know -

It would be better if the

*quantities* eaten at  
luncheon & dinner were  
put down, as you did.

Would it be well to ask  
Dr. Ogle what the  
*thermometer* should be *at*  
in her room?

It *must* vary a little  
according to her feelings -

And the utmost care  
must be taken against  
draughts -

Still I thought the room  
oppressively hot for her



(& she lying close to  
the fire without a  
screen & complaining  
of a hot fit) both  
yesterday & the day before

[The whole house is  
hot - owing to the stove  
in the hall - & the  
top window *outside*  
*Julie's day-room* door  
never being opened -

I creep quietly, quietly,  
& open it *a little* at the  
*top*. But no one else does]

In this N.E. wind one  
must be careful too -  
2. Could it be urged  
that she should always  
go for 2 hours in the  
afternoon into Julie's  
day room?

& both rooms be  
thoroughly aired from the  
~~filleg~~ outer air while she is  
not in them?

She *is* much better, but  
complains she does not  
"get on".

It must be bad for her

[2]  
to be for the 24 hours  
in one hot room -

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I trust to have the  
blessing of a good talk  
with you before our  
Angel leaves us -  
My penitential regards  
to Capt. Verney

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~~Have you had the~~  
opportunity of talking with  
him about what we  
were talking of?

God bless your ever  
Does Julie go out  
every afternoon

9009/152 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Jan  
8/82 {arch: ? 83}  
Dearest Margaret What  
good news that she may  
be thinking of Claydon -  
But she will require  
even more care there than  
here-

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I enclose the Records  
Dearest - since this, your  
news is rather dismal -  
Might I see you this  
afternoon, our blessing?  
& when?  
ever yr grateful  
F.N.

9009/153 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Jan 10/83

Dearest Margaret

Once more God bless  
& reward you 100 fold -  
Once more Au revoir,  
au revoir, au revoir -

Has it ever been  
thought of to move  
her *in her own*  
*carriage* on a truck  
(with ~~one maid~~ Julie &  
conveniences for Invalid  
in it) - Dr. Acland, Sir  
Harry, Morey & Nurse in train?

[The shifting at an  
open Station at Claydon  
seems so perilous] -  
Capt. Verney must make  
the Train arrangements,  
as he kindly offered,  
if they are to be done

May you not be  
too tired with your  
journey, may Ellin  
prosper in all things -  
God bless you - God  
bless you -

Is your address  
Great Western Hotel  
Liverpool  
your grateful  
F. Nightingale

9009/154 initialed letter, 1f, pencil.

Jan 16/83

I am extremely anxious as  
to what you propose doing,  
my very dear Sir Harry -  
Please tell me -

I have had the Nurses'  
reports of the day &  
night -

ever yours & hers  
most tenderly & anxiously  
F.

9009/155 initialed letter, 1f, pen

I thank God who has  
done all things well -

He *has* kept her "as the  
apple of His eye."

I was so thankful for your  
& Dr. Acland's kind  
Telegrams & letters  
God bless you:

ever yours

F.N.

10 South St.

Jan 17/83

9009/156 initialed letter, 4ff, pencil

10 South St

Jan 18/83

My dear Sir Harry - Indeed

I am distressed beyond  
measure about what you  
tell me as to Julie - &  
all the more so because  
I was afraid, - as soon as  
Parthe was without the  
company of Margaret or  
Maude or me - this *would*  
happen - We have all of  
us heard Parthe's complaints  
of Julie & have all tried  
to keep the peace - Julie

has *only stayed because*  
you have been so *kind*  
to her, soothing her outraged  
feelings & showing your  
confidence in her -

I trust that you will  
be able to do so again:  
reminding Julie, as you  
say, that all this is only  
the consequence - & a by  
no means, alas!, unusual  
consequence - of so suffering  
a state of illness & nerves -

You may say, if you  
please, anything you like

from me to Julie - But  
it is *your* kindness  
which has hitherto enabled  
Julie to stop -  
I trust that your  
difficulties will presently,  
tho' not directly, be  
diminished by dear  
Margaret's coming to you -  
with all her children.  
She told me that you  
had asked her.  
It is particularly trying to  
Parthe now having no  
lady with her, & that

has made the difficulty  
with Julie blaze out  
again -

When Parthe used to  
speak to me against  
Julie, I either tried  
to divert her attention,  
or if she persisted, in  
a manifestly unjust  
imputation, I said:  
"oh no my dear" - &  
tried to show her that  
Julie meant something  
quite different from what  
she supposed.

[2]

I pray God to diminish  
your difficulty -

Parthe spoke to me on  
the day you started, as well  
she might, almost *with ecstasy*  
of your love: "It is he,"  
she said," who keeps me  
"as the apple of his eye".

I hope that you will  
not be long without  
some one with you.

I was very, very sorry  
to see you looking so tired  
the day you started -  
But I trust you are  
better & riding about,  
& will soon have some  
one to share your  
nursing of Parthe -

She spoke to me  
*more like herself*  
on Tuesday than I  
have heard her ~~do~~ speak  
for months -

God bless you both  
ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale  
Many thanks for the  
beautiful grapes &  
pheasants.

9009/157 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St

Jan 19/83

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you a thousand  
times for your note of this  
morning - a very great  
relief to me -

Cedar Room - thank  
you - as she can get into  
you -

If Maude cannot  
come, will not "Morfy"  
come?

Dr. Acland's coming  
tomorrow is a great  
thing -

All the best blessings  
on you both:

yours & hers ever

F.N.

I hope you are riding -

I sent up to enquire  
after Bertha Coltman  
yesterday who is at  
Hyde Park Gardens:  
tho' she is better, she is  
still almost unable  
to move in bed -

I have had Sir R. Loyd  
Lindsay & Sir James Caird

- To-day I have one of  
the Egyptian Nurses -

F.N.



9009/158 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St

Jan 21/83

Never was so happy as  
when I received your dear  
little note in pencil, my  
dearest Pop -

I am glad you are  
at Claydon = tho' I wish  
I were with you, or some  
one of yours -

God bless you both  
ever thy  
old Flo

9009/159 initialed post card, 1f, pen. {postmarked: London, Ja 22 83}

Jan 22/83

So many thanks for your kind  
invitation to your most valuable  
Lecture. But those who are worthy  
of it are compelled to decline  
from business, I am sorry to say.

Might I see you before you go  
out of London? I could see you  
at 4 or at 5 or at 6 tomorrow  
(Tuesday)- but that would be inconvenient  
to you - or Wednesday afternoon, if you  
would fix

10 South St.

F.N.

[verso] Capt. E.H. Verney R.N.

Travellers Club

22/1/83 Pall Mall

S.W.

9009/160 signed letter, 8ff, pen [1:644-46]

10 South St.

Jan 24/83

Dearest, very dearest Margaret

I wrote a letter to you  
on Sunday (which I have  
never had time to finish)  
saying *with all my heart*  
how I thank you for your  
dear letters - How Aunt  
Florence hopes that Ellin  
has recovered her cough -  
& that her knee is better -  
& that the joyful three  
- joyful in having their blessed  
mother - not excluding Herr  
Baby - are succeeding in all

ways - that the "governess"  
will prove & do all that she  
ought to be & do for the sake  
of the dear mother -  
& that the friendly Court  
Martial, over the cook has  
resulted favourably for peace

I am infinitely touched  
by the brooches - & my  
old hair shall accompany  
the return, with Aunt  
Florence's best blessing -  
as soon as she has time.

*Private*

I had begun a sort of  
Medical History, which  
I must postpone -

The trouble had returned  
about Julie at Claydon,  
as we must both have  
expected - And Julie  
gave warning to Sir Harry  
*That* is all patched up  
again by Sir Harry but for how long?

I think we two are  
agreed both about the  
necessity that Sir Harry  
& Parthe should ~~never~~ be  
left alone as little as possible - & about the

extreme difficulty attending  
any arrangement to provide  
for this.

She has declined to have  
"Morfy" -

About having dear Maude,  
there was a mistake on  
Sir Harry's part, (which  
as Maudie was unhappily  
not well & *could* not go,) I should not  
otherwise have mentioned  
Parthe did *not* say she  
would not be too happy  
to have Maude - but only  
(in which I think she was right)  
*not* in the carriage with her on  
the rail-road journey -

## 2

*Private*

My Medical History was  
to have included:  
how Parthe spoke of you -  
almost rising to the height  
of the subject - which  
warmed my old heart -  
how I never liked a man so  
much as I did Dr. Ogle  
when he looked at *me* with  
unspeakable disgust - &  
asked in a sepulchral voice  
- "is she really gone"? -  
meaning you -

I am afraid my Medical  
History is not really very  
good tho' not bad

## 3

The last 5 days in South  
St she was making no  
progress - & tho', if any  
bodyies had seen her as I did  
On Monday & Tuesday before  
starting, they would have  
pronounced it madness  
to move her, I am sure  
the Doctors were right.

She cried very much,  
& I do think it was  
my reading her your letter,  
that encouraged her -  
She dwelt so on you -

Sir Harry looked almost  
worse than she did - Had

I known that he was to  
be alone, I should have  
telegraphed for Shore Smith  
to come to him on that  
Tuesday morning -

He knelt down by her  
~~sofa~~ bedside & said to  
her: "We have been very  
happy together" - She asked  
me whether He thought  
she was dying - I could  
not tell her - what I ~~was~~ am  
sure was the case - that  
he thought *he* was.

*The sons do not see him  
when they are not there  
as I do.*

He spoke to me of his  
money-matters - said  
that he wished to make  
Morey housekeeper!!  
& the kitchenmaid cook!  
=parting with Ellis -  
which I am sure you  
will agree with me would  
not do on any account  
& would drive P. frantic.

[Had there been 10  
minutes more, I should  
have entered with him on

3

*Private*

what you were so good  
as to mention to me:  
that Capt. Verney would  
help him in selling outlying  
land.]

Sir H. told me that  
Buxton, the carpenter's  
bill at Pleasley was  
£1000 - over how many  
years does this extend?  
- of which £500 have  
been paid. [My father &  
I have known Buxton's  
sterling-ness for 50 years  
- I fear? his Bill is correct  
& cannot be beaten down]

There are many other  
things - over which  
would we could talk  
for their sakes!

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To continue the Medical  
History:

there have been great  
difficulties with the  
bowels at Claydon -  
- no medl. orders obeyed  
- injection resorted to  
at last.

[I hear from Julie, Sir  
Harry, & Dr. Acland - the

first tells most]

Now I must leave off.  
O dearest Margaret - how  
can I bless you enough?  
May God, the infinite Love,  
bless you & your children!  
I feel like a criminal  
in putting all these  
difficulties before you -  
And yet how can I help  
it? And I think you  
would wish it -  
not Good -bye: Au revoir

ever your loving & grateful  
Aunt Florence  
The account to-night  
(Wednesday night)  
not very good - knee  
very painful - Dr. Denton  
(by for Dr. Acland) painted  
it with Iodine - redness  
& inflamed -ness followed -  
& they were obliged to  
poultice -

I should not omit to  
say that Dr. Ogle told  
me, - very decidedly - that

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it would be quite "3 months"  
before she should attend  
to business. In this you/I  
concur -

Parthe without knowing  
this told me that the  
reason she shrank from  
Claydon was *not* that  
she feared the journey -  
but she knew "business  
"would come" to her there,  
-that it "killed" her before.

~~Who~~ that she dreaded  
the "Verney papers" also

She said this afterwards to Dr. Ogle.

Dr. Ogle wisely said:  
"she must do nothing for  
3 months but what she  
does here (South St)  
under Mrs. Verney."

But *to whom will*  
*Sir Harry talk* during  
that time?

N.B. I do not at all  
think Sir H. has 10  
years before him, or the  
half, or the quarter -  
I think too there are  
deeper things at stake  
than money matters -  
viz. his life &  
her mind

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N.B. I have the most

private answers to make  
to his letters - And I  
think of the *housemaids*!

As far as I know, at  
South St., all his papers  
were left out in the Dining room



for Morey to pack up  
the next day -

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Now I must really  
leave off -  
not too soon, you will  
say -  
God bless you again  
& again  
You kindly ask after my  
"Indian papers" - I have  
not even begun & am  
much driven by this W.O.  
Committee - How good of you  
to remember me - F.N.

9009/161 signed letter 4ff, pen

*Private* 10 South St. W  
Jan 27/83

Dearest Margaret

Dr. Acland very kindly  
called in upon me a day  
or two ago. He said that  
he was quite sure my  
sister was materially better.  
thank God for it - that  
he thought very badly of  
her 3 months ago - believing  
that she was 'in for' having  
every joint a stiff one, &  
being quite helpless -  
-that now he did not  
think this would be her fate

or at all events not yet -  
that he thought the  
effusion in the knee was  
disappearing - but that  
there was a "thickening",  
not implicating the joint,  
which was very troublesome  
to her - He thought all  
this would disappear, but  
everything would depend  
on "nutrition" - she was is  
however now being 'nourished'  
which she was not. He  
very much wished that

she would take enemas -  
they were so much better  
for her than medicine.

He did not think she  
would be able to come  
to London for the Session,  
but could not say till  
nearer the time: thought  
Sir Harry must come  
backwards & forwards -  
was very glad she was  
at Claydon - \_\_\_\_\_

Would you tell this to  
Capt. Verney who asked the

question?

But I now come to  
what is my real reason  
for writing Dr. Acland's  
opinion.

He went on, without  
my asking the questions,  
or in any way leading  
to it, to say

*Private* [2]

that he was much grieved  
to see a great alteration  
in Sir Harry in the  
last 3 months.

that whereas he should  
have described him  
as a hale active old  
man - he must now  
tell me that he (Sir Harry)  
was a very feeble old  
man - that there was  
a great loss of force -  
a great diminution of

vitality -  
that a very slight illness,  
~~a chill~~ would carry  
him off, if it came now  
- that a chill might  
prove fatal. some  
slight imprudence as  
to clothing - as to  
delay in taking his  
food - or irregularity  
of meals -

This was the substance  
of what he Dr. Acland said - And  
I write it out for you  
kindly to communicate  
it to Capt. Verney &  
Mr. Fred, if you think  
well -

I had no idea of  
asking Dr. Acland  
about Sir Harry: and  
it was quite a volunteer  
on his part

I think that when he Sir Harry  
is alone, & without his  
wife to look after him,  
as now, there *is* a  
good deal of slight imprudence.

~~Dr. Acland thought~~  
Fare you very well, my  
dear, dear Margaret  
God bless you  
ever your loving & grateful  
F. Nightingale

9009/162 signed letter, 2ff, pen.

Feb. 3 1883  
{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Margaret How can  
I thank you for your letters,  
full of intense interest -

But I must not dwell upon  
them now: I am infinitely  
touched by the brooches  
wishing for my poor old hair.  
And I humbly & gratefully  
send 2 wisps to my dear  
little 3 lovers: very precious  
to me are my little lovers,  
& more precious still their  
dear mother.

2 wisps: not that I have  
forgotten my God daughter.  
No indeed: but I have a  
much better idea than yours.

It is that their mother's hair  
should occupy the 3 brooches  
- & then you might put in  
a straw ~~into each~~ (of that  
now sent) into each.

If ever you have time,  
I should so very much like  
to know what Mr. Bickersteth  
said more particularly about  
Ellin's knee, because I expect  
his opinion is always a candid  
one.

About Julie's holiday, I had  
heard & thought something  
about it. I thought if it  
possibly could be managed

some time when you or  
Maude were with her - Julie  
first installing the 2nd nurse,  
as you say. I think it  
*would* greatly increase  
Julie's value. (i.e. the holiday)  
I must not write more now:

I have not yet begun my  
India papers.

God bless you all.  
Love to dear Ellin & "dear  
"everybody else."

How is Maude? My dearest Margaret

ever yours gratefully

F. Nightingale

& how is the governess?

& how is the cook?

& the garden fair?

God bless its mistress.

You know the

wonderful relief from  
that terrible restlessness  
which was by far the  
most dreadful part of her  
suffering - we cannot thank  
God enough for the relief - was  
entirely begun by you - the  
blessed woman - F.N.

9009/163 initialed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

Feb. 5 1883  
{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I give you joy of your Jubilee  
It was completely successful.

Not so of your windows in  
South St. I go out every day  
that is fine to see whether  
Parthe's windows are open -  
They are *a/ways* shut: & the  
blinds generally down - And the  
drawing room windows also  
always shut. When † we think  
how many weeks Parthe's room  
was necessarily kept shut, we must  
see that the windows ought  
now to be *a/ways* open: open  
at the top (as far as they will  
go) every fine day - and a chink  
open at the top every ~~other~~ bad day  
& all night

[2]

The blinds *a/ways* ought to be up.  
- drawing room windows open  
as much as possible.

It will take weeks of summer  
air to do away with the  
moulderiness & mustiness  
which the woman has been  
preparing for Parthe's return

[I have been on ~~to~~ the  
point of sending in many  
times: but I thought *she*  
might send in to tell ~~her~~  
my maids to *shut my*  
windows.]

*Will YOU write your*  
*orders to HER?* You may add  
that you authorize me to  
throw stones & break the  
upper paines every time  
I see the windows shut -

[3]

but as the Bill will be a  
large one, *she* must pay it.  
It breaks one's heart to see  
all sun & air excluded from  
Parthe's rooms.

Miss Pringle of Edinburgh  
is now at Bournemouth. I  
believe she will come to me  
on Friday the 9th. Would  
you like to ask her to  
Claydon? She is *such* a  
Nurse & such good company

I have had constant accounts  
from one & another of Parthe  
whose & yours I am ever  
F.N.

I trust we may think that as much  
Progress has been made as could be

{written vertically I pencil}

I hope that Mrs. G. Verney & her  
little girl are with you -

Pray give my kind regards to Mr.  
Greene -

I think of our dear Parthe by the  
Cedar room fire with sun  
shining in



9009/164 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

8/2/83

My dear Sir Harry

I am afraid you have not  
a very good account of  
our dear Parthe to give.

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Not one chink in your  
house at No. 4 is open -  
nor this only, but not all  
the shutters even are  
open, nor the blinds pulled  
up. To-day is as mild  
as May, & the park is  
full of open carriages - Not  
one breath of air admitted-

The day after I wrote to  
you was a glorious day.

One window in P.'s  
room was open *a little*  
at the *bottom*. Now  
it is a rule without any  
exception never to  
open a window at the  
bottom, unless one is  
also opened *at the top*

There ought to be a  
fire once a week in the  
room with *all* the  
windows opened. A window  
opened at top *every* day of course.

Not a chink has been  
open in your Drawing-room  
since you left - And

with the small exceptions  
mentioned not a  
chink all over your house,  
back or front -

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Pray thank Parthe for the  
lovely twin roses, the  
exquisite snow-drops,  
which the finger of God  
has traced with green,  
& the other flowers - &  
Rhododendrons -

I saw Mary Baring &  
her mother the other day  
asking most anxiously  
after Parthe -

Miss Airy is fighting terrible  
odds at Cairo - The Fever  
cases that come in are  
worse than ever -

The Supt. & one Sister  
are ill in the same room:  
& another Sister told off  
to nurse them -

Miss Airy & one Sister  
are alone at work -

Pray for her & her work.  
God bless you both  
ever yours & P.s  
F.N.

I feel anxious to hear about P.

9009/165 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

9/2/83

My dear Sir Harry I would  
indeed we could hear a better  
account of our dear Parthe  
as far as the limbs are  
concerned. But I trust  
the restlessness has not  
returned - That is an  
improvement. And I believe  
she can read a little to  
herself - That marks betterness

Your South St. windows  
are open today -  
ever yours & hers  
F.

9009/166 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

[1:360]

Feb 11/83

Dearest Pop

I am with you in the  
weary nights - And  
what is more the  
Loving Father is with  
you: 'Come unto me,  
all ye that are weary  
& heavy laden': as  
dear Mrs. Wass had  
in her bed hanging up -  
This is the bad time  
of year for you; when

drier weather comes,  
you will find the  
good. Dr. Acland  
does not say there  
will be a "stiff knee".

They missed you so  
at Buckingham - All  
the people did - And  
Margaret said the  
house at Claydon  
seemed like an  
empty frame without

your presence - She  
said she could not  
bear the rooms  
without you - I must  
find the letter: her  
letters are not  
empty frames: & send  
it you -

God bless you, my  
dear Pop

ever your  
F.

Do the thrushes sing before  
it is light in your trees?

9009/167 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Feb 11/83

My dear Sir Harry, Alas!  
it is not a good account -  
But I trust, altho' I am  
sure she should come up  
if she wishes it, that, about  
the *time* of her coming up,  
she will consult Dr. Acland.  
- also; about her having  
Sidney Bennett - I think  
Sidney Bennett's great  
value is in enabling  
people to *walk about* by  
his sprain bandages -  
But unhappily there is no

chance of that with our  
dear Parthe- And I have  
known Sid: Bennett do  
great harm -

Surely she will consult  
Dr. Acland.

If she is not fit to  
come up *just yet*, it  
would be almost better  
to have the Dentist down  
to Claydon, if the teeth  
are urgent - would it not?  
than to come up at an  
untoward time of the knee

in stormy weather. Surely  
Dr. Acland should  
decide this -

I hope you are riding  
- & that Mrs G. Verney  
is with you still  
Your P.'s windows here were  
open to-day. But in  
your room on Ground  
Floor the street=dust  
was merrily entering by  
chink at the *bottom*  
of window

ever yrs

affly

F. Nightingale

9009/168 initialed letter & post card, 3ff, pencil & pen. {postmarked London Mr.5 83}

March 7/83

My dear Pop I am very, very  
sorry that you are so bad

It was Julie's own desire  
entirely to go to Wirksworth  
And when I said: 'it will  
be very cold,' she answered  
-'Not to one who comes  
from Switzerland:' and  
last night when you  
desired me to tell her  
"to make her own arrange=  
"ments," she wrote to Mrs.  
Grace, offering herself for  
Friday or Saturday.

But as you are so kind  
as to be afraid of the  
cold for her, there is no  
difficulty in her going to  
Rhianva first - [Margaret  
~~has always~~ asked her  
when you proposed it]  
And she can take Grace  
& Mary Bratby on her  
way back when it will  
be warmer. I think  
it will save the life of  
M. Bratby from whom  
I have a dismal letter  
this morning to see her

Or I am sure she will  
give up going altogether,  
if you wish it, for the  
present, till she goes for good.

One thing she has never  
swerved from: she will  
not go to Switzerland  
at all *to return* - If  
she goes to Switzerland,  
"it will be for good" -  
I have never been able  
to move her from this -  
This in answer to what you say  
God bless you, my poor  
Pop:

ever your  
F.

postcard

Capt. Verney R.N.  
9 Bridge Street  
Westminster  
5/3/83 S.W.

10 S. St. March 5/83

Thank you very much for your  
most wise suggestion.  
We have at once decided to apply  
it in the form of cocoa -  
Perhaps when you go to No. 4  
again, you will see whether it  
"functions" efficiently.  
F.N.

9009/169 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil {arch: Ap 1883}

On Sunday Parthe consented at  
my instance that you should  
kindly write to Westminster (Miss

Pyne) that day - & that  
Nurse Macleod would  
return on Monday - & that  
on Monday Nurse Macleod  
was to have left you -  
to-day is Wednesday &  
nothing has been done -  
And yesterday P poor Parthe  
was as loud against Nurse  
Macleod as ever -

I hold that, unless Parthe  
wishes to take Macleod  
into attendance to-day at  
once, she cannot be  
detained any longer - &  
should be allowed to  
depart to-day -

Julie & Nurse Anderson  
taking day duty - & Phebe



night duty till Parthe  
can find a Nurse she  
likes.  
It is impossible to continue  
Nurse Anderson on *night*  
duty.  
Do you know how *Phebe*  
did last night?  
I am so sorry for you,  
dear Sir Harry, in all  
this. But indeed, I thought  
Parthe *considerably* better  
yesterday: looking quite herself.  
I hope you are well  
My best love F.N.

9009/170 initialed letter written on another letter, 1f, pen.

Dear Sir Harry Ap 16/83

We should consider this note as the  
strongest proof that the man does not  
even know his duty as a doctor.

I wish I could say otherwise.

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With regard to "Parthe seeing Andrew Clark  
"before leaving London," the thing is: not to  
add an 18th Doctor to her 17, but to see him  
*not* "before leaving London," that is *in time*  
to put her on some *considered* system to be  
pursued by Dr. Denton in the country:  
is it not ?

*Burn* *PRIVATE*

I am deeply sorry: ~~that~~ Julie has  
again given notice to leave (to Parthe)

I do not see how it can be otherwise  
unless she could have some holiday.

I can scarcely write  
or sit up -

9009/171 signed letter, 1f, pen.

I shall take care to  
be back on Wednesday  
at latest - so as not to  
interfere with the  
preparations for Parthe.

I trust she is better.  
Thanks for this beautiful  
place.

God bless you  
ever yrs aff  
F. Nightingale

9009/172 initialed letter, 2ff, pen.

Claydon {arch: 83} Saturday April 21  
My dear Sir Harry

Very many thanks for your  
& Parthe's telegram, asking  
me to stay on. But I am  
sorry to say the only choice  
appears for me to lie in  
getting back as soon as  
possible so as not to be  
laid up here - I had  
intended to go back today  
to avoid the risk of being  
unable to move -

It is not only a cough  
but constant attacks on the

heart -

May God prepare us all                   **[3:400]**  
for the higher life -  
& forgive us - no one  
needs that forgiveness &  
that blessing so much  
as I.

At the same time I know  
you would kindly  
wish me to stay here -  
I am afraid Parthe is not  
much better.

God bless you both  
ever yrs aff  
F.N.

9009/173 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Claydon  
April 23/83  
My dear Sir Harry  
Thanks for your kind  
letter - But the only question,  
as you will see by my  
Saturday's ~~letter~~ note, is how  
to get me back as soon  
as possible - Dr. Denton,  
whom I ~~see~~ ~~daily~~ saw yesterday & to-day, says:  
the sooner the better - & wished  
~~I was~~ me to have gone *to-day*,  
but it is snowing hard!!  
Tomorrow, they say, may not be  
much better - so I am obliged  
to delay till Wednesday - when  
I shall come, please God, by  
the train from Verney ~~Stat~~ Junction: 12.37

But I have a much  
more important thing to be done  
to write about: and I trust  
that it *is* already done - for if  
not it will be difficult to  
do before Parthe leaves London.  
And that is: the Splint.

Parthe is aware that the  
theory & practice of splint-  
making is just as much  
developed as that of shoe-  
making -

That Sir James Paget &  
Mr. Pratt should not be  
able to make & alter a  
splint so as to be suitable for her case  
& that will fit her so as to

be the greatest relief is  
impossible.

That a Surgeon, country or  
other, should have nothing  
*by him* but the *ordinary*  
splint which would  
*not* fit her - is a  
matter of course.

The ~~relief fro~~ relief from effect of  
the perpetual movement of  
her joint both *in pain*  
& in even worse evil is  
incalculable.

And she would find sure  
relief *from pain* in a  
proper splint - such as  
Paget & Pratt would elaborate.

I trust she will allow me  
to give her this splint  
as my birth-day present  
- it is a sad & melancholy  
birthday present - but  
she may expect relief from  
pain from it. And - it  
is indispensable.

ever yours & hers

F. Nightingale

I am so sorry that I cannot  
have the joy of having you at  
South St. But alas! I can scarcely  
take care of myself - And I am glad  
you are to be "little in London"

9009/174 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Ap 26/83

Dearest Margaret

I am afraid I shall not  
be able to come in & see  
my sister to-day.

But might I have a  
look at you? either this  
afternoon or tomorrow?

And if so at what  
hour will suit you?

[I did not know till an  
hour ago that you were  
in London -]

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

9009/175 initialed letter, 1f, pencil []

I am just going in to Parthe -

Thank you for your note

How are you?

You see M. Werckner [8:968]

*is* at the *HOTEL* - which

is just what we always

thought - (*not* in the

Colony)

I suppose the money  
must be sent nevertheless?

yrs most affly

F.N.

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9009/176 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

16/5

{printed address:} 4, South Street,  
Park Lane.

My dear Sir Harry

Parthe does not wish for  
the carriage. And you  
will remember what Sir  
Andrew said: plenty of  
sun & air but no  
carriage -

I am sure she will  
not hear of Dr. Newham  
- Sir Andrew Clark comes  
to see her to-morrow -  
That is all right.

I think you can hardly  
say what you propose  
to M. Lewis, because I  
distinctly promised  
two more quarters of  
£10, can you?

But what might be [8:968]  
said, to Madame

Werckner, if you think well is: that  
you were entrusted  
with two £5 by Mrs.  
Boyce, expressly on

condition (as was all  
my £30) that he, M. W.,  
was to be in the Colony  
& not in the Hotel -  
that you must therefore  
return those two £5  
to Mrs. Boyce, that  
/ will make it good  
- but that I cannot  
give any more - { can I?

What do you think?  
[*That* will be my giving  
£20 out of the £30  
promised on condition]

with very best love

ever yours

F.N.

Mme Werckner will be  
sure to declare that  
it is *not* an Hotel.

**[end 8:968]**

9009/177 2 initialed postcards. 2ff, pen

Very many thanks for your letters. But  
I am eager to hear more. In London the  
weather has been January instead of May.  
And I fear our dear P. has been suffering  
And your shin has been troublesome.  
Does the Day Nurse do well? And is the  
knee -cap of use? And whose instructions  
~~are~~ is Dr. Denton carrying out? Dr. A. Clark's  
or others'? I am always thinking of you -

God bless you both from the bottom of my **[3:401]**  
heart is all that I can say. And may all  
Whitsuntide blessing be ours May 10 83 yours F.N.

Parthe will have heard of Mr. Empson's **[3:207]**  
death, quite peaceful, of serous apoplexy,  
on Thursday 17 - And, on the same day,  
Sir John McNeill went to that other world  
for which a long life of such usefulness  
had prepared him - I have scarcely one  
of my Crimean friends left -  
Emily Cunningham's approaching marriage  
is good to hear of. with all her good deeds,  
she always needed a home. I hope Sir H.  
Egerton, late of the Punjab, is worthy of

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her. How very much I hope that your  
shin is better: & that Parthe is getting  
out a little & sleeping better. In London we  
have East wind fogs - I am afraid the  
knee-cap could be of no use, unless it  
had been altered more than once in  
London to suit the case. -as always is done -  
God bless you both - ever yours & hers **[end 3:207]**  
F.N.

Thanks for flowers May 20/83  
Sir Harry Verney Bt MP



9009/178 signed letter, 7ff, pen

printed form of St T N Fund Tr School, 23 May 1883, with FN ded on:  
sir Harry Verney  
with FN's love  
1883

My very dear friends  
Here is my love with  
all my heart. I hope  
to make the acquaintance  
of every one of you. And  
that will be better even  
than being one of you  
to day in body. I *am*  
with you in spirit. That  
is nothing new. That is  
always, always - the old, old  
story.

And it is the old, old  
question too: Are we all  
of us on our mettle in  
our life's work? - Joy  
to us if we are. If not,  
there *can* only be disappointment  
[1]

To Those of us, in earnest  
in our desire to be  
thorough workers - thorough  
women - thorough Nurses -  
[and no woman can be a  
Good Nurse unless she is  
a good woman.] we say  
watch & persevere to do  
well your appointed work  
to fill thoroughly your  
present place: don't  
give in to the prevailing  
spirit of the day hurry,  
bustle, change.

To those of us who are  
half hearted - [I do not  
know any - but there may  
be such.] we say. pause  
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either turn over a new leaf-  
 or give up the work altogether  
 For if we remain half-hearted,  
 [& no one can do the work,  
 unless she put her whole  
 heart in it.] we are taking  
 up the room of better  
 women, better workers.  
 The eyes of England &  
 perhaps of a still farther  
 & larger world are  
 upon us to pick out our  
 inconsistencies & short-comings  
 Many sneering remarks are  
 made unworthy of notice  
 But (let this old woman  
 whisper, just between ourselves:  
 I have got my profit all my  
 life out of sneering remarks).  
 - is there not *some*  
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foundation for the epithets;  
 'conceited Nightingales',  
 &c &c &c?  
 2. What is training? We  
 can't put into you what is  
 not there. We want to  
 bring out what is there  
 Training is enabling you to  
 use the means you have in  
 yourselves. Training is  
 drawing out what you know  
 yourselves. Learn your work  
 thoroughly in your year of  
 training. Store it up &  
 practise it in your brain,  
 eyes & hands, so that you may  
 always know where to find  
 it, & these - brain, eyes &  
 hands - may always be your  
 ready servants.  
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But don't depend on - don't  
stop at your year's training.  
If you don't go on, you will  
fall back. Aim higher. In  
the second year & the third  
year & all your lives, you  
will have to train yourselves  
on the foundation you have  
had in your first. And -  
you will find, if you are  
a true Nurse, you have  
only just begun.

But- when you have put  
your hand to the plough,  
don't look back

3. We here below cannot  
judge the motives which  
bring you into the work  
let us all have the benefit

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of the opinion that some  
high resolve or pure  
motive actuated us.  
But how when we become  
Nurses do we keep that  
high resolve, that pure motive  
ever in view? - are we  
proud to be Nurses? - not simply  
to take pride in dressings  
& work which will bring us  
notice & praise? Remember,  
the Nurse is wanted most  
by the helpless &  
often most disagreeable cases,  
- in one sense there is no  
credit in nursing pleasant  
patients

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And don't despise what  
some of you call 'housemaid's  
work' If you thought of  
its extreme importance, you  
would not mind doing it.  
As you know, without thorough  
housemaid's work, everything  
in the Ward or Sick room  
becomes permeated with  
organic matter.

The greatest compliment I  
ever thought I, as a Hospital nurse,  
received was: that I was put  
to clean & "do" the Special Ward,  
with the severest Medical or  
Surgical case which I was  
nursing, every day: because I  
did it thoroughly & without  
disturbing the Patient That  
was the first Hospital I  
ever served in. [I think I could  
give a

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lesson in Hospital housemaid's  
work now]

We Nurses should remember  
- to help our suffering fellow=  
creatures is our calling - not  
to amuse ourselves. Let us  
make our 'calling' 'sure'.

Sisters, Nurses, Probationers  
Shall we start afresh?  
Shall we all renew - as  
we every morning need to do  
- our resolve? As a friend,  
a Nurse, abroad, said to me,  
one must be converted not once but  
every day. Shall it be our aim to be  
more thorough workers, more  
thorough women, more thorough  
Nurses every day, till we  
become *most* thorough, & so

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live down any spiteful  
sneers & epithets?

4. One word more: Year by  
year our numbers increase.  
We are becoming a large band  
See that we are banded  
together by mutual good will:  
And remember the conduct  
of each member reflects  
credit or discredit on the  
whole. We cannot isolate  
ourselves if we would.

Thank God there are  
numerous other Training Schools  
now in existence. Let us  
give them the right hand  
of fellowship. Wherever we  
see thorough work, let us feel  
- those are our Sisters.  
Let us run the race where  
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*all* may win: rejoicing  
in their successes, as our  
own, & mourning their  
failures, wherever they are,  
as our own. We are *all*  
*one* Nurse.

But see that we fall not  
off. We must fight the  
good fight steadily, with  
all our heart & all our  
mind & all our strength  
Or they may beat us.  
And *that* they *will* do  
if we do not hold to our  
colours to be true workers,  
true women, true Nurses -  
[10]

5. We are volunteers  
Don't let us forget that. We  
have chosen our path Don't  
let us be worse soldiers in God's  
army, than those who are enlisted  
or compulsory conscripts.

For the first time for 25 years  
I went out last winter to see  
the return of a Regiment of  
foot from Egypt.

[And we have Nurses too  
who volunteered for Egypt  
& two of them still are there,  
working hard. They all  
worked hard & well.]

Any body might have been  
proud of these men's appearance  
-shabby skeletons they were -  
campaigning uniform worn out  
but well cleaned - not spruce

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or smart or showy: but  
alert, silent, steady in discipline  
and not a man of them all,  
I am sure, but thought he had  
nothing to be proud of in  
what he had done, *tho' we*  
might well be proud of *them*

Now, we don't say: Volunteer  
take example by this. *Assuredly*  
we will be their true  
comrades in faithfulness to  
reality & duty. It is the  
same spirit: the spirit  
of the nation. Let us  
stick to it The great  
Duke of Wellington said:  
-'all for duty, & nothing  
for reward.'

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So may *all* we volunteers  
& Nurses, tho' different in  
many things, be fellows in  
duty so we may raise the  
standard, higher & higher,  
of thoroughness - (& with  
thoroughness always goes  
humility) - of steady, patient,  
silent, cheerful work. so may  
we *all* be on the alert -  
*always* on our mettle.

Let *us* be always in the  
van of wise & noiseless  
high training & progress.

God bless you all.

Florence Nightingale

May 23/83

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9009/179 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

May 23/83

You will like to see this  
letter, dear Pop - It is  
very touching & delightful  
to see the old friends  
(to whom she has been  
dead these 37 years)  
clustering round the grave  
I think Paris memories are  
longer than London ones -  
*Please return the letter,*  
*when read, to Alice*  
*at Ravensbourne*

Aunt Julia says: "we  
"are very sorry: (no need to  
say so) to hear Parthe is so

'suffering & wish we could  
 hear she is better" -  
 Alas! alas! but the  
 hot weather is come - & I  
 hope ("no need to say so")  
 will bring some help -  
 Has Sir Harry's shin  
 released him yet? It  
 was a pity - O the pity of it.  
 Miss Airy is ill with  
 Dysentery at Cairo -

Shore writes a pathetic  
 account of Mr. Empson's  
 funeral. He was there  
 & nearly the whole parish -  
 I shall always remember

M. Empson's extreme & touching  
 attachment to my Mother  
 I wish I could hear  
 more about you, tho' he Sir Harry  
 is very good in writing  
 God bless you both  
 ever your F.

9009/180 unsigned letter, 1f, pen.

My dear Sir Harry: I think of you both,  
 day & night. I *am* so thankful that  
 Margaret is coming.  
 I send you a little box with your letters &  
 circulars: 2 books returned with thanks:  
 and at the top some *Calendula* (marsh  
 marigold) for your *shin*, if Dr. Denton  
 approves. Pray ask him: [I have such a  
 horror of mixing up different treatments.]  
*Lint is sprinkled with one part*  
*calendula to two of PURE water:*  
*& something waterproof put over the Lint*



9009/181 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Dear Pop I think of you day &  
night. I am going to send you  
2 letters ( to me) about Madame Mohl.

Alice asks whether you have  
kindly *sent her back* the letter to her  
*about Mme Mohl*: the one I sent you

Lady Derby wants to see it.  
God bless you both.

thy F.

May 30/83 [I send you back Browning]

9009/182 initialed postcard, 1f, pen

My dear Sir Harry Many thanks for all  
your bulletins, so eagerly waited for.  
Would they could be better ones of Parthe.  
Margaret must be an Angel in the House

You kindly ask me when I can come.  
Not, I fear, till the House is up. I have  
been 9 years at the Bengal Rent Bill,  
and 9 months at the Egypt Hospitals enquiry.  
And yet both these wretches must go &  
condense themselves on this same time.  
You know how I want to be with Parthe.  
But she would not like me to give up

[2]

these things at this crisis. I am glad you  
liked Douglas Galton's letter in the "Times".

Just at this time too I am scarcely  
able to get out of bed.

God bless you & Parthe is the unceasing  
fervent prayer of yours & hers F.N.

I seem to have so much to write to you:  
yet no strength to say it.

June 18 1883

9009/183 initialed letter 1f, pencil **[1:361]**

June 25/83

My dearest Pop

God bless your Silver  
Wedding: And He *has*  
blessed it - tho' there is  
a sad, sad time now, yet  
I know you would not  
have it otherwise: the  
25 years have been  
blessed.

I fear to say more:  
for fear I should not be  
sufficiently patient of  
*your* suffering: you are

more patient of it  
than I am of what  
dear Pop, you suffer.

May God bless you  
very much: bless you  
infinitely, according to  
Himself -

ever your & Sir Harry's  
loving  
F.

9009/184 initialed letter, 1f, pencil **[3:401]**

June 22/83

My dear Sir Harry For your bulletins &  
letters always the deepest thanks - I hope the  
new Nurse will do well for P. I pray that God's  
every support may be hers & yours -  
I believe her patience is wonderful.

**[end 3:401]**

As for the "servants' savings", I am afraid  
I have no new mode of "investment" to  
recommend. I think what I said was  
that we were always considering the  
best modes of investment for the *Nurses'* savings

**[5:183]**

but that hitherto we had found nothing so good as the P.O. Savings Bank. What I do with my small household (you ask) is: when I pay the wages, I ask everybody, 'Now, how much of this can you put by?' - If it is a young new girl, she probably says 'Nothing' - [N.B. I Have never once found a young maid who *either* kept accounts *or* had anything in the Savings Bank] Then I give her 10/ or £1., provided she will put 5/ into the P.O.S.B. with it & afterwards I go on adding to what she puts in.

[In this way I have now at Lea Hurst numerous families who put in to the P.O. Savgs. bank.]

With regard to the older maids, Fanny has now a good sum in the P.O. Savgs. Bank & I make up the

*interest* to her to 5 p.c., that is, I double the interest, provided she lets it stay in & shows me ~~the~~ her 'book' - But, of course if they show me their 'book', I keep it them secret -

I only wish I had ~~did~~ done this more regularly & generally -

May all blessings be yours is the constant prayer of ever hers & yours F.N.  
That letter of Mrs. Green's is most interesting - I  
I will return it

9009/185 initialed post card, 1f, pen.

My very dear Pop Thank you so much  
for the Telegram on your wedding day  
which was so charming.

The loss of Mr. Spottiswoode is  
unspeakable. But how little the news=  
papers understand the true nobleness  
of his gallant life.

He wrote to me 2 or 3 months ago a  
beautiful letter. I had not heard from him  
for years. I answered about a month ago  
- too late. What he did for his printers is T.O

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unknown except at the Printing Office.

The Probationers are so much obliged  
to you for asking them. I hope you  
will not try to overdo yourself -

God bless you & Sir Harry & all the  
children & grandchildren.

ever your

F.

June 28/83

9009/186 signed letter, 3 ff, pen.

July 3/83

{printed address:}10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Margaret

My heartfelt thanks for  
your letter. I was grieved  
& glad to have your  
Report. Yesterday Dr.  
Acland was here. &  
today I have sent him  
your report. He will  
see her again before he  
leaves England. God grant  
that something may be  
devised to give her ease.

Yes, surely: if you  
will be so very good as  
to come here on "Tuesday

"afternoon," every other  
appointment shall be  
excluded, if only you will  
kindly tell me about  
*what hour.*

I have seen Sir Harry  
again today. [He  
will stay till Saturday  
at Maude's: & I have  
written to Dr. Acland  
by ~~his~~ Sir H's desire to sk  
him to sleep at Claydon  
on Saturday] I am  
sure you were so wise to

get Sir Harry away. He  
looks better than I  
expected. You know  
what his anxiety is:  
when she has severe pain,  
he thinks she is dying:  
when she has sleep, he  
thinks she is recovering.

‘Bless the Lord, O my  
‘Soul,’ that you are there.  
Your reports, alas! I  
trust implicitly - you  
wisest & best of  
nurses unprofessional

The Probationers cannot  
“tell you what a  
“delightful happy successful  
“day we all had at  
“Claydon.” only one drawback  
“that Lady Verney” -then  
*follows what they truly feel*  
else “the greatest of enjoyment  
“The children were a great  
source of pleasure -  
quite little pictures each  
in their own way & so anxious  
to wait on us all.”

Then comes what they  
did each hour:  
“most happy”  
“nice little service in the Church

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'lovely bouquets" "tea on lawn"  
"lovely flowers in a basket  
with Lady Verney's love "to  
Miss Crossland.

How much pleasure  
was given. And *she* not there

Dearest Margaret,  
May God bless you - and  
He *will* bless you as  
we do - for all you are doing.  
ever yours lovingly

F. Nightingale  
Love to Ellin & all the  
children

Sir Harry does so delight in  
the children -

9009/187 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

July 18/83

My dear Sir Harry

Do not hurry ~~home~~ back  
from St. Thomas' ~~from~~ for me

I have too an unexpected  
engagement early in the  
afternoon with a person  
from Egypt to talk about  
Cholera which I cannot  
put off.

I send you poor Madame  
Werckner's sad, sad letter -  
What can we do for her?  
But the idea of putting a  
poor would-be suicide

[8:968]

into the Homoeopathic  
Hospital, where they  
neither would nor ought  
to take him, & where

they could do him no good!

Dalston Hospital would  
not be a bad place -  
if only that it is now a  
case which *must* be  
under constraint - And  
they would probably pass  
him on to Bethlehem - **[end 8:968]**  
ever yrs affly  
F.N.

9009/188 signed post card, 1f, pen

Dearest Margaret Thanks for your  
letter. God speed your journey.  
And may it be all health &  
enjoyment for you & Capt Verney: a  
(too brief) holiday. Shall you be  
away for about 3 weeks?

I will go to Claydon, please God, in  
the second week in August, when Mrs.  
George Verney's stay is near its end.

Is Maude staying on at Claydon?  
Could Capt. Verney kindly send me the

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address again of that Capt. - Pigot?  
who is marrying his nurse, Miss Lloyd  
-whom he thought I had better see -

I am afraid I have mislaid the  
address -

I am seeing Sir Harry -

Success to you always. God bless you,  
our Angel. ever your loving

Aunt Florence

July 25/83



9009/189 initialed post card, 1f, pencil

Sir Hy Ponsonby has answered  
your letter very nicely.  
I opened it, as you kindly  
desired. As you are coming on  
Saturday, I will not forward it.  
P. Turn over

Could I give you luncheon, or  
dinner, or both on Saturday?  
and if so *what time*?

With very much love  
ever yours & my dear Pop's  
F.N.

2/8/83 My very best good wishes  
& joy ~~givings~~ to Miss  
Cunningham on her marriage

9009/190 signed letter, 1f, pen. [on a card] **[3:401]**

10, South Street. {printed address:}  
Park Lane. W.  
Aug 4/83  
My dear Sir Harry  
How I grieve at the cause  
of my not seeing you: our  
dear Pop's sufferings: &  
not talking over when I  
shall come.

Shall I come, Tuesday week,  
the 14th., when I suppose Mrs.

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George Verney will no longer  
be able to stay?  
I should not be able to do  
anything but be with my  
dear P., for whom I pray  
hourly. I trust Dr. Denton attends  
frequently & gives her [end 3:401]  
God bless you both sleeping  
Draughts  
ever yours & hers \_\_\_\_\_  
F. Nightingale

9009/191 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:361]

Aug 6/83  
{printed address:} 10, South Street.  
Park Lane. W.  
How I mourn, dearest Pop,  
for your great sufferings -  
To the Father whose love is tenderer  
even than ours I commend you  
almost hourly.  
I shall hope to be with you  
soon, dearest.  
ever your  
F

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9009/192 signed letter, 2ff, pen.

7/83 Aug  
{printed address:} 10, South Street.  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Could you kindly tell me  
how long Capt. George Verney's nice  
party stay with you?

\_\_\_\_\_ I will write tomorrow about  
the Buckingham Doctor - But what  
Dr. Acland said to me was: not that  
he knew him or had any "opinion"  
about him: but that he understood  
that there was a "high opinion" of Dr.  
Cheeseman in the neighbourhood: that

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if Dr. Denton left the Claydons, it  
seemed as if you could have a good  
*substitute* for Dr. Denton in this Dr.  
Cheeseman: & that by Telegram &  
rail, you could have Dr. Cheeseman  
almost as soon as Dr. Denton.  
[This is not quite true, because  
there are so few trains fro Buckingham]  
That you could have no one better  
than Dr. Denton *while* he stayed:  
that if you & he wanted a consulting  
opinion like Dr. Acland's, you should  
telegraph for Dr. Acland's *locum tenens*

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at the *Oxford* Hospital, who was a capital man, & to whom he, Dr. Acland, had explained the whole of Parthe's case, in case you should send for him. This is what Dr. Acland took great pains to impress, ~~upon having as~~ having given it as his considered opinion.

I venture to deprecate having Dr. Cheeseman while Dr. Denton is there.

I wish Parthe would take her sleeping draught. Dr. Acland did

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{printed address:} 10, South Street.  
Park Lane. W.  
make such a point of it.

And for my part I am sure sleep, by whatever means obtained, is essential to life: for her especially

I am sure I need not mention that this should not be shown to Parthe.

God bless you both is the constant prayer of yours  
& hers ever

F.N.

{written vertically} Aug 7.

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9009/193 signed letter, 1f, pen

Aug 8/83  
{printed address:} 10, South Street.  
Park Lane. W.  
My dear Sir Harry  
I did not know till  
yesterday that Mrs. George Verney  
was not with you. If I had  
known that Parthe was without  
any lady of the family, I would  
have broken thro' & come yesterday  
- But now every day of mine is filled up.  
I *may* even not be able to come  
till Wednesday 15th.: but hope to come on

[2]  
Tuesday 14th., as settled.  
I am so thankful that Maude  
can go to you on Friday.  
A better report I trust to hear.  
God bless you both:  
ever yours & hers  
F. Nightingale

9009/194 signed letter, 1f, pen

Aug 11/83  
{printed address:} 10, South Street.  
Park Lane. W.  
My dear Sir Harry  
One of my India Office  
Masters wishes to see me  
on Tuesday afternoon - I  
can hardly refuse.  
I hope to be with you,  
please God, on *Wednesday*,  
by the train of 3.0 from  
Euston Square.

[2]

I trust Dr. Acland's visit was  
useful & not disagreeable to  
Parthe. He has written to me.  
He does not think her worse.

Miss Airy is in charge of a  
Cholera Hospital at Cairo. She  
asks for prayers for Nurses &  
Patients. I am sure you do pray  
for her: as I do for you, with all  
your heart

God bless you both

ever yours & P.'s

F. Nightingale

9009/195 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Aug 13/83

{printed address:} 10, South Street.  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

It is not an "Indian Doctor" but  
the Permanent Revenue Secretary  
of the India Office. I am sure  
he would *like* to come to Claydon  
But I suppose he is in the same  
position as I about being able  
to do as he likes: & that is: Never.  
Thank you all the same.

I have

ordered the Invalid Carriage on  
Wednesday by 3.0 train from  
Euston.

No "footman", thank you, to  
"help" me "to pack"

Au revoir

dear souls

F.N.

Please let me go straight up  
to my own room to lie down  
& be silent. And I shall hope  
to see Parthe later on in the day

9009/196 initialed letter, 1f, pen [1:361-62]

Aug 13/83  
{printed address:} 10, South Street.  
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Pop I trust to  
see you on Wednesday -  
I often think of what you  
said that God was working  
out in you that ~~the~~ patience might have her perfect  
work: ~~of patience~~. I think  
you must have written what  
is on the other side:

*Dr. Payson, when racked with pain & illness*

"God has used a strange method to  
make me happy. I could not have  
believed a little while ago that in  
order to make me happy, he would  
deprive me of the use of my limbs,  
& fill my body with pain. But  
he has taken away everything else,  
that he might give me *Himself*."

So too says St. Paul;  
"As the *sufferings* of Christ abound in  
us, so our *consolation* also abounded by Christ."

Shall we see whether God can  
make us happy?  
ever your F.

9009/197 initialed note, 1f, pencil

The water-mattrass will,  
we hope, come from  
London *to-day* - it may  
not be till to-morrow.

P It is not to be less  
than 4 feet wide -

Parthe says there is  
a 'bois de lit' (bed-stead)  
which will fit it -

The best thing *under*  
a water-mattrass is a  
*straw* mattrass - not too  
thick - (a palliasse)

I looked at Parthe's

own bed ~~to~~ yesterday.  
And it appeared as  
high as this would be.  
It would not do of course  
to dismantle Parthe's  
bed till the Water  
Mattrass has actually  
come.

God grant it may  
give her ease -

F.N.

Aug 20/83



9009/198 initialed letter, 1f, pencil **[8:969]**

*with two labels*      Monday  
                                 {arch: Aug. 27. 83}

My dear Sir Harry

If you are so good as to give me  
those 3 Wild Ducks, would *Mr. Fred*  
have the kindness to take two to London  
& put them in the Parcel Del. Co. (& if not  
too much trouble pay them) for Madame Werckner  
who I really fear has not enough to eat -

Mrs. Wardroper might have the other bird, but  
as I sent ~~the~~ to her 3 grouse Sir James Caird gave me

I think if you liked to give all 3 Wild Ducks to *Madame*  
*Werckner* (altering the number on my label)  
it would be a good deed. **[end 8:969]**

F.N.

9009/199 unsigned note, 1f, pencil

Tuesday. {arch: Aug.28. 83.}  
I am so very sorry that I was unable  
yesterday to do this & other letters -  
I have been up since 5 this morning,  
trying to correct, as you kindly desired,  
& writing other letters -  
I know I have scarcely improved it -  
I should like to find another word for  
"destitution": 2nd. line - *She* is not  
"entirely destitute" - (see her sister)

9009/200 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

Aug 30

My dear Sir Harry

We must try means to keep our Night  
Nurse in health -

After much conversation with her, I propose  
that she should dine AT 12

Would *you* be kind enough *to tell Mrs.*  
*Ellis? 12?*

[She has indigestion from going to bed  
after dinner at 1 -]

You have not told me whether Parthe will  
assent to her changing night & to day duty with the other Nurse

9009/201 signed letter, 4ff, pencil

{printed address:} Claydon House,  
Bucks.

My dear Sir Harry

You were so very kind  
as to ask me to criticize  
this to Mrs. Boyce. Let me *entreat*  
you *not* to put *on paper*  
anything about "weaken~~ing~~  
"the mind" of poor Mme. W.  
or anything that I have  
ventured to scratch out.

To save *you* ~~the~~ trouble  
I wrote my 3 little sheets -  
And I have gone to the  
very verge of what one  
ought to put *on paper*, I think.

Aug 31/83 [8:969-70]

I thank God every day for  
having given poor Madame  
Werckner *such* a friend as  
Mrs. Boyce.

As she asks the question,  
I will briefly say to you what I  
did offer Madame W. x viz  
that if M. Werckner would  
go to Gheel, for a year,  
for which I hold his  
written consent, & for which  
she has the necessary Medical  
certificates, & information,  
I would be responsible  
for £25 - £5 to be paid

x a month ago - repeated sometimes 3 times  
a day since. She ~~again~~ sometimes writes to me twice a day

to make up the first or second Quarter: the remaining £20 not to be paid till the end of the year of M. Werckner's residence at Gheel, & then to be refunded to the persons whom Mme. W. told me would kindly ~~refund~~ advance the money, on condition of being repaid by *her*, which she conscientiously said she could not promise. So I engaged *for her*.

[I made this condition of making *the end of year* the time of payment, of £20, in order to protect Madame W., against what

has happened ~~so often~~ more than once: viz. that M. Werckner has had ~~passage~~ journey & pension paid or advanced for him - & in consequence of his mental alienation has got out of the train before he reached his destination, has lived on any money he had had advanced to him as long as it lasted, & then has run up debts for her to pay-]

To return, M. Werckner has made so many difficulties about the small *amount* of the pension at Gheel

that I have advised Madame  
W. to fix the 'pension' at  
Gheel at £32 per annum  
(800 fr:) or £8 per Qu -  
Mrs. Boyce has had the great  
kindness "to collect £10" -  
I would make the £5 I  
promised into £6.

That is £16: half a ~~quarter~~ the year.  
I have repeatedly counselled  
nay entreated Mme Werckner  
to set off at once for Gheel  
with her husband -[N.B. it is  
perfectly useless her sending  
him alone ~~even~~ even IF he reached  
the place, he would leave at  
once on some delusion or other]

[2]

Their two passages to Antwerp  
shall be paid, I told her  
(towards which I have already  
received 30/)

There is nothing to wait for *to*  
*set off* but *to set off*.

I doubt the advisability of  
paying *more than a quarter*  
in advance. (which is all  
that is required at Gheel)  
for the reasons above stated

As to this, I would do of  
course exactly as Mrs Boyce  
thinks best. If she likes  
to give £5 out of her £10  
*now*, I will give the £3  
to make up the Quarter at  
£8. Or - as she likes -

[It would be better, *if* possible, to pay the £8 by an order on Gheel, as M. Werckner can always make his wife give him any money she has. She is not proof against him.] small blame to her!]

Florence Nightingale

[3]

With regard to the second part of Mrs. Boyce's most kind letter- viz -about *Madame* Werckner administering her poor husband's property, (as to which *you* have tried to do so much,) -  
- in the long conversation I had with Madame W. on the subject some time ago, I ascertained from her that *there was no property left*. He had had out the last remnant there was some time before

I wish somebody better than I could ascertain if this is correct from *her*

[end 8:970]

31/8/83

F.N.

9009/202 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

**[8:970]**

Sept 6 {arch: ?'83}

My dear Sir Harry

All our prayer is that  
M. & Mme. Werckner, as  
she well knows, should  
start immediately for Gheel.

PRAY TELEGRAPH AT ONCE,  
AS YOU KINDLY PROPOSE.

It is a God send to  
get them off - to Gheel -  
& in such good company -  
[I don't know what she

means by my "decision" -  
At all events I have  
sent them, as you know,  
ample money for both -  
And it appears that  
this lady gives them a  
ticket besides -

I thank God.

**[end 8:970]**

F.N.

What do you intend  
to do with the  
shirts & drawers you so kindly  
offered her?

9009/204 signed letter, 4ff, pencil

Sept 14/83

I do not quite understand  
Mme. Werckner's letter:  
It appears that she *could*  
place M. Werckner at the Colony  
of Gheel at a pension of  
1000 fr. per ann: = £40 -  
Now, in my last letter to her,  
I showed her how she had  
actually money in hand  
to place him for one  
quarter at £32 or even  
£36 (800 -900 fr.) a year  
-that is £8 or £9 (200  
-225 fr) *for the quarter*

{this page has a line through it}

She had from

Mrs. Boyce	£6
" Miss Wilson	5
" F.N.	6 10
	<hr/> £17 10

A lady, Miss Grey,  
 paid besides, she Mme W.  
 told me, ~~for~~ Mme  
 Werckner's own  
 passage ( a return  
 passage: 2nd class)  
 Part of the money I sent her  
 was for *travelling expenses*.]  
 Out of this money,

Could not she have  
 paid 1 Qu. (at 1000 fr. a year)  
 i.e. £10 for M.  
 Werckner, £8. H. V. (instead of  
 putting him at 120 fr. =  
~~or~~ nearly £5, at a Hotel.  
 without any supervision -)

If there were any prospect  
 for Mr. Werckner at all to  
 compare with that of the Colony of Gheel  
 --- But there is not -

We must then try to place  
 him at Gheel Colony after all.

Mme. W. wrote to me that  
 she should return Mrs. Boyce's  
 money, unless it were spent



at *Gheel* Colony -

I would now advocate 3 months at *Gheel* Colony at 1000 fr. a year at all events.

If Mrs Boyce would give Mme W. her other £6, I promised her £3, which I would gladly make £4 - That is £10 for a *quarter* - But it must be strictly for *this* purpose:

And what Mme. W. can still command of the £17 10 must be applied to pay 1 or 2 months more at the Colony.

[At present M. Werckner appears to be under no Medical or other supervision whatever at the Hotel]

[2]

What would Mrs. Boyce recommend ~~afterwards~~ *the 4 or 5 months?*

I would still give the £20

I promised *at the end of the year at Gheel Colony* -

[If I were to give it now, it would most certainly go for a *month's* hotel expences for M. Werckner!]

More I cannot do -

If Mme Werckner is *sure* of this £20 at the end of the year, surely her sister at Lymington would advance the money -

And it would have this advantage that the sister

would watch over the  
spending of it *at Gheel Colony*.  
& nowhere else.

But if Mrs. Boyce would  
kindly propose any thing  
else, very likely that  
might be better still.

F. Nightingale

Mme. Werckner states that  
11 p.c. is charged for Medical  
& other expences at Gheel.  
& 11 p.c. on £10 is 22/-  
I would gladly advance this  
22/- per Quarter, if that be  
all. But I regret to say  
that is must be deducted  
from the £20 at the end  
of the ~~quarter~~ year, as I am  
wholly unable to do more.

9009/205 initialed letter, 5ff, pencil

10 South St  
Sept. 22/85

My dearest Pop

I think of you always,  
always.

May things go well!  
God bless you.

The cutting enclosed is  
out of the "Daily News": I don't  
know whether you have seen  
it.

I cannot find in my  
September's "Good Words"  
the article on George Eliot  
you spoke of.

In the 'Times' outer=sheet  
yesterday were some interesting  
letters on Peasant Properties -  
& one in to-day's 'Times' -

The world in general &  
Miss Irby in particular will  
be all 'agog' about Bulgaria  
& E. Roumelia - You never  
got Bulgaria's Peasant Properties  
by Consul Dalziel - did you?

We had a curious journey - [1:765]  
The Hamper of Quiz, the  
kitten, was ill-secured - And  
on your side Watford, she  
jumped sheer out of window

on to the rail out of Lizzie's  
compartment - I would not  
stop the train - but fortunately  
it stopped (against Bradshaw)  
at Watford - where I  
summoned all the Station  
Masters in England to my  
assistance - the same at  
Willesden - & all the Station  
Masters speaking the English  
language at Euston -  
Every body was most kind.  
He of Watford sent back  
along the Rail to find it.  
I telegraphed to him in  
the evening - And the answer

was: "Cat found: will send  
 it on to-night." But no cat  
 appeared - And I gave  
 it up, for I had promised  
 heaven to every man Jack  
 who would deliver it at my  
 door. But no one at the Station  
 would believe but what it was killed  
 by leap. However next day it  
 appeared. It had been  
 in the Parcels Office at Euston all  
 night - & cramped by its  
 basket, & injured by its leap,  
 but could hardly move  
 or speak - But it is alive  
 & begins to kick & sing -

[2]

Thanks for your Gordon, many  
 -forwarded to Mrs. Hawthorn  
 Love to Margaret & the  
 childer  
 ever dearest thine  
 F.

You know I brought  
 Zoroaster with me -  
 Shall I send it back?  
 Don't forget the Revues -

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Deluged with Acrostics on  
 Gordon & begging letters  
 because  
 a letter of mine on  
 Gordon has been the  
 round of the papers -  
 I have not seen it.

[3]

I am so very sorry to make  
a bother about my eggs -  
If Mr. Robertson would be  
so very good as to give  
his packer a hint of care.  
The tin in which the eggs  
are put wants a bit of  
stick put in the fastening.  
All the saw-dust escapes  
- 2 of the 30 eggs which  
came last Saturday every  
one was cracked & only fit  
for cooking - & 9 were  
smashed into what poets call

'a gory mass'. In the  
next Hamper there were  
more that could be *used* -  
but 11 constituted a 'gory  
mass' - see Campbell  
on the Egg -

F.N.

Thanks for the flowers -  
A few more Tritomas, please,  
before they leave this world  
for a worse -

9009/206 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [from Claydon]

Sept 23/83  
My dear Sir Harry  
It was absolutely necessary  
that this letter should be  
delivered in London by  
the first post to-morrow  
morning -  
They took it to Winslow (Bucks)  
-& because it could not be  
~~telegraph~~ registered, they have  
brought it back again!!!  
& I have only just heard of it.  
Could somebody, not one  
of your servants, take it  
up to Ludgate Hill by the

very first train tomorrow  
morning - (I will gladly  
pay for it all) - & deliver  
it - is it possible? - as  
near 9 o'clock in the  
morning as can be -  
What is the first train  
in the morning?  
I am so sorry to trouble  
you - F.N.

Thank you very much -  
I am so sorry to give so  
much trouble -  
I think some one should  
go to deliver the parcel  
~~I meant to telegraph~~  
from Steeple Claydon:  
but I suppose that  
can only be done  
tomorrow morning -  
Thanks  
F.N.

9009/207 signed letter, 2ff, pen.

Claydon Sept. 26/83  
How very, very good of you,  
dearest Margaret, to send  
the beautiful Bed-bath so quickly  
& so well, & to take it yourself  
to Euston. It was here with as  
much "urgency", care & speed as if  
it had been a baby instead of a bath.  
I do hope now we shall get on better.  
But one cannot but feel alarmed that,  
while her health has certainly improved  
in the last 4 or 5 weeks most remarkably,  
the pain does not diminish. I have a long

[2]

story to write to you about Dr. Acland.

I do hope & trust that Mr.  
Bickersteth 'commanding' Ellin's presence  
for some days means *Good*, & that  
he sees improvement needing  
re-adjustment. I should be so  
thankful if you would tell us his  
opinion. Sept. 27.

Not one minute yesterday to finish  
this poor little card: for my maid Fanny  
is ill in bed as well as my sister.

Ralph & Gwendolyne were at the  
Harvest Home yesterday with their  
Grandpapa & Uncle George: very 'jolly'

[3]

Dr. Acland has written to Sir James  
Paget about what he calls the  
'nerve affection of the cord' in my  
sister. But he does not separate  
it from the ~~rest of the~~ Arthritis,  
as Dr. Denton does. He says the  
Arthritis is so much more on the  
*nerves* than it is 'rheumatic'. I will write more.

We had a dreadful time of it,  
about his visit & Dr. Benson's -  
And yet she is better in *health*  
I don't think Sir Harry is well.  
Dr. Acland says there is *no* dropsy (ankles)  
in my sister



[4]

I am quite ashamed of all the trouble  
you had about the Bath. But I  
know you think trouble a gain where  
doing good is concerned. I know  
you will ~~th~~ not think me ungrateful  
for not having written yesterday.  
I will so thankfully send the £1.1  
as soon as I can seize a registered envelope.

Our best love to dear Ellin &  
kindest regards to Capt. Verney.  
May I have news of both & of your  
dear self - your ever loving & grateful  
God bless you & all F. Nightingale  
you love

9009/208 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Sept. 28/83

My dear Sir Harry

Dr. Acland writes to  
me that he will appear  
"to-morrow" (*to-day*)  
at 5 o'clock.

Has he written to you?

He really must not do  
this again: viz. announce  
himself for the same day -  
that is, just 3 hours  
beforehand. He must  
think we are made of  
iron - I am so tired now  
I can hardly speak - F.N.

And Parthe!!

9009/209 unsigned note, 1f, pencil {arch: ? Sept. ? 1883}

During at least ten weeks of the past winter, the whole of England, of Europe & America & one may almost say of the whole world was riveted on the thrilling drama which was enacting in the centre of Africa - On the one side was the single white man ruling alone in the great city of 20000 blacks, contending against a nation, urged on by religious fanaticism headed by their False Prophet [illeg] telling them that the death of an infidel was a pious act & that their own deaths would carry them straight into a Paradise of fruits, honey & Houris. On the other side was the little English force hurrying up against time, dragging the boats up the Nile rapids among rocks & shoots of water where a false step plunged them in the river & more men were drowned than was realized in England -then crossing the waterless desert.

Every two or three days came the record of the Sufferings so patiently & simply borne - of dangers so bravely fought & every day the whole nation watched & watched cried: Will they be in time?

~~The march from~~ At Korti, the last Station where the river ~~makes~~-takes an enormous bend to the West [illeg] was obliged to {illeg} to keep open their communication with the river ~~was across the barest & waterless desert~~ & a body of 500 men was sent across the bare & waterless desert

[faint, not FN]

At length they reached their [illeg] when they were across

without food without drink & weary with. marching

9009/210 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Oct. 2/83

My dear Sir Harry

Good morning - & a  
good morning it is - for  
Parthe has had a good  
night - & a bright 'lucky'  
~~morning~~ day for your expedn.

Louisa Shore Smith writes  
to thank you for your  
kind letter to Mlle de Broen  
for Miss Mochler very heartily

If you had time to  
give a kind glance to  
the letter enclosed --  
these are the sort of

people it is so difficult  
to help - too old to  
learn to nurse - no  
chance from Patriotic  
Fund. But do no trouble  
only just return it.

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

Au revoir

9009/211 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

[8:970]

Oct. 2/83

My dear Sir Harry

I have thought now for years that Mme Werckner's mind was too much broken to give a connected account of her affair: as e.g. I only elicited from her 2 years ago that the property at Breslau was gone!!

I have written (from her old accounts) a totally different story to Charity Organn. Socy. from what she herself has given them. This is awkward

Still, I think this gentleman mistaken -

She did not say: "came to *England* but came to *London*:"

I am still entirely believe that she is no impostor - but simply from mental & bodily exhaustion unable to tell give her ~~st~~ own account correctly -

And other people too have bad memories -

When you come back,  
I will, if you like, go  
thro' this letter with  
you, if it requires an answer.

Fare you very well  
& Au revoir

F.N.

Oct 2/83

Mme. Werckner never touched  
a franc "from the French Govt."  
The 1000 fr. you so kindly  
procured her was taken by her

*husband* - And B. St. Hilaire  
gave *him* 500 fr. out of  
his own pocket - These are  
the "two payments."

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[end 8:970]

Very Glad you are going to  
Rhianva - Sorry we  
shall not have you  
back so soon

I consider dear P. a  
trust, ~~till~~ a precious  
trust, till you come  
back. We shall miss you,  
I need not say.

F.N.

Very best love -

God bless you ever.

9009/212 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Oct. 4/83

My dear Capt. Verney  
so sorry not to see  
you -

Would you give this  
letter to Margaret?  
you must not give a  
bad account of my sister  
to Sir Harry.

Could you kindly say  
whether anything could be  
done for the poor seaman  
enclosed? Only say  
'No" & return the letter -  
if not yrs ever truly  
F. Nightingale

9009/213 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:646-47]

Oct. 4/83

Dearest Margaret

I send the only portion  
I can pay of our immense  
debt to you. (the £1.1 for  
the Bed-bath.) How good,  
~~you~~ how very good, you  
have been about it & all!

You must not give Sir  
Harry a bad account of  
Parthe - two very fair nights  
& two days of much less  
pain, - notwithstandg. that  
she over-fatigued herself  
yesterday - And we had

some very comfortable  
reading together,  
besides Job I & John XVII,  
& a good deal of poetry -  
But, dear Margaret, you  
would laugh if you were  
to see what a state of  
dismay I am in. Parthe  
has received a letter  
about Homoeopathic Doctors  
from Miss Frere upon  
which *you* would not  
engage *a servant*. And

P. declares that she will  
go back to Homoeopathy  
upon this.

Pray, pray that we may  
be guided, - to the almighty Father  
I only mention it now  
in case Sir Harry who,  
I believe, saw it, mentions  
it to you -

And it is good little  
Fra. Spring Rice who has  
done this - tho' I think she  
was very sorry afterwards.

O for the smallest amount  
of reason!

Love to Ellin & Lettice  
& my god-daughter & Harry  
- Good speed to your Lpool  
expedition next week -

God bless & reward you  
ever - ever your grateful  
& loving F.N.

(in greatest haste):  
I will if I possibly can  
write you the contents  
of the Homoeopathic letter  
to-day. You will see that  
you would not engage  
a scullery maid, much  
less a Doctor, upon it.



9009/214 signed letter, 3ff, pencil

Claydon

Oct. 6/83

Dearest Margaret

The account of dear Ellin  
is not so good as old Aunt  
Florence would wish - But  
I still hope from next week  
at Liverpool -

Pray thank Capt. Verney  
for his great kindness about  
the "disabled seaman" -

I am sure it is doing Sir  
Harry good being with you

===== We had a bad afternoon  
yesterday from pain in the  
back & a night *below fair*  
from the same pain -

Monday & Friday were bad

days with us. & a good  
deal of weeping intermediate  
days good-

I should sum up the last  
6 weeks with: general  
health, nights & even restlessness  
much improved: but  
pain in back decidedly  
worse. Still more power of enjoyment  
& attention -

Dearest Margaret: I am  
so sorry to trouble you with  
all this just now. But I  
feel almost certain that  
Sir Harry means to speak  
to you about Homœopathy.  
And I want you to be  
fore-armed. You did  
wonders last time when you  
were here.

Yesterday my sister told  
me quite decidedly that  
the "Morphia Lotion had  
"never done her the least  
"good". that next week  
"she would begin Homæopathy"  
(on the faith of the letter  
whose abstract I enclose)  
which was "the only thing  
"that had ever done her the  
"least good".

From my personal  
observation I can state  
that the exact reverse  
is the case -

But alas! from the way  
every Morphia & other application is put on

I only wonder, poor soul!

she is not worse.

We are trying to remedy this.

I send you an Abstract  
of the Frere letter, which  
*please return* to me, as  
the Frere letter will be  
quoted against us, again  
& again - & I shall have  
forgotten what it is,  
which is to cure us -

I never understood, alas!  
till I came here how the  
stories *grow up* which  
tell one of things as  
impossible as if they ~~told~~ said

[2]  
how Homoeopaths do tell  
how to make "men's  
"heads to grow beneath  
"their shoulders".

I am writing against  
time: & you will wish  
I had *no* time.

~~Dr. Acland says that~~  
~~there~~ I enclose my old  
letter to you - returned to  
me - not worth sending -  
like an bad shilling -  
God bless you all -  
ever yrs affly & gratefully  
Aunt Florence

9009/215 initialed letter, 2ff, pen.

Dearest Margaret Parthe is  
sincerely anxious that Sir Harry  
should stay with you at Rhianva  
till Wednesday, then go with you to  
Liverpool, & not return home till  
Friday or at (ever) least Thursday She has set  
her heart upon it. I think she would  
be really distressed if he did not.

We had a better night last night  
- the first time since I have been here  
that she has slept 2 hours at a time.  
- the consequence (*between ourselves*) of  
the compress on the back having been put  
off on properly for the first time.

[2]

Dr. Acland walked in yesterday evening  
just after the letters were gone -  
He spoke to her about Galvanism &  
to my surprise she accepted it the idea eagerly  
[I told him how very bad the pain in  
the back had been. If we can but  
get the compresses properly applied,  
I do not despair at all, however.]  
He says, what we all agree in, that  
she is materially better since this  
time last year. He thinks this state  
will go on a long time.

He is going to write to Sir Harry:

[3]

He wants her to have a carriage  
with c. springs. I would gladly  
hire one for them. But I hope she  
will not go out much more.  
She went out yesterday for the  
first time for a week.  
I am interrupted. She was  
delighted at the theatrical  
performance at the Royal  
Rhianva Theatre.

God bless you all

F.N.

Claydon Oct. 7/83

9009/216 signed letter, 2ff, pen. [Mme W]

Claydon: Oct 8/83

10. South Street, {printed address stroked out:}

Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Parthe is earnestly anxious that you should stay away till Friday *at least* - She would like you even to put Mr. Calvert off, that you may not hurry away from Mr. Rathbone's - She is pretty well.

I am rather anxious about **[8:970-71]**  
Madame Werckner, because her husband's month at the Gheel Hotel expires this week. She must make the fresh arrangements at Gheel in the *Colony*

[2]

for him *at once* for a quarter. I promised £4 if to make up Mrs. Boyce's contribution for a quarter, besides the £20 at the end of the Year. (& besides what I gave her before.) I did not see the last letter you were so very kind as to write to Mme. Werckner: but I am extremely anxious to know that she *is* arranging for him for the coming quarter as Gheel. And I have not been asked for my contribution. Forgive my troubling you God bless you all: as I am sure you say for us F. Nightingale

[5]

Again, if I have promised too much for Mrs. Boyce, I will pay the money, of course.

I also suggested to Madme. W. that her sister might *advance* the money, on the certainty of repayment, as M. W. has now come to his senses. **[end 8:971]**  
{printed address, upside down:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

9009/217 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil **[8:971]**

Oct. 16/83

Again, I can scarcely understand  
poor Madame Werckner's  
letters: poor, poor woman! God bless  
her! In answer to a Telegram of  
enquiry from me: she answered  
that he was going to leave  
Gheel the next day. viz. Oct 10 -  
I immediately telegraphed  
again: that I would  
"guarantee an annual sum"  
of "£50 or even £60", provided  
he would "remain in a family  
"at Gheel one year": & begged  
her "to telegraph this to Gheel  
"at once".

I had a strange letter from

her in answer, dated

Oct. 10: treating Gheel  
as a fancy of ours: saying  
"rest assured any wish  
"dictated by you is if  
"possible always fulfilled  
"with great pleasure"

but that she had not  
telegraphed my "request"!!  
to Gheel.

that her husband had  
left Gheel a day before  
she intended him to leave  
& that she was "quite  
"ignorant of his present abode"

If this is true, I am  
more anxious about the  
poor man than she is.

As for her "obtaining a  
"position of trust", she is  
scarcely less unfit for one  
than her husband is -

As for any further advances  
that I might be induced to make to her, I would  
promise that, if m. Werckner  
remains a year in the

Gheel colony, or other  
such place approved  
by us, I would pay  
*£20 into the hands of*  
*some* Banker or trustworthy  
person *at the end of*  
the year - not into hers, & not before

But with M. Werckner's  
written (& broken) promise  
"to remain a year at Gheel"  
at this moment before me, -  
& with Mrs. Boyce's, alas!  
too true words that she Mme. Werckner is  
as unable to manage her  
husband's affairs as he is,  
I should not, as at present  
advised, think it right to do more. **[end 8:971]**  
F.N.

9009/218 signed letter, 1f, pen

**[3:504]**

Agnes Barker, our Lea  
School- mistress, is engaged  
to be married to a Missionary  
of the *British & Foreign  
Bible Society*, acting as  
Superintendent of the  
*Shantung Province, North  
China* - his permanent  
home is at *Chefoo*

Could Professor Legge Baptist  
kindly give any information [in pencil] 30 years at Hong Kong  
that may be useful to  
her? Florence Nightingale  
Oct 17/83

[ on other side upside down  
Sir Harry Verney  
[not FN: The only thing I can  
say is that Chefoo  
is a very healthy place  
J.L. [?]

9009/219 initialed letter, 1f, pen.

My dear Sir Harry I think your  
light stick which you were so good  
as to lend me was left in the Blue  
Room, suspended by somebody to  
the book shelves near the door.  
Pray embezzle your own stick.

My very best love to both. I  
left Claydon with the deepest regret,  
I never wish goodbye. God bless you -  
Mind you have Margaret -  
too tired to write more: ever yours F.N.

I had the Doctor to meet poor Fanny.  
10 South St. Oct. 25 {arch: 1883}



9009/220 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil

Oct 26/83

A poor woman at Lea Hurst,  
Mrs. Holmes, the wife of an  
under over-looker at the Mill,  
writes of Parthe:

‘dear Lady Verney being so ill -  
“we do hope she is better by this  
“- and I do pray that God may  
“sanctify every *twig* of His  
“afflicting rod to her: How hard  
“we find it suffering the will  
“of God to doing it” -

she means: ‘how much harder’  
Some of the very best women  
I know are among the poorest  
This is one: her young daughter

is almost helpless with her  
hands-

Yet this Mrs. Holmes does as  
much good among her  
neighbours as 20 District  
Visitors.  
Sir Harry -

Sir Harry Verney  
Enclosed is the fate of all  
evil-doers & intruders -  
[HCV small writing] Cheque for £40.7.4. from  
Sir H.V. torn up by F.N.  
F.N.

26/10/83

9009/221 initialed letter, 1f, pen [on a card] **[3:401-02]**

Oct 27/83

{printed address:} 10, South Street,

My dear Sir Harry Park Lane. W.

Parthe & I used to talk of this  
little book together -

I think it gives more simply  
than any book I know

first: the inheritance: a gift NOW  
at this moment; we have only to  
put out our hand & take it.

secondly: the being *made fit* for  
this inheritance: this is not done  
in a day: p.p. 47,51, 55, 60-5: 78-9

{cut off: 84?}

[2]

I should like to read the marked bits to her  
(leaving out formulae which she  
dislikes): but it will be sweeter  
to her from your lips than  
mine.

I preached forcibly on the  
text: 'accept Margaret':  
which text will be found in  
the Gospels, tho' not, I believe,  
in Cruden's Concordance -

God bless you both: ever yours & hers  
F.N.

**[end 3:402]**

9009/222 signed post card, 1f, pen

{arch: 29. 10. 83}

My dear Sir Harry: How good you are about Bournemouth & Fanny. But she is Shut up in one room, & kept lying down, scarcely allowed to speak or to move, in the hope, well-founded, that the lung will heal: *Doctor every day*.

I thought that Adml. Grey was to say whether there were a *Hospital* at Bournemouth where she could have *Medical treatment* and *Hospl. Nursing*

I shall get her to Bournemouth as soon as I can: for, truth to tell, I am perfectly unequal to the anxiety & care.

[2]

But at present she cannot be moved. at all: much less be moved to a *Convalescent* Institutn.: still less to a *Homoeopathic* Convalescent Instn., where she would have none of the necessary treatment.

With 1000 thanks, I return the papers - & must decline the vacancy so kindly offered to be kept open.

Oct 29/83

God bless you both  
ever yours affy F. Nightingale

9009/223 signed letter, 3ff, pen

Oct 29/83

{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Here is poor Madame Werckner again. I have answered that "if M. Werckner returns to Gheel, & remains in the *Colony* there one year, I will pay £20 at the *end* of the *year* into some Banker's hands at Gheel or Antwerp. Or I will pay £10 at the end of 6 months, & £10 at the end of a year. Mrs. Boyce has £6 collected, to which she would add £4 of her own. There would then ~~have~~ be

[2]

"at the end of 6 months £20.

"The ladies positively refuse giving this

"except to repay a *completed*

"residence of M. Werckner's in Gheel

"*Colony*. & on the understanding that

"he remains a year]"

I did *not* say that *you* had the £6, nor that Mrs. Boyce suggested that the £6 might be given to Madame in some form she could *not* give to Monsieur.

I need *not* say that if I have promised too much for Mrs Boyce, I will give the money myself.

[3]

I take for granted that Madame  
Werckner has written by the  
same post to Mrs. Boyce. And  
I am earnestly anxious that  
we should be in the same story.

[It is difficult to me to think  
with calmness of our having thrown  
away £22.10 in keeping M. Werckner  
in a lodging in London & a Hotel at Gheel.

Any other way than the one I suggest  
would be simply throwing £30  
after it.]

I added words of sympathy to Mme.  
Werckner & hopes that now that  
her husband *wishes* to go to Gheel,  
it may be done.

I added that "the only modification  
"I could advise would be that I  
"should pay to the Gheel or Antwerp Bankers,  
"& induce Mrs. Boyce to do the same,  
"at the end of 3 months (of M. Werckner  
"being in Gheel *Colony*) £5 each = £10  
-"but only on the express understanding  
{printed address, upside down:}  
10. South Street      that he remains *one* year  
Park Lane. W.      "at least."

[5]

I often think that Madam W. does  
not know what she *does*, as I am  
quite sure She does not know  
what she *writes*.

May we succeed at last!  
God bless you: ever yrs affy

F. Nightingale

Excuse ~~these short~~ these cards: you know  
my thoughts are with you: but  
I am unfit to write or speak  
one unnecessary line.

9009/224 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 1/83

What I wrote to Mme Werckner  
in answer to her letter which  
I sent to Sir Harry on Oct. 30,  
was this:

that I would give £20  
at the *end of a year*  
of M Werckner remaining  
in Gheel Colony:

or ----- £10  
at the *end of each 6 months*

or ----- £ 5  
at the end of each *3 months*

all on condition  
of his remaining in Gheel  
Colony a full year.

I added that Mrs. Boyce  
had collected £6  
to which she would add £4  
£10

which she would pay  
at the *end of 6 months*  
of his remaining at Gheel  
or at the end of each 3 months £5

If then ~~the~~ Mrs. Boyce's £6 is paid  
for M. Werckner's Hotel  
expences at Paris & his  
journey back to Gheel,  
not only is it stultifying  
the agreement -  
but it puts an end to  
our securing £20 for the  
first 6 months of M.  
Werckner's stay at Gheel -  
And Mme Werckner  
will fall back upon me  
and make me pay the whole  
£40 for the year: or  
take him away -

The Werckners are bound  
in honour to bring M. Werckner  
back to Gheel at their  
own expence -

I do not mean to pay  
more than the £20;  
& *none* of that till he has  
been there 3 months.

Mrs. Boyce's £10 will  
enable him *with* my £10  
to stay at Gheel 6 months

After that, there will be  
only my £10: but we  
must think of that  
when the time comes.

I told Madme. Werckner

that they would not  
have ~~one penny~~ anything from  
me or Mrs. Boyce or the  
ladies till M. Werckner  
had been at Gheel *Colony*  
*3 months*.

& that it would be paid  
into the *Bankers' hands*  
at Gheel or Antwerp.

I did all this by Sir  
Harry's advice -

I wrote to Sir Harry what  
I had written to Mme. Werckner,  
enclosing her letter,  
on Oct 29 (on 3 foolish  
cards). This was the substance.  
Would he send these cards to Mrs.  
Boyce at Eastbourne?



9009/225 unsigned note, written on a letter, 1f, pencil **[3:402]**

A Thorny Path

This is the book of Hesba Stretton's which we were talking about. I suppose it is an attempt to show Christ's life living & dying for another in Don dying for little Dot - And how superior to "Joshua Davidson"! I think it must be true, because the natural as well as the poetical justice end *would* have been to make the child always recoil from the mother who had deserted her & always yearn after Don who died for her -

I never feel as if these waifs & strays like Don were ~~deserted~~ God forsaken.

[2]

On the contrary.

Both in India & England we find the most heroic self-devotion among them - far more than among the educated & prosperous

Another thing that strikes one as so true in this true story is: the ~~Uses~~ uses to which the cruel mistake under which Don suffered were put in calling forth heroism & goodness like Christ's - Mistakes have been most potent levers to righteousness

3/11/83

Talking of heroes

Monday is Inkermann Day

29 years ago. **[end 3:402]**

9009/226 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10, South Street,  
Nov 3/83

Dearest Pop

A basket-table, of  
the most princely demeanour,  
black & gold, has just  
arrived - This is, I  
am sure, ~~de~~ de ta façon -

Accept my earnest thanks -

It is worthy of thee & Claydon.

You speak about Nurse  
Dare & whether it is wise  
to let her come back -  
I think if these two good  
women, Sisters Wright &  
Blurton, can & will stay on,

& you still continue to like  
them, it would be  
a pity to put disturbing  
thoughts in either of their  
minds.

Nurse Dare, I understand,  
comes back from her holiday  
on the 18th. a fortnight  
hence. & suggests that  
her Superintdt. should be  
written to 4 days before,  
in order that no other  
engagement should be  
formed for her:

How would it do for  
Maudie to feel the  
*pulse* of these two good  
women the Sunday after  
this - or rather the *backs*  
& see? if either has to go?

~~N~~ The possibility of  
Nurse Dare not being *able*  
to come so soon, as Nov 18,  
on account of health, is still  
on the cards, it is said -

May it all be as well as  
it can be done is the  
most earnest prayer of  
thine ever

F.

Thy 2 notes were delightful to me.

9009/227 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

[3:504]

10, South Street,  
Nov 3/83

My dear Sir Harry

You were so very good  
as to say that, as one of  
the Vice-Presidents of the  
"British & Foreign Bible  
"Socy.", you would make  
any enquiry or get an  
introduction for

Agnes Barker  
our late Lea Schoolmistress,  
about to marry "Fred:  
"Brown", one of their  
Missionaries in China.

[end 3:504]

[2]

You will see by the  
enclosed that she cannot  
go out for at least a  
twelvemonth -

And she wishes to  
know *in what line* of  
study she could *most*  
*usefully employ the time*  
till then *for her future*  
*work* -

[To learn Chinese is  
scarcely possible]

Would you be so very  
kind as to ask the  
*secretary* what she had

[3]

better learn as a  
Missionary's wife -  
I should have thought  
something to teach  
little Chinese girls -  
But she was not a  
first-rate needle-woman  
at our School - And  
I am sometimes afraid  
Chinese women will  
beat her: as Hindoos  
sometimes beat our lady  
missionaries to India.

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

~~— Might I venture to ask~~  
~~if you have sent my 3~~  
~~little foolish cards with~~  
~~Mme Werck~~  
I am so sorry to trouble  
you

9009/228 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Nov 12/83

*Madame Werckner*

My dear Sir Harry

I think this letter is capital  
but will she understand -

she has made so many  
blunders of this kind -

that the "£10" ~~given~~ paid by  
Mrs. Boyce *is* the £6  
collected by her & ~~her~~ £4  
additional from her

£10

& NOT anything new & or  
*besides* that? Will she not  
think it something additional?

F.N.

Without re-writing a word, you  
could, if you please, add this  
word of explanation?

9009/229 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 14/83

My dear Sir Harry

I hear that you stay till  
the 5 o'clock train -

Mr. Glyn writes me  
word that he will come  
to see her Fanny soon after 12  
to-day -

Could *you* see her in  
the *afternoon*?

It seems to me that  
what she needs, poor  
girl, is to understand  
the truth - Dr. Armitage  
says (what I think should

be told to her) that  
    ~~says~~ she *will* be well  
enough to resume her  
service with me - And I think,  
she ought to know this -  
    It is / who cannot  
undertake *her*.

    With my ruined health  
I cannot rightly take a  
responsibility which  
entirely unfits me for  
work: she being what she is.

    She has, poor soul,  
been wronging herself,  
wronging me, & what is  
worse, wronging God -  
    ever yrs gratefully  
    F.N.

I do not see how I can  
write a hint to Mr.  
Glyn. I wish I could

9009/230 initialed letter, written on an envelope, 1f, pencil

I send my dear Pop the *dusaristo tokeia*  
- the 'unhappy' 'author' of the greatest  
man of our age -  
the unworthy record of one of the  
Few 'best' souls -  
I also send another copy of Daniel  
    Quorm's 2 vols: for 'lending', as  
you wished - Don't 'lend' this one we  
read together - 14/11/83  
    F.

9009/231 2 initialed letters, 2 ff, pencil & pen

My dear Sir Harry

Success to the ceremony of to-day  
or rather to the "idea" of  
the ceremony which  
is that of good to Siam  
& its connection with us  
& civilization, (& Mr. Fred)  
more than in most  
ceremonies -

Would 5 o'clock suit  
you?

26/11/83 F.N.

Nov 29/83

{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Miss Ehrenborg, the Swedish lady,  
came to London yesterday - tomorrow  
afternoon she spends with me -  
sails for Sweden on Monday

She knows Count Piper, thank you  
Hunyadi Water: do your business.  
I trust my dearest Pop is more  
comfortable. And I hope you are  
less tired - I thought you very tired.

Will dear Margaret when she is so  
good as to write again mention Ellin?

God bless you all.

F.N.

9009/232 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Dec 4/83

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

Dearest Margaret

Thank you so very much  
for your letters, & for all  
you are doing.

Now I am writing merely  
on a small piece of business,  
because I do not like to  
trouble my sister. She  
kindly offered me the  
*third* housemaid, one of  
the Lizzies, at Claydon -  
I spoke to her & I spoke  
to Mrs. Ellis about it. and  
it was agreed that I  
should write when I was  
ready, & that she should

come on trial as my  
under housemaid.  
[And privately between  
you & me I think she  
might rise to be  
something else, if London  
agrees with her health.  
But *this* is only *private*]  
I should now be glad if  
she could come with  
the least possible delay.  
if you will be so very kind  
as to arrange it, (I mean to  
speak to Mrs. Ellis, & of  
course to my Sister,) if it  
is not inconvenient to them -  
-I will write to Mrs. Ellis later.



Poor Fanny's removal to  
St. Thomas' Hospl. was  
safely effected yesterday  
at her own eager desire.

And to day - - - she  
is equally eager to come.

out, as the Senior  
Physician has just  
come to tell me.

Please tell Sir Harry  
-God bless you  
in great haste  
ever yours gratefully  
F. Nightingale

Love, dear love to all.

9009/233 signed letter, 1f, pen

Dec 7/83

{printed address:} 10. South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

How very, very kind you have  
been about this poor man, A. Crooks,  
& Miss Robertson too - I think  
as *you* have given so much time,  
I *must* send the £6 for the year's  
rent, & hope, rather than expect,  
that the poor fellow will make  
a good start of it. If the rent is  
only £5, then he will have £1 to  
start with.

I have been rather hard put to fatigue  
Or I would have answered your  
most kind note before -

With very much thanks &  
heart=felt love to all, & most of all  
thanks to ~~ev~~ dearest Margaret  
ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Little birds used to visit me thro' the  
balcony window in Margaret's bed  
room, hoping to find *her* - wrens & robins.  
I did not dare to coax them to stay,  
because of a kitten.

9009/234 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.

Dec 14/83

Dearest Margaret

How good you are to write  
to me about the little  
hand-maiden, Lizzie. You say  
her remplaçante comes on  
Tuesday 18th. & that she  
may come to me (as under  
housemaid) "two or three  
"days afterwards"

*Thursday* the 20th. will  
be most convenient for me  
because I shall be more able  
to see her on that day than on  
Friday - But if Friday is

more convenient to them,  
by all means Friday -  
If some one will be so  
good as to send me a  
post-card, naming *train*  
& day, I will send to meet  
her at Euston.

And if Mrs. Ellis would  
kindly send me a note  
saying what her wages are  
now: & what is done about  
the momentous question of  
*beer*: I shall be glad -

[I did ask her, but I ~~find~~  
I fear I did not make a note of it.]

I am so sorry to trouble you  
about this.

Yes, indeed, those have been  
most trying nights. I feel  
it in all my bones & heart,  
how cruel they are to her  
& all. But I cling to the  
hope & almost conviction  
that she *is* a great deal  
better in herself - She can  
dictate a story to you for  
a good time together. She  
could not have dictated for  
two minutes in August.

Yes, indeed, dearest Margaret,

I am sure you have done  
a great deal for her -  
God bless you -  
And now you are returning  
to Rhianva - all  
Christmas joys be yours -  
And I hope dear Ellin  
will be better

Could you tell me *where*  
was the place for Xmas  
cards where you were so  
kind as to get me those  
angelic little faces? (Sant's)  
to give away - miserable,  
blessed Xmas of last year -  
ever yours gratefully & affly  
F. Nightingale

9009/235 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.

Dec 19/83

Dearest Margaret

I know that you will be in  
the hurry & anxiety of parting  
when you receive this.

and I am so sorry to  
trouble you - But It requires  
no answer. Because I know  
you have done all things well.

Dr. Acland whom I saw  
after he had seen Parthe  
told me then that it was  
settled he should see her  
every fortnight - And now  
he writes to me that he has  
heard nothing of her since  
he saw me.

I did not tell him that  
her nights had been so  
bad this last week, because  
I thought, if she has refused  
to have him, that is merely  
grieving & almost insulting -

Do not answer, for I know  
whatever you have done  
has been right.

I will ask Maude  
whether Nurse Richards is  
from Devonshire Sq -

God bless you, dearest  
Margaret - And thank you

And a blessed Christmas to  
you all & all the childer four  
ever yours gratefully  
F. Nightingale  
Aunt Julia is a trifle  
better & more conscious

9009/236 signed letter, 2ff, pencil **[1:541]**

10 South St.  
Dec 22/83

My dear Sir Harry: Parthe  
knows how ill Aunt Julia  
has been. The end came,  
I would rather say the  
beginning of her new life,  
last night at half past  
eight. It is not grievous  
but joyous - She died  
quite peacefully -

She had so prayed  
that she might not have  
to lead long an useless life  
And also she longed not to

survive her keen sympathy  
- I don't mean that she  
used that word -  
From Sunday last till

Wednesday she was so  
much better that they  
thought she might live for  
months - On Wednesday  
night the temperature  
rose again: there was,  
I believe, some rather  
distressing delirium. And  
last night she died  
quite quietly -  
the last of the generation

who loved Lea Hurst so  
passionately - for Aunt  
Mai will never go there  
again. Lea Hurst  
will know them to more -  
And I shall not know  
Lea Hurst, if indeed I ever  
go there again, without  
them -

She was the last too  
of those 10 vigorous  
brothers & sisters who all  
lived to great old age -  
For Aunt Joanna, Mrs. Bonham

Carter, scarcely takes  
notice of anything -  
Ravensbourne was her home  
& we rather regret that  
she did not die there -

But as Mrs. Fremantle  
said: one can go to  
heaven as well from  
a journey as from home

O how glorious it is  
for her now -

God bless you both  
ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale  
She died as you know at  
Hastings -Beatrice, Miss Burnett & her  
maid with her -

9009/237 1 signed letter, 1f, 1 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil & pen **[3:402]**

10 South St.

Dec 28/83

No warmer good wishes,  
no deeper prayers for the  
highest blessings would have  
reached you, dear Sir Harry,  
on your birth-day, but that  
I always thought it was  
on the same day as Mr.  
Gladstone's -

Now these must be  
my Christmas & New Year's  
wishes - that many of  
your New Years may be  
granted us - that happiness,

the highest blessedness may  
be yours in this world  
& the next - that God  
may grant to her who is  
your help-meet ease &  
peace - Accept the  
fervent prayers I offer  
up for you both. **[end 3:402]**  
ever yours & hers affly  
F. Nightingale

[2]

You sent me Mme Werckner's  
'satisfaction' that I should  
not open any more of her  
husband's letters. But she,  
poor woman, does not tell  
you what she has done.  
1. She has placed M. Werckner  
at Gheel at 4 fr. a day -  
which is, as you will see,  
as nearly as possible  
£14.14 per qu. or  
£59 per annum nearly  
whereas we have only  
promised her £10 a quarter  
or £40 a year.  
And of that, £30 will be given  
by me.



2. What makes me almost  
more uneasy is that  
she *writes to me!!* she is  
going to tell them at Gheel that  
they will not be paid  
anything till the end  
of the first Quarter  
Feb 15 -

I thought I *must REPEAT*  
to her that the money is  
~~only~~ expressly promised them only  
on condition of her, or her  
sister, advancing it -

But I *have not*.  
She wraps up all her doings,

She says in a casual  
sort of way that she  
hopes to earn enough to  
pay the difference herself  
& also to repay us the  
£22.10 which was  
spent in London--

I believe, poor soul,  
she might as well say  
she hopes to pay the  
National Debt.

poor, poor soul in such  
a maze that I feared  
getting into another endless,  
useless correspondence  
with her.

Thirdly: I do *not yet* know *where* he is at  
Gheel: tho' she professes  
to tell me -

I have taken no notice of this  
last letter - F.N.

28/12/83

9009/238 initialed post card, 1f, pen

your bulletins are beyond price.

I am afraid the poor knee is  
suffering.

So very glad Dr. Acland  
sleeps at Claydon tomorrow. I

may see him here to-day.

So very thankful that  
dear Margaret is coming to  
Claydon on Monday.

God bless your Jubilee -  
My warmest greetings to my  
dearest Pop  
ever her & your loving sister  
F.N.

Wellcome Ms 9010, microfilm

9010/1 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Jan 12/84

Your bad nights & severe pains,  
dearest Pop, grieve me to  
the core, body & heart.  
But I see you are wonderful  
in yourself - the more  
wonderful it is as these  
bad nights continue.  
About your eye-Patient,  
whom may God recover,  
there was a little difficulty,  
mainly because there was  
no certificate from Dr. Newham  
saying not only the disease  
but that she would be  
"benefited by Hospital"

The famed Dr. Nettleship,  
now ophthalmic Surgeon  
to St. Thomas', said however  
that if she could be sent  
up, he would see her  
& admit her if he found  
it a case to be benefited  
by Hospital treatment.

Since then, (I lost no  
time) it has been found  
that Patients will be  
leaving vacancies on Monday or  
Tuesday. And *if Mrs.*  
*Wardroper receives a*  
*Post Card on Tuesday*

*morning, saying the girl can  
come, a bed will be  
reserved for her in the  
Ophthalmic Ward.:*

St. Thomas' Hospital,  
*provided she is at the  
Hospital BY 2 O'CLOCK  
on Tuesday.*

She will have the best  
of treatment. The Sister  
of Ophthalmic Ward  
is a sister of Temperance.

And I earnestly hope  
her poor eye will be saved.

I telegraphed this to you

this morning. I hope I  
was not wrong. I worded  
my Telegram as cautiously  
as I could.

God speed, my dearest  
Pop.

ever your loving

F.

I do not know the poor  
girl's name

9010/2 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:589-90]

10 South St.

Jan 19/84

My dear Sir Harry

Pray let me hear on  
Monday if you come up  
on Tuesday - & by what  
train?

or if on any future day -  
I mourn that our dear P.'s  
nights are still so bad -  
You will be glad to hear  
that our old friend, Mrs.  
Cox, is better -  
I thank God that Genl. Gordon

is gone to the Soudan -  
Thanks for the rabbits  
& all favours - Let me  
have some snow-drops -  
I wish I could hear your  
thrushes sing -

That was a charming  
letter of Lord Chichester's -  
And Lady Amelia Jebb  
was one of the salt of the  
earth.

ever yours affly  
F.N.

9010/3 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St.  
Jan 22/84

My dearest Pop

I hope it will not hurry  
you this last day to write  
& tell you that I have  
the best accounts from  
the Hospital of Rosa

Reah who is gone  
home to-day - They have  
thoroughly examined the  
remaining eye - & find  
its powers quite sound  
She is to return in a  
month for the glass eye  
May God bless your  
journey up -dear Pop  
ever your  
F.

9010/4 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dearest Pop I am afraid  
you have had a very  
suffering night. Will  
you not try Sir J. Paget's  
'Black Drop' to-night?  
I wish I could come in to  
you, but hope to do  
so tomorrow. But I  
am with you in spirit  
always - dear Pop  
ever your F.  
Jan 28/84

9010/5 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dearest Pop Thank God  
that you had a somewhat  
better night - *and* without  
the sleeping Draught!  
I wish I could come &  
see you to-day -  
Your F.  
Jan 29/84

9010/6 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

16/2/84  
Dearest Pop I am so very  
sorry about this  
impending change of Nurses  
Could you send me one  
word: 'I wish Sister  
'Wright to stay, if possible':  
or 'I do not care for  
'Sister Wright to stay.'  
& I will see her  
to-day at any time  
she can come, if you  
will give me my cue -

"A tall, strong &  
"pleasant woman" does  
not exactly make a  
Nurse. (see returned  
letter) as proposed to you.

I was so very sorry  
that you expected me  
yesterday. I have had  
violent sickness, Diarrhoea  
& some Erysipelas since  
I last saw you -

But I said to Sir  
Harry who knew how ill

I was Harry (I could not  
say even this to-day)  
'I would come, if I  
possibly could' - But  
no message came -

I am so very sorry.  
ever, dear Pop  
your loving  
F.

9010/7 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry 16/2/84

It is very good of Mrs.  
George Verney

I am sorry that I am  
quite unable to see any one  
more to-day - Nor am I to  
decide the gardener points.

If she would be so very  
good as just to write down  
a few particulars, I will  
forward them to Shore, who  
leaves England on Monday.  
will you give her my kind  
regards, & I hope she is better.  
F.N.

I am so sorry, but I am  
afraid I am engaged all  
this afternoon till quite  
late. F.N.

To-day my Mother has  
been dead 4 years -  
rather has she been born  
again these 4 years  
Feb 2/84

9010/8 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

19/2/84 [16:474]

My dear Sir Harry

I was in hope that  
you & Dr. Evatt would  
have settled it together -

Here is the question  
which for various  
reasons I will tell you  
when I see you  
he wishes put, if you approve  
so sorry not to see  
you to-day

ever yrs  
F.N.

To ask if in the field Hospitals  
detailed for service in the  
approaching campaign any  
increase of the Army Hospital  
Corps staff would be made  
for the purpose of providing  
for washermen, Sanitary  
police, watermen & other  
subsidiary services of the  
Hospital of which the  
want was so much found  
in the Egyptian campaign -

[end]



9010/9 signed letter, 2ff, pen [1:647-48]

10 South St. W.

March 2/84

We are all thinking of you  
very dear Margaret, who  
have seen Mr. Owen Stanley  
go home. I hope he had  
time to know you & to feel  
your comfort before he went.  
But now he is above all  
our comfort & has the true  
joy.

Sir Harry has felt Joseph's  
loss very much: 43 years  
of faithfulness gone -  
I am so more than glad that  
your dear presence is  
coming to them.

The last fortnight I have

thought my sister looking  
better than she has these  
two years, quite herself in  
fact. I am sure that  
she has the use of her  
right hand *much* more -  
much more than she knows  
herself. She sees many people.  
too many: she has the use  
of her mind: & she is often  
without pain, thank God,  
for hours together. But I do  
not like people to say to her  
she is better: it seems to her  
unfeeling. She was not at  
all better when she first  
came to London - Then she had  
the quack, Now she is  
recovering from the quack.  
how thankful we must be

Will your dear kindness  
think me very troublesome  
if I ask whether, if the  
Penrhos family is to be [?]  
dispersed, there might  
be a housemaid for me -  
Mine is such a very dull  
place - no men servants -  
only me - so quiet & small.  
I want an upper housemaid  
who will take charge of  
house, linen & furniture -  
& above all, "mother" the  
under housemaid, (who is  
at present Lizzie from  
Claydon). She must not be  
a girl. She must take  
charge of this house when  
I am away. She must be a

very trustworthy person.

It is an easy place,  
but I have always two or  
three girls, (now three), &  
"mothering" seems gone out  
of fashion, such as I  
remember it in my young  
days. She must feel some  
sort of responsibility towards  
me for "training" her under  
housemaids: & not be a  
gadger herself: a clean woman,  
with a head on her shoulders.  
Dear Margaret, forgive my  
troubling you. My love  
to Ellin who I trust is  
better & all your dear flock.  
Maude's children thrive -

Au revoir, I hope. God bless  
you always -  
ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

9010/10 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

March 7/84

Dearest Pop If it is Mrs.  
Dugdale who is coming to  
see you to-day, I should like  
to offer & present my love  
& reverence to her on my  
~~heart~~ knees. Her hero is ever  
present to my thoughts, I  
wish some sketch of what  
he was & what he did could  
be written to make him  
present to a nation's gratitude/ thoughts.  
For 'sure such a gallant deed  
of ~~arms~~ might  
'Was never done before' -  
Our deepest sympathy is hers -  
your F.

Miss Pringle saw her at the Ho: of Commons.

When the 1200, including  
the Royal Sussex, left  
their dying commander,  
Herbert Stewart, & the  
camp of dead & wounded, -  
to fight their way inch  
by inch to the Nile  
against 10,000 Arabs,  
as the only, tho' forlorn  
hope, for the camp they  
left behind, for Gordon  
& for themselves -  
fighting their way inch  
by inch without food  
or water- the wounds  
without guns

caking on the wounded -

90 wounded of their  
own were made on the way  
& mounted on camels  
where they were hit two  
and three times ~~again~~ more -

When ~~they~~ a small but strong party returned the  
next day to fetch the  
camp up, thus left,  
to the Nile, the exhausted  
camp saluted them with  
a cheer -- & an Irish Private,  
in the R. Sussex, of the return party - ~~said~~ answered  
quietly: "yes: it was  
*tastefully* done." or: "we did it *tastefully*." meaning  
the succour & return. How pretty that is!  
a campaign fatal to so many!

9010/11 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [5:407-08]

March 20/84

Dearest Pop I have put  
in a modest signature. If  
you sign, you must put  
yours *above*.

[I suppose I sign about  
40 20 of these petitions every  
year, besides requests to  
"write a letter" which "can  
be published" - which I refuse.  
They are like the rats of  
Ehrenbreitstein. They get  
in at one's windows. And  
my windows are always  
open.]

I honestly hope that the  
Women's Franchise will

succeed & do good. But  
- - - I ask myself: in  
those countries where the  
franchise is most extended,,  
*are* the right & the good  
& the true most in power?’

Does a larger ‘representation’  
secure the highest objects?

That depends, I suppose,  
upon *WHAT is ‘represented’*.

When the Women’s Franchise  
Societies published the  
‘opinions of representative  
‘Women,’ on the subject: I  
thought: if anything could  
convince one that Women  
ought *not* to be ‘represented’,  
these would -

But now women do so  
much for themselves,  
instead of writing & talking  
about their ‘rights’ ‘the same  
as men’s’, ‘their wrongs  
& that they should ‘do the  
same as men’, they are  
showing what they *can*  
do. And God speed them  
- & doing it.

And certainly it is now  
ludicrous not to give  
them the franchise, -when  
‘agricultural labourers’ too  
have it too

Only let ~~them~~ women *look to*  
*what they want to be*  
*‘represented in.’*

As for righteous Laws  
in favour of women, e.g.  
Married Women's earnings  
& the like, I don't think  
they will be won sooner  
by women than by men for  
them. While entirely agreeing  
in the Women's Franchise  
question, I fear more is  
expected from its results  
than will be gained - looking  
to analogous extensions  
of Franchise. F.N.  
Will women voters contribute  
to noise or quiet at Elections?

9010/12 unsigned note, 1f, pencil

March 20/84  
I have just seen Margaret  
like a lovely picture -  
I was shocked at her  
getting out for me: so  
tired. But it was a  
darling pleasure to see  
her. I quite concerned that she  
should *walk* to No. 4.

I have just seen Rosalind  
off to Fontainebleau with  
a sick friend -, the Mathematical  
Mistress at Girton, age 25,.  
And Rosalind none so  
well herself - just thro' her  
Examn.

I hope to be able to come in to you  
myself tomorrow

9010/13 initialed letter, 1f, pen

My dearest Pop      Would you  
like me to send any word  
to Sister Blurton by my      **[Bluston?]**  
Messenger who is here now?  
May God bless you both.  
ever your  
F.

Sunday  
March 30/84

9010/14 initialed letter, 1f, pencil **[1:648]**

April 10/84  
Dearest blessed Margaret  
Many many thanks.  
"Now is our soul troubled"  
but we know what Our  
Father does is right.  
I will come in with  
your leave between one  
and two - Or could I  
be of any use earlier?  
Has the Dr. been this  
morning - do not trouble  
to answer this. Thank God  
you are here.      F.N.

9010/15 initialed note, 1f, pencil

Do not "send me dinner" "*to-day*"  
(1000 thanks). But -, as my cook is  
going to her dying father tomorrow  
or ~~Wedn~~ Thursday, I may very  
likely send in to trouble you: for  
my dinner -  
*Don't till* THEN -      F.N.  
11/4

9010/16 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dearest blessed Margaret

I am so sorry not to have  
seen you to-day, & so afraid  
that I shall not see you  
before you start.

Our best love & blessings  
go with you.

When I went in to see  
the dear Patients, I was in  
hopes of seeing you -

Our house will miss  
you & feel its dearest  
inmate gone.

How serene & joyful the  
message from Capt. Verney  
last night -

I had hoped to have  
asked you to spend the  
small sum of £1 for the  
children 4. for Aunt Florence

[Has Joseph's widow  
been paid?]

God bless you again &  
again -

F.N.



9010/17 incomplete, unsigned letter, 3ff, pen [1:648-49]

10 South St. W.

May 10/84

My dear blessed Margaret  
Capt. Verney looks much  
better.

The funeral yesterday is  
well over. Mr. Calvert came  
this morning to see Sir Harry  
& was quite calm & at peace.  
He was very much overcome  
at the funeral, but seemed  
to have had great satisfaction  
in all the things which  
were there to show sympathy  
in his great trial - the  
attendance of the tenants,  
the pleasant order & beauty,  
the shower of wreaths & flowers,  
the beautiful reading of that  
beautiful Service, (which I

was reading to Sir Harry  
at the same time,) by  
Mr. Greene in the little Church  
& by Dean Fremantle at the  
grave. Mr. Calvert has  
always come to Sir H. with  
a smile on his face & has  
never agitated him.

The Dean's holy gentle  
manner is delightful.

Sir H. is quite steadily  
convalescing - is dressed in  
clothes - & is carried down  
into the drawing room to-day  
for the first time. Yet  
I would he were out of the  
house, at Onslow Gardens  
for a few days as they so kindly press - Capt. Verney  
does not agree with me,

& he is so admirable a Nurse  
that I am bound to tell you  
so - Yet nobody sees  
Sir H. as I do: he sobs  
so hysterically with me  
at my sister's appearance,  
- & I have never seen her  
look so ill since Christmas  
before last - she looks  
sometimes as if she were  
dying - Nurse Dare who  
has been away for a few  
days is struck with the  
change - her cough  
distresses him so, & *that*  
will ~~be~~ do so more  
now he will spend the  
afternoons in the Drawing room  
with her, instead of the  
change refreshing him -

- he is so tempted to get  
up in the night to 'rub  
her', when he hears her crying  
- that I am quite alarmed  
as to the effect this may  
have on ~~the~~ his brain -  
My sister is certainly much  
worse - she has a  
Bronchial Cough which  
shakes her fearfully -  
- the nights are worse  
than they have been for  
months - there is an  
aggravation of Arthritis -

I wish she could have  
the house to herself for  
a few days - she does  
not know how she  
distresses him, tho' she

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makes every effort to be  
merry - he does not  
know how bad he is for  
her just now -  
the heat of their two bed-  
rooms is such now -  
her bed-room being never  
empty - for she goes  
down into the Drawingroom  
when she ought not, to  
leave her bedroom for  
him. that I wonder  
they are not worse than  
they are. He is so  
parboiled that he finds  
the nights cold! & has  
twice had a return of  
cough -  
Maude is most anxious  
that he should come to

9010/18 initialed note, 1f, pen [1:362]

Dearest May my  
strawberries find favour  
in your mouth.  
I heard you had none -  
I could almost wish  
you were not going in  
this East wind -  
how grieved not to  
see thee -  
I will write  
your loving  
F  
May 27/84

9010/19 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil **[3:403]**

June 3/84

My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

I think & pray for you  
hourly -

At this dear season God  
grants His holy Spirit to  
those who "draw back"  
the "bolts" which keep it  
out.

**[end 3:403]**

I trust that Claydon is  
on the whole doing you  
good

You kindly allude to a  
washerwoman at Claydon

I have asked Mrs.  
Ellis to ask you whether  
I might send my things  
to Mrs. Harding or to  
another she mentioned,  
at least for a time.

Yes, Dear Sir Bartle  
Frere -

I will write by  
post

ever dear people  
your affecte  
F.N.

Could you send me  
back Vol. V of Prince  
Consort's Life given  
me by Queen When  
you have quite done  
with it?

9010/20 initialed letter, 3ff, pen [1:362-63]

10 South St. W.

June 7/84

My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

I had been hoping that  
fine weather would bring  
relief to both: & that  
Sir Harry would not  
write too much -

I am so glad that  
Maude is with you -  
would that I could be,  
but it is quite, quite  
impossible. I have  
scarcely been out of  
bed since Thursday  
fortnight. Quiet in my  
own room is what is

ordered. Even were I  
able to come, I should  
not be able to leave my  
room. I should be of  
no use to Parthe - & only  
an anxiety - & scarcely  
able to see you more  
than once a day & only  
you - dear Sir Harry.  
You *must* believe indeed  
that it is *impossible* if  
I cannot come to Claydon  
when Parthe presses -  
At present I am unable  
to do anything - I can  
hardly stand or write

& it will in all probability  
be 8 or 10 weeks before  
I can do so well - And as  
soon as I can, I *must* see  
people. I have done  
none of my usual work  
this year - And June &  
July will be my last  
months to do it in, if  
indeed it should please  
God that I do it at all.  
Pray believe me - & with  
what regret I tell you  
~~this~~ at all about myself -

It is when you are quite  
alone that I wish to be  
with you, as you know

God speed you both,  
I cannot tell you how  
sorry I am that  
Margaret cannot come  
this month.

I have not written to the  
Freres yet! How solemn  
& tragic, after the way  
of thinking of this world,  
his death - how glorious  
after the fashion of another  
Martirio in terra appellari  
Gloria si appella in  
cielo.

[2]

I am sorry I have  
nothing to do with the  
Ophthalmic Hospl nor  
with any other Special  
Hospl. I stick to  
St. Thomas' & its  
special branches -

I cannot tell you  
how much I think of  
you  
God bless you again &  
again

ever dearest people  
yours F.N.

9010/21 signed letter, 1f, pencil

June 14.84

My dear Sir Harry

I earnestly hope that  
you will *not* run the risk  
of coming to London for  
the Harrow dinner

*Pray* do not.

God bless you: yours ever affly

F. Nightingale

I am afraid I shall hardly  
have time to see you on  
Wednesday OR Thursday.

9010/22 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.  
June 14/84

My dear Sir Harry

I do so earnestly hope  
that Parthe & you are  
profiting by the fine weather  
- & then the envious wind  
gets round again to the  
East.

I hope you prance &  
go about, but do not  
write much

Margaret, I trust, will  
be with you next week.

I hope you do not think  
I am so very bad, But I

*must* see people now -

Matrons & trained ladies  
going out for the higher  
posts at Midsummer  
schoolmasters for Lea  
Hurst.

And people on Indian  
business. Alas! alas! that  
more is not done.

Pray thank the  
Buckingham gentleman for  
his offer of a kitten. Till  
I know its sex, I could  
not say. He would not  
like to have poor *Jo* on



*a visit*, would he? to  
marry the lady cat I gave  
him? Jo says "I should  
so like some country air -  
And I would not hunt  
the rabbits."

When you are beginning  
to shoot your rabbits, we  
put in a plea for some.  
Don't think this humble  
request  
pressing or  
owdacious.

I think of you with the [3:403]  
prayers & the Gospels -  
& of you both always -  
God bless you both, ever yours  
F.N.

9010/23 2 initialed letters, 1f, pen & pencil

June 18/84  
{printed address:} 10 South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

May 'God speed' light on  
you both. God save the Queen,  
we say. I should like people  
to say to me. God save you.  
Thank you. I will write to  
Mr. Langdon of Buckingham

I am glad you are not here.  
It is not like June.  
With loving love to Parthe, yr  
F.N.

June 17/84

{printed address:} 10 South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I am almost glad that you  
are not coming to London  
to-morrow. The wind is East & cold.

Success to you. Are you &  
Parthe getting on? Is Margaret  
coming to you?

My prayers are with you.  
God bless you - F.N.

9010/24 initialed letter, 4ff, pen

10 South St. W.

June 27/84

My dear Sir Harry You did  
*most extremely* right in  
not coming up to London.

I look forward to Margaret  
being with you

That was a nice little  
visit of Maude's.

Many thanks for rabbits.  
The cat Persian is come, I  
sent for it to Euston; it is  
an ugly little animal with  
a beautiful little face -  
except its face, not much  
like its Grandmama who  
was a beautiful cat.  
It is extremely affectionate  
& playful - a glutton at  
play - it would rather play

than eat if it were starving.  
And till it found out that  
we could play, it cried  
loudly.

Morey's sweet briar is  
delightful - And so are your  
flowers & Portugal laurels.

Had Your Lydia Norman was [3:403]  
confirmed to-day at St.  
Margaret's. Canon Farrar  
prepared her - & I did  
her lessons with her. she  
was very nice & serious  
about this joyful day  
in her life.

Daniel Quorm I am glad  
you like. Do you remember

(either in Daniel Q. or in a  
book called Mister Horn  
written by Daniel Q.),  
a suffering old rheumatic Invalid  
says: 'They are only *growing*  
pains.' And some one [end 3:403]  
asks: 'What do you mean?'  
Oh, he says, when I was a  
boy & had ~~some~~-anything the  
matter with me, my Mother  
used always to say: They  
be only growing pains.  
And don't you think that  
now when I am growing  
up for another world, a  
better than this, we well  
may say of all our pains:  
These be only *growing* pains.

I hear you have been so  
very good as to ask  
our Probationers to fix a  
day in July for their  
delightful visit to Claydon.

They propose to fix Tuesday,  
July 1, as being the almost  
only day they could come.  
But I tell them that that  
would be impossible &  
only troubling you, if  
Margaret & party do not  
come till July 4.

Miss Crossland is going on  
her extremely needed  
holiday on July 8.  
Every day is occupied.

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till then - I have  
written to ask them  
whether they could go  
to you on Saturday  
July 5, if convenient  
to you.  
They do so look forward  
to their day at Claydon.  
But I will write again.  
Our annual field day  
at the Nightingale  
Home is on *Thursday*  
*next* to July 3.  
*Could you* be so very  
good as to order

*hampers of greeneries*  
& LARGE flowers,  
*flowering boughs,*  
to be sent up to  
    *Mrs. Wardroper*  
    *St. Thomas' Hospital*  
BY *Wednesday next,*  
according to your kind  
annual custom.  
We seem to be always  
    begging.  
They all ask anxiously  
after you & Parthe.

God bless you both:  
ever yours  
    F.N.

9010/25 signed letter, 2ff, pen

10 South St. W.  
    June 28/84  
My dearest Pop  
    Thanks for thy letter.  
I am so very sorry, but I fear  
that the day at Claydon,  
so kindly granted & so  
rapturously enjoyed to & by  
our Probationers, cannot  
come off in July. It is  
after this wise. I told  
them that you could not  
possibly have them before  
Saturday, July 5, because  
of the absence of sons &  
daughters till July 4.  
Miss Crossland has had her  
sadly = needed holiday  
put off till July 8. & it  
cannot be put off any longer.

She could not take the party  
to Claydon *the day before*  
There remains only Saturday  
July 5, when you so  
kindly say they may come -  
But this is almost impossible  
Next week is a furiously  
busy week: Examinations  
&c - winding up. On  
Thursday is the Annual  
Meeting at the Nightingale  
Home.

I am so very much  
disappointed for them  
when you are so kind.  
But I am afraid it will  
have to be put off till the  
end of August, when Miss

Crossland comes back from  
her holiday, if indeed  
it is still possible to you  
to have them then -

They date their lives from  
the Claydon day.

Of course Mrs. Wardroper  
will write to you herself.

Would you show this  
letter to Sir Harry to whom  
I promised in my yesterday  
letter to write -

and will you tell him  
that we hold good for  
your charming green &  
flowering things *BY*  
*Wednesday at St. Thomas*  
for the Annual Meeting on Thursday

ever your  
old Flo

The weather in London is  
fabulously disagreeable  
Mrs. Hawthorn, please tell  
Sir Harry, will be in  
London (from Natal) on  
July 3.

9010/26 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.

July 5/84

My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

"Once more the great day  
"at St. Thomas' is over":  
this is the account I hear:  
"The room looked lovely,  
thanks to all the  
contributions of greeneries,  
flowers & plants -  
especially to the  
beautiful things from  
Claydon".

[I sent to Euston for  
them: & they arrived in  
capital condition]

"But we missed dear  
kind Sir Harry much.  
all seemed prosy &  
flat without him -  
The Claydon things did not  
make up for his absence.

x x x

"The Probationers all enjoyed  
themselves thoroughly, and  
all old children present."

Lord Houghton presided.

I send a letter from  
poor May Frere, because  
there is an appeal to you  
in it.

I am so thankful to  
think of Margaret &  
Maude with you -

Claydon is so  
delightful in the heat -  
I do hope it may be  
doing something for Parthe  
ever my dear two -  
& all

your loving  
F.N.

9010/27 signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

*Private* July 7/84.

{printed address:} 10 South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

Dearest blessed Margaret

It is an inestimable blessing  
to think of you there - & I  
trust you are well & all the  
chicks - & Ellin improving.

To-day Dr. Acland called  
here - alas! I could not see  
him, tho', had I known what  
he came for, I think I should.  
It was to say that he had  
been at Claydon & that  
my sister had "a very  
nasty cough which he did  
not like at all." [he did  
not see Sir Harry.]

Were you there?  
I am writing to Dr. Acland to

know more particulars of &  
what he would do practically.  
But it is in Dr. Margaret  
that I have faith.

What does she think?  
She knows that those were  
the very words Sir Andrew  
Clark used, adding that he  
did not mind the *cough*  
but the want of power to  
expectorate, the want of  
"resiliency" he called it in  
the chest - & that if she  
were to "take" what he called  
a regular "Bronchial" cold,  
it would be very serious.



Then the blessed Margaret  
told me that the Nurses  
said the cough was better -  
And then one hoped from  
lying in the open air in the  
heat.

What should *you* wish  
if we had full liberty of action?  
Is she following any treatment?  
or, as she did in London,  
Sir Andrew Clark's & the  
Homoeopath's combined?  
Does she see any Doctor?

Dearest Margaret, I don't  
want to worry you: you know  
so much better than I do:  
rather to tell you (if you  
did not see Dr. Acland), what  
he said.

God bless you ever,  
your affecte & grateful

F. Nightingale

Thank you so much for your  
last letter. {pencil} about Sir Harry  
so beautiful & solemn your  
account of him - as well as of  
my sister - she writes to me,  
in her own hand, of the  
dear little 6 voices on the  
lawn & how she is going  
out" to tea - with their tea  
party, I suppose.

9010/28 initialed letter, 6ff, pencil **[5:191-93]**

10 South St. W.

July 22/84

My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

Yesterday was the Franchise  
v, Lords "Demonstration". and  
of course we saw the whole  
passing up from Hyde Pk Corner  
to Marble Arch. about  
30000 of them, besides people  
at large, perhaps 100,000  
more.

It is always a touching,  
inspiring sight to see men  
walking in serried ranks,  
shoulder to shoulder, in  
silent steady strength,  
possessed with their object -  
- & gives one more the idea

of ~~moral~~ strength than  
a Battery of Artillery -  
From this point of view,  
the Procession was a sorry  
sight - I was quite  
mortified - If it was to  
be done at all, it should  
have been done well - I  
don't like the Lords to  
make a mock of us -

There was no formation  
at all - at least not in  
the Park - the men did  
not march at all - scurried  
& stopped - great gaps -  
then a rush - no walking  
abreast - nothing impressive

- quite as many dirty little boys in the Procession, if Procession it could be called, & even women with smart babies, and men in dirty shirt-sleeves, as proper men -

I was in hopes that the proper men had turned aside to their respective Platforms - but am told this was not the case - they looked like weary tramps -

The Bands would have disgraced a child's penny trumpeting - One big drum

kept time - & round it a few men did march.

The Procession was just an hour passing this house, with a good deal of running.

The flags & banners would have been impressive floating above the dark green foliage, had there been the least order kept. But they might just as well have been in donkey carts. There were a good many open vans, drawn by one skeleton of a horse. As a Procession indeed, it was beneath contempt.

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But now comes the pathetic,  
the admirable part of it -  
Not a policeman was in  
sight: not a policeman  
was wanted - Tho' the  
people poured in & spoilt  
the so-called March, if  
ever March there was,  
there was not a bit of  
horse-play, or even of  
pushing - babies walked  
about unmolested, in pink  
frocks, on their black pins.  
There was the most extreme  
order in disorder, the utmost  
good humour throughout  
this long, weary afternoon  
of crowds - & no drink.

The head of the Procession  
did not *enter* the Park  
till the hour mentioned for  
the speaking to begin (5)  
- the tail of the Procession  
had not entered when  
the hour struck for the  
speaking to close - (6)

There was not a  
struggle or a push during  
the whole Demonstration.

They did 'demonstrate':  
but it was their own  
good humour - & though  
there was strong language  
used against the Peers on

the platforms, a Peer  
would have been as safe  
as a baby among the  
130000 we saw -

Some of the emblems  
~~wer~~ of the Trades were good,  
and the Compositors, as they  
went by,  
were printing off the  
Resolutions in their van  
& throwing them among  
the people, as the march passed.

One thing was conspicuous:  
- is the standard of English  
height lowered? The  
Procession was of the most  
undersized men I ever saw.

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Conspicuous by its *absence*  
was order on the other  
side - the streets - Opposite  
your public-house was  
drunken singing & dancing  
the whole afternoon -  
the drinking was simply  
disgusting, the row, the  
uproar. Then a mock  
sermon was delivered by  
one of them & applauded  
to the echo.

This went on for hours -  
The police did not interfere.  
Perhaps they were right -  
I was glad you were not

at home, for I certainly  
should have asked you  
to inform against the  
Public house.

I wondered the gentle-  
-folks could keep quiet.  
Indeed I often wonder.

But at last they drinkers moved  
off, *where* I know not - *not*  
to the Park.

~~But~~ nothing of drinking was  
visible or audible just  
across the Lane (Park Lane)  
in the Park -

It was as if the Park  
& the Demonstration were  
sacred to the highest  
feelings -

I scrambled out of bed upstairs  
to see all I could -

All the maids were on the  
Drawing-room balcony.

All the leads cats ran  
shrieking into ~~the~~ your garden  
[That was the effect of the  
(cat-call) bands]

Only one little bull-dog  
pup with a tail curled  
so tight as to lift him  
off his legs stood his  
ground manfully on the  
leads

My cats disappeared  
under the bed - whether

from dislike of the  
Demonstration, or the Lords,  
or because they disapprove  
of household suffrage I don't know -  
We had hardly a drop  
of rain -  
Do you remember 19 or  
18 years ago the  
pulling down the Park  
railings? This is the march  
of Education, tho' it was not the march  
of Demonstration -  
ever dear people  
yrs affly  
F.N.

9010/29 initialed letter, 1f, pen

I am going to write to you July 22/84.  
about yesterday's *Procession*  
{printed address:} 10 South Street,  
Has Miss Pirry Park Lane. W.  
written to Parthe that she  
will go to Claydon, according to  
your kind invite, for Thursday  
afternoon?

I have heard of your charming  
School fête & Margt.'s "speech"  
from my Lydia Norman who  
was at it!

You are both better, I *trust*.  
I have been in bed for 3 weeks  
with cough & sore throat, & am

in bed still which has  
prevented my writing as I  
could wish. The Procession was fabulous  
with loving love to both  
ever yrs affly  
F.N.

Mrs. Hawthorn hopes to pay  
you a quiet visit soon,  
as you were so good as to ask  
her. Lydia Norman was in  
ecstasies at being at Capt. Verney's table so "lively."

9010/30 signed letter, 1f, pencil

*Sir Harry*

so glad that you are  
going to the Anti-Slavery  
commemoration of your  
great deed - the greatest  
in history - God speed -  
Yes, at "2.30" *to-day*, please  
as you say - if it will not tire you  
F. Nightingale  
Aug.1/84

9010/31 initialed letter, 1f, pen

10 South St.

Aug 3/84

Dearest Pop

I think I will come to you  
at Claydon as you kindly  
ask on *Wednesday*  
when you will be alone.  
If I cannot get off then  
on Thursday; but I will  
write of course -

I pray God that you may  
be better -

I thought Sir Harry  
looking well but rather  
frail.

My very best of loves to  
Margaret - a better companion  
than I     Au revoir  
ever your F.



9010/32 signed letter, 1f, pen

August 5/84.  
{printed address:} 10 South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I hope to be with you, please  
God, tomorrow (Wednesday) by the  
train leaving Euston at 5 3 p.m.  
I shall be very, very tired & will  
ask leave to see no one that  
night. I bring only Lizzie  
Coleman & a kitten. [Do you  
know poor 'Joseph' cat has disappeared?]

I am afraid there will be a good  
bit of luggage.  
I shall bring some fish for your dinner.  
Hoping to find my dear Pop  
in better case, ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale

9010/33 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

I send the List.

You know of course  
that 14 out of the 33  
Nurses are *ladies*.

F.N.  
23/8

9010/34 Initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [3:404] [1:590]

Oct 10/84

My dear Sir Harry

If Mr. Watson is coming this morning, (I do not know what time), would any other hour this morning suit you better than 12? I would make *any* hour do.

God bless you & your meeting with Mr. Watson.

[end 3:404]

I am so sorry not to be at your lovely dinner, as you kindly wish it - You should not give me the pain of refusing you - For

it is quite impossible - When I leave Parthe, I could not sit up for 2 minutes together at a table nor talk - And I often do not dine at all, unless there is something very easy to eat.

Doctors have always told me that I should not speak a word nor even open a letter after 6 p.m. It is needless to say I cannot adhere to this - But if I

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were to attempt such a thing as dining downstairs, I could not be with Parthe the next day.

But we must "take pleasure in our infirmities & necessities", great & small, because when we are "weak, then are we strong" - May it be so with us all.

[end 3:404]

God bless you again & again.

ever yrs affly

F.N.

9010/35 Initialed letter, 2ff

Claydon. Thursday: Oct 16/84

My dear Sir Harry

Sir R. Loyd Lindsay  
writes to me

'May I have "the pleasure  
'of seeing Sir Harry on  
"Thursday" - but I think  
this is to-day - "at our  
""Aid" Society Meeting  
"I sent him a note  
"begging him to attend -  
"The question being Aid  
"which it proposed to  
"send from the N.A. Society  
"to Egypt - I have been

"in correspondence with  
"Lord Wolseley as to the  
"nature of the assistance  
"which he wishes for -  
"and I have his views  
ready to submit to the  
Council".

I am afraid it is too  
late-  
Sir R.L.L. rejoices  
over your restored  
health -

May God bless you &  
Parthe is the  
earnest prayer of  
yours & hers ever affte  
F.N.

9010/36 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil [1:363-64]

10 South St. W.

Oct 19/84

Dearest Pop

I miss the singing birds,  
the pomp of autumn tints.  
[the trees fade away in  
London like eternal death,  
in the country they put on all  
their most glorious show like  
eternal life]

I miss the clouds & blue sky,  
the beautiful scenery of the  
heavens -

But more than all I miss  
what eye doth not see,  
nor ear, hear, but only the  
heart of man conceives &  
understands -

I cannot but think & believe  
that there might be a future  
of much ease & some bodily  
activity before you, to utilize  
the mental activity which  
there is sure to be - if a  
multitude of small details,  
-small in themselves, but  
of untold importance for  
~~your~~ the future which we  
do so desire & pray for, -  
were carefully attended to  
e.g. 1. - never to get tired, for  
~~nervous~~ capital when  
trenched upon cannot be  
replaced at our age -  
2. - to keep strictly from  
exposure to damp & cold -  
in carriage drive -

& within stated hours -  
when out - not more than 1¼ hours  
out.

3. Never to talk when it has  
brought on the cough.

4. to see no one except Sir  
Harry but by appointment  
or at least to have your  
'pleasure' taken first  
whether you will see ~~any~~  
~~one~~ him, her or it - or not

5. in short, to avoid all fatigue

6. An open fire & a window  
open *at the top* is always  
the safest atmosphere -

In fair weather in London  
to have the windows always  
open at the top *till* you

occupy the room - but  
to keep the room warm  
by open fire -  
I could multiply these, but  
I fear there is a chance  
not only of your not  
observing, but of your  
not even reading them -

May the Heavenly Father  
grant what the earthly  
friends would give their  
lives to secure - that is,  
that everything may be  
done which He has  
appointed as the means  
of recovery - of my  
dearest Pop - ever your old  
Flo -

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7. If I might, I would fain add:  
- never read anything which  
simply makes you angry:  
or tell a story which makes  
you simply angry - The Italians,  
wiser than we, used to avoid anger or have  
themselves bled after being  
unavoidably angry, because it made  
"sanguine *nero*" - a literal fact  
- always read what  
inspires you enough to make  
you overlook Byron's  
'thumb'.

F.N.

P. Turn over

I have found Ly C. Long  
which you lent me here.  
I am so distressed that I  
did not find it before -  
But I hope it will be in  
time to occupy its old  
place in your room.  
I return 3 delightful letters.

9010/37 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

*Miss Williams*      Oct 25/84  
Charge of Balaclava

My dear Sir Harry

We carried the day yesterday  
(as I was informed last night),  
at for Miss Williams - that is,  
a "handsome compromise"  
in her favour has been  
effected

Lord Carlingford seems to have  
done exactly the right thing -  
He sent for Dr. Meadows  
[He apparently showed him  
our letters - which perhaps  
was not quite wise, but  
Dr. Meadows in a very

strong speech he made at the Meeting said he had seen the letters, but rightly did not mention *from whom*]. Ld Carlingford, Dr. Meadows added, disapproved of the reduction as an injustice, & recommended, if the whole could not be given, "certainly a handsome compromise" -

A Q.C. followed, showing the illegality of the procedure, of which the enemy's party had been guilty.

Miss Williams begs to thank you for your great kindness -

F.N.

It is the greatest possible relief to me - And I beg to thank you too - as for all your kindness - It is not alone or so much on Miss Williams' acct. as on St. Mary's - that it is a relief.

9010/38 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:590-91]

*Barnes* Oct 25 {arch: '84}  
I have read Barnes'  
letter, & scarcely think  
what he asks is unreasonable

It seems you merely  
asked for him a "*Porter's*"  
place, (which I did not  
know you meant to do,  
for when you were so very  
kind as to write you  
agreed with me that  
you should ~~simply~~ ask for  
a *suitable place*) - At your  
recommendation they have  
been so good as to desire  
him to attend at Euston  
*again* on Wednesday next  
to see if they can find  
him a ~~suitable~~ place -  
" *which will suit him*" -  
I think if you had the  
great kindness to write  
a note to the N.W. Ry,  
thanking them for their  
having entertained your  
recommendation, &  
expressing a hope that  
they *will* be able to find

"a place that will suit  
him", as you understand  
they have been so good as  
to offer, it would  
look not like an  
encroachment but like  
a recognition of their  
kindness.

F.N.

[end 1:590]



9010/39 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Oct 27/84  
Sidney Armitage - **[15:557]**  
age 13 -  
wishes for a Cadetship  
for the Navy -  
has been at Harrow -  
- is now reading with a  
Clergyman for the Examn  
at the end of November -  
strong & healthy  
His father, Dr. Armitage,  
will pay for him on the  
Britannia **[end]**  
F.N.

9010/40 initialled letter, 2ff, pencil

Oct. 29/84  
My dear Sir Harry  
I presume that Barnes is  
going *to-day* to *Euston* Station  
- I think if you would be so  
very kind as to write *at once* for  
him that letter you said,  
saying that you were very  
much obliged to them at  
Euston for entertaining his  
application - that you again  
understood he had been  
desired *to-day again to attend* to  
see if they could find  
something more suitable for him  
(as he was not found eligible  
for the situation of Porter  
the other day)

- & that you hoped they kindly  
*would* be able to find  
something suitable for him  
- or words to that effect  
as you said - This would *not* be  
asking a new favour -  
And This would be most kind -  
But I should give Barnes  
to understand that you  
could do nothing for him  
more than this -

Barnes is an idiot

His wife is an idiot.

He has thrown Lady Hatherton's  
kindness back in her face.  
And he has disgraced my  
recommendation of him to her.

Wives *is* the devil -  
I cannot see what this poor  
woman has done worse  
than Mrs. Scott & a  
thousand others - *She* is  
a poor ignorant woman -  
Mrs. Evatt is a highly  
educated one - ~~She is~~  
Mrs. Evatt is a woman  
of good family - (a Ker) -  
The other is - a mulatto -

But both use precisely  
the same argument

F.N.

9010/41 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov. 1/84

My dear Sir Harry

I want very much to know  
how you are -

Yesterday I had not one  
minute all day. Or I would  
have come in to see after you  
both.

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*St Mary's Hospital*

at yesterday's Meeting Lord  
Carlingford's decision was  
*reversed*. And things are  
worse than ever -

I was asked to get Lord  
Carlingford to attend - But  
he had a Cabinet & after  
that went to Balmoral -

What is to be done? One

can hardly write to Lord C.  
to Balmoral?

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2. Have you any answer from  
Sir Thomas Brassey about  
a Naval Cadet ship (for  
young Armitage) to whom  
you so kindly wrote.

Do not you think I had  
better tell Dr. Armitage  
that you were so very kind  
as to write to Sir T. Brassey  
but have no answer?

because the Examn. is  
close at hand -

God bless you both

ever yours & hers affly

F.N.

9010/42 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Nov.5/84

My dear Sir Harry

I am sure you must  
*not* walk.

I am afraid I cannot come  
or see you to-day - I am so very  
busy & tired out - but I  
will try in the evening -

Lovely November -  
It is 30 years to-day since  
Inkermann - & 30 years  
yesterday since we landed  
at Scutari -

F.N.

9010/43 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Nov. 6/84

My dear Sir Harry

Would you kindly write  
a letter to the Committee  
for electing a Mistress to  
Girton College - for their  
Friday's (to-morrow's) Meeting  
- stating what you think  
of *Mrs. Green* for that post?

& send your letter  
'to the care of Miss Shirreff  
3A St. George's Terrace  
Gloucester Road'  
Mrs. Green asks you to be so

kind as to do this:  
& you see there is not an  
hour to be lost.

The election takes place  
*to-morrow* Nov. 7 -

I was so sorry not to be able  
to come in yesterday -  
ever yr aff

F.N.

9010/44 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Nov 6/84

My dear Sir Harry

I hear that you are so  
very kind as to send us a  
load of wood -

We are filled up here:  
- if you could have the  
goodness to delay it  
sending it for 3 or 4 weeks,  
it would then be most  
acceptable to

yours ever affly

F.N.

Many thanks for pheasant

9010/45 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Nov 17/84

Dearest Pop: Mr. Gardiner  
will be here to-day at  
3.20 - I suppose at *your* door  
first: but I do not know -  
Shall I leave it so that  
he sees you first, which  
would it not be better for  
you?

Or what do you wish?

ever your loving

F.

9010/46 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 10/84

My dear Sir Harry

I was so very sorry not  
to be able to come in yesterday  
afternoon - But I was not able  
to lift my head from the pillow.

\_ I am afraid I shall not be  
able to come in to-day  
Could you be so kind, if you  
go out in the carriage, as  
to ascertain for me *when*  
Lord Dufferin goes?  
If it is not till *Thursday*,

Wellcome Ms 9011

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I would not send in my  
papers till *Tuesday afternoon*

-which would be the greatest possible relief to me -  
Do *not*, please, ask when I shall send in my papers, which is attaching too much importance to them  
-But WHEN HE IS HE GOING? -  
[It would be dreadful to send in the papers he asked for, too late.]  
He must be so pressed - poor man.

F.N.

Lord Carlingford has left Balmoral.

9010/47 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 11/84

My dear Sir Harry

I thank God that you are so well. but I am sure that Mr. Savory would not let you walk a step. Be good, for once.

You are so good as to propose writing to Lord Dufferin's Private Secy. to ask at what hour, and if to-morrow, I might send in my little 'notes'. It seems to me attaching too much importance to them - I dare

say Ld. Dufferin has not mentioned them yet to his Pr. Secy. -

But it is undeniable it would be a great relief to me to have till to-morrow say at 2 p.m. before I send them in - Perhaps I might have this any how -

Please give my tender love to Miss Frere - How long is she staying with you ? I should hope to see her

Wellcome Ms 9011

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after to-morrow, if she stays.



I will bring ~~them~~ my "notes" in  
to you if I have time -  
but they are not what  
you think. they are  
not at all a 'paper' -  
They are excessively condensed  
notes with printed  
papers attached (marked)  
on 4 or 5 different  
subjects - Sanitary - Rent Law  
- Debt - Civil Service - &c - &c  
by Lord Dufferin's ~~leav~~ orders.  
ever yrs gratefully  
F.N.

9010/48 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 25/84

My dear Sir Harry

I am afraid I shall not  
be down-stairs to-day -  
otherwise I would have  
asked you to come in at  
one: but I could not  
think of asking you to  
come up 2 pairs of stairs -

Thank you for Mr.  
Ghose's speech - but I had  
it already - It is the very  
speech which betrayed  
the cloven foot - It is such  
a pity that Englishmen will

not take the trouble to  
learn the names &  
characters & politics of the  
best known native politicians  
- as also of the Governors  
& Lt. Governors (European) of  
India -

Ghose's attack on Rivers  
Thompson, the best Lt. Govnor.  
since Sir G. Campbell, is  
the more unwarrantable,  
because it simply springs  
from R. Thompson's  
magnificent defence of the

Bengal Rent Bill -

His praise of Kristo Das  
Pal is exactly what made  
Mr. Gladstone say to me in  
this very room; These things  
break the heart in one  
to do anything hope for Liberal Institutions  
ever in India -

I was going to say: it  
is just as if he were to  
praise Ashmead Bartlett  
as a Liberal patriot:  
but K.D.P. was an  
excessively able man - And  
if you could find the last

of the Protectionist landlords  
who was an able man  
[the race does not exist  
now in England] that  
would be K.D.P.  
You/ I know these Hindoos  
whose souls are not in  
their words but their words  
*are* their souls.

9010/49 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:591]

11/12/84

My dear Sir Harry

How are you? & how is Parthe?  
& are you going to-day?

My beautiful Cat died in the  
night - & her kitten is dying - the  
results of a Veterinary Surgeon's 'wash'  
!! May I bury them in your  
garden?

Miss Pringle is ordered abroad for the  
winter. F.N.

9010/50 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [1:591-92]

10 South St. W.

Dec.15/84

My dear Sir Harry

Many thanks for your  
letters. I am writing  
down what you ask.

Will you ask Maude  
kindly to give you 6/  
for my Pleasley Ticket?  
& I will take care to pay  
her.

You do not enclose  
any "letter from the Duke  
"of Westminster" in yours -  
But I gather from yours

that there is an intention  
of naming this street  
"Florence Nightingale St."

Whenever that is done,  
I must, of course, remove  
at once & go to quite  
another street.

If it is too late to  
avert it, I shall begin  
to move directly, let  
my house for the whole  
Parliamentary season,  
for which I have always  
half- a - dozen offers) &

not return to it except  
to pack up. You will  
find me gone when  
you come up again here.  
Surely our dear P. must  
know this - Or she  
must strangely have  
forgotten me.

I have several things  
to write about, but not now.

Miss Crossland is, I am  
sorry to say, come back to

St. Thomas', but quite  
unfit, in my opinion  
& that of others, to work.

Miss Williams leaves  
for Torquay to-day -

If you were kindly to  
invite Miss Crossland (in  
her place) to Claydon,  
It would be a great boon.  
But I shall not say a word  
of this to her or any body,  
of course.

God bless you  
both - ever yours affly

F.N.

9010/51 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil & pen **[3:404]**

10 South St.

Dec 16/84

My dear Sir Harry

Enclosed are as nearly  
as I can remember the  
texts I said that day.

Pray that I may believe  
them -

[

**end 3:404]**

Thanks for the D. of  
Westminster's beautiful  
letter - I will reply to the  
first part - The second  
(about the name of the  
street) I have already  
replied to. your ever affte.

God bless you both

**[3:404-05]**

Wellcome Ms 9011

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F.N.

[1]

Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out  
I am come to seek & to save that which was lost  
I will never leave thee nor forsake thee -  
And when x x men's hearts failing them for fear, x x  
then look up & lift up your heads; for your  
redemption draweth nigh.  
For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth  
no good thing: for to will is present with me:  
but how to perform that which is good I find not.  
For the good that I would I do not: but the evil  
which I would not, that I do - x x x O wretched  
man that I am! who shall deliver me from the  
body of this death? I thank God thro' Jesus  
Christ our Lord.  
Nay, in all these things we are more than  
conquerors through Him that loved us.  
But thanks be to God which giveth us the  
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

[2]

And there was given to me a thorn in the flesh,  
the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I  
should be exalted above measure -  
For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it  
might depart from me -  
And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient  
for thee: for my strength is made perfect in  
weakness - Most gladly therefore will I rather  
glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ  
may rest upon me - Therefore I take  
pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities  
in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake:  
for when I am weak, then am I strong. -

[3]

Not what I am, O Lord, but what Thou art;  
Just as I am -without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee -  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am - and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come -

x      x      x

Just as I am - Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, and Thine alone -  
O Lamb of God, I come.  
Dec. 1884

{pencil}

He that is not with Me is against  
Me, and he that gathereth not  
with Me, scattereth.

The word which I have spoken  
the same shall judge in the last day

He that rejecteth Me, and doeth  
not My Words, hath one that judgeth  
him -

One who then, as now, was actively  
busy to catch away that which is  
sown in the heart of any one, lest  
it should spring up and be fruitful

We feel, we know, that He is with  
us Who is stronger than the strong  
man - God in Heaven, Who is  
over all, and blessed for ever.

9010/52 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [3:510-11]

*Private* Jan 3/85  
{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

You are so good as to  
"consult" me on the "choice of  
"a successor" to *Mr. Greene*,  
should he unhappily be  
invalided-

As you ask me, I must  
answer candidly:

The Claydon Rector must  
have very great influence  
over the villages; if he is  
worth his salt, over every  
individual in them. If he  
is not in accord with the  
possessors of Claydon House

at the time, does it not  
make but a miserable  
life for *them*? If the  
quiver of life going forth  
from the Rector of Claydon  
is in opposition to or even  
not answering to that of  
the occupier of Claydon  
& *his* wife, it must be  
a perpetual 'thorn' in  
the side of the latter couple.

You have often been  
so good as to tell me that  
you wished to consult in



every thing the wishes of  
your successor & his admirable  
wife. I am as sure as  
you are of this: that it  
would take away half the  
enjoyment & much *more*  
than half the *interest* of  
Claydon to them, if they  
were not in perfect  
conformity with their Rector  
-might it not even make  
a difference in their wish  
to reside at all at Claydon?

Would you not give your  
successor a *veto* on the  
appointment of the successor

to Mr. Greene, even before  
*any* mention was made  
at all to any *possible*  
Rector of Claydon of such  
a prospect?

Or would it not be even  
better to ask your successor  
to submit to you *names*  
for you to make a selection  
from?{in pencil} I will submit names to him

- |                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. Harvey Grey      | 2. Pelham   |
| B. of Norwich's son | 3. Maitland |

{pen} This, as it appears to me,  
is the answer to your kind  
'consultation'. May the day  
be long distant when your  
successor succeeds, as none  
wish more than himself  
& his wife. except one who is  
ever yours affly  
F.N.

9010/53 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:592-93]

*Private*      10 South St.      Jan 3/85

My dear Sir Harry

I have considered long & closely the letter of the Duke of Westminster which you were so good as to send me, & which I now return.

It is impossible to say in words how kind & more than kind we must feel his letter to be.

It is also quite impossible to say how very, very difficult I feel my decision to be.

The letter of course changes the whole 'venue' of the question of my (& your) residence in London. You were so good as to tell me that you had been invited to stand for ? North Bucks, but had declined - that you would therefore be out of Parliament by the close of this year - that you & Parthe proposed to take on No. 4 "for one year". & then "see" -

But the Duke's letter speaks of his being

[2]

"quite prepared to let it (your lease) run

"for the term of your own and of Lady

"Verney's life" &c &c

Look at a Table of the value of Life Annuities:

& you will see that the cost of an annuity of £250 a year (the reduction of rent offered me from Lady Day 1886) would be, for a life aged 67,

£2362.10/

My life being 66 then - a little more -

You can scarcely wish me to accept £2360 from the Duke -

~~But~~ But I am prepared, in consequence of Parthe's strongly expressed wish when I saw her last,

& *entirely for her sake & for yours*, to keep on my house till Lady Day 1887;

And I hope to find myself able to do this, because I know how strongly you & Parthe

[3]

wish to remain in South St., & this delay,  
for a considerable time on my part  
in leaving my house, would keep you  
where you want to be -

I cannot consent to pay the Duke  
less than the £400 for the extra year.  
This sum I will beg, borrow or steal.

I feel the difficulty of decision to be  
great indeed.

The Duke's conduct is quite charming:  
so full of delicate feeling as well as of  
generosity.

As to declining the proposed new name  
of the street, of course I must do this, if  
I am to live here -

ever yours affly F. Nightingale  
N.B. If all the leases of this street are falling in,

[4]

we must trust that the Duke will refuse  
to renew the lease of the public-house  
opposite - At this time of the year,  
the scenes are disgraceful & *after* hours,  
- drunken bad women rolling in the *mud*  
in the street at night - drunken singing - & never  
a policeman to be seen - - one day 3  
drunken women & a man got into a  
cab at the public-house door & upset it  
at the door. Every night there is drunken  
screaming of bad women & men at in  
Park Lane about midnight - No police

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God bless you both:

ever dear Sir Harry yours & hers affly

F. Nightingale

Thanks for lovely flowers, rabbits

& books -

Shared with our Probationers

all are going on well, thank God.

9010/54 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

*Chapped Remedy* 10 South St.

Jan 6/85

My dear Sir Harry

I send some Cerate  
for your hands - It must  
be softened at the fire  
before use - Did the  
last agree? Would you do  
me the honour to try this?

I am going to send you  
some other sort of Cerate, too,  
for chapped hands also -

I have been engaged in a  
manufactory of night=  
stockings at Lea Hurst  
for you - The first were  
too hard - Would you do  
me the favour to try the  
present pair - tho' I  
think they are so long  
as to be troublesome -

And so I am having some  
night socks knitted  
for you to try - - -

I choose the wool in  
London myself, & send  
it down to Lea Hurst  
to knit - so you must  
be so kind as just to  
try them -

If you like these, I  
will have a second pair  
made.

If not, two pairs  
of the night=socks -

I think these should  
undergo a little *lavigation*  
first before trying them  
on. I commend that  
to Mr. Morey -

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A thousand thanks for  
the game; but ten  
thousand for the lovely

flowers & grapes -  
[I am so beset with  
thirst that I kept  
one of these always in  
my mouth - as long as  
they lasted.]  
God for ever bless you &  
my dear Sister -  
Tell her how I enjoyed  
the flowers - beautiful  
flowers.  
ever yours & hers  
F.N.

9010/55 signed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St.  
Jan 25/85  
Conversion of St. Paul

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to  
do?"

My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

Best thanks for lovely  
flowers & grapes -

We have had a terrible **[6:569]**  
fright at St. Thomas' -  
18 of our Probationers  
ill at once with a  
sort of Epidemic  
in the "Home" - occasioned

as I am certain by  
the drainage -  
We have removed two  
thirds of the Probationers  
out of the Home: 5  
are very ill & in two  
Special Wards: 13  
are ill in the Home -  
4 we hope to send  
into the country to -morrow

I am buying flowering  
plants & things to enliven  
the sick -

If you would be so  
very good as to send  
me a hamper of flowers  
- I will say they  
come from you - to  
arrive as soon as  
possible -

Don't send your best -  
I only want to make  
them lively -

The worst is over, I  
hope & trust - We are  
going to empty the Home  
as soon as all the Probationers

can be moved - & then  
thorough inspection -  
thorough revision of  
cisterns, drains, waste-  
pipes, & water supply.

I believe I know  
exactly what has  
caused it -

thorough white washing  
& cleansing -  
Miss Williams has been  
compelled to resign  
at St. Mary's Hospital  
!!!

[2]

Miss Pringle is at Pau -

Horrid weather here:  
black & orange fogs -  
2 days *perfectly* dark -

~~It~~ with high barometer  
& perfectly still days. I dare  
say in the country  
it is lovely - & bright  
sun-shine -

God bless you both  
ever yours & hers  
F. Nightingale

9010/56 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. Jan 27/85  
Dearest Pop Mrs. Wardroper  
& Miss Crossland & I  
are all so grateful for  
your kindness & so delighted  
with the invitation to Claydon

But yesterday two Lady  
Convalescents were safely  
landed in their own homes  
& 2 Nurse Convalescents  
in Convalescent country "homes".

Only 8 remain in our  
"Home" - & these will all,  
we trust, be drafted off by  
Friday. And then we begin  
vigorously the re-cleansing

re-draining, &c &c &c  
Of the 8 two go home  
to-day - please God -  
and 4 to-morrow -

All desire the warmest  
thanks for the two  
hampers of beautiful  
flowers - last just  
arrived, just despatched.

The Police must think  
we live on the road  
between here & St. Thomas'.

Your rabbits came in

for Convalescents' dinners -  
Florence & Mary Wards have  
received the well ones -  
& Miss Crossland on Friday  
Her Assistant gone into  
the country to recruit.  
I have just received a  
fresh message of thanks  
to you for lovely flowers -  
& oh how I buried my  
face in the Evergreens - their  
sweetest scent reminding me of dark  
winter afternoon walks

by myself in the American  
Garden at Embley.  
with sweet sounds of the  
Starlings settling to rest.  
- or running home from the  
Romsey Lodges  
ever thine

F.

I am almost sorry you  
are coming to London  
so soon  
Miss Crossland again thanks  
for Probrs' invitation to Claydon

9010/57 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil **[5:500-01]**

10 South St.

Feb 7/85

My dear Pop

It is difficult to think of  
anything but Khartoum &  
Genl. Gordon - But when I  
think of him, I always hear  
him say: 'And yet I am  
not alone, for the Father  
is with me' - If he  
thought his death would  
save the Soudan, it must  
have been welcome - If he  
thought it would be ruin,

it must have been bitter  
indeed to see the people  
he died to save betraying  
him to the Mahdi. His  
was the most Christ-like  
life I know -

"I will show him how great  
things he must suffer  
for my name's sake" - God  
said to him as to St. Paul.

He would have died 20  
times for one of those slaves.

I can scarcely wish him  
to be alive.

**[end 5:501]**



2. I have often wished to  
ask you, but did not  
like to trouble you, whether  
you would not let me  
have the *Buhl writing*  
*box*, which stood in  
the Embley drawing-room  
& now stands in your  
North hall, *while only* you  
are away from Claydon.

[I could of course restore  
it to you any day, any hour]

These are sacred relics  
to me - I see them in the  
North Hall where nobody

ever writes, mixed up  
with French comfit-box.  
I should of course like  
the *portfolio* & *envelope case*  
& the *Bow-room Buhl ink*  
*stand* too, WHILE you are  
away from Claydon, only then  
- but I do not like to  
trouble for all four at once.

Success to your move -  
You know that dear old  
Mrs. Wildgoose died yesterday  
week at Catley, aged 84 -  
ever yours my dear Pop

9010/58 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.

Feb. 15/85

My dear Pop

With regard to Lea Hurst  
furniture, I understood from  
Sir Harry that you had  
consented to leave your  
half of the furniture till  
Lady Day twelvemonth  
(1886) - then to make  
a fresh departure -

This seemed a your most  
reasonable & kind conclusion  
You kindly ask: 'What are

my wishes?' - I have

done the same -

It was never proposed to  
let the house on furnished  
to Sir Joseph & Lady Leigh  
or to any one after a  
year. There was  
then to be a new start -  
Shore may go back to the  
house. Or I may. Or  
both of us - after the  
year -

It is most desirable that  
Shore & his party should  
go abroad as soon as  
possible - May he  
consider this as settled?

I am afraid this damp  
weather is no good for you  
ever dear Pop

Your loving

F.

9010/59 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil **[6:648]**

Feb 18/85

My dear Sir Harry

I think that, if you would  
be so good, in the course of  
your investigation, as to see  
the room where the *Stopping*  
of *Teeth* is conducted  
[-they will be flattered at  
your inspecting the Institution]  
-you would be able to form  
a better idea as to the decent  
management & superintendence  
of the place -

I am sure you will wisely

begin 1. as wishing to  
inspect so useful an  
Institution 2. as wishing  
to thank the young Dentist  
for his attendance & care -  
& then proceed to details.

God guide you on your  
quest for His sake.

Secretary  
House Surgeon or  
Superintending Dentist

*Lydia Norman*: age 18  
(ticket from Florence Nightingale)  
went to *Dental Hospital*

		<i>Left Home</i>	<i>Returned</i>
Wedny	Feb 4:	before 9 am -	after 3 p.m.
Friday	" 6:	before 10 -	4 "
Monday	" 9:	" 10 -	after 1 "
Wedny	" 11:	" 10 -	" 1 "

nearly 17 hours, she says,  
(for stopping 5 teeth) at the  
Hospital  
was kept waiting the first day  
but ~~not~~ never afterwards  
always had the same gentleman  
to attend her - & all the time  
Please thank him for his care -  
The Hospital used to close by one  
o'clock. What time does  
it close now?

**[end]**

9010/60 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.  
Feb 19/85  
7. a.m.

My dear Sir Harry

Your most kind note  
came last night (an hour  
too late) with the Director Genl.'s  
appointment of Miss Williams to Egypt -

**[15:967-68]**

Miss Williams, urged by  
Miss Pringle has written  
to the Director- Genl.  
taking her name off the  
Volunteer Nurses' List!!

Had it been 10 instead of  
11 last night, I should  
have sent to her at once.

This is an appointment  
she must not refuse -  
It is a magnificent mission,  
- instead of giving it to  
one of their own half-  
trained, ill-conducted  
creatures, they give it  
to one who deserves &  
will exercise the great  
trust & opportunity -

God grant it be not  
too late -

I sent a maid up (in

a cab) to her as soon as  
it was light, with the  
Director-Genl.'s note, this morning  
Could *you* write her  
a note & send it to  
her at once? urging her to  
take the appointment, if not  
too late

God guide us - [end 15:968]  
ever yours gratefully  
F. Nightingale  
Please return me Miss  
Williams' note.

9010/61 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:364]

10 South St.  
March 15/85  
My dearest Pop  
You will know without  
words how grieved I am  
not to be able to come &  
see thee - And I am  
afraid it will continue a  
long time -  
Sir Harry is always  
saying that you would be  
so good as to come & see  
me - But I think the  
being carried along from  
door to door in this weather

quite wrong & impossible -  
God bless you both  
ever thy  
F.

To-day I am unable to  
see Sir Harry or any  
one, besides those I  
*must* see on business  
which will not wait.

I have had to give up  
so much -  
But God can take

care of His great empire  
-His great souls & His

Wellcome Ms 9011

559

little ones.

9010/62 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [15:972]

10 South St.

Feb 24/85

My dear Sir Harry

Miss Williams has  
received no marching orders,  
no grant of outfit money, from  
Dr. Crawford - And I  
heard last night from  
Lady Rosebery (who was here)  
that the "Ganges" Hospital  
ship in which she was  
to embark sails  
to-morrow!!!

I have sent up to her Miss Williams  
this morning - If she

answers - 'no orders yet' -  
would you be so very  
kind as to go down  
yourself to Dr. Crawford  
(as soon as you think  
he will be in his Office)  
& say that

Miss Williams has as  
yet received no direction,  
no grant of money for outfit.  
Until orders & money come,  
she does not like to  
run into debt for the  
Sisters, for fear they  
might after all be

countermanded -

Any how it will be a  
hopeless scramble if orders & money  
come only a day or two  
before embarkation -

[it is true that we at  
St. Thomas' in 1882  
made our preparations  
the moment we had our  
names accepted. &  
did not receive our  
grant of money till



afterwards - But then we  
had been *asked* for Sisters  
& we had a Fund to fall  
back upon]

Pray advise us. [end]  
ever yours affly  
F.N.

9010/63 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you so much  
for going to Dr. Crawford  
for me -

I think you said that he  
was at his Office *about 11*.

I hope it will not  
hinder your ride -

[Miss Williams has had  
no orders whatever]

Shall I see you? & at  
what time?

24/2/85 F.N.

9010/64 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 S. St.

Feb 27/85

My dear Sir Harry

Miss Williams & her  
Sisters have sailing orders  
for *Wednesday* morning  
March 4. by S.S.  
"Navarino" -

She & one friend will  
most gratefully accept  
your & Parthe's most kind  
invitation to Claydon  
*to-morrow* (Saturday) by  
one of the mid-day trains -  
till Tuesday morning.

[You said you kindly  
wished to telegraph.]  
to Claydon -]

ever yrs affly  
F.N.

9010/65 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St.  
March 3/85

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you very much  
for your offer of a servant  
to meet Miss Williams at  
Euston to-day at 12.30.  
But I think a Hansom  
will be her choice for  
speed to come here -

They start to-morrow -  
Miss Williams writes in  
great thankfulness to  
Parthe & you for her rest

at Claydon - so delightful.

I am afraid I have  
appointments ALL day  
to-day - to see people.

F.N.

9010/66 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

*Gordon Memorial Hospital*

March 18/85 [16:476]

My dear Sir Harry

You see that the proposed  
Hospital is to be for  
100 beds: that the  
site is given by the Suez Canal  
Co: - & confirmed in perpetuity  
by the Egyptian Govt. -  
that the building is to  
cost £11,000!!! & to be erected  
in 4 months!!! [possible, but not  
at all right.]

I only remind you of these  
things, as you are now on  
the Committee-

[end]

ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale

proposed "Gordon Memorial" Hospl.  
at Port Said.

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[16:476-77]

very much honoured by the  
Lord Mayor's request for  
my "opinion" & any "suggestion"  
"in regard to it."

To give any "opinion" at  
all worth the Lord Mayor's  
having, I should see the  
sketch *plans*, if the Lord Mayor  
will be so very good as  
to let me see them -

And if possible a sketch  
plan of the site.

giving the points of the compass  
also - & perhaps the prevailing  
winds. P. Turn over

Also: if I might ask  
what kind of estimate?

& what the time for the  
building?

To have a real Hospital on a good plan  
built there "on the great  
"Highway between two  
"worlds" is truly a  
national object & worthy  
of a *National* Memorial  
by England -

I should be truly glad

to contribute my little  
best in the way  
indicated by the Lord Mayor

Florence Nightingale  
March 18/85

[end 16:477]

9010/67 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:364-65]

March 27/85

Dearest Pop

You know how I long to see  
you - I had not the least  
idea that you could or ever  
did go out at 1 or at 1.30  
which is Sir Harry's hour  
& so "take turns with him."  
Any day, every day that  
you could would be  
happiness to me -

You know how my afternoons  
have been filled - & I have  
been obliged to give 'carte  
'blanche' to people to come

without appointment -

And I am done for,  
trying for the last many  
months, to lead two  
lives.

Major Young is now  
gone - The ladies must take their  
chance.

Would you, dear, ~~mention~~  
begin now coming at one  
or at one thirty? Or would  
you name any hour, except  
between two and three when  
I *must* rest, *to-day* for  
me to have the joy of seeing

you?

I do not know who could  
have thought that I saw  
Sir Harry *instead of*  
other people. I have  
always seen him over &  
above my work, as I  
would gladly see you.

But I have had to see  
~~any one, in the afternoon~~ morning or afternoon,  
in connection with the  
war work - or, what is  
infinitely more trying to me,  
give them 'carte blanche' to  
come or not -  
The war would admit no  
delay. And in the morning

I have also had to write up  
for them - [My head & eyes  
are now nothing but  
shooting pains:]  
I have refused Mr. Jowett  
& all friends on *other* business  
*because* the war admitted  
no excuse -

Hoping to see you to-day,  
- a verbal answer, please -  
ever thy  
F.

Sir Harry has often seen me in bed  
That is when I have had one  
or even two people as early as  
nine or ten o'clock.

9010/68 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dearest Pop

I shall not go to-day,  
of course, Sir Harry being poorly  
If you are going out  
& would like to come in  
here, say at 5.15,  
please do

I hope he is better  
F.N.

Good Friday

9010/69 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

April 4/85  
10 South St.

Farewell and a rivederla  
my dearest

What a blessing Sir Harry is  
better -

I go unwillingly -

I hope soon to hear you are  
better -

Would Morey write to me?  
God bless you -  
ever thy

F.

If your Lizzie could be the one  
to sleep *here*, it would be  
acceptable. But this would  
probably be inconvenient to you  
-whichever you are so good as to  
permit, let it be -

9010/70 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. April 4/85

My dearest

I am quite puzzled.

My 3 girls (including my Lizzie)  
are just starting with me -

[The sweetheart is *quite gone*]

I leave the "fat woman"),

Mrs. Cordery, alone in this house.

And it was proposed by  
me & kindly promised by  
you (thro' Sir Harry) that  
you would grant one of *your*  
maids to sleep in this house  
with Mrs. Cordery while  
I was away - every night -

That is all.

I foolishly asked for *your* Lizzie

to be the one to sleep  
in this house - But  
*pray* send whichever is  
least inconvenient to you.

ever yours

F.

9010/71 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil [1:365]

Easter Day [April 13]

If you are good enough to send the Carriage  
*after* you are gone to W. Abbey - & let it take me  
by the Abbey, along the Embankment & back by the  
Abbey home for  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour, as Sir H. proposes, I shd.  
be very much obliged.

Do your maids go to the Crystal Palace tomorrow?

Could I see you at 6.45? (You kindly ask.)

I see Sir H. at 6.

with best Easter blessings.

Wellcome (Claydon copy) 9010/72 initialed letter, 1f, pencil **[3:406]**

Ravensbourne

**[1:593]**

April 6/85

My dear Sir Harry

How thankful to know  
you better - Many thanks  
for your letter & all your &  
Parthe's lovely strawberries,  
lilacs, & goodies.

I send the signature as  
directed -

John XX & the journey to  
Emmaeus Luke XXIV.13 & all that happened  
on that glorious day took  
place on our Sunday.  
consequently the Jews' Monday  
- supposed to be April 9 -

& what took place  
on the day week after  
would be April 16.

God bless you  
ever yours & hers **[end 3:406]**  
F.N.

9010/73 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil **[1:365-66]**

Ravensbourne

Keston: Beckenham

April 9/85

I am afraid, my dearest Pop,  
that you have been more  
suffering this bitter North Easter -  
& even fear that Sir Harry  
may be giving you more  
uneasiness - But I hope not.

I hear that Sir Harry has  
a spirited letter in the 'Times'  
about the Volunteers -

Pray tell Mr. Morey to look  
out for you in the mass of  
papers in your Dining-room  
my copy of the Oxford  
Magazine which I lent Sir



Harry for you with Mr.  
Jowett's Sermon on Gordon  
in it - [You said you would  
like to see it] ~~before you~~  
~~sent~~ It is in small 4th  
shape, this Oxford Magazine,  
light yellow cover, my  
name in pencil on it -  
And when you have  
done with it, please tell  
Morey to send it on to me.

Miss Becker died quite  
suddenly at Stuttgart -  
on Thursday - found dead

in her bed - a great  
shock to poor Alice -  
Lady Belper writes to me  
that she, Miss Becker, was  
"the best friend" she ever had.  
That *is* a tribute -

Col. Primrose is dead  
on the Nile.

I shall not be able to  
return on Monday -

God bless you -  
The Bonham Carters have  
been so kind  
ever yours  
F.

9010/74 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Ravensbourne

Ap 15/85

My dear Sir Harry

I am most thankful that you  
are taking care of yourself.

*as well as you know how -*

Miss Williams is coming  
home by the Iberia in nursing  
charge of 102 bad cases,  
too bad to be left at Suez.

They land at Portsmouth -

And she will come straight

to me's - I therefore

come home on Friday -

And I will write, if you  
will allow me, to announce  
my train, in case you are

good enough to send  
carriage & Mr. Morey to  
meet me at Victoria -

I have written to my  
vast-sized old lady at  
No. 10 to make ready  
for Miss Williams &  
entertain her in case  
she should arrive before  
me. But I did not  
like to tell her to let  
you know - tho' I have  
no doubt you will  
welcome her - when you  
hear she is come -

And perhaps Parthe  
would be so very good as  
to send in some flowers  
for her room at me's -

I was so very sorry  
that Mr. Fred should  
have had that gallant  
walk here - & especially  
that we gave him such  
a wretched tea - But I  
really have been only fit  
for darkness, silence & bed

I am taking the utmost  
care of your little book  
of Prayers.

Pray take care of  
yourself.

God bless you both  
ever yours & hers  
affly F.N.

9010/75 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

April 17 {arch: ?1885}

My dear Sir Harry

I am very much obliged  
to you about Mr. Bright,  
but am rather aghast -  
I have a long & difficult  
interview this afternoon - which  
I cannot put off -  
I must get up to see Mr.  
Bright "at one" - I hope  
he will come to me *very*  
*soon* "after one" - ~~let him~~  
~~rather return to y~~ could he  
not come to *me first?* -  
*at one?*

Of course, and alas! it

9010/76 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:366]

April 19/85

My dearest Pop

This is thy birth-day -  
Dost know I often think  
that God wishes thee many  
happy returns of the day,  
both in this world & the  
future ones, NOW more  
than ever?

And so do I, thou well  
mayst know - God bless thee.

*IF* it is wise for you to  
go out, & *IF* Miss Williams  
does not come, would you  
come & see me to-day?  
ever thy F.

9010/77 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.

May 6/85

My dear Sir Harry

I am very sorry that you  
have not seen Sir Andrew Clark,  
but hope that you will do so  
next week.

You are so very good as to [1:796-97]  
see *Lydia Norman's* father  
& mother - And will you  
please tell them that *Lydia's*  
*message* to them is that *she*  
*means to turn over a*  
*new leaf* - & mine that,  
still trusting in this, I will

*try to keep her -*

Will you also ask whether  
Mrs. Norman likes the  
*meat*, as I now send it her,  
from Winslow, cooking it  
herself? Or whether it is  
not better for me to do as  
I did before, namely give  
her a meal at Johnny  
Co-op's ready prepared?  
- the advantage of the latter  
being that ~~the~~ her whole family  
does not partake of *her* meat,  
& that it is better cooked?

[I know not how to  
tell Lydia's parents this: viz.  
that her message was  
preceded by 1¼ hour's  
insolence; that she has  
been making herself  
intolerable in the house,  
both as a woman & a cook;  
& that I *cling* to trying her  
again, only because I have  
reason to know that she  
does not mean to go into  
service again - To be a  
bar-maid (or & then *worse*) appears  
to be otherwise her future]

Tell her mother I pray for  
~~her~~ Lydia as she asks - & as I  
am sure she does - Let us  
all pray for her & for all  
erring lambs.

Lydia does not now go out  
late - she *cannot*, without  
our knowledge. Please  
tell her mother this.

I return your spectacles  
with many thanks - I regret  
that I cannot use them.

Good speed to Claydon.  
ever yours & hers

F.N.

9010/78 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

PRIVATE            10 South St.  
                         May 9/85

My dear Sir Harry

Many thanks for your  
letters about Parthe -  
But I wish you had  
mentioned yourself -

Thanks for seeing Lydia [1:797]  
Norman's parents - But  
there must be some great  
mistake - My Her message  
to them was that she  
"meant to turn over a new  
leaf." & mine that I  
was willing to try her.

Any unsettling of her  
now would be disastrous.

Her younger sister is  
going to her parents on  
Wednesday to stay - And  
leaving her place - And  
it was high time she did -

Lydia wisely declines  
going home now -

As for getting her a place  
in the country; She would  
not take it & she would  
not keep it - Your own  
remark was: "She would  
run away".

I have therefore written to Mrs. Randall that there is no question of looking for a place for her now -

I have also written to Mrs. Norman, & sent it thro' Morey, fearing the Sunday post would not reach her - & fearing that she might meanwhile write to Lydia, unsettling her -

As I shall have the great pleasure of seeing you on Tuesday, I will not explain more now -

What *we all want* is to prevent "Lydia becoming a barmaid" -

As far as can be seen, the only way to prevent that is to keep her here. She will not take another service -

God bless you both  
ever yours & hers

affly

F. Nightingale

9010/79 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [5:347]

10 South St.

May 13/85

My dear Sir Harry

Enclosed is the Cheque for £25 which you were so good as to allow me to send you for the North Bucks Assocn., of which you are President -

I know you will write one of your gracious letters with it, (for all

these little people are,  
as you say, subscribing  
their shillings & half-  
crowns, - the magnates  
being all in South Bucks  
- to meet the expences  
of the Meetings &c)  
& tell them that you  
contributed £55 last  
year to the General  
Bucks Liberal Assocn.,  
that they may get  
some of it if they can.

God bless you  
ever yr affte  
F. Nightingale

9010/80 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil [1:366-67]

June 7/85 10, South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane. W.

My dearest Pop. How gladly would I  
have obeyed your kind summons to  
come to Claydon. ~~Has~~. But alas! it is  
impossible. How lovely the place must  
be looking. how the birds must be  
whispering at dawn their prayers to God.

You seem vigorous - thank God - but  
your pain I fear at times is great. I  
hope if you do not do too much, & if  
you admit sun into the Library to prepare  
the room for you when you are not there, that



as the steady summer increases, the  
pain will decrease -

I send you an Article on "peasant Proprie  
"=torship" in France by Roth (Statistical  
Journal) & also on Dairy Farming - Franco  
Swiss - (Agricultural Journal) - *He* is  
a growing authority. I will get you any  
others by him I can. Please return  
them to me when *quite* done with - also  
the vol: of 'Port Royal' when *quite* done  
with.

God bless you, my dear Pop/  
ever yours

The Sutherlands were so delighted with your Article in Contemp

9010/81 signed letter, 2ff, pencil **[5:348]**

10 South St.                  June 10/85

Oh bad, bad, bad, supporters  
of a Liberal Govt. to let  
them fall through in this  
way - But now they have  
resigned it is to be hoped  
that they will not be  
forced to stay in - But  
I am appalled at the  
idea of that little beast  
Randolph at the India  
Office -

It was too provoking

that by such a catastrophe  
as this we should a  
second time have lost the  
bringing forward of Mr. Slagg's  
motion to enquire into the  
Govt. of India which  
means the India Council,  
(which I have urged indeed)

But I write now on business: **[1:593-94]**

You know you were so  
good as to take back -  
my Draft Lease for this  
house (for another year  
at £400 per ann:) to have  
it made out properly.

It has now been  
returned to me - ready  
for signature for a year  
at £150 per annum -

I wrote to you just  
before you came to London  
in January, as you  
will remember, asking  
you kindly to decline  
the D. of Westminster's  
munificent offer of letting  
me have the house at  
£150 year by year -  
but promising you that

I would keep on this  
house for one more year  
(from next Lady Day) at  
£400.

May I ask you kindly  
to let me know by return  
of post, (as they are urging  
me to sign,) what came  
of your reply to D. of  
Westminster's offer, - how  
it now stands, & what  
you wrote to him - I was  
quite taken by surprise  
by this lease at £150,  
after what I had said -  
God bless you  
ever yrs affly  
F. Nightingale

9010/82 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil

June 24/85

Col. Hawthorn R.E. was a few months ago appointed to Woolwich on the understanding that he would succeed Col. Smith as Commg. R.E. when col S. retired, which is *now* -

He was on the point of succeeding - [he (Col. Hawthorn) becomes full Colonel on July 1 -] when he receives an intimation that Sir Andrew Clark is not likely to appointing ~~some one else~~ him.

Sir John Stokes, Adjutant R.E., is in favour of Col. Hawthorn's appointment.

Col. Hawthorn who has only lately returned from Natal where he was Commander of the Troops in the Colony - and Commr. Royal Engineers, has a letter showing Sir Leicester Smyth's Cs. in S. Africa {inserted} opinion of the way in which he performed his duties there, a copy of which is subjoined.

He also has a letter written by desire of the Governor of Natal, Sir Henry Bulwer, thanking him for his services.

An Extract is here enclosed from the Parly. Blue Book, in which he mentions briefly his Col Hawthorn's work in Zululand - [Col. Hawthorn has only been a few months in Woolwich, during which time he has been doing duty as a Division Officer, & has had scarcely any *direct* official communication with General Henry Smyth, of Woolwich.]

Could the Inspector-Genl. of Fortifications, Sir Andrew Clark, be induced to confirm Col. Hawthorn's appointment as

C.R.E. at Woolwich?

9010/83 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St.  
June 30/85

My dearest Pop

I am so very, very sorry that you are obliged to change your maid; ~~but~~ it is grievous but more grievous than surprising - since she had never been a Nurse nor even in service; had she?

I think "the Crossland recommendation" is a good one - (you ask) - But of course Miss Crossland, capital woman tho' she be, cannot know what Arnison? is in  
is that the woman?.

private service  
I will try to find out her  
referees &c &c.  
The Richmond maid who  
was with us at St. T.'s for  
a month whom you  
kindly wrote to me about,  
I wrote to Mrs. Richmond for -  
But she was "almost engaged"  
Would it be worth while for  
you to ascertain whether  
she *is* "engaged", & if not to  
see her for yourself?

The nurses & Miss Crossland  
spent the most delightful  
day in all their lives with  
you - And tho' I was very  
sorry so much was thrown  
on you & Sir Harry yet  
*they* lacked for nothing.  
They "never had had such  
a pleasant day" &c &c -  
"Sir Harry & Lady Verney  
"were so kind" &c &c  
*All* was delightful:

About my coming: you  
are so good as to ask:  
it is alas! impossible  
for me to come now - You  
speak of the "advent of  
'babies in *September*" - And  
besides you will have  
shooting parties then - *Shall*  
*I come one month* before  
the "babies"? that will  
be for the month of August -  
I could come back here  
for September - & then come  
to you later on in the year,  
if you ask me, when you  
are again alone - I yearn

[2]

If I have time to write again  
before post, I will write a  
second letter, But I am  
afraid I shan't. my dearest  
                    ever your F.  
I will write about Arneson  
    to-morrow -  
I have to day my annual visit  
    from our Lpool Workhouse Matron

9010/84 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Thank God! Col: Hawthorn  
is appointed C.R.E.  
at CHATHAM - !!

They say it is all your  
doing - going to the Duke -  
F.N.

1/7/85

9010/85 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

*Maids*            10 South St  
                      July 1/85

My dearest Pop

Miss Crossland has sent  
me the enclosed letters, (crossing  
my letter to her about the  
Nurse she showed you at  
Claydon)

I will gladly have over  
Nurse Whitfield to look at,  
if you like it, & send her  
on to you at Claydon, if she is  
not objectionable, to look at  
the same day, if you will  
name the *day* & train during the

next "fortnight", while she  
is to be "at Woking". I fear  
I do not expect to be of  
much use in looking at  
her, & I fear I could  
hardly take the responsibility  
of *not* sending her on for  
your inspection, unless  
for some obvious defect  
of manner, temper or  
conceit, which is hardly  
likely as Miss Crossland  
recommends her -

But I will do willingly

whatever you like, I need  
not say; & whatever is of use  
Please return me the whole  
boutique of letters enclosed  
(2 letters & a card) -

God bless you  
ever your  
F.

May the search be successful.  
If you wish me to see Nurse Whit-  
-field, shall I see her at one-thirty  
dine her & send her on by 3.0 train?

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Were those Articles on Franco-  
Swiss peasant proprietor=  
=ship I sent you of any  
use? There is an Official

Report out on Bulgarian  
peasant proprietors, said  
to be very good.



9010/86 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

| No 2      10 South St  
                 July 1/85

My dearest Pop

Miss Crossland says  
that *Nurse Whitfield*  
(about whom I wrote today  
to you a letter which you  
will get by the same morning's  
post as this) "is far superior to  
"Arnison" - the Nurse you  
saw. [This is in answer to  
my letter to her, (Miss Crossland)  
Do you wish the enquiry  
about Nurse Whitfield

9010/87 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

July 6/85

I have just had 1½ hours with  
Nurse Whitfield - dined her,  
& sent her back to Woking.  
She will come back from  
Woking to-morrow (Tuesday) -  
be at 38 Upper Grosvenor St  
to see Sir Harry, as he desires,  
by 10 a.m. go on to you,  
as you desire, by the 11. train  
[Please have her met at  
Claydon Station] - & return  
by the 3. train *from* Claydon,  
according to your wish -  
to Woking -

I am sure she has a true  
love of her work - she  
had the best of characters  
at St. Thomas', which she  
left with the deepest regret.  
I think her particularly  
modest, refined, unaffected,  
yet respectful, with a  
heart & mind in the right  
place - I am *quite*  
sure that she *earnestly*  
wishes to be told when  
she does not do a thing  
to the Patient's liking: or  
when she hurts a Patient

in lifting &c - As far as  
I could judge, she has a  
very competent knowledge  
of Nursing - but is *not*  
a 'professionally' 'professed'  
Nurse. She was obliged  
to leave us, from St. Thomas'  
not agreeing with her -  
(not because it was too  
hard work) - after 9 months,  
in Sept. '83 - since when,  
after an interval of 3 months,  
she has been attached to  
Winchester Hospl. in  
*private* Nursing. Her

manners are to me very  
pleasing - She is  
anxious to try whether  
she can suit you -  
I do not like to say more,  
altho' I like her very  
much, because I don't  
think I can judge for you.

I am writing this in  
haste, for fear I should  
have no more time before  
post. *If* I have, I will  
write a second. She is diffident.

She is properly accustomed to rubbing,  
lifting, washing a Patient, giving the slipper &c, of  
course, - but not ever thy F.  
wedded to her own ways.

9010/88 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

July 6/85

Nurse Whitfield from Woking has been with  
me - & had dinner, & gone back  
I have arranged with her, by  
Parthe's desire, to go to  
Claydon *to-morrow* (Tuesday)  
by the 11.0 train - to return  
from Claydon by the 3.0  
train: & go back to Woking -  
And I have arranged with her,  
by your desire, to be with  
*you* by 10 o'clock at 38  
Upper Grosvenor St. [you  
know she has to come from  
Woking.]

Please see that she leaves

you in time for the *11.0*  
*train* from Euston.  
I hope Parthe will give her  
dinner.  
I gave her 10/ for to-day's  
fares - Perhaps you  
will give her her expences  
for to-morrow, in case  
Parthe forgets - It is 8/  
from Woking here & back-  
I think her a very  
superior & refined Nurse  
& woman

F.N.

9010/89 incomplete letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St  
July 8/85

I have sent to Mrs. Wardroper for Nurse Arnison  
to come & see me to- morrow.  
Miss Crossland went on her  
holiday yesterday - & I am  
rather sorry - For we ought  
to have had her to refer to -  
And Mrs. Wardroper may possibly refuse Arnison  
*I think*, as you know, that  
you *must* take the Nurse  
you have a fancy for -  
Therefore what follows is only  
an answer to you remarks - [your?]  
1. For one year I will gladly pay  
the difference between what  
you intended to give Nurse

Whitfield and "£30", if you like to try her. But I do not think that you would get the woman you ought to have for less than £30.

2. When you say you "fear" "she is too much of a Nurse," I think you mean "too much" "of the '*pretensions*' of a Nurse".

Now I can't say that Nurse Whitfield is the least pretension-y Nurse I ever saw, for she has absolutely *no* pretensions - Her one desire is to come back to St. Thomas' & *re-commence* her training de novo there -

3. Sir Harry is extremely anxious that you should have Nurse Whitfield, & would hardly hear of my seeing Nurse Arnison.

4. Miss Crossland said to me that Nurse Arnison was not half the woman that Nurse Whitfield is - In fact, I thought she thought Arnison rather a poor creature.

5. If Nurse Whitfield leaves Winchester (which I do *not* think she is wedded to) & you try her & do not like her, yet without any fault, -we

should have not difficulty  
in recommending her  
elsewhere - In fact, she is  
the sort of woman who  
would rather be snapped  
up.

6. If you were doubtful  
about keeping your present  
woman, this would make  
a great & different element.  
But I understand there is  
no doubt that you will *not*  
keep her. And Whitfield told  
me she would like you to  
*try her*. She was quite modest about it

*She* does not consider *herself*  
a professed Nurse - Nor do we

9010/90 initialed letter, 5ff, pencil

10 South St  
July 9/85

I have seen Nurse Arnison -  
[I was just in time, for she  
leaves St. Thomas' this evening  
& returns to her old place in  
Essex]

She is, as you know,  
extremely pleasing - even  
graceful - not without some  
little affectation, probably the  
result of nervousness -

Nothing could be nicer  
than all she said about St.  
Thomas' - her former mistress  
&c -

Apparently she is not  
intelligent -

Apparently she is easily  
worried & gets head-tired  
& head-achy with what she  
calls being worried or anxious,  
about her work -

She is refined & modest -  
& I *think* puts her heart in  
her work: ~~but am not sure.~~

During the 8 months she has  
been with us at St. T.'s, she  
was laid up with Rheumatism,  
absent 3 months from illness, -  
& lately has had returns of  
Rheumatism, tho' not enough to  
lay her up - she was better  
to-day.

She is 30, tho' she looks 23;  
was a housemaid, then a  
Nurse to her master who died

- then took another place with  
Mrs. Clark in Essex - from  
whom we had her - & nursed  
her bedridden Master during  
the whole 4 years she was  
there - He still lives - Mrs. Clark thought it  
for Arnison's advantage to  
send her to us to be trained.  
When it was found that  
Arnison could not remain  
at St. T.'s tho' most anxious  
to do so, liking Hospital life,  
- she wrote to Mrs. Clark,  
asking her to take her back  
into her place with the sick- master  
And Mrs Clark immediately  
consented in the kindest  
manner - Arnison herself  
thinks, tho' she wishes for

your place, that it would be dishonourable to draw back now from Mrs Clark - But she said: 'May I ask Mrs. Clark what she would think of my taking Lady Verney's place?'

I could not say, 'Yes': because that would be committing you to take her, if Mrs. Clark consented -

I could not say 'No': because if you have a fancy for Arnison, by all means try for her -

I therefore took her address.

[2]

& said that I was writing to you to-day, & you would write to her -

Miss Arnison

Mr. Clark's

The Rookery

Mucking

Horndon-on-the Hill

*by Romford* *Essex*

I would not say: she was the reverse of intelligent, but wanting in intelligence. She delivered (quite modestly) to me an address on how nice punctuality was with patients, from which I opined that she was exceedingly



unpunctual - & other little  
pedantic saws of the same  
kind - In fact she reminded  
me so much of my own  
Lizzie Coleman that I  
should have taken Lizzie  
for her younger sister, who,  
ten years hence, & after  
nursing an old gentleman  
under the directions of his  
active & kind young wife,  
*might* develop into an  
Arnison - The likeness was  
comical: both are as nice  
& good as gold: modest  
& pedantic - When Lizzie  
holds forth on punctuality  
I know that I must make

her breakfast over night,  
& pack up all my night things  
over night, to give us a  
chance of getting off to  
Claydon by afternoon train.  
And so with all her little  
discourses.

Mr. Clark appears to be a  
farmer - They must be  
very nice people

†We think Arnison very delicate  
P. Turn Over

With regard to your last night's  
letter about Nurse Whitfield:  
I saw all the letters about that  
"Fever Hospital" - She took it  
*à contre coeur* to "oblige" 'Matron'  
- it was a *Convalescent* Home  
for Scarlet Fever - And it  
broke up after 7 weeks to her  
great satisfaction. She only had it  
7 weeks.

I think *that* & the poor  
Insane Patient are not at  
all likely to put her in love  
with those sorts of things -  
or out of love with your place

But I cannot at all  
wish you to take her, if  
disinclined - I should feel  
like a criminal, were I to  
meet her at Claydon -  
in great haste

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July 11/85  
a thousand thanks for your  
book -  
could not help reading much  
as soon as it came  
most anxious about the two  
things you told me of, my  
dearest - the boy & the other thing  
God bless you  
ever your F.  
I send the Diary of a Nurse -  
giving the delightful day at  
Claydon - perhaps it may amuse  
- Please return it.

9010/92 initialed letter, 4ff, pencil

10 South St

July 13/85

My dearest Pop

I have just seen Sir Harry. He showed me Miss Crossland's letter about Arnison. I *had* communicated with Miss Crossland both by letter & word of mouth about Arnison. My letter simply asked her: 'do you recommend 'us to go on about Arnison 'as an attendant for my 'Sister'? & asking questions about her. to which she answered: 'You will by 'this time have had my

'letter about Whitfield - 'she is so superior that 'I can hardly recommend 'you to go on about 'Arnison'. This she reiterated when she came to me, adding of course, what we all think that Arnison is a very nice woman: but "not half the woman 'that Whitfield is."

~~But~~ Her letter to you seems simply to say that, tho' Whitfield *is* superior, if you prefer Arnison, you had better

take her.

Is it too late now?  
I sent you Arnison's  
address. You possibly  
have not written yet to  
put her off -  
I was just going to write  
to you to give Whitfield's  
references:

Mrs. Suckling  
Matron  
Winchester Hospital  
Winchester

[Mrs. Suckling is a most  
objectionable woman: we  
were training her for Miss  
Lees, but could not allow  
her to finish her training.  
Still] I think one should  
always write to the last  
place for a woman's  
character.

Miss Moberly

16 Kingsgate St.  
Winchester

whose sister Whitfield  
nursed till she died  
Dr. Earle  
of the Fever Convalescent Home

[2]

to see you - I have  
 scarcely seen anything  
 of you this year - & I am  
 so unable to see more  
 than a person at a time.  
 Au revoir, dear Sister.

Have you read, by "Jackanapes" [1:367]  
 (you know she is dead)  
 "The Story of a Short Life" -  
 Jackanapes is a gem - unap-  
 -proachable: but I think  
 I like this almost better.  
 The V.C singing; with 300

"men at his back", to the  
 child at the moment of  
 death Heber's Hymn  
 seems to me unapproachable  
 too in its pathos - of a  
 different kind. 'Laetus sorte mea.' [Happy is my sort]

[O why did she die?]  
 I also send another book  
 of hers - "Brothers of Pity"  
 at the beginning is so lovely -

And a very different  
 little book: Runciman's  
 "School Board Idylls" -  
 heart-rending but stirring -

~~—Also: a Gordon - not  
 worth much perhaps - I  
 have not read it.~~

Fare you very well -  
 I trust you will have some  
 fine hot weather soon  
 without East wind  
 to do you good, my Pop  
 ever your  
 F.

I hope you like the P.C.

9010/93 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

July 16/85

My dear

I am glad that you have got rid of Whitfield as you did not wish for her. If you wish for Arnison, it would be better for you or Sir Harry to write to her, (I sent you her address) - of course mentioning that you understood that the first step was for her to ask if Mrs. Clark would release her - I hope she may

serve you well.

[Every day that Arnison gets settled at Mrs. Clark's of course makes it more difficult for her to ask release - She should be written to *at once*] -should not she?

God bless you  
ever yours  
F.N.

Sir Harry is so good that he is asking people right & left to come to Claydon in August; & telling them I shall be there - He will not believe that I want the extremest quiet & to see you only. Of course it would make me miserable if you were to make any one difference because I was there - but ~~only~~ if I might be only allowed to lie hidden!! My work for which I live is all halting, because I so need rest. I see a Doctor to-day

9010/94 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

July 20/85

My dear Sir Harry

About the Gordon Boys'  
Home: I *have* written,  
but my answer is that Genl.  
Higginson will have his own  
"way about placing it at  
"Bagshot". but that it seems  
absurd to begin a scheme  
"with only £800 a year  
"certain" with a Commandt.  
(to whom it *was* proposed  
to give £200 a year &  
"a house" - perhaps it is not now)

for only 50 boys - & *not*  
to begin it "with a  
"Govt. cottage or two, a  
"Serjeant & his wife, &  
"a few boys" - under some  
Commandg. Officer of a District  
who would with his wife  
watch over (for nothing)  
a beginning on a very  
small scale which  
would cost almost nothing  
& might be transferred to  
Bagshot or elsewhere  
as it grew & money came in

But as nobody follows  
up with any *definite*  
proposal, † And Genl.  
Higginson is definite &  
strong-willed, *his* proposal  
will & *must* probably be  
carried - for Bagshot.

F.N.

9010/95 initialed letter 1f, pencil

July 21st/85

My dear Sir Harry

My afternoon is *tremendously*  
taken up with Dr. Evatt -  
He generally stays 5 hours  
but gets thro' an amazing  
amount of business - I have  
to prepare for him by looking  
out papers. I cannot bear  
to decline you, but am afraid  
that I have no strength for  
both; unless you would  
kindly just come at 3 for  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour to tell me  
about the Gordon Boys' Home  
Meeting

ever yrs affly

F.N.

9010/96 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St

July 22/85

My dearest Pop

Mrs. Richmond writes  
to me that her maid, Nurse  
Bryant, about whom you  
wrote to me, is at liberty -  
her present engagement having  
fallen through -

I have written to her,  
Nurse Bryant, to tell her  
to call on me tomorrow  
(Thursday) at one -  
There is no harm done by  
my seeing her - But if  
you could telegraph to me



either that you wish or  
don't wish to think of  
her, I should know whether  
to explain or not explain  
your place to her -

I doubt whether I  
could change my maid just  
now - tho' poor Lizzie Coleman  
never could do as a human  
being -

Sir Harry is indulging in  
balls & parties, meetings,  
Ho: of Commons, & every  
kind of dancing & gaiety -  
without check -

Do you think it would be  
agreeable to you if I came  
to you on Tuesday or  
Wednesday - 28th or 29th.

But I must tell you, my  
dear Pop, that my Doctor  
tells me I am suffering  
more than usual from  
Anaemia & Excessive

Nervous Exhaustion, -&  
that I ought to be quite  
quiet?  
God bless you  
ever yours  
F.

9010/97 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:367-68]

July 23/85

I have seen Bryant, Mrs.  
Richmond's maid, & think  
her a very nice woman  
indeed, but talk-y -  
She did not however *gabble*  
but talked because she  
was so interested - I ~~think~~ feel,  
however, if you were to think  
of her, we must ask Mrs.  
Richmond whether she *can*  
give "silent service" or talks  
all the year round. She is  
34 but looks 24 - is not,  
I should be afraid, very strong

in the back - & perhaps lifting  
may be a difficulty - She  
went out at 18 as Nursery  
Governess & stayed 6 years  
- then 3 years at ladies', whom  
she nursed till they died -  
then home- then 2 years at  
Mrs. Richmond's, whom she  
left to come to St. Thomas' -  
then with us 7 weeks. We  
liked her exceedingly, but  
her back was quite unequal  
to a heavy Male Surgical Ward  
We were sorry to part with her.  
- then she took a Nurse's place

with a poor young burnt lady,  
Sir G. Eliot's grand daughter,  
where the work was much harder,  
for, whereas our women are  
only 12 hours on, ~~with including~~ with  
Recreation, She is 24 hours  
on, & only "bed" for 2 or 3 hours.

In consequence of strong  
remonstrance, they have  
given her several hours 'off'  
to-day & yesterday - I  
advised her to try staying on  
(till end of week, & then to  
let me know her decision) -  
I told her that, if her decision  
then was to leave, you must see

her before any thing could  
be decided on your part -  
And so it stands - I will  
let you know as soon as  
she lets me know-

I think she would be  
attentive, careful & sensible  
& kind - & conscientious  
& not conceited -

in gt haste  
ever thy  
F.

She is nice looking & pleasing -  
She can't be very delicate; or she  
could not stand her present  
place a week -

God guide us

9010/98 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:368-69]

10 South St

July 28/85

My dearest Pop: Bryant has been with me. I am glad to tell you that

Nurse Bryant has decided to leave her present place which she does on Tuesday

- After Sir James Paget's visit to her Patient on Monday, She will come to Claydon to see you, - by the 11.0 train do I *hope* she will get off -

Will you have her met at Claydon Station by that train - & send her back the same evening?

She will have to sit up that night

Mrs. Richmond has kindly asked her to stay with her to rest till Saturday next. And she then meant to go for a week's rest to some friends at Hitchin, which it is obvious she sorely needs -

I told her that you *might* want her on the Saturday - that your maid was leaving on the Friday -

God grant that this woman  
may succeed -

The lifting must be a  
difficulty, as Mrs. Richmond  
told her, from her weak  
back, I told her  
that as a Patient you  
were, alas! comparatively  
easy to lift - & that she  
would have the help in of  
another person -

She appears to me nervous  
& excited from want of  
sleep, & no wonder.

I of course asked her  
when I *first* saw her to go  
down to see you at once -  
She said she could not  
without deciding to leave  
her place - which I could not say  
you would replace -

Their unhandsome-ness  
has now released her -

I find from her that  
you have telegraphed to  
Mrs. Richmond -

Good speed:  
ever your  
F.

9010/99 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Aug 10/85

How are your?

I am so distressed, my dearest P.,  
that I have not seen you for  
so long - Since Thursday I  
have been so poorly that I  
have not been able to leave  
these two rooms - tho' yesterday  
I was just coming down to you  
when I descried you at tea  
on the Lawn - Success to your Teas.

It has been as much as I  
could do to see Miss Hicks  
& Sir Harry -

Tomorrow I hope to see you  
continuously.

And I trust childer don't go  
till Saturday - for I have hardly

seen them at all -

And I have scarcely been  
out at all -

I am growing so old -  
have you had a character  
from Mrs. Richmond -  
& has Mrs. Pyle answered -  
about M. Bryant?

Your present woman  
extracted a splinter from  
my finger beautifully -

Please thank her & wish  
her goodbye for me  
ever your F.

I have been busily  
writing almost since  
day light.

Wellcome (Claydon copy) 9010/100 unsigned letter & memorandum, 2ff, pencil

Aug 11/85

[3:406]

My dear Sir Harry

I dare say you have prayed at Morning Prayers for the Nurses, Patients & soldiers, & returned thanks for Miss Hicks & those who have come back?

[15:1010]

[end 3:406]

Return showing the (*approximate*) distribution & organization of Medical Staff Corps (during recent campaign in Egypt & Soudan) in each Stationary Hospital

"	Field	"
"	Base	"
"	General	"
"	Hospital Ship	
"	Bearer Company	

in their ranks & duties as

Serjeants Major (Ward master - ? Quarter Master  
Serjeants (Wardmaster, Stewards, Compounder,  
Cook, Clerk &c

Corporals (Steward, Cook

Ward Orderlies (Nurses, 1st. Class, 2nd. Class,) 3rd. Class

Orderlies (Cooks, Pack Storekeeper, Clerk, Messenger,  
Washermen, Supernumeraries

Where & how trained

promotions advancements for good conduct Nursing  
~~degradation~~ reductions for bad " "

Regimental Orderlies

{written diagonally}

How shall

we prevent

the answer

that they were changed

so often no return

can be given?

[end 15:1010]

Aug. 11/85

9010/101 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:649-50]

Claydon Ho: Aug 18/85  
6.30 a.m.

*Private*

My dearest Margaret  
My sister will be so distressed  
if you & Capt. Verney do not  
sleep here the two nights *at*  
*least* before & after the  
Archaeological - [She thought  
you were coming for a week now.]  
And I shall not see  
you, if you do not, till after  
you are a M.P. in London,  
& after the General Election, which  
is an epoch that will make  
the next ten years perhaps  
the most interesting in English  
history to those who are young

enough like yourselves to  
throw yourselves into the  
great progress - ( more  
impressive than the 'Progresses'  
of Q. Elizabeth) -  
But, what is more important,  
my sister so hopes & believes that you  
are coming, you & yours &  
Capt. Verney, as long as you  
can before the General election  
- to stay of course over the  
Genl Elecn. and this is an  
matter of business - G.E. & preliminaries *must*  
be conducted from *this* house -  
[I told my sister that I  
would companionize her, if  
she were alone, ~~(but she never~~



~~has been alone~~) during August -  
& till you came with your far  
better company - & then, if  
she wanted me, after the  
Genl. Election till their Xmas  
party - I merely mention  
this to facilitate matters; I  
see some little failure of  
memory in them both, dear  
people about future dates - And therefore I wanted  
- you will *not* betray me to her  
- to tell you how the land really  
lies]

I can report well of both -  
No one could believe my  
sister to be the same person  
whom *you* picked out of that  
terrible state now nearly 3 years

ago - thanks be to God. She  
sits out on the lawn till 7.p.m.  
remains up till 10 p.m.  
And if ~~the most~~ ordinary care  
were taken, such as not  
sitting out in the chill before  
sunset, &c &c, She might, I think,  
recover to do much more of  
work, & to run much less of  
risk. But often she gets  
a bad cough - And the poor  
joints of course get worse -  
Still she really enjoys -

God bless you all - & with  
kindest regards to Capt. Verney  
& love to childer 4, (in haste)  
ever your loving & grateful  
F. Nightingale

9010/102 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Aug 23/85

My dearest Pop

Lydia Norman is coming  
here this afternoon for orders,  
to go ~~home~~ tomorrow to South  
St. Can she be of any use  
to help under Mrs. Broadhurst  
in Kitchen tomorrow &  
Tuesday?

There is *no* difficulty in  
putting off her going till  
Wednesday - but I must  
write to-day to South St.  
to arrange about the other's  
holiday.

ever thy F.

9010/103 initialed note, 1f, pencil [1:650]

If there are little things  
(*not* English) to be  
bought at Dieppe, would  
you allow Ellin to expend  
£1 ~~for sale~~  
for self & Compagnie  
for their loving  
Aunt Florence

25/8/85

9010/104 signed letter, 4ff, pencil [1:650-51]

Claydon Ho:

Aug 31/85

*Private* 7 a.m.

My dearest Margaret

How glad we should be  
if you were not quite knocked  
up on the Archaeological day -  
And I am afraid I contributed  
to your fatigues on that day -  
Pardon me if I worry you -  
interference is so seldom successful  
but you will remember that  
you kindly told me what  
my sister had said about  
Capt. Verney's (supposed) electioneering  
speeches - & that you thought  
"somebody had been making  
"mischief" - Also, of the speeches

of Sir Harry in the Villages -

It is therefore no news to you,  
& it may possibly be some help  
in contradicting it what  
I now write & enclose.

That Capt. Verney ~~tells~~ promises the  
people that every man is to  
have 20 (or 40) acres apiece  
[it does not signify which  
figure is right, as it is all  
a lie] that there are to  
be no more labourers - & that  
if he does not fulfil his  
promises they will not  
return him again -

At this my sister stood up  
like a man, & said: "Perhaps  
as she tells me:

"he won't wish to be returned  
again if you " - - - so & so -

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I said: "but Capt. Verney has  
been so particularly careful  
to make no promises".

And I asked: Who has  
actually *heard* him say  
these things?

I cannot quite make out:  
~~but~~ & I have no doubt  
that there is a good deal  
mixed up in her head - from  
Greig & Ager (the Schoolmaster)  
she says - with what the  
haymakers said to her in  
the carriage - which I told you  
&, perhaps, some confusion

with Mr. Chamberlain's speeches

'But, said they, we hear  
it from other parts of the  
county - We can show you a  
clergyman's letter' - And  
last night Sir H. sent me  
up the enclosed -

Nothing was said to me  
about privacy - And I  
really think I ought to  
send it you - Pardon me if  
I am wrong - & *return it me*

[You will say that a -  
clergyman who thinks "feudalism  
tempered with Xtianity" a  
proper from of govt. ("une  
tyrannie tempérée par  
une chanson") not worth attending to

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But I am not worth attending  
to by these dear people  
because I have not heard  
Capt. Verney's speeches -  
Are there no *reports* of  
them? no *notes* ?  
Has he no First Lieutenant  
who could give a reliable  
account?

Indeed I ~~think~~ think it is very  
important that we should  
be able to contradict these  
lies authoritatively - is it  
not?

Has Mr. Chamberlain  
made this sort of programme?

Capt. Verney's seems to be  
confused with his -  
Please forgive me -

& give - not me but - these  
dear people the means  
of contradicting this -

You well know them - &  
what impression this clergyman's  
letter wd. make upon them,  
with all the rest that has been  
told them.

[ I shall not tell them  
that I have sent it you.]  
in greatest haste

With dear love to the  
children - & kindest  
regards to Capt. Verney  
ever yours affly  
F. Nightingale

9010/105 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:652]

Claydon  
Sept 1/85  
7 A.M.

*Private*

Dearest Margaret

Last night Sir Harry  
seemed to be beginning again to say  
that he would, if called upon to  
speak, warn the Labourers again  
against believing in "promises" -  
So I said that *that* had been  
taken & alledged - as directed against  
Capt. Verney - that it had  
done much harm &c &c -  
He said at once that he had  
"not meant it for Capt. Verney,  
"of course" - that he wished it,  
the allegation, had appeared in  
some newspaper, in order that  
he might answer it -  
I said: could he not recommend  
warmly

Capt. Verney as his successor  
at once? He said: Yes, he  
meant to do so at his  
(Buckingham) dinner -

I said: "but at once".  
And I think now I could ask  
him to send that £25 at  
once to the Lib. Ass. & write  
a warm letter -

[I *don't* ask your leave for  
this.]

I asked: but what *is* Mr.  
Chamberlain's programme  
that all this has been hung  
upon it? (partition of land &c)

And they said: we don't  
know that Mr. Chamberlain *has*  
made any such programme -

Then I asked: but whom was it that you *did*  
mean when you said to the labourers -

‘Don’t believe their promises’?

He said: I meant nobody in particular

[But afterwards, in the course of  
conversation, he said: I ~~think~~ am afraid  
some of the Radicals *have* been  
making “promises” - Let those  
whom the cap fits &c &c”]

However, he is quite warm now  
that he never thought of Capt.  
Verney as having made  
“promises” of this kind.

And my sister disclaimed it  
too -

And the thing is: how can  
he undo any harm that has  
unwittingly been done?

Could he, not only speak & write  
*warmly* of Capt. V. *as his*  
*successor* - but refer  
to the true nature of his,  
Capt. V.’s *Meetings & addresses?*  
& *speeches? What has their true*  
*nature been?*

Can you read this pencil  
without bothering yourself?

God speed the truth -

And He *will* speed it.

I trust that you are not  
bothered & am  
ever your loving

F, Nightingale

He asked: has this allegation  
appeared in print, that I may  
answer it?

9010/106 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:653]

Claydon Sept 16/85

*Private*

My dear Capt. Verney

A good canvass to you -  
And God speed your Election -  
The enlightenment of a number  
of men by your Meetings is  
surely a thing worth doing -

I have been so sorry not  
to be able to see you -

My love to Margaret, dear  
Margaret, & the children -  
Pardon me for making an  
enquiry - We have no  
active Magistrate - no active

police near Lea Hurst - You  
are an active Chairman of  
Sessions. What would you do  
in such a case?

At Whatstandwell Bridge  
(& Station) 2 miles from Lea  
Hurst but not on the  
Estate, - there is 1. a respectable  
public-house, 2. our Coffee-  
rooms, & 3. a public-house  
notorious for nearly every  
kind of iniquity - the Wheatsheaf - within  
200 yards all 3 of them.  
Our Coffee-rooms at first  
nearly closed the Wheatsheaf,



but afterwards he beat us at  
ever kind of weapon -

I have just heard this:

“the owner of the Wheatsheaf  
“who lived on the premises,  
“has been in treaty for sale  
“with a Brewery Co. and he  
“has been giving some ale  
“to the Quarrymen & others  
“to induce them to stay at  
“his house, so that the  
“Brewery Co. might see the  
“house was doing a good  
“business -

“He has sold the house  
“this week, - [you see it is *done*] & as a rule

“public houses belonging  
“to a Brewery Co. do not  
“do the business, as other  
“houses, on account of  
“the tenant, being what  
“is called tied to have  
“the ale, spirits, &c from  
“the Brewing Co., whether  
“good or bad”

What would you advise? Is  
there anything possible to be  
done in such a case?

God bless you & yours -

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

9010/107 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:798]

10 South St

Sept 18/85

My dear Sir Harry

I am always thinking  
of you both - So sorry I  
was to leave you both -

The terrible Accounts  
I hope are nearly done:  
& I trust Parthe is ~~no~~ less  
worried & overtired now -

I am going to ask you  
to do me the great favour  
of writing to Capt. Loftus  
to make the enquiry specified

in the enclosed.

The girl of course is  
Lydia Norman - It  
was good of her to tell  
me: but I am bound  
to make every enquiry  
I can as to the character  
of this young man - I have  
such a dread of London  
footmen - What *can* a girl  
know about one?

I am always so sorry  
to ask you to write one  
additional line. But I  
know you are anxious too, & I

know you will forgive me.

The difficulty is that  
Capt. Loftus' intellects are  
said to be somewhat  
impaired. Still there is  
no one else to ask - He  
is said to be a very  
good man. He is  
unmarried.

in haste

Pray give my love to  
Margaret & the children  
ever yours & P's  
F.N.

9010/108 unsigned enclosure, 3ff, pencil [1:798-99]

Capt. Loftus      | Sir Harry Verney  
Saybridge      MP  
Blackmoor      Sept 18/85  
Essex

(and of 8 South St.)

A young man,  
*Charles Goodfellow*,  
age about 21,  
was formerly a page in  
the service of Mrs. Loftus,  
the mother who is dead,  
at 8 South St.

He is now footman in the  
service of Mrs. Bell  
32 Grosvenor Place.

The family appears to be well known to Capt. Loftus - Goodfellow, the father, was his coachman, & now keeps his Lodge, (Saybridge Lodge) - the mother is also employed about the house.

The aunt is still housekeeper at 8 South St.

The younger brother is now in Capt. Loftus' service as page or footman.

All this sounds well, if it is all true, being as what a girl in my service tells me who

asks me to allow

Charles Goodfellow to visit at my house & 'keep company' with her - Would Capt. Loftus be so very good as to take the trouble to tell you whether this young man [21 and 20, the girl's age, are so very young to be making marriage engagements] is perfectly steady; or if he has any reason to think that the young man is not 'well-living' -

What is his principal fault?

-& did he leave Mrs.

Loftus' service for any fault?

-has he thought of saving  
anything so as to ~~be~~ have a  
little beforehand?

or is he asking a girl to

'keep company' merely for  
his amusement?

What about his sobriety?

What sort of son to his parents?

If Capt. Loftus would be  
so very kind as to tell you  
what he knows about this  
Charles Goodfellow - - -?  
Anything he pleases) to

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tell you would be

'confidential' with us -

Capt. Loftus

is supposed to be now  
at his brother's

Crawley

Newport Pagnell

[do you know such a place?]

or a letter addressed to

8 South St.

I suppose would find him

Please put on envelope wherever you  
address: *Immediate*

*Please forward*

9010/109 initialled letter, 4 ff, pencil

10 South St.  
Sept 25/85

My dearest Pop

I was going to answer the enclosed from Mrs. Hawthorn by saying that it was really impossible for you to write the 'Life of Gordon' as she entreats - that you had done all in it that you could do &c &c &c &c  
But I thought perhaps you would just like to see her letter. And then, if you return me the Envelope

with: 'Blow me if I do'  
or any other graceful literary refusal, I shall write as I said, & know what to so as you say!  
She has sent me a large illustrated cahier published by Vizetelly, price 1/- called 'Gordon & the Mahdi' - I mean to get a good many to give away. But I will not send you a copy unless you wish it.

Many thanks for your letter.

I trust your canvass is prospering -

Besides Miss Williams, I have had a very interesting Miss Lennox who came over from Belfast to see me, staying - You may possibly remember her - She was with Livingstone & Bp Mackenzie in C. Africa - Sir James Clark sent her to us to be trained, & now she has kept an

Wellcome Ms 9011

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appointment - we gave her

to the Belfast Children's  
Hospital for 12 years.  
She makes it truly a life  
work - a calling - She was  
dressed in her uniform here  
- a good deal quieter than  
any of my maids. She  
was full of all her patients  
- a boy, aged 12, had had  
his leg amputated (with her)  
- his parents & 4 brothers &  
sisters lived on 6/ a week.  
When he went home, money  
was given him to buy ~~an~~  
(when his stump was not ready) an

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artificial leg. With this money  
he bought a baby pig -  
the pig grew up - & with  
the proceeds he bought two  
All, you understand, for his  
parents & family -

She disapproves of the **[5:239]**  
great Training Ship with  
300 boys & no mothers - as  
against God's laws - The  
Patients who come to her from it  
die - so depressed - She  
got a lady to go & live in  
the hold for 3 months to

nurse them up a bit. To  
one of the boys who seemed  
terribly depressed she the lady said,  
'Come: I don't think there's  
much the matter with you '  
& gave him a pat - She  
was passing out when a  
boy moaned up: 'Oh Mam  
if you would but gie me  
one pat like his'n - This  
was not a Patient - a rough cabin  
boy -

Miss Lennox says: 'don't  
'let the Gordon Schools have  
'no mothers: the boys don't



Wellcome Ms 9011

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'grow up good men' -

Ask Margaret to 'gie me  
a pat' in the form of news  
of you & Ellin & all of you  
And with best love to all  
- & especially I hope my  
god-daughter will prosper,  
ever, dear Pop,  
Your loving  
F.

In the outside sheet of the **[5:348]**  
'Times' one day, there was  
a letter signed "A Liberal  
and a Landlord" which

had some of your ideas -  
But it said in "*this* county  
of Surrey" - I was rather  
glad it was not yours,  
because it is so very  
important to unite the  
Liberal Landlords & the  
Liberal Manufacturers  
- not to sound a note of  
defiance against the latter,  
- is it not?

Wellcome (Claydon copy) 9010/110 signed letter, 2ff, pencil **[3:406-07]**

10 South St. Oct 2/85  
My dear Sir Harry  
I think of you so much  
in our loss of Lord Shaftesbury  
The notice of him in the  
"Times" was very nicely done  
But the key-stone of all  
the wonderful work he  
did lay in the one line:  
"Thine was the cause: it  
was Thy work I did" -  
That was the strength of  
his indomitable courage  
& perseverance & hope - that & his

**[1:594]**

own humility - Parthe will  
remember how our  
oldest friend, Parker John,  
told with tender reverence  
how Lord Shaftesbury  
left his bed & paced up  
& down at night, saying  
he was a "sinner".

What a life's work he  
leaves behind him!  
the life's work of  
"faith & love" -

A Mr. Curtis, "organizing  
Secy. of Ragged School  
Union", came here this  
morning, asking if you  
would be Chairman *to-day*  
!! of a Meeting on his  
death - I said how  
great was your affection,  
for Ld. Shaftesbury, how  
great your interest in  
Ragged Schools - but that  
you could not come up -  
& it was quite impossible  
at Short notice

~~The funeral is to be at~~  
~~S. Grieve on Thursday~~  
~~they say~~

God bless you  
ever yours affly  
F.N.

[end 3:407]

9010/111 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil **[1:738]**

10 South St. Oct 3/85

Dearest Pop

The eggs &c have come,  
to perfection, - since the new  
tin with divisions -

Would Mr. Robertson get  
a second beautiful tin like  
that, charging the two to me?

The smashed eggs were,  
as I think I mentioned, (you ask)  
those which arrived on  
the Saturday (19 Sept.) & the  
Wednesday (23 " )  
after I left Claydon -

I have now to make a  
most humiliating confession.  
After some enquiry, I find  
that Lydia actually put  
the smashed eggs & soiled  
saw-dust back into the  
tin - & sent them so -  
She is really very sorry:  
but the excuse she makes  
is that Mrs. Greig told her  
(this last time at Claydon)  
that she did not believe  
the eggs were ever smashed:  
(there had been a controversy  
about it:) & she, Lydia,

sent them back to show  
her. [She, Lydia, knew  
nothing of the change from Greig.]

I was very severe -  
& told her she must write  
an apology. When it  
came up, it was inadequate,  
but as I was just sending  
them off for a long day  
at the "Inventories", I  
had not the heart to  
keep her - & she is now  
writing another, which  
I shall enclose -

Pray be so good as to  
make my abject apologies  
to Mrs. Robertson -

9010/112 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:594-95]

10 South St.  
Oct 6/85

My dear Sir Harry

I am almost sorry that  
you are coming to London  
for Lord Shaftesbury's funeral  
It is cold standing in the  
Abbey - I don't think he  
would like you to come -  
But I hope, if you do, you are sleeping  
in London - I wish I  
could offer you a bed -  
But I am full of Matrons.

Will you lunch here

after the Abbey?

Or are you lunching at  
Maudie's?

Anyhow I hope to see you -  
~~but~~ after 4 I am engaged unluckily -  
ever affectly yours

F.N.

9010/113 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil [1:369]

10 South St  
Oct 18/85

My dearest Pop

You spoke of writing an  
Article for Macmillan on  
the *relief march* from Korti  
to the Nile (below Khartoum).  
And I ought to have written  
long ago (you asked) to say that  
Mrs. Hawthorn looks forward  
to this, as excellent. I returned  
& you kept, your scrap for the purpose.

Sir Harry wrote me a  
deplorable imploring letter  
*not* to ask you to write a  
Life of Gordon. This was quite

unnecessary. You probably  
did not show him my  
letter, exhorting you merely  
to answer & offering to  
convey the answer: "Blow  
"me if I do!"

I cannot help sending  
you for Ellin: tho' I think  
it is more for a boy above  
12: because the pictures  
of "The Roman Sentinel at  
Pompeii" & that of "Casabianca  
standing at his post to his  
father's orders & burning

with his father's burning  
ship, are so very serious:  
Mrs. Ewing's "Convalescence":  
it is so very pretty: the  
old Captain: "when you are  
my age, little chap, you won't  
think what you would like  
to have, but what you ought  
to do: what you have to do  
or to bear, & how you can  
do or bear it best, that  
is the *point* to make for."

And

"if a man is confined to his  
bed & wants to be in battle,

"he is as much a coward  
as a man who is in battle  
& wants to be in bed."

I heard to-day of Dr. Acland being  
"summoned to Claydon"

I hope this does not mean  
that you or Sir Harry  
are worse -

ever my dearest Pop  
yours

F.

Thanks for lovely flowers -

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Are you so good as to  
remember to write to  
Mrs. Trevelyan in favour  
of Robert Robinson, who  
has now taken Reddings  
Farm on the estate of  
her father, Mr. Phillips,  
at Claverdon in  
Warwickshire?

F.N.

Wellcome (Claydon copy) 9010/114 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil [3:407]

10 South St  
Oct 25/85

My dear Sir Harry

I bade you & Parthe  
'God speed' from the bottom  
of my heart on your Farewell  
dinner-day - and I bid  
you 'God speed' now your  
Farewell is over - It is a  
great thing to be able to  
feel that for 53 years  
you have obeyed the command  
"Stand up: stand up for Jesus  
Ye warriors of the Cross" -  
from a day when it was a  
no small - 'stand up' fight

~~when~~ for religious freedom &  
civil freedom were at stake  
- when men thought they did  
'God service' in opposing &  
decrying you - when *this* was  
to fight for 'the Cross' - to  
obtain 'freedom to worship God'  
for every one in his own way  
- & freedom for the right to  
make progress -  
"Onward, Christian Soldiers, go"  
*this* was the Crusade then: & a  
glorious victory has been  
won - in progress & freedom -  
May this General Election  
show the fruits!



I should like to see the  
Bucks paper of the speeches,  
if Mr. Morey will send it me

To your successor in North  
Bucks, Capt. Verney, I am  
sure you gave a good word,  
a very good word - tho' it is  
not reported in the 'Times' -

I hope your shin is not  
the worse:

"But when my legs were cuttit off  
I fought upon my stumps" -  
O gran bontà de' Cavaliere

Antichi!

God bless you & her

Your F.N. [end 3:407]

*Army Chaplains* [2]

No Chaplain is yet gone to  
Suez -

Miss Williams is very anxious,  
as you were so good as to  
speak to Mr. W.H. Smith,  
& then to ask a question  
in the House about it,  
that you should, if you  
think well, put a letter  
into the "Times" from her  
to you about it -

After a good deal of  
revision by Hy. B.C. & me,  
the enclosed has been  
produced. But as Hy. B.C.

and I say: "if it is not  
"too much trouble for you,  
"which it may well be" -

F.N.

9010/115 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St

Oct 19/85

My dear Sir Harry

It is grievous indeed that  
Parthe is so suffering - & that  
you have broken you shin  
again - and it is good  
that Sir H. Acland has  
been summoned -

I send you some Calendula  
for your leg - not because  
but in spite of its being  
a Homoeopathic remedy -  
-P. said it cured you before  
- But please ask Dr.

Acland whether & when  
you shall use it - &  
don't use it without - I am  
all for the 'faculty' -

God bless you both -  
I am sorry Margaret is  
going so soon - I thought  
they were going to stay over  
the Election - which  
may God prosper -  
ever yours affly  
F.N.

Thanks for your letter -  
I was very much relieved  
to get it - & know it was to  
worse for Parthe & for you than  
it *is* - Glad you are in the  
sunny room -

9010/116 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:370]

10 South St.

Oct 26/85

My dearest Pop I hope you  
were pleased with the tribute  
in the "Times" of this morning -  
- I am sending copies about  
to some old friends &  
retainers - It is 'tastefully'  
done -

Sir Harry says he will be so  
good as to lunch here on  
Wednesday - I really fear  
his going to this Mansion  
House Meeting, on account  
of the shin - But should  
he do it, would you ask

Mr. Morey to send me a  
post-card to say *when*  
the luncheon should be  
ready, *one* or *two*  
o'clock? or when?

God speed:

ever your

F.

9010/117 initialed letter, 8ff, pencil [3:408-10]

10 South St.

Nov 12/85

My dear Sir Harry

It makes me miserable  
to see you unhappy.

And I cannot help  
thinking that the confusion  
in *both* parties whether  
'Disestablishment' includes  
'Disendowment' &c is so great  
that, were mistakes cleared  
up, much less agitation  
would be felt.

As to the letter of Lord  
Grey in Monday's "Times",  
I cannot recognize the  
clear-headed, kind,  
careful man who,  
many years ago, used to  
give me such invaluable  
advice.

The more than hopeless  
confusion in it - between  
"Disestablishment" & "*overthrow*"  
of the Church - including  
"*overthrow*" of all "religion" (sic)  
does not show the intellectual  
sceptic he always indeed was,  
but is unworthy of him  
altogether.

Pray do not let your  
'old Whig-ism' be guided  
by Tory-ism -

Lady Trevelyan used to  
say that one of the greatest  
trials of her life was her  
son George Trevelyan's  
advancing in politics  
so far beyond her. "But  
"then", like a wise woman,  
she said, "I reflect that  
*his* sons will go as  
much beyond him as  
*he* goes beyond me" - Don't

you think we must  
"reflect" like Lady Trevelyan?  
Of Mr. Fred's address, I think,  
~~he~~ you, like Warren Hastings,  
must be "astonished at  
his ~~own~~ moderation"

And so, I hope, are you  
satisfied.  
Some of the best friends of  
the Church, & I think I  
am one, consider that her  
real power would be increased  
by 'Disestablishment'! She

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must have a poor opinion  
of herself to be so  
frightened.  
But all must wish that  
this agitation had not  
come now -  
They have been preaching two  
Sundays ( to the kind of  
servant & poor people =  
congregations there are at  
this time of year) *anti-*  
*Disestablishment* Sermons  
at our Church, which I  
should certainly have left,

but that I find it is  
the same in all the  
Churches round - If that  
is not giving stones instead  
of bread, I scarcely know  
what is - My maids  
come back, saying they  
could understand nothing -  
& bringing back from the pew, anti=  
disestablishment leaflets,  
from the Archbp of Canterbury,  
(with the same, truly awful  
confusion as Lord Grey's)  
and my big woman, Mrs.  
Cordery, added: "I thought,

"ma'am, it had *to do with*  
"the *Salvation Army*, & that  
"you would know" -!  
So much for these (guilty) pulpit  
efforts.

'Loyalty to "the Church" is one  
'thing, & a very high thing,  
'but loyalty to the loaves &  
'fishes, & to the "Episcopal  
"Bench", 'the Bishops, Deans  
'& a' that, is another thing &  
'a considerably lower thing' -

A man whom you would  
recognize as occupying one  
of the most important

places in the Church in  
England, commented to me  
on the absurd nature of  
Lord Grey's letter - He said:  
"Ld. Grey speaks as if  
'morality' were dependent  
on the Church being an  
Established Church - &  
even as if the Dissenters  
owed their morality to  
the Church being an  
Established Church - This  
is nonsense - The Americans  
are not behind us in  
morality - some would say

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"they are before us, Yet they  
have no established Church."  
You yourself would recognize,  
as all Liberal thinking men  
do, the *Irish* Church  
Disestablishment as on  
the whole having worked  
well and being a good thing -  
not a bad -  
Surely the Church *Reform*  
Assocn., & not the Church  
Defence Ass. is the one  
you would "wish to join"

For my part, I say:  
"Onward comes the great  
Commander  
"Cheer, my comrades, cheer,"  
And *I wish* to 'cheer',  
however much of a Deserter  
I have been, however  
unworthy to 'cheer' Him,  
& however strange His ways  
may seem to poor me  
at times -  
I *wish* Him to have His  
way; and in this  
General Election, of which  
I feel an awe sometimes amounting  
to terror, - however it turns

out - & in the new Parlt.  
there are certain to be  
mistakes - I wish to  
speak of it in as cheerful a  
voice whether we think  
*His way a bad way* -  
(for however we dress it  
up, that is what we  
really mean when we  
speak in the complaining way we do  
of the rising new order of  
things - ~~for~~ but is it not all  
in the order of His providence?)  
or whether we think His  
way a good way -

I think we are assisting  
at the birth of a new  
nationality - in the oldest  
civilization in the world  
- in India - and we do not see it - and this is in the  
order of His providence -

And I think something  
of the same sort is doing here -  
both will make grievous  
mistakes - but both,  
mistakes & all, are in  
the order of His providence  
And we can no more  
put it back than we can  
~~make~~ put ourselves live in back to  
the 14th century -



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Then, for

"Onward comes the great Commander

- "Cheer, my comrades, cheer" -

I will write you 'mes petites

'idées' on Church

Disestablishmt., if you like

But this letter is too long

already -

People seem to be conjuring

up a spectral fear of this

gigantic & solemn practical

~~question~~ operation which certainly

will not come in our time

as if it were a fire

or a mad dog in our street..

I hope you are able

to walk & ride now -

Margt. will be coming

back to you now, I hope -

I think you may well be

proud of Capt. Verney

(& of Mr. Fred too) -

Success to the North Bucks

candidates - He has always

'got on' remarkably well with

*his* Bishop & assisted

in Church things -

May God bless you &

Parthe -

ever affectely yours &

hers F.N.

[end 3:410]

9010/118 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:370-71]

10 South St.

Nov 13/85

My dearest Pop

I hailed the arrival of  
the XIX Century with delight,  
your Article is very weighty,  
and the extracts from foreign  
sources telling - Sometimes  
there is rather an abrupt  
transition from these to  
your own experience, as if  
the Editor had been *piecing*  
it. "The maimed women  
X X X whom we saw " -  
*where?*

But this is only a hyper-  
criticism - I think ~~filed~~ the Arte.  
says a great deal -  
Mr. Jowett who was at  
Lord Rosebery's with  
Sir Harry told me  
that he, Sir H., had  
addressed "wise words" to  
the party "which came  
"very well from him" -  
especially impressive words  
on the subject of racing  
to Ld. Rosebery, which he  
took very well' -

We have had nearly a  
week of almost darkness in  
London - I hope you have  
had better weather; but I  
fear you have been suffering.  
Is Sir Harry able to ride  
& walk?

Miss Georgiana Hurt writes  
to me of the "very  
beautiful daughter" of Sir  
Jos. Lee "at Lea Hurst"  
"I hope she has a mind  
to receive the beauties  
of that dear place".

She adds

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She also writes about you -

Lord Edward Cavendish  
has been staying at Lea  
Hurst - He held a  
Meeting in Lea School -  
They say he will win.

I hope that the Greigs are gone -  
poor woman, she wrote to me  
of your kindness in her last  
letter - And so did he -

and I hope that Mr.  
Robertson does well -

Your short "Peasant Proprs.'  
will doubtless soon be out -

I return Margt's charming  
letter - ever your F

Wellcome (Claydon copy) 9010/119 initialed letter, 4ff, pencil **[3:410]**

10 South St.

Nov 14/85

My dear Sir Harry - As yesterday

"Onward comes the Great Commander"

& instead of treading out

the deserters, like me, He

seeks them, He finds them

& carries them home - in answer **[5:349]**

to yours, Yesterday I said that I

felt an awe, sometimes

amounting to fear, about

the Genl. Election - but this is

a fear lest we, the Liberals,

should not win - ~~not~~ and of

what the new Parliamt. will

do, if we lose -

This, I am sure, is your  
fear. You wish the present  
Liberal Generation, & your  
own sons, to think for  
themselves - as *you* thought  
for yourself - not to follow  
blindly their fathers, as you  
did not follow blindly *your*  
Father - This is the very  
essence of your Liberalism -  
God bless you & it -

You cannot think it  
would be for the nation's  
good if the other side,  
Conservatives & Parnellites,

were now to win.

No one would be more  
unhappy than you if  
from any inertia in Claydon  
House, which is so loved & respected,  
your son were to lose his  
election in North Bucks -  
We dread to think of it.

Would not you go to  
one or two of his Meetings  
& say with your own  
peculiar power what  
you have so often said  
to me: that you do not  
agree on all points but

that you & your son trust  
in those to whom the  
-power is now given -  
*not* to legislate which  
requires 'experts' - but  
to choose honest &  
capable & careful men  
- & that your son may  
be so trusted -

Surely anything like this  
would do immense good -

May God bless you all -  
And may He in His  
infinite wisdom & love  
guide this momentous

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General Election aright -

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Church Disestablishment talk  
shall wait your orders -  
No one would like as much  
as you, ~~to~~ excepting me, to  
see these grand & lovely  
Cathedrals & Churches  
nationalized - the  
Nonconformists having  
their rightful share in  
them, as Dean Stanley  
wd. have let them -  
    & the heroes of hard-

working Church clergy in the  
    large towns having  
their due pay, (which is  
now prevented by the  
Establishment) -  
Unless the Church reforms  
herself, she will  
certainly bring disestablishmt.  
upon herself - But the  
day is distant - And I  
reserve 'mes petites idées' -

    One thing is certain - that  
it is *because* of their "loyalty"  
to the Church that some wish  
for her Disestablishment - The

[at the bottom of the next page, insert here]

Peers have made a most  
unhappy use of that word  
"loyalty" to the Church -  
{at the top}

**[end 3:410]**

ever my dear Sir Harry  
yours & P.s affly  
F.N.

9010/120 initialed letter, 5ff, pencil

10 South St.

Nov 21/85

My dear Sir Harry

You said to me how much  
you would like to see Mrs.  
Ghose, an educated native  
lady, the wife of Man Mohun  
Ghose, the most able man -  
whom Mr. Primrose spoke to  
you about.

I told her so: & she  
said if you liked to fix  
a day for them to come over  
to Claydon, & her husband  
could possibly come, they  
would gladly do so.

Their address is:

Man Mohun Ghose Esq  
(or Mrs. Ghose)

14 St. George's Square  
Regents Park  
N.W.

Her husband is excessively  
occupied, as you know -  
To-day he addresses a  
meeting at Birmingham -  
& does not return till Monday

He has Meetings almost  
every day - Both have been  
staying a week at Lord  
Ripon's -

She is like one of the best  
sort of English ladies - knowing  
all about the poor people -  
yet attending to her own house  
& baby - & boy & girl -

He is a barrister at Calcutta  
making about £12000 a  
year -

Both leave England on  
Dec. 4 -

2. You asked me about  
Dr. Hewlett - He is the  
Sanitary Commissioner for  
Bombay - I had not time  
to tell you that he is here  
on short leave, & gives me  
much extra work - But I  
thought you would remember  
him, because you were so  
kind as to give a letter from me to Lord Hartington  
asking for the C.S.I. for him  
for his splendid work  
during the Famine - And  
tho' it was unsuccessful, he  
is none the less obliged to  
you - *He goes back on Dec. 4*  
to India

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- I had not time to tell you either  
about Sir Fred: Roberts  
who came here, thanks -  
We had, I hope, a successful  
interview - He is entirely on  
our side - And as to the  
spirit issue, nobody wishes  
to abolish it so much as  
he - he has a plan for  
doing so - He says the  
Recreation Rooms are good  
but too small. He looked  
keenly over my Fever returns  
which I had ready for him

4. I had not time either  
to ask you whether the  
Greigs were gone.  
I should like much  
to have heard how Mrs. Abel  
Smith was - Often when  
people seem unconscious,  
a word of prayer reaches  
them - And that I have  
no doubt she had from  
you.-  
Thank you for the prayer



Wellcome Ms 9011

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I had.

You asked me kindly           **[12:378-79]**  
about our Nurses - And I  
had not time to answer -  
I have always, thank God,  
much to do with them -  
with those coming & going,  
going to fresh posts, or  
going back to their posts -  
Miss Styring who has been  
with us for 8 years goes  
to undertake the new  
Paddington Workhouse Infy.  
I had her here for some days.  
Miss Anderson too who goes  
back to Liverpool Workhouse

Infirmery, 1700 beds -  
Miss Scott to Brighton  
Hospl., Our 'Sisters'  
are terribly raw at St.  
Thomas' now - And these  
are all coming to me, one  
by one -                           **[end 12:379]**

I must not speak to you  
about what interests me  
most deeply now, our  
Elections - It is a new era.

God bless you all -  
I have felt very uneasy  
about you since I saw you

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Great love to you & P.  
& Capt. Verney & Margaret  
from your ever affte  
F.N.

9010/121 initialed letter, 5ff., pencil [1:371-72]

10 South St. Nov 28/85

My dearest Pop

Thank you for your jolly little Vol. At this moment the tide of copies which is coming in & up-stairs & the tide of copies which is going out & downstairs forbid the ingress or egress of any other persons or goods.

I ordered them for our divers reading-rooms, for which I also order Green's Short History of England,

Gordon in Central Africa & the like as standard books -

I send back the lines on Sir Harry, which are charming, pathetic & true - [I did not receive them till *after* the day Sir Harry desired me to send them back]

I hope, if you put them into "Aylesbury News", you will send me a copy.

Sir Harry said, looking at [4:503] my kitten: 'he has his life before him' - as if he, Sir Harry, had *not*; I feel, for *him*, he has his life before him: this the mere episode of an early morning hour. But, as Zoroaster takes care to remind us - "one part of eternity is of as much importance as any other part - & no part can we have again; if we have not got its good out of it, *that* good

is gone for ever. But  
this life, as a part of  
eternity, is fully as  
interesting and important  
as what we generally call  
eternity.

Yes: the Elections have gone  
cruelly against us: against  
me especially, for all  
the representative men  
pledged to support India's  
interests & Lord Ripon,  
except Mr. Bright, are

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unseated - And our  
greatest loss is Sir  
Roper Lethbridge, - a man  
"whom I would not touch  
"with a pair of tongs-" who  
has won his seat, & is now  
our representative for India  
knighted by the "Boy with the Drum"  
[An Indian Conservative is  
to an English one as a  
mad dog to a gentlemanly  
race-horse -]

But I still look to  
the Counties to redeem us -  
and "Onward comes the  
Great Commander", who we

know is on the Liberal  
side -  
When is Capt. Verney's Polling  
day? I hope, with  
you, Margaret will not  
kill herself - but she is  
too grounded on the Rock  
to do that - Tell her  
to give me a Telegram  
on the polling day.

Thanks many for your  
most kind invitation -  
I am afraid I cannot stir  
till the week after next  
- I am so busy - And then  
I shall have to work up  
the Nurses before Christmas  
- But it is most tempting -  
And I will see & write -  
Thanks again -  
    & thanks for beautiful  
flowers -  
    ever your  
    F.  
Did you see in Friday's "Times"

a short letter from Sir Louis  
Mallet on "fair rents" &  
allotments? Sir L.M. is  
my "Economical" 'priest'  
& authority, especially on  
Land questions -  
What a tragedy, what a  
Greek drama, the King of  
Spain's death & life!  
Aristotle's Politics are out -  
Mr. Jowett's - & he has sent  
them me: 2 Vols.

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But if you had such a thing  
about you as a foolish book  
or a rabbit in the pocket  
of your best gown, the  
smallest would be  
thankfully received.  
Do you know that Gordon,  
when he saved China  
in the great Tae-ping  
rebellion, always said  
it was Sir James Hope  
'as done it' - & put wrote it  
at the end of his Diary -  
Tell Sir Harry this -

I think I shall go in  
for *patronage* - The  
elective principle is faulty.  
And the Paddington  
Board of Guardians have  
*elected* the wrong Medical  
Officer for our Nursing  
Staff!

9010/122 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil [1:595]

Dec 2/85

My dear Sir Harry

I return you Lord  
Iddesleigh's most kind  
letter with many thanks -  
I often wish he were at  
the India Office again.

I also return Miss  
Buckley's letter - & am  
thankful to say that she  
has been successful in  
getting an annuity of £20  
from the Incurables Hospital  
She is so grateful.

Dec 7/85

It was a glorious victory:  
glorious in the highest  
sense of the word -

And there should now be  
some lines on the father  
riding in to Buckingham on  
his white horse at the  
head of his sons -

& the good fellows, 6 5400  
of them, who had worked  
so hard & so well - "& all  
"for love & nothing for reward  
as Spencer says -  
& Parthe, like another Bess

of Hardwicke, getting the  
church bells rung -  
Yes: it was a glorious  
day -

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Do you know, the charming  
little note you sent me on Saturday,  
was sent to the National  
Liberal Club - & tho' it had  
a stamp on, an old soldier,  
a Messenger there, but whose  
hours were over, said: "No,  
it shan't go by post. Miss  
Nightingale shan't wait for  
it till Monday morn'g-" &  
walked here with it at night  
in a deluge - & stood at the

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door, dripping & leaving a  
pool even on the swimming  
pavement - & would not  
come in, because he was  
"too wet" -  
There is glory in small  
sacrifices as well as in  
great.

9010/123 signed letter, 3ff, pencil [1:653-54]

10 South St. Dec 2/85  
PRIVATE  
My dearest Margaret  
I think I feel almost as  
anxious as you do about  
this Election - But then  
you see *you* are working  
for Eternity - to raise &  
ground the Liberal cause  
- that *is* the "saving" of  
men's minds, bodies & souls.  
- that *is* being fellow-  
workers with God - And  
will He let one of these  
efforts be lost? Not He.

You are not working for  
petty party issues which can be won by canvassing & primrose  
leaguers - -tho'  
none feel more than I do  
the tremendous issues  
now at stake - the  
enormous difficulties of  
the nation for the next  
~~two~~ few years. win who may -  
But God is a 'Liberal' -  
we may say that without  
irreverence - And how  
can He be beaten?  
We *must* win in His  
cause, whatever happens -

Mr. Fred was so good  
as to come in last night  
on his way from the  
Station home - I could  
not help a tear or two  
before he came - But he  
was so full of valiance.  
He had won, tho' he had  
lost - The victory was his  
He had "saved" 4000  
people's minds - &  
without one influence  
except the highest -  
just like you - without

asking for one vote -  
I could only sing for joy -  
tho' deeply disappointed for  
ourselves - & for the new  
Ho: of C.



Dearest Margaret,  
God bless you, God bless you  
both - I can only ease  
my old heart by giving  
you both to the  
Everlasting Arms which  
are under you -

Can you sleep?  
Success & joy & peace!

If you are in London  
on Sunday, I will keep  
all my Sunday open,

but can scarcely expect  
you to have a minute  
to spare for me -

ever your loving  
F. Nightingale  
God speed - And He  
*will* speed.

9010/124 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:373]

10 South St. Dec 9/85  
My dearest Pop: Many thanks  
but I am afraid there is not  
the slightest chance of my  
being able to get to Claydon  
before you come to London.  
I have more than one  
engagement next week  
which I cannot possibly  
put off - people coming up  
from the country on purpose  
& from the India Office -  
Ld. Salisbury seems  
determined to stick - And  
if he can reform the procedure

of the Ho: of C., which he  
certainly will not let *us*  
do, & settle the Irish  
affair, which ditto ditto,  
perhaps it is the best for us.  
Randolph is the real  
terror of the situation -  
There is a beautiful hymn:  
    The Devil & me  
        We can't agree -  
altered to  
    Lord Randolph & me  
        We can't agree -  
by F.N.

2. People say you should  
never give 2 good reasons  
where one will do:  
    my other good reason is:  
I am quite unfit for the  
journey - short as it is -  
I have scarcely been out  
of bed, except to see people,  
since I left Claydon -  
    I wish I could hear  
a better report of you -  
But you seem, as dear  
Papa used to say, spry  
& active.

Do you remember Sophie  
Voidel? She writes  
the enclosed -  
    I hope Sir Harry is  
riding the white horse  
        ever yours & his  
F.

9010/125 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.            Xmas Eve/85

Dearest Margaret

Most charming &  
delightful was your kind  
account of the reception -  
how deserved - at Bangor,  
Menai Bridge & Rhianva -  
& the successful M.P.'s  
address to his constituents  
which he was so good as  
to send me - A million  
thanks -

You seem to me to have  
been working hard ever  
since - And could you be **[5:209]**

so very good as to tell  
me where or rather  
whether a "grant of books"  
is to be had for Working  
Men's Libraries by the  
"deserving poor", like me,  
who have to supply more  
than one - Or is that  
only a Welsh munificence?  
or only attainable by a  
M.P.? Do not trouble  
about telling me, if, as I  
suppose, it is not attainable  
for Working Men's Libraries,

in general - [You speak of  
Capt. Verney having taught  
the working men to open a  
Library of their own - &  
then having procured them  
a "grant of books".]

Yes: Romeike is not only a  
"private" but a public  
nuisance - He used to be  
always sending things to me,  
but as pecunia never  
came in return, he left off.

All Christmas & New  
Year's blessings be yours -  
I like to think of you all together

in that delightful atmosphere.

At this moment we are  
in a dense fog -

My kindest regards to the  
M.P.

Information poured in  
upon me at the touch of  
your Ithuriel's spear  
about the needle-drill &c -  
Mrs. Grenfell was most kind.

Would you kindly send  
a card for me to Miss Gwendolen  
Hughes? I trust her Nursing  
career will yet come to fruit.  
God bless you, ever yours

F.N.

9010/126 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St                      Dec 31/85

My dearest Pop

On this last day of the Old  
New Year I pray, oh with  
all my heart & strength, for  
all the highest blessings  
of a *good* New Year  
on you & Sir Harry & all  
yours.

And if it may please  
God to give less pain &  
more comfort - but still  
a *good* New Year in any  
case - how wonderful is the

[illeg] power & strength &  
activity of mind He gives you  
On you & all yours, ~~including~~ *not* excepting  
Nurse & Morey, I pray  
for all blessings to be poured,  
including wisdom &  
understanding, & the  
~~power~~ spirit of love & of power  
& of a sound mind -  
and for the body may  
God keep you dry & warm  
& well interested but not  
bustled.

I hope it will be a good  
New year to *all*.

How terribly interesting  
the next two months -  
indeed, the next two years

I grieve for your pain  
- I trust it may be better -  
in dry & warm rooms in  
London -& for your crippled  
-ness - oh so much -

I trust the Nurse question  
will be comfortably settled -  
It is very trying -  
God bless you - ever your F.

9010/127 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St                      Dec 31/85

My dearest Pop

The last time we shall  
write 1885

Good morning. Good morning

Bid me a *good* morning

- a good day - a good Year

- tomorrow 1886 - as I

shall you -

I wrote in such a hurry  
to-day that I omitted  
to ask: where can I

order 2 photographs  
of Sir Harry, touched  
up like that you gave  
me, & framed like  
that for 2 New Year's  
presents to worthy people?

Please tell me - or tell  
Morey to tell me -

God bless you -

ever thy

F.

9010/128 draft of an article, 3ff, pencil [7:343-44]

Rural Italy &c Article {arch: Dec 1885} (proof)  
 I think this is very effective & very interesting, as everything you write is - Probably a ~~great deal~~ of the want of sequence is corrected in the "corrected Proof" - Otherwise it will be said that there is a great deal of "fine confused feeding" in it. This is particularly remarkable at the "Radical Programme" pp 4 & 5 - which is probably to be the key-stone of the Article, but comes in like an

"unattached Student" - one does not quite know of what country

2. Also, such words as "magniloquent nonsense" must surely be erased. p. 5.  
 The Article will probably be answered - you wish for nothing more:  
 then retaliation will be made - And what ought to be a discussion of vital interests will become a "calling" each other "names"

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3. It is doubtful in many places whether "Sardinia" means the island or the kingdom of "Sardinia" p. 6 & passim  
 4. p. 2. "fertile soil" - is this not contradicted in another page?  
 5. But above all it wants the life & reality given to your other productions by the living experience - The "apples" anecdote is charming for this very reason - But these anecdotes of living experience are wanting for Italy - It is in fact the report of a report - [We have a cousin "once removed" who is administering & residing on a large landed property of her dead husband - I had much conversation with her in the summer - her father lives in London - few have such an opportunity of knowing the peasants' ways of that part]  
 Also - I have had much conversation with

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an Italian S. of Charity who was out  
with me in the Krim.]

6. Does not the end want winding up?  
- "reason to be glad" is rather flat - & looks  
as if some intended to be sorry.

The extract from the Report, p. 12, is  
a fine & telling winding up.

7. p. 2. Should not "*different* agrarian  
crimes" (Extract) be *various* "agrarian crimes"?

8. p. 7 "disafforesting" - curious similarity  
with Indian problems - But the Govt. of  
India is now dealing with these - Indebtedness  
also same problem -

9. In the Campagna of Rome the remains  
of Papal misrule must be taken surely  
into consideration - as indeed of the  
priesthood in about Perugia & every where -

10 p. 8 Extract 2. (M. Lafargue) What does  
"25000" mean? "hands" "used"? - then in what  
is the comparison? is it between "20 000 000" &  
"6 000 000"? This sentence is obscure.

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11. p. 10 - 1st extract: What are "the following  
results"? That the "peasants roll on the  
ground" - &c

12. p. 11 - "Health & morality" - should not this  
be put as a quotation from p. 10?

The coming down upon Gubot on the river  
near Metammeh

& the men halted in such good order  
without food without drink  
yet they would not break the ranks  
or go down to the river to drink  
till the word was given

Ms 9010/129 note not in FN hand with FN notes at bottom:

refer to

"Regulations" for the "Medical Department  
"of Her Majesty's Army"  
1888



Wellcome Ms 9011, Claydon copies, microfilm

Ms 9011/1 note not FN

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12.3. Parables from Nature

7 July}

28 " } The Election

3 Aug }

14 July Parthe & her Nurses

9011/2 Printed New Year's Day letter, 1886 {not transcribed} [12:857]

9011/3 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Jan 23/86

My dear Sir Harry

We thank God that your  
cold is better this morning -  
& we pray God that with  
prudence it may entirely  
pass away. That prudence  
will of course include  
remaining in *bed* till  
at least Sir A. Clark  
has been to-day - &  
following his advice - to  
keep up the action of the  
skin. In this extraordinary  
treacherous weather we

cannot yet by any means  
lay aside anxiety about  
you. For "the last  
"State of that man may be  
"worse than the first",  
if he exposes the skin  
to cold - Beware of relapses -  
So, pray, BED & thanksgiving:  
- be a good man.

ever yours affly

F.N.

9011/4 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Jan 26/86 (Gordon's Day)  
My dear Sir Harry  
Certainly not -  
You must not expose yourself  
to going in & out to-day;  
but only just, as you say,  
"5 minutes in sun", if not  
sloppy underfoot - No draughts -  
Perhaps I may come in to you.  
Thank God you are better - And  
Remember Gordon -  
I hope P. will improve -  
ever yrs & hers affly  
F.N.

9011/5 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Jan 27/86  
The Master Of Balliol telegraphs  
to ask if he may come  
tomorrow at six - I am so  
very sorry that I have  
an appointment at 5 which I  
might just as well have  
put off. But I put her  
off once before - And she  
was ~~very~~ angry - I must  
not do it again -  
I promised to tell you  
when he came to London.  
If you do not wish to  
say anything, I think I  
will ~~ask~~ telegraph him (to come {at  
6.30) - tomorrow morning F.N.  
It is too late to telegraph tonight

9011/6 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Jan 29/86  
My dear P.  
I am so sorry not to be able  
to see you to-day or Sir Harry.  
I enclose specimen for  
print of my Annual letter  
to Probationers in a new

shape which they think  
to be more convenient than  
the large sized sheet -

Just return the print  
(2 colours) if approved  
& say which colour; please  
ever your  
F.

9011/7 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Please: I did send back to you  
the December No. of "XIX Centy."  
with "Our Insular Ignorance" -  
It cannot have been sent up to  
you. [I find my (new) copy  
~~No~~: which I bought on  
purpose to send back yours]  
ever your F.  
with love to your young ladies  
6/2/86

9011/8 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Feb 12/ 86  
I am afraid I cannot have the  
pleasure of seeing you  
to-day. (Indian mail day.)  
I earnestly hope that you  
will not stir out this raw  
day but give your cold  
a chance -  
F.N.

9011/9 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St              Feb 22/86  
My dearest Pop  
I do so grieve for your  
suffering, & that I am not  
able to see you -  
Yesterday I saw Miss  
Williams (*as was*), & she  
recommends, if you are  
still in want of a  
Nurse =permanent,  
Nurse Jenkins -  
She has been a lady's maid  
is a very nice woman,  
respectful, ~~in manner~~, a little affected,  
knows what a lady's room

ought to be,  
quiet,  
excellent Nurse,  
was trained by Miss Williams,  
at St. Mary's,  
remained with her as  
Ward Nurse 3 or 4 years,  
left at the same time as  
Miss Williams did St. Mary's  
& only because she did -  
has set up for herself  
as Private Nurse -  
~~a~~ her little affect ed ation *in manner*  
only -

address  
27 Tichborne St -  
Edgware Road  
we may use Miss Williams  
name, if you like to  
write to her -  
[Miss Williams would *not*  
have recommended Clare  
Brown, as a Nurse to you]  
- Nurse Jenkins she can -]  
God bless you  
ever your F.

9011/10 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Feb 23/86  
My dear Sir Harry  
I am thankful that you  
are in bed under Mr. Morey's  
charge - And you will  
of course accede to our  
prayers & stay in bed all  
day & take your medicine  
& cut this cold short -  
God bless you & her -  
ever yours & hers -  
F.  
I thought you so poorly  
yesterday.

9011/11 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:373-74]

March 12/86

I grieve so very much, my  
dearest Pop, over your suffering  
& that I am not able to see  
you for such a long time.

Have you read the book  
I send of G. Sand's? Le  
"Château de Pictordu" and  
"Les Ailes de Courage" are  
such gems - [end 1:373]

Do you know Mrs. Gatty's  
"Parables from Nature"? I think  
them exquisite - & know  
nothing else which teaches  
after the fashion of Christ -  
There are 3 on the Resurrection

- the loveliest things I know, tho' about grubs.  
Some of them are most  
profound - Some, like the  
Robin singing what it believes  
to be its last song of thanksgiving for the  
last holly berries in the  
snow most pathetic -  
Some have all the subtle  
fun wit of her daughter, Mrs.  
Ewing, like the Meeting  
of the Rooks, who determine  
that man is an "elongated"  
Rook, & that the object of  
all his mines, his collieries,  
his black chimneys is to  
get himself ~~back~~ *black*

again *like a Rook* -  
but he only succeeds in  
being black by day - &  
comes white again at night -  
It is a charming burlesque  
(dusaristotokeia)

You are so good as to [1:373-74]  
send me a pudding many  
a night - Might I ask  
for, instead, a little  
bit of meat from Sir  
Harry's dinner? Anything  
that will do for him will  
do for me - so it be tender -

They the Doctors tell me to eat meat  
And oh for not to  
know what is coming -  
ever thy  
F.

9011/12 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Ap 8/86  
My dear Sir Harry You did  
not tell me yesterday what  
you had been so good as to do  
in writing the letter for Barnes  
to the Army & Navy Stores -  
Barnes will wait call upon you  
to-day with your kind leave  
in order to show you his  
Testimonials & to take the  
letter if you are good enough  
to write it for him -  
He will come about 11 to see  
if you can see him or to fetch the letter  

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Did Catherine wish for "Princess  
"Alice" book?  
ever yrs affly F.N.

9011/13 signed letter, 1f, pencil

April 12/86

Dearest Margaret

Might I send some books  
by you to your children  
tomorrow? Would Ellin like

Darwin's Voyage Round World  
or " Earth Worms  
or Gordon's Central Africa  
or what?

Lettice Mrs. Ewing's Six to Sixteen  
or " The Brownies  
or " Great Emergency  
or what?

Ruth " Oldfashioned  
Fairy Tale

Harry " Discontented Lobster  
ever yours F. Nightingale

9011/14 2 signed letters, 2 ff. each, pencil.

10 South St. April 12/86

Dearest Margaret

I did not like to take up  
your time by asking to see  
you again. Else it is a  
sight for sair e'en to see you.

Here come the books for  
dear childer four: which you  
kindly accepted - I have  
sent "Parables from Nature"  
for Ruth, but will get  
the book you mention for  
her (to come by Capt. Verney) -

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Do you know that I should



be so glad to try that girl  
you mentioned - because  
you know her - (And that  
is everything) - *the little  
housemaid at Rhoscolyn* -  
Would you be so very good  
as to send me a few more  
particulars?

[If she does not suit,  
she will not of course be  
turned adrift - she will  
be put into the train  
carefully & paid for home]  
But from your hand she

will be very welcome here -

She is to be half housemaid  
& half kitchen maid under  
Maude's Mrs. Neild  
who I hope will "do" after  
all - altho' I cannot  
give them readings &  
dancings, as you & Maude  
do so wisely & so well.

God bless you all  
ever yours affly  
dearest Margaret  
F. Nightingale

10 South St. April 16/86  
Dearest Margaret

I am so very sorry that  
whooping cough has saluted  
your going home - Fortunately  
we have summer before us  
& not winter - And I trust  
nobody has it badly -

Very glad am I of the  
prospect of having Nelly Owen  
I have written to your good  
Mrs. Thomas to send her up,  
if possible, on Tuesday or  
Wednesday - for later on the Easter  
trains are so crowded, let alone

[1:799]

Easter Excursion trains - She shall be  
met of course in London -

You must be so full of  
interests on your return home:  
do not answer this, about  
which I am ashamed to  
trouble you, unless you see  
occasion - the momentous  
questions of beer: what was  
done about Nelly Owen's beer?  
had she either beer or beer-  
money?

is she Church of England?

as to wages: I propose to  
give whatever you gave for  
the first month: then to raise

& to raise rapidly if she  
suits

I hope she will be happy. **[end 1:799]**

Aunt Florence's best love &  
thanks to Ellin & Lettice for  
their letters. Poor little  
maidens - I hope they will  
soon be better -

ever, dearest Margaret,  
yours F. Nightingale

9011/15 initialed letter, 1f, pencil **[1:374]**

April 19/86

Again, my dearest Pop, we thank  
God for this day, & for the  
wonderful, most wonderful  
mental activity, above all, -  
with which He conquers pain  
& so severe, & illness, - such as would  
conquer, & many a hero too

How much we have to thank  
Him for, while we pray Him  
to soothe & to soften & to  
bless body & mind.

Fare you very well, very,  
very well. and He does  
make you fare well, in spite  
of pain - Bless God & God

bless you  
ever thy F.  
Here comes the unsentimental  
bit of paper  
& Fauriel's posthumous  
book

9011/16 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:374]

10 South St. April 23/86

Good Friday

My dearest Pop

Would you be so very  
good as to send me the  
photograph of Sir Harry  
you so kindly promised,  
price £1.1 for me to frame  
enclosed

[Don't send me the one  
*framed* you intended for  
Capt. Verney - I hope he has it -

Also: to send me the  
address of the photographer  
that I may procure another  
from him - ever thy F. P.T.O.

I sent a wreath & cross,  
of Immortelles & corn, -  
to Wellow Church-yard  
for Easter Sunday  
as always  
in your name & mine  
F.

9011/17 copies of 2 inscriptions, 1 f. each, pen. Written in pencil by Miss Nightingale in  
Aunt Charlotte's English History

Freddie Morey

With Florence Nightingales love, and her kindest  
regards to his excellent father & mother -  
And may the Angle (English) or *Angel*  
children of 1300 years ago remind our  
Freddie, whenever he thinks he is  
an English boy, of what he is to be, here  
and hereafter -

Easter. 1886

Written in pencil by Miss Nightingale in  
Aunt Charlotte's Bible History

Eddie Morey

with Florence Nightingale's love  
And may our Eddie remember how Christ  
blesses and loves little children, and how  
He said of good little ones "of such is the

Wellcome Ms 9011i

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Kingdom of heaven"

Easter, 1886.

9011/18 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St April 30/86

My dear Sir Harry

I hope, please God, to be  
with you on Saturday  
(to-morrow) by train 3.0 p.m.  
from Euston

And as you are so very good  
as to press it, it will be a  
great relief to me to have  
Mr. Morey to get me off from  
here, if not inconvenient to  
Parthe - Au revoir

God bless you both  
ever her & your affte  
F.N.

9011/19 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Sunday May 9/86

Dear Sir Harry

I anticipate your kind request  
by saying how glad I shall be  
to see you after church -

Could you ask Mr. Calvert, [10:776]  
who has been so very kind as  
to undertake to speak to Dr.  
Deane about the Hindoo lady's  
case if he had a few lines  
in pencil, you told me, upon it,  
whether the poor little Memo. I sent  
him last night is what he  
wanted - Or, if of his great  
kindness he wants more (or  
less) I would write to London to-day  
for it F.N. [end]

*Address*

Honble.

Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji  
35 Hogarth Road  
S. Kensington

Could you kindly give me

Ruckmabai's papers? [Rukhmabai]

I am writing the Memo. for

Mr. Calvert - the case

which wants to go before  
the Privy Council -

F.N.

Sir Harry Verney

May 8/86

9011/20 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:375]

Claydon May 1/86

My dearest Pop

When I found you were alone  
in the Library, & we might have  
had such a nice talk (for me),  
it required all my promise to  
my Doctor, who came this morning  
to give leave or veto, & who  
would only let me go on parole  
that I would not put my feet  
to the ground or sit or stand  
for some days - not to  
break all bounds & come  
straight in to Library - So  
praise my self-denial

Poor Shore has been very  
bad again with pleurisy  
To-day is his birth-day.

I have had such a nice  
letter from Ellen Tollet -  
very pathetic

Carlo will, I think, come in  
to grief. He was barking  
after two of those white  
faced cows or bullocks,  
each of which tried to  
toss  
him. *But*, he said, I *will*  
drive. The park is my own.



The thrushes sang a little  
evening prayer to God - And  
I even thought I heard a young  
Nightingale, but faint.  
Then there was the murderous  
Cuckoo, & only inability  
prevented my rushing out  
& murdering him, as he  
will murder the innocent  
young Hedge sparrows, &  
toss them out on the ground  
What does Darwin say  
to that?

God bless thee - Au revoir  
ever thy F.

9011/21 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Please, Sir Harry, let me have  
the Proof of the "Nightingale"  
School, when you are  
not using it, this afternoon,  
that I may write the  
remarks H.B.C. asks for.

F.N.

11/5/86

9011/22 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

May 19 {archivist: '86}

My dear Sir Harry - How are  
you? Success to your day &  
God bless you! Don't tire  
yourself too much -

Lady Wedderburn has  
found a friend to consult  
Mr. Jeune about poor  
Rukhmabai, the young  
Hindoo lady - Mr. Jeune is  
said to practise before the  
Privy Council.

ever affly yrs F.N.

I hope Dr. Acland is pretty well.

MS 9011/23 note, not FN's hand

9011/24 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Claydon May 29/86  
Dearest Margaret

We are thinking so much  
about you - & trusting that  
your anxieties about "poor  
little Ellin", as Ruth  
magnificently calls her, are  
abating - She has had a  
hard time of it - And you !

Mr. Fred tells me that  
they are all coming to London  
May they all prosper, God bless them

I was so much obliged to you  
for the note from my dear  
little God-daughter - & shall  
trust to see her this time

& them all -  
God save little Kathleen & her  
dear mother - what a mercy  
you are there -

I say nothing about this  
terrible time of Parliamentary  
moment -

Sir Harry says: I love  
Edmund best of all, except  
her (my wife)

We don't think he is well -  
(Sir H.)

God bless you  
ever yours  
devotedly F. Nightingale

You will guess that my note  
to you yesterday was written  
in the greatest haste -  
while I was writing for my  
sister

9011/25 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [6:649-50]

{printed address:} Claydon House, May 31/86  
Bucks.

My dear Sir

I take the liberty of writing,  
at the request of Lady Verney,  
to say that, finding that the  
poor woman in an advanced  
stage of Cancer, Mrs. Thorpe,  
had only a girl of 14 to  
attend upon her, Lady  
Verney sent her own (Hospital  
Trained) Nurse to dress  
the wound: which she has  
now done for several days.  
But Lady Verney would of

course like the Nurse to be  
acting under your instructions  
& hopes that you will be able  
kindly to make an appointment  
to see her at Mrs. Thorpe's.  
If you are so good as to  
ask what time, the Nurse,  
who is of course a good  
deal engaged here, would  
meet you *there to-day* at 5.30  
p.m., if you could make it  
convenient to ~~come~~ go at such  
short notice -

Or at the same time  
tomorrow. But Lady  
Verney feels that in so  
very severe a case which  
is, she understands,  
under your care, the  
sooner the Nurse has  
your sanction & your  
orders, the better - You  
might wish to order  
Crystallized Iodoform Powder  
or the like - &c &c &c

Pray believe me, with  
kind regards, dear Sir  
Yours very faithfully [end 6:650]  
F. Nightingale  
Dr. Benson

9011/26 Copy of an unsigned letter by FN for Grand Duchess of Baden, 4ff, pen  
overlaps with 45750 ff54-61 to crown princess of Prussia, in 8:828-31

*Copy*

*District & Hospital Nurses & Training* [13:466-68]

May I take this opportunity of offering Your Royal Highness  
my heartfelt thanks for the beautiful Report so kindly sent  
me last year & for the gracious letter which accompanied it.  
Alas! would that I could answer satisfactorily.

The difficulties stated as to the finding & selecting good & suitable  
candidates for training as nurses are also ours. And the causes  
are hard to find, & harder still to remedy.

While the number of applications increases immensely every  
year, the calibre of applicants diminishes. [We have not such  
women as we used to have 12 & 15 years ago, from among whom  
to promote our Nursing heads of Wards & of Hospitals] - It is  
not intellectually that the lack of calibre appears - of women  
who can pass Examinations in theory & science - & prepare others  
to pass Examinations. Of these probably we have more, as  
might be expected from the universal uprising in female  
Education - Nor are we thinking so much of physical strength  
- Altho' it is true that some years more Probationers fail to  
complete their years training from lack of physical fitness.  
[Unhappily we are told by Doctors that the standard of robust  
female health is lower, including that of young married  
women]. It is rather in the apparent deterioration of high  
personal character, - of the qualities of high 'Christian citizenship,'  
of women to whom one would confide the government of 50

to 100 Nurses, or their training - of 'home', not professional qualities. If we would hazard the reasons, should we not say perhaps for one reason, as far as England goes: the increasing want of religion in education. In the best women we used to know, God was everything. Their earthly duties were thoroughly well done, but (or rather because) God still was all. It was truly as Christ washed the disciples' feet, "knowing that He came out from God & was returning to God.

And so the interval, the pathway to the other world was magnanimously & humbly filled with the service of God & man. But they did not stop to dabble in the "puddles" by the way. and they talked very little religion. The loved God.

[It is strange how, for the time being, men who are most in earnest seem to turn what used to be interest in God into interest in man - all the promising young University Graduates who go to work in the East End of London. And this too is good. But the highest, the most persevering motive, the highest grace is wanting. What would St. Paul have been without the Divine "constraining" love as the mainspring of all? However the lack of it does not seem to work so ill in earnest men as in earnest women]

The second reason may be, which hardly differs from the first, of the diminishing calibre in Hospital workers: - there is perhaps less regard to personal, so to speak domestic character than there was in Education. Now it is all the "ologies".

It is delightful how nearly every considerable Hospital here now has its Training School for Nurses. But many of these Hospitals give their certificates at the end of 6 or even 3 months training - at the end of 2 years all, I believe - and then probably lose sight of the Probationer altogether. Some of these Hospitals have as many as 100 Probationers. This system would not so much matter, if the public knew what value to attach to these certificates. But it does not. The certificate signifies a certain degree of skilled professional training. It has nothing to do with personal or 'home' character. But the public know nothing of this. And many Institutions engage their nurses & Supts. upon certificates alone (which have thus a high pecuniary value, without any personal reference to the matrons &c, who besides have probably lost their Probationers out of view, & knew little of them while there. All this tends to destroy in the public mind the perception

of the real qualities which stamp a woman as fit for responsible Hospital life.

The entrance to these Training Schools is besides so easy - vacancies occurring perhaps every week - obligations so little binding, a 3 months perhaps -, no more - that Hospitals which will not admit for less than a years training & a 2 or 3 years obligation, & keep in sight their trained Nurses always, or as long as desired - tho' obligations are, as above said, more overwhelming in number, nevertheless have fewer acceptable Probationers. The extraordinary moral power which a real 'Christian citizen' (I know not a better word) exerts over say a Mens ward - far above that of Teachers over pupils - for she is 'always with them' - illustrates the qualities wanted for responsible Hospital life - e.g. a boy of 5 years old is admitted, knowing no words but oaths & curses. Without much talking good, she controls & raises him till she can teach him his little prayers - & by & bye he becomes an unconscious little missionary in the Ward - The men will not speak a word he ought not to hear. As Christ might well say. 'the little child is the best preacher of you all.'

On the other hand, the men patients are so sharp - witted. All are now primed by infidel or vicious books & orators. If a sister (Head Nurse) does not act up to her profession, their eyes are lynx eyes to see it.

A Head Nurse who is not a 'Christian citizen', or who talks common Scripture phrase without acting it out is the best recruiting serjeant for the ranks of indifference to everything noble & decent. The men are well up in the arguments. Among more material reasons for not finding so high a class of women for Hospital life as heretofore, may be: 1. the rapid rise everywhere in England of High Schools, Colleges, & professions for women - the pay afforded to these by their heads, higher than that afforded by Hospitals. Though the qualities needed for a Hospital Matron are perhaps the

highest of all, yet less book-learning is required. Those who come to Hospitals from the profession of Education are generally the failures, (2) the greater independence of School Life over Hospital life which takes up the whole time & being.

Perhaps the Medical Staff of a Hospital do not yet admit the Matron as one of themselves, but rather oppose her - tho' we have not found them at St. Thomas' Hospital.

These are perhaps some of the reasons which may in England account for the present - we will hope only temporary - lack of the highest calibre of women entering Hospital life.

How gladly would I rather submit the remedies to Your Royal Highness - I could write more; but I perceive I have already trespassed too long on Your Royal Highness' precious time - I know not which to ask pardon for first: my long silence, caused by illness & overwork, or my long letter.

May God bless and He does bless Your Royal Highness' great work among her subjects & elsewhere. **[end]**

9011/27 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Claydon June 4/86

My dear Sir Harry

I do beg & pray of you  
- and you owe me a good  
turn - to stay in bed this one  
day. Or at least *not* to get  
up before the afternoon -  
not till after luncheon -  
And let the "one room" you  
go into be the Cedar-room -  
- *not* down-stairs -

This is not too much to ask  
It is giving yourself a good  
chance. F.N.



9011/28 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Claydon June 4/86  
Dear Sir Harry  
How are you? The wind is  
North East. The birds did not  
sing their morning prayers -  
Pray, pray do not get up.  
How treacherous you are -  
At one yesterday you promised  
that if you did not go to  
Buckingham you would go to bed & take  
Sir A. Clark's medicine every  
2 hours IN BED. At 6 I  
found you up & doing no such  
thing - and as Nurse said I

was quite annihilated.  
At 10 you were still up  
Where is your faith?  
Now faith has a right to  
require that you stay in  
bed at least till one or two -  
Pray do -  
I reproach you severely  
& say God bless you -  
F.N.

9011/29 initialed letter, 4ff, pencil [1:654-55]

Claydon June 8/86  
*Most Private*  
Dearest Margaret  
Grievous indeed to us is the  
letter which appears to have  
been sent you - & without the  
knowledge of Sir Harry, or,  
I need not say, of me.  
She is so very suffering -  
worse than when you saw her  
- no sleep & consequently very  
irritable - We have been  
obliged to get a third Nurse -  
She really has no idea of  
what she writes - & less than  
none of what effect she  
produces.

When your dear beautiful  
letter arrived, she said to me:

"I have had such a beautiful letter from dear Margaret: I did not know that she would care so much (or some word to that effect) for what I wrote" -

Since then, Sir Harry has shown me your letter to her: saying: "Oh how different it might have been, if Margaret had not been the woman she is: a pearl of great price".

I was going to write to you with Parthe's concurrence when I received a scratch from her: "I find Harry *has*

written to Edmund".

That letter, written before he had seen yours, seems to have been almost as unfortunate as hers -

[Sir H. showed me your two notes to him]

As far as I can make out, they are now entirely reconciled by what you have ~~told~~ explained to them with such kindness - & wish: viz - to have the "formal official" Committee meeting in the North Hall, with Sir H. as

President:  
the dinner in the "Tent" which Sir H. would not attend. [I am thankful to say he declines all dinners]

And if Capt. Verney wishes for any reason, such as last night's division, to put off this Annual Meeting of the Liberal Assn. it should be because he wishes it (not they) - as *he* judges best "for the interests

"of the Liberal cause" is all  
their wish. They are quite  
pacific - Sir H. tender -

[2]

- I don't know whether you &  
Capt. Verney are greatly  
disappointed with last  
night's division -

My feeling is that if, as appears, to be in the  
plan of Providence that  
Ireland is within 10 years  
to manage her own affairs  
-but with Parliament  
supreme at Westminster -  
Providence probably knows  
how best to manage it -  
& that *this is* the most  
direct course, tho' it seems  
to us an uncanny one -

Poor Parthe is so very bad  
to-day. If I were to tell  
you the bodily condition,  
which however is I trust,  
being removed, you would  
wonder at *nothing* - forgive *all*  
you always do -

We do so grieve about  
little Kathleen - & the  
separation from you of Maude

May your own children  
be all bright, all well!

- Ralph -not a very good  
night - but thriving to-day -

God bless you again & again,

dearest Margaret  
& with kindest love to childer  
& kindest regards to Capt.  
Verney in gt. haste

believe me - ever & ever  
yours in reverence &  
love F.N.

Excuse this scrawl.  
Miss Shalders gone to bed  
in another room  
but quite well.

Claydon June 15/86  
My dear Sir  
Might I ask for the great  
favour of just hearing your  
account of the Invalids  
for a minute?

Yrs affly  
F. Nightingale  
Dr. Benson

9011/31 unsigned memorandum, 1f, pencil **[5:349]**

At Bletchley (Fenny Stratford) Meeting June 17/86  
Sir Harry Verney has done his part here admirably.  
Nothing could be better than his short speech; quite  
manly & outspoken in maintaining his own position;  
quite affectionate towards his son, conciliatory  
towards the whole meeting. *They* were obliged to  
him for coming; *he* did an infinite amount of  
good by his kindly presence - He was most  
warmly welcomed & appreciated; and it is to be  
hoped he was conscious how welcome he was -  
He ought to be at the head of the Liberal party

in North Bucks: his acceptance of the office  
of President of the Association will give  
pleasure to all Liberals & spread dismay  
among the Conservatives.

9011/32 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil **[1:373]**

10 South St. June 21/86  
Dearest Pop I am always thinking  
of you & longing to hear how you  
are - & longing still more to  
think that you are somewhat  
better & taking care of your  
dear self - I left my heart  
behind me - and oh how  
I pray Our Father, the God  
of the "refiner's's fire", to make  
us His children -

I send the paper you wished  
for - the beautiful testimony  
to Sir Harry, as you said -  
It is, as you will guess, by

Capt. Verney -  
I send also £10.10 for  
Dr. Acland - which I meant  
to have put into your hand.  
Fare you very well - fare well,  
fare well - and Au revoir,  
I hope: ever, dearest Pop,  
Your loving F.  
The weather here

is more like March  
than June- a bitter  
N.E. wind.



9011/33 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:596]

10 South St. June 26/86

My dear Sir Harry

At Bath Mr. Fred seems to be making a noble, impartial fight of it, speaking up for Ld. Hartington & Chamberlain, as he always does; rousing the Meetings to feeling responsibility as well as enthusiasm - dwelling on the broad principles to be remembered in the fight, keeping clear alike of local squabbles, as he fortunately can, & of what is even worse, abusive election gossip - & bringing out that

which you would say in principle constitutes true liberalism

This is not what even the greatest men of the party have done - And we may give you joy that your sons have been among the freshmen who have kept a higher tradition - not truckling to meaner feelings among the constituents.

Kathleen sends me word that she is much better, & feels more like herself since she moved into the next room.

Ralph says he takes long walks with Grandpa - both he & Gw. seem in good plight - thank God - & please thank Miss Shalders for her welcome letter.

I pray that our dearest P. may be prudent & improve - with improved settled weather  
ever affly yours & hers F.N.

9011/34 initialed letter, 5ff, pencil [5:365]

10 South St. June 26/86

My dear Sir Harry

First of all let me thank you for introducing Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji to the Senior Whip - I suppose its result has been that Mr. Naoroji as you see stands for Holborn - He had his first Public Meeting on Thursday, (to which he invited me - & of course only the number of Balls on my List prevented my going.)

It was a very crowded & enthusiastic one. Mr. Naoroji spoke exceedingly well - in *beautiful* English - "it was a wise, great speech" - "a fine expression & intellectual head"

This I hear from the persons to whom I gave my platform Tickets -

I do not know in the least what his chances of success are. It is *most* important for India: he is the father of the reformers.

2. I have seen Miss Pringle (of Edinburgh) She came from Belfast where she was during the Belfast riots. She says there is infinitely greater danger of the Protestants massacring the R. Catholics than of the R. Catholics "massacring the Protestant women & children." The aggressors were all Protestants, I am sorry to say - And the cultivated Protestants of Belfast are

thoroughly alarmed &  
ashamed of them.

Miss Pringle is not Gladstonian  
-but she refused to go  
to the "burial" of the Bill  
by the Protestants which,  
she said, was disgusting

She asks to send her  
best love to Parthe - & to  
say that she could not  
have gone even for one night,  
as she would so much have  
liked, to Claydon - She  
sympathizes so much with  
Parthe's sufferings - She  
returned to Edinbro' to-day -

Parthe desired me to send  
for the letters from No. 4.

I enclose your Income Tax  
return which you will see  
ought to have been filled  
up & sent in yesterday.

A Dieu, A Dieu, A Dieu,  
& Au revoir - I grieve  
indeed for my dearest Pop,  
who, I was in hopes, would  
have been better for the  
hotter weather -

I am glad Dr. Acland has  
been

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3 Again, I thank you for  
writing to the Army & Navy  
Stores for Barnes - He  
was made a porter there  
last week - And his wife  
has now plenty of ~~nut~~ dress.  
making work.

4. Mrs, Hawthorn is delighted  
to be started on the (small)  
Subn. for the Gordon Boys'  
Home by your kind  
contribution which I sent  
with mine - It was Col.  
Beaty-Pownall & Col. Hamilton,  
two of the Executive Commee.

who gave her leave  
Thank you so much for  
Col Philip Smith's letter.  
But for him to forsake his  
2000 sons, (daughters-in-law,  
& grandchildren,) to be  
made a Major-General

It is maddening

5. F. Arkwright is  
supporting Ld. E. Cavendish  
in Derbyshire; and T.W.  
Evans is going to oppose  
Sir W. Harcourt.

Fare you both very well  
ever affly yours & hers  
F.N.

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I am afraid that I cannot see you  
on *Tuesday* as you kindly propose. Miss  
Crossland is coming to me for a long  
afternoon, previously to her holiday -

But I will keep *all Wednesday* open for  
you & *Thursday morning*, if you will only  
say the time -

F.N

9011/35 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil.

10 South St                      June 27/86  
My dearest Pop      Thanks exceedingly  
    for your most kind letter.  
    I do trust & pray that you  
    are a little bit better -  
    Has Nurse Taylor been able to  
    resume her Night duty  
    comfortably to yourself -  
    & to have her time entirely  
    off from the time you are  
dressed till your bed-time,  
as I know you wished her to  
have?  
    And how does our excellent  
Mrs. Davidson do?

2. The butler at No. 4 ~~sent~~ made me  
his apologies for sending me  
such a "small" (*very large*)  
packet of letters & papers  
for you & Sir Harry, saying  
that he "had had a great  
"many more", but that Sir  
Harry told him to "send  
them back to the P.O." -  
Another hour, & I suppose  
Mr. Knowles' cheque would  
have been "sent back" to the  
P.O.

    There was also Sir Harry's  
Income Tax Return (which I

have sent him) which ought  
to have ben filled up &  
sent in by the very day it  
came to me -

I shall send you all I have  
by Sir Harry, fearing that  
many things are lost in  
this way -

I never gave any orders to my  
maids but that they  
should forward every thing to  
me. They thought they knew  
better, & among the things they  
had retained as "Circulars",  
I found two letters & packets  
from Mr. Grant Duff, with

a book of speeches by Mrs.  
Grant Duff at Madras - the very best I ever read  
by a woman - &c      &c      &c  
a letter from Lady Dufferin  
- at least I think it was among  
them - &c      &c      &c

Many Bills I had been looking for - now, tho' I  
hate the Platybus ("beast  
"With a Bill") it does not  
quite do to ignore all one's  
Bills as "Circulars"!!

My "Parochial Rates" notice

&c &c      &c      &c  
    &c      &c      &c

Farewell, my dearest, fare you  
*well* - I write again  
    ever thy  
        F.

9011/36 signed letter, 4ff, pen **[5:351-52]**

MOST JULY 7/86

PRIVATE 10, South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

You were so good as to  
speak to me here & at  
Claydon more than once  
about your going to Norwich  
next week - & taking Morey  
for a "holiday" & also about  
Capt. Verney's election

Would it not be, far  
from a "holiday", a most  
terrible vexation to Morey  
to take him away on Capt.  
Verney's polling day? [He  
remained for the day of Capt.  
Verney's Meeting at Steeple Claydon

tho' you kindly pressed my taking  
him with me to London on  
that day. There could scarcely  
be a greater hurt to Morey's  
feelings than to prevent him  
from voting; or a thing that  
your own feelings would more  
disapprove]

But this is a small thing in  
comparison with yourself.  
O forgive me for feeling  
strongly, & perhaps writing  
more strongly than I have  
any right; where an  
inconsistency with your  
honoured position both

as head of the family & as head of the Liberal Association seems involved if you go away on the polling day.

We cannot tell what the future will be: Is it not of great importance that you should not be one to open wider the splits in the Liberal party?

[You said, dear Sir Harry, that you agreed with almost every word about Ireland in Capt. Verney's speeches.]

How painful a thing it would be for Capt Verney's feelings to look back upon, if such, now needless, division takes place - making a breach in the family or in the party.

Will you not vote for your son, whom the other Unionist Liberals of North Bucks intend, it would appear, to vote for?

Will you not lend your carriages - an Article which no other Liberal in North Bucks seems to have?



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And what they will care  
for far more, will you -  
or must this be given up?  
- not give your presence  
at Buckingham, your  
honoured presence, at the  
declaration of the Poll?

Nothing but your extreme  
& constant kindness to me,  
my dear brother, would  
make me venture on a  
subject so painful to me,  
or ask whether, in these  
times when public opinion  
runs so high, the Presidency  
of the Liberal Association  
could be retained against

the majority of the Liberal  
Association?

Would it not be trying them  
too much to go contrary to  
them - & retain the position?

[I can conceive nothing so  
painful to Parthe or indeed  
to yourself than that  
you should be President  
without an unanimous  
wish of your members.]

Do not the other Unionist  
Liberals of the Division,  
having made their protest  
against Mr. Gladstone's  
bills, feel so satisfied of  
Capt. Verney's moderation

& honesty that they are  
going to vote for him?  
After all, there is much more  
certainty that your son is  
a "good fellow" than there  
is certainty about the future  
of any political questions

The show lasts all the  
week at Norwich, I believe,  
does it not? And could  
not you & Morey go there  
after Wednesday?

It is something like  
kidnapping a voter - is  
it not? to take away Morey.

God bless you & my  
sister. God guide  
us all.

I need not say that this  
letter is for yourself alone  
- as it comes from myself  
alone.

Forgive me, & believe me  
ever yours affly

F. Nightingale

*Strictly Private*

please

{printed address: upside down}

10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

9011/37 initialed letter, 5ff, pencil [1:376-77]

10 South St. July 9/86

My dearest Pop

I would fain hope that  
with this steady dry weather,  
you are somewhat less  
suffering.

Miss Octavia Hill's  
letter, so full of sense &  
conviction, I now return -  
- I have had a charming  
letter (M.S.) from her. I  
did not know she was so  
genial -

I also return with  
thanks your letter from

Bonjean - the worthy son  
of a great father - & a  
number of others, lent me  
kindly by you -

I hope my friends Ralph  
& Gwendolyn are now quite  
flourishing -

General Chamberlain has  
been here (Sir Neville) -  
delightful as ever - He  
says he goes about in his  
"small way", as he hopes  
others are doing, & talks  
to the people, & when they  
have grievances, he says,  
trying to educate them,

if they are new voters:

“Now, you have to send good members to Parliament, who will ~~redress your~~ make good laws - Your grievances ~~are~~ will be now, more or less, your own fault. And, mind you, they will always fall on the poorest - I & others ~~who~~ have a little money at the Bank. But I shall button up my trousers pocket - and money will not fructify, if you don't send good men to Parlt.

‘Now, let's talk about what are good men & laws’. I have had the Vice Chancellor of Oxford here twice - & taken the Sacrament - I asked him, of course without mentioning names your question: Had he said that Mr. Gladstone was “crazy with vanity”?

He said, so far from *having* said it, he *could* never have said anything like it, as, tho' he was not a Gladstonian, his opinion of him was quite the reverse.

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I meant to write you  
an account of your 'young  
man' being so tired on  
the Wednesday & going to  
a long hot big banquet,  
so that I sent to enquire  
after him at peep o' dawn  
on Thursday - And your  
'young man' was gone!!  
gone to Esher - & came back  
like a lark.

But I was so angry with  
his taking up my time  
with the photos, when  
there was so much to do

& to say that I won't.  
I have had a Mr. Baring  
here, first cousin of Lord  
Northbrook, (when I heard  
Francis Baring announced,  
I did so think of old Sir  
Francis) who is going out  
to India with his newly  
married wife "for 20 or  
"30 years", to arrange for  
cheap good literature  
(not Xtian only) a sort  
of Penny Library or rather  
*Anna* Library - an Anna is

half a farthing - in all the  
 Vernaculars for the people,  
 comprising Sanitary agriculture  
 little stories, &c &c &c &c  
 The Hindoo vernacular literature  
 is, as you know, generally  
 stories of successful cheats  
 [as Macaulay said of Italians,  
*they* would all be on the  
 side of *Iago*]  
 He came that we might  
 talk over their Sanitary &c  
 wants - so different from  
 those of the English poor.

Thanks many for the  
 splendid little rug - & for  
 the *berries* & flowers -

I am going to have a man  
 just come from Russia - He  
 writes & says - how deplorable  
 now the state of the peasants  
 - how unlike 1863,  
 when he was there - just what you say.

Your "painters five", by  
 Lady Eastlake, was left by  
 cruel mistake the morning  
 we started on the drawers  
 under the book=shelves  
 in Capt. Verney's dressing-room -  
 I was so afraid it, (the two

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Vols) would lodge itself  
 there- I made Lizzie write  
 to housemaid - Pray, if it  
 has not returned to you,  
 send Mr. Morey for it.  
 I am so glad Mr. Ager is  
 better.

A Dieu, A Dieu, A Dieu  
 & au revoir  
 ever thy  
 F.

9011/38 signed letter, 1f, pencil

[1:656]

10 South St     July 12/86  
Dearest Margaret     God speed  
you - All good be yours -  
And it *will* be yours -

    I hope you slept last night.  
Here comes a small bottle of  
Eye Lotion & Eye-glass.  
Might I have the pleasure of  
having another small supply  
ready for you on Wednesday  
whe you go abroad?

    My very best love to dear  
Ellin & Lettice who must be  
in a state of rapture; & to Capt.  
Verney, if I may -

    The good cause will  
triumph. We never seem to  
think that God cares for  
the good cause - But we can  
trust Him.

    I wish I could have heard  
more from you last night.

    God speed. God speed.  
I hope you are a little rested.

    ever yours

    F. Nightingale

I am afraid I shall not see  
you again for a long, long, time

9011/39 initialed letter, 7ff, pencil [1:597-99]

10 South St. July 14/86

PRIVATE My dear Sir Harry

I will not say anything  
about your being away from  
home on your son's two days,  
because that would be  
impertinent - you & poor  
Morey whose heart &  
mind must be at Buckingham in North Bucks

But I know you wish me  
to & most kindly press me  
to say all I can about  
Parthe - And that is best  
done now when you are away.

You say she "pressed" you

"continually" to go to Norwich

You told me when you  
were in London & afterwards  
when you most kindly  
wrote to me about that  
most anxious subject: her  
& her Nurses: that you  
should take advantage of  
this "pressing" to tell her  
that the only condition on  
which you *could* leave her  
would be that ~~you~~ she  
should relieve your "anxiety"  
by doing what you asked her  
about her Nurses -



*Nothing* has been done -  
Or rather, something has  
been done - And it is much  
worse than when I was at  
Claydon - It is impossible  
to feel too "anxious" about  
her nursing -

Housemaid Emma has  
not been employed at all  
about her, instead of being  
employed regularly &  
systematically to relieve  
the Nurses -

And she, (Parthe - my dearest  
Pop - oh fatal blindness)  
runs the risk of losing the one,

Davidson, she calls the  
best nurse she ever had,  
& justly so - & Nurse Taylor -  
-both being thoroughly worn  
out - nothing having been done to help  
them I know you kindly wish me  
to recapitulate:

1. *Davidson on night duty*  
-when it is called a *better*  
night, Davidson gets up, that  
is, is called 30 times in one  
night!! This is the count.
2. The one who is on night  
duty ought to have *at least*  
*from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.*, for  
sleep, exercise &c, to herself -

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3. Housemaid Emma, whom my poor Pop likes, & who is an excellent little Nurse, ought to be, we should say, the whole day in attendance, to help with the needlework, (which ~~was~~ became entirely out of order in Phebe's time - & which Davidson now does in the afternoon *when she ought to be in bed*) - to help in lifting, & turning Parthe, to give her her meals in the afternoon, & the thousand & one things which keep the Nurses jumping up every 2 minutes

4. My dearest Pop thinks that Davidson has time to do the needlework - She never has an uninterrupted two minutes - Nay, neither she nor Nurse Taylor scarcely ever have a meal in peace -

4 5. When Nurse Taylor is on night duty, *mutatis mutandis*; the same thing is to be said, the same rule laid down.

6. *Day duty* - It is impossible to keep a woman the *whole* day on duty - it is done neither with Private nor Hospital Patients - & keep

her contented, efficient  
& healthy.

7. Both these women are on the  
eve of going, if no difference  
is made - Yet both would  
like to stay with her.

I am merely recapitulating,  
you will observe, what you  
have had the kindness to  
discuss with me:

(8) My dear Parthe, like most  
other private Patients, who  
have never nursed private Patients themselves,  
cannot understand that, though  
3 Nurses could nurse in a  
Hospital many Patients, yet

less than three cannot  
nurse a Patient who, like  
herself alas!, requires  
attendance night & day -  
- much of this attendance by  
day requiring 2 together -  
(9.) You have kindly encouraged,  
nay pressed me, to discuss  
these matters with *you* -  
the *only* person who can  
carry them with Parthe -  
& I merely put on paper  
what you have said or  
written - & assure you that  
there is *nothing more* pressing  
than to carry this out.

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I pray God that you may  
be enabled to do so -  
No more "anxious" crisis can  
possibly exist.

(10)

[Tho' It is of importance that

Emma should give the  
whole day to Parthe, yet  
rather than lose *all* we ask,  
as we are doing now, we  
*might* compromise the matter  
by her giving say half the day  
But these must be *fixed*  
hours, when she should  
sit within call of Parthe &

help in the needlework  
while waiting a call [She  
won't *wait* many minutes -  
She will be called about  
every two or three]

(11) *In either case*, some one  
must be had in from the  
village to do her work.

It is impossible to keep that  
great house clean without  
at least 3 housemaids,  
even when you are alone -

Now God grant the power  
to bring this about -

(12) I would willingly, gladly  
pay, without Parthe knowing  
it, Emma's wages & keep -  
& you have another housemaid.

I see Parthe's nursing  
rushing down to destruction,  
& wish to help you to save  
it. No one else can save  
it.

May God give the power.

Yes: every one must be  
glad Lord Hartington is in,  
& sorry Trevelyan & many  
another is out - even Goschen.  
We had always better have  
the Chiefs of *every* party  
in than Tom, Dick & Harry.  
I am sorry Arch is out -  
Dadabhai Nowrajee is a  
great loss - And so is Evatt -  
But I am not here to  
talk politics -

God speed you -  
ever affly yours - F.N.  
*Most Private*

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You see, of course, that Capt.  
Verney lost by only 71  
in 8800 votes -  
I have no one to share my  
grief & disappointment -  
F.N.

9011/40 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:656]

10 South St. July 14/86  
Such a grief & disappointment -  
we don't know how to express  
it - but no defeat - such a  
gallant fight - this new  
method of conducting a  
canvass how many have  
been instructed, how many  
have been raised from  
sordid life by it - how much  
of the higher life has been  
given them - No defeat but  
a victory - against all odds,  
a minority of only 71 in  
8800 votes!  
I predict a long life in

Parliament to Capt. Verney still  
I would strew flowers in  
your way as 'conquering heroes'  
if there were time -  
as bridegroom & bride, going  
forth to run your course -  
God speed you both - &  
give you a beautiful journey.  
Love to Ellin & Lettice & Capt.  
Verney.

I venture to send you a  
little Eye Lotion -  
& a few roses - all I can  
get, to strew in your path - -

Now, good cheer to the  
~~Hubb~~ Heroes & not to  
the Hubbards -  
All hail, tho' with tears:  
& fare you very well.  
And take a little rest.  
There is joy in it yet.  
ever & ever  
Your loving  
Aunt Florence

9011/41 signed letter, 3ff, pencil [1:599]

10 South St. July 15/86  
My dear Sir Harry  
Yes: it is a terrible distress -  
But, for all that, Margaret &  
Capt. Verney are they that  
have obtained the victory: &  
*not* their successful competitor opponent -  
Covent Garden should have  
sent all ~~his~~ its roses to strew  
in her path, had I but had  
time after the Telegram came - For Margaret is she  
"that overcometh" & Capt. Verney  
too.  
I sent more than once to  
37 Cornwall Gardens yesterday  
afternoon.

but only got one message, after they were gone.  
(from a maid) that "Mrs  
Verney was very well but  
very much upset" - I am  
afraid that means, very tired.  
They did not dine at Cornwall  
Gardens, & Capt. Verney was  
not there at all. They  
were to arrive at Amiens  
in the middle of the night  
& stay there till this  
afternoon, as you know  
- perhaps the best thing for  
them to go abroad -

"Be strong & of a good courage"  
ever yours affly  
F. Nightingale

9011/42 initialed letter, 4ff, pen. **[5:352-53]**

MOST PRIVATE July 28/86  
{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry  
You were so good as to talk to  
me about the N. Bucks  
Election & of your deep  
distress at its result - a  
distress which is shared  
more bitterly than can be  
conceived by the Liberal party  
- manly men shedding tears.  
You also, as I understood,  
desired more keenly than  
anything else to use your  
great influence to re-unite  
the party - & thus that the

sorrow should bear fruit,  
as you were as much  
surprised as distressed  
that the seat should have  
been transferred from  
Liberal to Tory - & that  
your ~~words~~ letters should have  
been so misunderstood as  
to have been freely used  
by the Tories against your  
son, read by the Chairman  
of a Tory Meeting amid  
"rounds of cheering", & one  
was actually printed by them  
& distributed - as against Capt. Verney -

Your great kindness to me  
makes me think - & indeed  
you have assured me over  
& over again - that you do  
not consider it impertinent  
in me to reciprocate your  
sorrow & even to make  
suggestions to carry out your  
wishes. It would be easy  
& natural for you to state,  
in a letter to the Liberal paper  
of North Bucks, something  
of this kind: would it not? - that  
    'there has been so much  
    'misconception in North  
    'Bucks as to my attitude



'during the recent election  
'that I ask you to find  
'space for the following  
statement: it is well  
'known that I could not  
'conscientiously accept  
'Mr. Gladstone's proposals  
'as regards Ireland. The  
'Irish Govt. Bill in my  
'opinion contained serious  
'defects which, had I  
been in Parliament, would  
have prevented my  
supporting it. But, on  
the other hand, there was,  
and is, no Conservative  
policy for Ireland  
before the country

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'which appears to me  
a desirable alternative;  
and, altho' the Irish  
question was the question  
of the day during the  
elections, it is by no means  
the only question which  
the new House of Commons  
will have to deal with.  
I am as heartily & as  
strongly in favour of the  
Liberal cause as ever I  
was in my life, and,  
as, in North Bucks, the  
issue was a clear one  
between Liberalism &  
Conservatism, I voted for  
the Liberal side candidate

'and lent my carriages  
to take voters to the  
poll. I deeply regret  
that some of our Liberal  
friends should have,  
on this occasion, supported  
the Conservative candidate,  
and I regret still more  
that this constituency  
should have swerved,  
only, I hope, for the  
moment, from Liberal  
principles. There is  
now but one course  
to take, to close our  
ranks again, and to  
do our utmost to make  
a second defeat

'impossible. Whatever  
help towards this end  
I can give will be given  
gladly.'

I sympathize so deeply in  
your disappointment & distress,  
my dear brother, that I know  
you will accept this as a  
token of sympathy, even if  
you differ as to its  
practicability

God bless you - God speed the  
right.

ever yrs affly  
F.N.

9011/43 telegraph, 1f, pencil [5:351]

{not FN.'s writing; on Post Office printed form, stamped Steeple Claydon, Jy 3, 86}

Sir Harry Verney

Steeple Claydon Bucks

Oh no it is not  
lost at Bath defeat in  
Battle so nobly waged is  
victory

Nightingale

9011/44 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. July 21/86

My dearest Pop

How good of you to be  
thinking of Miss Crossland &  
our Probationers - But if Miss  
Crossland comes back by the  
time you mention, I should  
beat her - She is distressing-  
-ly tho' not dangerously out  
of health. If she fails  
altogether, we fail altogether -  
She is travelling on the  
coast of Ireland with the  
lady from whom we had her  
- may God bless her!

I do not even write to her,  
in hopes that she may forget  
us for the time being & hope  
*not* to hear of her till August 10 or 11  
The earliest day on which  
she will return is ~~the 11th~~ August 11th.  
[It *ought* to be but *will*  
not be the 18th.]  
I should say the earliest  
day she could come to the lovely day at Claydon,  
so much longed for, is  
any day that will suit  
you after say the 14th.

2. Am I to return you Dr.  
Acland's sketch of the Sofa  
& Water Mattrass?

You do not say -  
All I can say is that I  
know the relief of it -  
the ease of moving it -  
& that the sooner you have  
it, & the Acct. is sent to me,  
the better -

I wish I could think you  
were materially better -  
ever your  
F.

9011/45 initialed letter and envelope, 1f, pen

envelope:

{printed address:} 10, South Street.

Park Lane. W.

The Honble

Dadabhai Naoroji

35 Hogarth Road

S.W.

letter:

Florence Nightingale

28/7/86

July 28 {archivist: 1886}  
{printed address:} 10, South Street.  
Park Lane. W.

I shall not be able to come  
tomorrow, I am sorry to say -  
I hope on Thursday, but will  
write. Bryant tells me that  
she is engaged (to come in a  
fortnight) - I hope Parthe thinks  
well of her -

ever yours, & hers affly

F.N.

9011/46 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St            Aug 3/86

My dear Sir Harry

You are so good as to  
require my criticisms on  
your draft -

The only questions I will  
venture to ask are  
p.2 A1 - does it not contradict  
the earlier part of your  
letter? Would you not  
put something of this kind  
in?

"Although &c

A1            down to "Liberals"

A2

I think you meant to say  
something different from  
what the word "settled"  
implies.

I have ventured to ~~alter~~ suggest  
a few words, being altered:  
see A 2

God bless you & my sister  
ever yours & hers affly  
F.N.

I write in haste, for you

Wellcome Ms 9011i

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May 2012

will doubtless wish to  
get the letter printed  
in this week's Liberal  
paper

A1 p.2

Instead of "To the late Govt. to "opponents"  
would you not insert:

"Although it was impossible for me to support [5:354]  
"the Irish Policy of the late Government, yet  
as a thorough Liberal it would have been  
a violation of my life-long convictions to  
have in any way assisted the return of a  
Conservative - my vote was therefore  
given in favour of a Liberal as against a  
Conservative; and every horse & carriage  
in my possession was put at my son's  
disposal on the polling day - the conveyances  
on the Conservative side being in North  
Bucks, as in so many other constituencies,  
far more numerous than those of the Liberals"

A2 p.2

Instead of "My hope now is" to end -  
would you not put

"My hope now is that, *when the next  
election comes*, it will be made clear that  
the constituency of N. Bucks has not  
swerved from Liberal principles, that  
[omit "then"] we may close our ranks again -  
and do our utmost to make another  
defeat impossible - What ever help I  
can give towards this object will be  
given gladly"

[You do not really wish - I know you do not,  
to defer the triumph of liberalism in No. Bucks  
to some distant & uncertain date, after the  
'settlement' of the Irish question?

I think that ~~was~~ probably some mistake in  
the word "settled"] would be made]

9011/47 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St.

*Private* Aug 16/86  
& Confidential

My dear Sir Harry

It was very good of you  
to leave at my door the printed  
slip of your letter "written" for  
Capt. Verney's "nomination" of  
which "Mr. Perkins read only

“a Paragraph.”

[Unluckily I had a Matron  
with me, & could not see you  
again *then*]

I concur that it would “not  
“DO TO publish”. it

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2. You were so good as to speak  
to me about the case.

I understand that the so-called



“Gladstonian” Liberals holding themselves now, for the most part, open to consider any ~~proposal~~ Bill *which will unite the Party* on the lines of a large measure of *local self-government* - i.e. open to consider any proposal the ~~they~~ Hartingtonians make that is in accordance with the main principle of local self government for Ireland - you now wish to show that, as between a Tory & Capt Verney, you would warmly

go in for Capt. Verney -

I can suggest nothing but the letter you were so kind as to approve, & of which you sent me afterwards a Pencil Draft - which I returned with some suggested corrections.

If you will say that, or something like it, the sooner it is published, the better: is it not?

I would again suggest, what however you have already approved, that nothing should

be published without the approval of the best men on Capt. Verney’s Commee., of whom I ~~suppose~~ know from you Mr. Perkins is thought by you one of the best - ~~And~~  
3. You were so good as to mention to me the necessity of a “compromise” to “unite the Party”. That “compromise” must be as above: must it not?

God bless you  
& reunite the Liberals

is the earnest prayer of  
yours ever affly  
F.N.

With regard to the "picture"  
for "Wolverton", I thought  
it was the engraving of Gordon  
("The Last Watch") in my  
drawing-room you wished for -  
It is much at your service.

Surely the "Balaclava Charge"  
is too *old* & not *ancient*  
enough.

Fare you very well -  
F.

9011/48 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. Aug 23/86

My dearest Pop

You were so good as to  
say that you would wish  
me to come any time, as  
soon as possible -

I wish it *could* be  
immediately - But I am  
so crowded with work,  
I am afraid it cannot be  
before Tuesday week,  
Aug 31, or the day after,  
Sept 1, - for 3 or 4 weeks,  
~~if I am afraid~~ convenient  
to you - I am afraid that

I *must* be back here for  
October for business -  
And possibly your children  
may be coming to you even  
sooner than October, in  
which case I would leave  
you even sooner, if inconvenient  
to keep me -

But we need not talk  
of that yet -

I hope you have had  
some good out of the  
weather which, I am told,  
had been beautiful in the  
country.

God bless you -

ever, my dear Pop,  
your loving F.

9011/49 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:377-78]

10 South St. Aug 28/86

My dearest Pop

I fear I shall not be able  
to come so early in the week  
as next Tuesday: I am so  
exceedingly busy - but you  
may be sure I shall come

as soon as I can.

But, dearest, it is as much  
out of the possibility of human  
things as anything I know of  
that I shall ever be able  
to sit in the Saloon & listen  
to "the music" - And Sir Harry  
must not come, offering me  
his dear arm, & saying: "You

*must* come down, because  
'I ask you', into the Saloon -'  
I shall probably never be  
able to come down-stairs  
at all, except to doddle  
out quite alone & unseen  
into the garden occasionally -  
But it is almost as impossible  
to get out & in of Claydon House  
unseen, as in & out of Windsor  
Castle]  
I am very sorry that I could  
not come this week -  
I shall hope that you will  
be able to spend part of

your afternoons in the Blue  
Room, if I am there, as  
we did before -  
Lady Dufferin's work is  
very heavy in hand -  
I do trust that this weather  
is at all events doing you  
some good - It must be  
charming in the country -  
You are very good about  
the Nurses: Probationers: Mrs. Wardroper  
is ill & gone away - And I  
*hope* her letters do not follow

her. And ~~the~~ Miss  
Crossland is so busy - & the  
Probationers doing so much  
extra work in the Hospital  
that I fear their longed for  
jaunt cannot come off  
just now -  
I shall see Miss Crossland  
to-day -  
ever your loving  
F.

*"Qly Review: London Library: Russia"*

If it was that one you kindly lent  
me in the Blue Room, I sent or carried  
down *all* the books you lent me the day  
before I left - June 18 -  
I certainly have not got it.

F.N.

9011/50 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

. Sept 8/86

My dearest Pop

I am so very sorry to trouble you; but you see this young man is gone off to London without telling me he was going.

I had not the faintest idea that the Nurses were kindly invited for to-morrow. I understood you to say that they were not to come till the Georges came; & that this would "only" necessitate a change of

"decorations

Pray just send me whichever Telegram I am to send

It ought to go this minute

thy

F.

[in FN hand]

Telegraph to Miss Copeland to put off coming till after 18th that you, F.N. will write.

Sept 8/86 F.P.V.

9011/51 signed letter, 1f, pen

Claydon Sept. 28/86

Dearest Margaret I fain would say what I cannot say how deeply we grieve for you & with you. We trust, indeed we know that all will go well, & we know how brave you are - but oh it is a grievous end or interruption to your journey - May God renew the bright young ~~little~~ life, so precious.

My love to Capt. Verney, if I may

& to dear Ellin, & oh for yourself  
unceasing fervent prayer -  
And do not quite overdo  
yourself -

    You may have written here:  
but Mr. Fred left it to me what



I should say here - I have only  
to Sir Harry said that you  
were detained at Leipzig  
because Lettice was not well,  
& nothing to my sister.  
I do not write about other things,  
engrossing as they are  
For what can they be like this?  
We shall hang on tidings.  
God loves you well - God bless  
you -  
ever yours  
Aunt Florence

9011/52 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10/9/86  
My dear Sir Harry  
I told your kindness  
yesterday that it is  
really impossible for me  
to have Mr. Richmond  
before the 18th.  
If you were to see  
the *crises* of work  
which come to me every  
morning, necessitating,  
to me almost prostrate,  
10 & 12 hours of what  
ought to be work every  
  
day, my "consenting"  
would "make" you *not*  
"happy" but unhappy -  
- I told Parthe this  
F.N.  
I will gladly see you  
as you propose at 12.

This morning has come  
to me work regarding  
the maintenance or  
abolition of a whole  
Dept. besides  
much else -  
I must have the whole  
of next week, if anything

is to be done -

And you would not  
wish 'nothing' to be done,  
? I know you would  
not.

9011/53 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

May I say that I am sure it  
will make Parthe very uneasy  
if you take a long ride to-day  
- Could you not put these  
gentlemen on their way - &  
you come home with the  
groom? Pray do.

F.N.

11/9/86

9011/54 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Lady Verney

Would you be so good as  
to let some flowers go to  
poor Mrs. Wardroper *to-day*?

I am sending her eggs &  
a chicken - And the flowers,  
if kindly granted by you,  
might go in the same box,  
if ordered now, early -

The Nurses were so more  
than delighted with their  
day on Saturday -

F.N.

28/9/86

9011/55 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Claydon            Sept 30/86  
Dearest Margaret    We hope  
the news of dear Lettice, to  
whom our best love, was a  
little better yesterday. Sir  
Harry's heart & my sister's  
are full of you. They hope,  
when you send Capt. Verney  
& Ellin away, that some  
one will go to you - if it  
is Maude, they hope she  
will send the children  
here - It seems  
impertinent of me to  
suggest, when you must  
have turned all these

things over in your own heart,  
but while Capt. Verney is  
there - he is such a good nurse  
- could not you go & lie  
down in his lodging for  
a few hours while he  
sits by Lettice - You say  
she wishes only to lie  
quiet in a dark room.  
It *may* be a long affair  
- you must save yourself  
for her & them - You  
cannot be always with  
her day & night, without  
knocking yourself up, dear

Margaret - No one could.  
Have you a room in the  
Hospital adjoining hers?  
Our best love -  
God bless you  
ever yours  
F.N.

Major & Mrs. George Verney,  
James, Catherine, Baby &  
Hector the dog, left here  
on Tuesday - Major, & James  
for Carriden.

9011/56 initialed note, 1 f., pencil

Sir Edward Buck's address  
is

30 Craven Street  
Strand  
London

if Sir Harry wishes to  
telegraph

F.N.

2/10/86

9011/57 signed letter, 3ff, pen & pencil [1:657-58]

Claydon Oct 9/86  
Dear, dear Margaret It wrings  
one's heart - how it must  
wring yours! your account

of the darling child. Yet  
how deeply pathetic &  
beautiful & touching - May  
God bless you is our cry  
every moment of the day  
and He *will* bless you.  
But for her wise mother &  
admirable Nurse - what a  
Nurse you are, God speed you -  
& for all the Medical care  
& appliances so close at  
hand & so wisely seized upon,  
it might have been so much

worse - I have never known  
a similar case - it must be  
a very uncommon one, I  
should think - But I have  
known cases of apparently  
less severity where there  
was raving delirium. And  
from this agonizing state  
you have saved her, I believe.

The Father Almighty says:  
"I will take her in charge,  
so you 'abide in my love.'"  
And you do 'abide in His  
love', dearest Margaret.  
& so we cannot doubt He has her in charge.{pencil}  
He is very near you in the  
little Leipzig room -  
consecrated now to His love.

Darling Lettice, I live in  
mother's beautiful rooms at  
Claydon & think of her & you  
And I keep her East window  
open at night, & hear the  
birds whispering their  
morning prayers to God  
before the dawn: then  
comes the dawn of another  
day - & I think of mother.  
Then the cock begins in the  
court-yard with his loud  
impertinent cry - & all the  
hens, white, black &  
Oxford mixture, come out  
on the lawn to my indignation,  
for they grab about & feed  
on the lawn - And if a  
solitary thrush comes

modestly in the corner under the  
trees for his worm, they run  
at him, & say: 'That worm  
is ours'. And the thrush  
retires discomfited - And I  
think of getting a pea-  
shooter & shooting peas at  
the hens. But I know they  
would only stop & pick  
them up. But, If I do but  
shake my window, they  
run away, for they know  
their conduct is greatly to  
be disapproved. Then, at  
8 o'clock, as I have observed  
at Lea Hurst & wherever I  
have been, the singing birds  
stop their songs & twittering  
& go away somewhere - to breakfast  
for half an hour.

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[2] Oct. 9/86 {pencil}

Thank you so very, very much  
for writing so fully. We  
hang upon your news -  
How occupied you must be,  
beloved Nurse - But it is  
very good of you, *indispensably*  
so, to keep diligently to  
your little walks & runs -  
{pencil}

When you write of Lettice singing like a  
"little bird" to herself, then I think  
of the morning singing birds under your E.  
window here - & God's carol in their  
voices -

Grandpapa & Grandmama shed  
tears over your letter.

Fare you very well, sweet Saint,  
much tried one - God's daughter  
of wisdom

ever your

F. Nightingale

9011/58 initialed note, 1f, pencil

Do you like this letter to Lady Belper to go?

*Shall I see Mr. Jowett first?* & he have his tea  
up in the Blue Room? as I cannot see him  
late.

your F.

Oct 9

(archivist: 1886}

9011/59 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 S. St. Oct 21/86

My very dear Pop

Had you not better see  
the Photographs Sir Harry  
brought from Esher to-day  
before they are printed off?  
I am like a jackass to  
choose between them.

No time to write to-day -  
Medical Officer from Burma  
just arriving -

ever thy

F.

9011/60 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Oct 21/86

My dear Sir Harry

I was afraid you were  
so very much tired yesterday.  
And - this horrible weather.  
Pray let me hope you are  
not worse -

I wanted to have seen  
Frank about his Wesleyan  
prospects, if you wished it -  
But it was impossible for  
me yesterday or to-day -  
And you will do it much  
better than I - Gordon said



the first results of our  
religion ought to be  
to make us do our *daily*  
work *well*.  
How do you like the maid?  
But don't trouble to write  
to me now.  
God bless you - And He  
    *will* bless you -  
    ever affty yours & Parthe's  
        F.N.

9011/61 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St. Oct 25/86  
My dearest Pop  
    I am so thankful that  
you have decided about *the*  
photo. As you observe, the  
Nurses are the Nurses - And  
it would be the play of Hamlet  
with the part of Hamlet, i.e.  
the part of the Nurses, left out.  
The faces of the Nurses are  
better in some of the photos  
than in others. And *they*  
are Hamlet -

    I do not know quite  
which two photos you mean,

when you kindly say: Shall  
we command 25 of the one  
& 25 of the other? But  
yours is the judgment - & I  
wish ye the top' o' the morning  
Only I think I would  
"command", if it is not too  
much, 40 or 50 of the one  
& and 40 or 50 of the other -  
Some of the Doctors want  
copies - (Heaven knows how  
they heard of it) - And I like  
them so much to care about  
the Probationers -  
    And of course each Probationer

in the Home must have  
a copy - & all the matrons  
who have sent me their  
views in *tiers* (not tears)  
of their Nursing Staffs -  
& some others but no one  
*out of Hospital* -

Thanks many.  
You see Mr. Gladstone has  
been stung in the eye lid  
by a wasp - Was that  
Lord Randolph?

Sunday  
My dearest Pop. I am  
afraid I shall not see  
you to-day. But this is  
not my fault. / did  
"not call for him."

Au revoir demain -  
thy  
F.

9011/62 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W.

Nov 2/86

My dear Capt. Verney

I should be so extremely  
sorry not to see you before  
you go to Margaret at  
Leipzig - that I cannot  
help trying, tho' *you* must  
be so busy, & / can hardly  
mention a time, (because  
I am seeing people going  
to India & am almost  
laid up with a cough) -

Sir Harry thinks you are  
going on Thursday evening -  
Would it be possible for you  
to see me on Thursday at 3 -  
God speed you: ever yours affly.

F. Nightingale

9011/63 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St.    Nov 4/86

My dear Capt. Verney

If you are not gone, might  
I have the great pleasure  
of seeing you *any* time  
before 3.30 to-day, if only  
for 10 minutes?

I am laid up in bed - I  
should be so sorry not to see  
you - that I ask this great  
favour -

Tomorrow is Inkermann Day:  
to-day is the day we landed at  
Scutari 32 years ago. so you  
ought to grant it:

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9011/64 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St    Nov 25/86

My dear Sir Harry

Princess Narès desires  
me to say that you *must*  
come & *lunch* with her  
on *Wednesday*.

She goes in the afternoon  
to Oxford (with Fred & Maude)  
by Mr. Jowett's invitation  
& sleeps there - returning  
on Thursday morning,  
when if you cannot lunch  
with her on Wednesday, she  
would like to see you on  
Thursday - She leaves England on  
Monday -        F.N.

9011/65 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.    Nov 9/86

Thank God, my dearest Pop,  
that it was no worse -

It might have been such a  
frightful accident -

And thank you so much for

remembering Inkermann,  
& sending me the little book -  
On the same day, perhaps  
by accident, your woodman  
sent me some beautiful  
Chrysanthemums - Please tell  
Mr. Morey to thank him.

But I do think of you so  
much

I am afraid there is no  
chance of my coming, as  
you so kindly wish -

I get up to-day, I hope, for  
the first time for some days.

But I don't think there is  
any chance of my going out  
this winter - And, you see,  
I can do a good deal here  
- indeed I *must* do a good  
deal - tho' not what I should

wish -

Our things don't prosper -  
I saw Mrs. Wardroper, looking  
so feeble -  
God bless you, my dearest Pop  
ever your  
F.

Have you seen a translation **[4:503]**  
from the Mahabharata,  
called the Song Spiritual -  
It reminds me so of what  
M. Mohl used to say - It is

beautiful - Mr. Jowett  
sent it me -  
I have been seeing Indians  
by the bushel

9011/66 signed letter, 4ff, pen

10 South St. Nov 27/86  
Indeed, dearest Margaret, we  
are always thinking & feeling  
with you. How trying it is  
that the darling child makes  
so little progress - But one  
always hopes on. Still one feels  
that provision must be made  
for a long illness - Would not  
you who are wise with the  
wisdom of the Saints consider  
that no one can go on night after night with  
such close Nursing as you give

her - Nursing which she could  
have from no one else, [how  
she would miss you, body &  
soul, when you are not able

to go on with it?] without  
feeling it afterwards - I do  
not mean when she gets well  
- but while such Nursing as  
yours is still essential to her.  
It might make all the difference  
between recovery & not, if she  
could not have it.

Is it not the nights when you  
indulge too much in the luxury  
of ~~Night Duty~~ Nursing? The dear little  
Patient goes to sleep, does she  
not? at dusk. But you do  
not. And in the small hours  
you are always called up.  
Without waiting till you are  
quite exhausted to take  
a night in another room,

would you not make it a  
conscientious duty to take  
at least one night a week,  
but rather two, in another  
room? Will you not do it  
in the prospect that, if you  
do not in time, you may  
at last be obliged to give  
up Night duty altogether?  
I am sure Lettice would  
press it, if she knew - She  
was always a remarkable  
child. The most pathetic  
thing I ever saw was a letter  
of ~~yo~~-hers, dictated, to Claydon  
in which she said she thought  
the mother of the little German  
girl cried too much over  
her - "*My mother is gay*" -  
- the heroism of the mother,

the sympathy & understanding  
of the child seeing the  
mother's love in her *gaiety*

Lettice once sent me a Xmas  
Card with a picture of the  
Nativity - & a verse about the  
little baby Christ - & *who*

could have foreseen such  
results from the untoward  
cradle? It should give us  
faith in God's plans -  
It was a remarkable choice

Pardon an old woman  
preaching about Night  
Nursing.

I do feel so grieved for  
the poor little scarlet cheek  
under the ice -



[2]

I was delighted with Capt.  
Verney's kindness in  
bringing me that picture- Idyll  
of the wooing of the cats:  
the lady seated on the top  
of the highest chimney-pot  
receiving the tender but  
respectful addresses of the  
lover. Alas! later on they  
quarrel and - scratch.  
I hope, my Lettice, you will  
never scratch Aunt Florence  
or let Aunt Florence scratch  
you - oh woeful warning of  
the pernicious result of an  
uncertain temper: the bride  
scratches the bridegroom!!  
& then actually drives him

down the stairs.

"It is all very well to dissemble your  
love

"But why should you kick me downstairs?

However, they make it up.  
&, let us hope, live happy for  
ever after.

Nelly Owen who is doing  
so well is quite concerned  
about Lettice - I asked  
her whether she would  
send a message - & she  
said, quite simply, her  
round pretty bright face  
all tearful: Tell her I  
am so sorry for them  
both.

Ah dearest Margaret, life  
Hospital life has such a charm  
for me - I prefer it so infinitely  
to a 'genteel residence' in  
May Fair. I wish I were with  
you. But I know how you  
must yearn after the party  
at Rhianva - & Harry - at  
his age 6 months makes a  
difference, a growth, of years  
so interesting to watch.

I have not written since  
I left Claydon. But I  
greedily see all the letters  
to Claydon - & Maude is  
so good as to translate  
short hand for me -

I do not ask you to write,

tho' you know it is the  
greatest pleasure I have  
when you do.

I have been very much  
immersed in anxious  
business - It seems as  
if Sanitary Commissions,  
both in India & England,  
our work of 30 years,  
were to be overthrown -  
But we are trying to save  
them.

Capt. Verney was looking  
Very well when he returned  
from Leipzig - May God's  
blessing rest upon you  
(in haste) ever yours

F. Nightingale

9011/67 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

*Private* Nov 27/86

{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have been so pressed  
to see Lord Cross that I  
have consented to let him  
be asked to give me an  
interview - I said that I  
had a letter of introduction  
from you. Would you  
kindly send me one?

The subject for which I  
have to see him is: the  
Sanitary Commissioners in  
India whose reports are  
sent, ~~by the~~ together with  
other printed Minutes, ~~to~~

by the India Office to  
the Army Sanitary Committee  
here for criticism - And  
both Committee & Commissioners,  
& the work of 30 years,  
Sidney Herbert's & Lord  
Lawrence's work, appear  
to be now in peril.

Thank you for sending  
me dear Margaret's letter.  
How very sad the account  
of Lettice -

I think of my dearest Pop  
hourly. I wish you could  
send me the account I  
long to hear.

I trust you have had no  
more giddiness -

God bless you both  
ever affly yrs  
F.N.

9011/68 signed letter, 1f, pencil **[1:658]**

Xmas Day  
1886  
{printed address:} 10. South Street,  
Park Lane. W.  
Ah dearest Margaret. God  
has sent us the most  
beautiful Christmas loving  
gift through you -  
dear Lettice better.  
Thank God - God bless you.  
We read with tears of joy  
your lovely account of the  
Christmas tree.  
ever yours  
Aunt Florence  
May I send the twelve months  
of the New Year to Lettice?

9011/69 signed letter, 3ff, pencil 9011/69 **[1:378-79]**

10. South Street. Dec 30/86  
My dearest Pop - My heart  
is always with you - If  
I have not written, it is  
because I really have not been  
able. The arranging of Xmas  
distributions, besides my  
other work - - I think I shall  
do no more Xmassing es -  
Margaret's dear letter  
has been a Xmas gift  
indeed - but don't you  
think there is a vein of  
sadness about her now.

as if we had made too  
much of it, & there was  
not really such an  
improvement in Lettice,  
It was the most beautiful  
letter - It shall be returned  
to you next week -

≡

I wish you, oh such a good  
New Year, in spite of all  
For in many an effort for  
good, you can still find  
happiness. But still I hope for  
diminished pain, & believe in it  
& to Sir Harry the same  
good New Year -

Abominable Randolph's  
prank is disastrous -  
just as we have got the  
Secretaries of State to do  
something for us.  
The only thing for us now  
is for Goschen (who *is* a  
Conservative) to take Randolph's  
place - & let the Cabinet  
members stay as they are -  
Administration is now utterly  
sacrificed to party politics.

They chop & change the Offices  
among the Ministers (Cabinet)  
as if we were at a pantomime

The life, terrestrial & eternal,  
of 250 millions,  
or of the whole Forces,  
of course signifies nothing  
- a mere Xmas Card to  
play.  
If they are going to do that  
chopping & changing now,  
(as they chop & change poor Ryots'  
land in India), why God  
save us, for He alone can -  
My best Xmas & New Year's love  
to Sir Harry - And remember  
me kindly to Mrs. Davidson

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I enclose a little note from  
Ellen Tollet - but a little  
scrap, a few feeling lines in  
pencil, asking us to pray  
for her, I liked much better.

You know perhaps that Lady  
Belper has moved poor Freddy  
to her own house - near Kingston.  
But the account is very bad  
No real recovery of  
consciousness - Sometimes,  
she says, "I can scarcely  
bear it"  
ever dearest Pop your old Flo

9011/70 unsigned note, 1f, pencil {archivist: ?1886} {responding to a brief not on the  
same folio}

Don't send me the "Chaplain  
of the Fleet", please -  
How is Ellen Tollet?

I possess Henry Fawcett,  
one of the *very best* biographies  
- don't you think? - & have also  
given him to Working Men's  
Libraries

9011/71 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

New Year's Day  
{archivist: 1883}  
Dearest Margaret It would  
be quite impossible for me  
to go to Col Philip Smith's  
"party" *any how* - much  
more to see Parthe too -  
Will you not go - & take  
my compliments to his  
(grand) =children?

I will be with my sister  
from 4 to 5 - so  
~~that~~ to pass the time of  
your absence for her  
a little

I must be back here at 5 -  
or I would come to her  
at 5, in order that  
she might miss you less.

The 10/ was repayment  
for your cards - which  
I stole from you -

Sir Harry has  
appointed the Schoolmaster  
at 6 - But I think  
he will not be back by  
6 - I will put off  
the pedagogue -  
F.N.

9011/72 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil [1:599-600]

10 South St Jan 12/87

My dear Sir Harry

I thought you had a New Year's present for me; but it has not come -

You did quite right to stay in the country. There was nothing but fog to bring you to London.

I have been so busy that I have been unable to write - Many, many thanks for dear Margaret's letters

"Do not be thinking of how little you have to bring God but of how much He wants to give you "

That is at p. 19 of " *With Christ*" - I am sure you will be pleased with p.p. 18, 19 - & indeed the whole section III

The trifling & frivolity with which people treat a shuffling of Ministers in the same Cabinet - a change of *administration* tho' not of Ministry - is so wicked that I can care nothing about parties -

There is an end of all good administration - If Secretaries of State change every 4 months, it is absurd to expect that they can ~~resist~~ lead the permanent officials - the India Council -or the many departments of the War Office

One party is just as bad



as the other in this respect.  
And the language of the  
Times & indeed all the papers  
is disgusting: "Ld. Salisbury  
"has now two Offices to  
"dispose of" as if they  
were 'good service' pensions  
or [illeg] sacks of flour -  
On *us* the calamity falls  
with a crushing weight -  
Just as W.H. Smith was

Jan 13

Just as I was writing this  
last night, we heard of Lord  
Iddesleigh's sudden death:  
one of the best men, & the best  
S. of S. for India we have had

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He said to Miss Pringle when,  
as ?Rector of Edinburgh Univ.,  
he visited the R. Infirmary:

"I never see Miss Nightingale  
now: she only cared for me  
as S. of S. for India".

I am sorry now

I did not  
write & ask him to come -  
But I had not the brass.

His death makes the world  
the poorer

---

Mr. Goschen is in his right  
place now - If only he had  
taken Ld. Randolph's Office

& none of the other shufflings  
had taken place, it would  
have done very well to put him  
in that Office. Let him  
keep it.

[end 5:527]

Fare you both very well -  
ever yours & hers  
F.N.

9011/73 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:658-59]

10 South St. Jan 13/87

My dear Capt. Verney

I only heard late last night  
that you were in London &  
going to Leipzig to-day.

Or I should have petitioned  
for a little visit before you  
see those dearest ones -

All peace & even joy  
attend you, for we know  
what love you bring them &  
they you -

The Winslow meeting seems  
to have been successful - May

you have many more such!

I need scarcely ask you  
to give Aunt Florence's  
dearest & anxious love to  
the darling child & the  
beloved Mother - & to  
take this picture book to  
Lettice -

Fare you all very well -

I do not like to ask you  
to write a word in English  
to tell me how you really  
find them - for I know you  
write in short-hand to

Maude & Mr. Fred. And they  
often kindly give me news.

*You* will know how painfully

I have been occupied in  
consequence of the sinful  
frivolity of this shuffling  
of Cabinet Offices, as if  
they were a pack of cards.

Administration is almost  
at an end, when Secretaries  
of State are changed every  
4 months.

Farewell farewell. I hope

you *are* well & will have

a good passage-  
Fond love again & again to  
the dear ones at 88 -  
ever yours affly  
F. Nightingale  
How Maudie misses her  
Mervyn!

9011/74 incomplete letter, 2ff, pencil **[5:354] [1:659]**

10 South St. Jan 14/87

*Private*

My dear Capt. Verney  
I received your note  
last evening - I feel with you  
more than you can imagine  
It is indeed the greatest  
difficulty that I remember  
in political life since 1832.  
I am so sorry, so infinitely  
sorry for both sides. Fathers  
& sons are set against each  
other, brothers against brothers,  
& husbands against wives.  
It is hard beyond measure

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them to diminish in any one particular the  
hearty & loyal support they always gave  
him.

Will you not kindly think that a  
personal trust may sometimes fill up  
a gap created by unavoidable political  
differences - & is it not an essential part  
of the liberal creed to honour a divergence  
in political conviction when it is the  
result of careful & honest study?

I think many of my Father's old friends  
for my Father's sake feel that personal  
trust in his son which enables them to [see]  
support him heartily, even where not  
agreeing with him entirely.

I would fain hope that you & my father  
may perhaps do the same -

You know or perhaps you hardly know  
how painful it is to me to pain you.

~~or half past or at three?~~

9011/75 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil **[3:411]**

10 South St. Jan 15/87

My dear Sir Harry

It was a relief to me  
to hear from you this morning,

because I had heard not  
a very good account of you -  
I send you another bit:

“We understand then that  
our true aim must not be  
to work much, & have prayer  
enough to keep the work  
right, but to pray much  
& then to work enough for  
the power & blessing obtained  
in prayer to find its way  
through us to men” p. 252

of " *With Christ*". You  
will like the whole Section  
31st. [end 3:411]

I am so pressed & harassed  
that I cannot take time  
to write. Miss Crossland  
too is staying here -

It is wonderful that  
Parthe is able to go out this  
weather. I fear she suffers  
from the great cold -

Here the fog - this is  
my 30th winter in London  
& I have never seen anything  
like it.

I hope Mr. Ager, tho'  
better, will take a 3  
months' holiday, & try  
what that will do for him,  
before finally determining  
against the School

God bless you both  
ever hers & yours  
F.N.

9011/76 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St Jan 18/87  
I am perplexed, my brother Jonathan

You sent me copies of letters  
about the £400 to S.C. Hall  
in 1857 dated in 1857.

but nothing else was in the  
Envelope but some verses by a  
Serjt. on Balaclava - & your  
letter dictated to Morey, with  
a P.S. in your own hand,  
that you would give £5, if  
I would, apparently to S.C. Hall  
Good old gentleman! I am  
sure I will if you wish it.  
But what is the appeal that

ever, dearest Pop, your F.

9011/77 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil **[3:411]**

10 South St. Jan 22/87

Welcome both, to London  
dear people

"When we feel how impossible  
it is for us to apprehend  
God's readiness to hear us,  
then He would have us come  
& open our heart for the  
Holy Spirit to shed abroad  
God's Father-love there -  
Let us do this not only when  
we want to pray, but let us  
yield heart & life to dwell  
in that love - The child  
who only wants to know the  
love of the father when he

'has something to ask  
will be disappointed -  
But he who lets God be  
Father always & in every  
thing, who would fain live  
his whole life in the  
Father's presence & love,  
who allows God in all the  
greatness of His love to be  
a Father to him, he will  
experience most gloriously  
that a life in God's infinite  
Fatherliness & continual  
answers to prayer are  
inseparable"..

p. 43 "With Christ"

9011/78 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil **[3:411]**

Jan 25/87

{archivist: sent 'down' from  
the Blue Room}

My dear Sir Harry

I sent to Rivingtons for  
this book which I thought  
would do for your poor  
bereaved woman - My mother  
was so fond of it -

But I sent to him also for  
another book: where each  
hymn is founded on a part  
of the Burial Service, as  
this is on a part of the Visitation  
Service. But he says he  
never published such an one  
And perhaps I may have  
dreamt it. Parthe will know



If she says yes, I will  
try & get it I think  
it was either edited by Moultrie  
or had hymns in it by him.  
& was called Hymns for Mourners

[end 3:411]

Major George wrote to me  
very kindly to ask if he  
might bring the photographs  
to-day for me to see. But  
it was quite impossible in  
my state - Will you kindly  
tell him so?

I thought he would come up  
& show them to Parthe & you  
- & then I might come in for  
the tail end - He has

been so very kind about it  
all -

ever yours & hers  
F.

How is Parthe tonight?

9011/79 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Feb 7/87

My dear Sir Harry

Will 12 suit you?

I am very sorry indeed about  
Mr. Morey. I do request  
that he will see some  
accredited Doctor - And I  
will gladly pay the guinea  
Dr. Ord of St. Thomas' is  
such an one: 7 Brook St.  
If he likes to mention my name,  
he may. But let him take  
the guinea in his hand -  
(*not* as if I wished for advice  
free) Or Mr. Fred's Dr.

Townsend is a good man,  
but not a great physician  
like Dr. Ord -  
If I knew what the case was,  
I could recommend better a  
*choice* of names -

May God renew Mr. Morey's  
health. I always feared  
he was doing too much  
F.N.

9011/80 initialed note, 1f, pencil

Please say: shall I write to Dr. Fyfe?

Yes or No

11/2/87 F.N.

9011/81 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

11/2/87

Would you kindly desire Dr. Fyfe's answer to be brought to *me*, if you will permit me to open it?

[I will communicate directly with Parthe.]

As Morey has written to Dr. Fyfe, asking him to send his orders to *me*, it would be perhaps saving some confusion to Parthe, if † it were to come to me - Any how would it not be better? Shall I see you this afternoon after Kensington?  
F.N.

9011/82 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil

Feb 11/87

My dear Sir Harry

Yours is a difficult question to answer

I have a letter from Morey in which he describes himself as very poorly - "very far from well" - He has written to Dr. Fyfe & asked him to send his orders to me -

I should be inclined to ask Dr. Fyfe himself: 'do you think you should SEE Mr. Morey again before he leaves for so far as Devonshire? or is writing enough?'

If Dr. Fyfe says: 'see him again', I should ask Mr. Morey to come up ~~here~~ from to-morrow (Saturday) till Monday, sleeping in my spare room.

But it is of the utmost consequence - not to disturb Morey's mind with uncertainties & questions, & making up his mind at the moment, but to make it all plain sailing for him - [I know

Wellcome Ms 9011i

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May 2012

what all that dreadful

to-ing & fro-ing is to a  
man in his state]  
I am afraid that I could  
hardly see you, having  
much more to do than I can  
manage, this morning -  
but would *this afternoon*  
if you wish it to settle  
this most important matter  
à nous trois.

But Dr. Fyfe should be  
written to *at once* -

I would do it, (sending  
him a fee), if you like it.  
& send my ~~ne~~ letter, which  
requires some thought,  
as soon as I can.

I conclude that

you expect Maude not  
to go till Monday

9011/83 signed letter, 4ff, pen & pencil [1:660-61]

10 South St.          Feb 13/87  
Dearest Margaret    I am afraid  
there is a little draw back in  
dear Lettice's eye - Yours is such,  
a great, such an unusual trial -  
And we were so sorry when you  
lost Capt. Verney's company. But  
he always looks so much better  
when he comes back from you.

I have never heard Sir Harry so  
cheery in his love of him, & so appreciative  
of him. I hope Sir H. writes to you in that  
sense.

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I do so want to have books for our School on *plants & birds*, the common plants & birds they see every day - *not on Botany & Ornithology* - Ah could you but lecture to them on the fertilization of primroses & other common ~~things~~ flowers! The most delightful little book in Bengali was written by a Dr. Watt of Bengal, now in England, about all these manners & customs of the plants Bengalese children see every day - almost as if the plants were beings - He sent me a copy in

English. Could you tell me of any book which gives English plants & their fertilization in the simple delightful manner I am sure you did in your classes? I know of none.

About birds: I have Revd. - Wood's School Natural History Series, but was very much disappointed in the *manner* in which he tells how birds fly (by the lightness their hollow bones give them &c) & how they sing - their whole body being as it were breath. Could you tell me any School book giving the Birds graphically?

Your letters always have a wonderful effect I don't think Sir H. is well. He always complains to me of feeling so much older than last year, & of feeling giddy & as if he "would tumble down". I am at once surprised & thankful my sister is not more uneasy. Her bodily health is extraordinary: but the poor limbs are worse. She sees strings of people & never seems tired.

Maudie felt the loss of Mervyn sadly The three children have been all ailing, as you know. Tomorrow they go with their mother to Seaton in Devonshire.

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I will not tell you how everything has run into party politics - how administration & government are ceasing out of the country - how can it be otherwise when Secretaries of State are changed every 4 months? & just as much by one side as the other - W.H. Smith was a capital S. of S. for War - i.e. as capital as any one is now - Just as we are getting the most needful things, for soul & body, for the Army, he, (the least party man, except Lord Iddesleigh, of the whole), is changed to what he *can't* do, to his own regret. And all stops.

And so with India. But it is too sad.

As for Lord Dufferin:[this is quite between ourselves.] one very high up said to me: 'he thinks to rule the natives of India by cleverness: but they are cleverer than he'. I should add: 'And by courtesy'. But his courtesy fails him, as in his visit to Bombay, when he does not carry all before him.

I must stop, for I have no strength - You will be distressed about Morey. I think him very ill, worse than they do - He told the Dr: it was from having such a multitude of things to think about - I shd. have added: and of contradictory

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orders - & of flurry & needless hurry.  
Sir Harry & my sister's kindness to  
him has been beyond gratitude - ~~but~~  
they have never even thought of the loss  
to themselves - but so unconscious are  
they, that the flurry & contradictory  
orders to him have been greater than  
ever. He is now at Exeter, worse than  
when he started. I cannot conceive  
what they will do without him, if,  
as I fear, he must be long away, or  
come back, only to go away again.

Excuse these silly cards -  
Aunt Florence's best love to the  
little chocolate maker -

God bless you both & all -  
ever your loving  
Aunt Florence

9011/84 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Feb 13

My dear Sir Harry {archivist: 1887} [LM: 1888, from *Times* article]

I *ENTREAT* you *not* to attend  
that "Meeting at St. George's Hall,  
"this afternoon", *IF* it is the one  
for the proposed "British  
Nurses' Association" -

It is *not* worth your while  
I am now writing letters  
which I have been ordered  
to write in time for it.

You can hardly imagine  
how preposterous the whole  
thing is. I cannot think how  
Dr. Acland can ask you.

I *implore* you not to  
go - It is a fatigue without  
*any* reason F.N.



9011/85 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil

14/2/87

My dear Sir Harry

I am more grieved than surprised.

I see no use in "sending *this* note to Dr. Fyfe". He will say: 'I can say no more till I have seen the water.' Perhaps Morey *has* sent the water -

Nor do I see the necessity now of your so kindly telegraphing that he "is to take a room" & you "~~will pay~~" - You see he says he is "comfortable" -

I ~~shall~~ have telegraphed ~~at once~~ to Morey:  
"Pray write how you are to Dr. Fyfe, & ~~send water as he desired~~  
Pray ~~write~~ telegraph to Seaton to send your medicines which are there - Have you sent him the water as he desired?"

And then I shall write by post to him  
Anything you can telegraph I am sure will comfort him. ~~You should mention the water too~~

And you will also I am sure write by post this evening.

Do you feel sure that he has had *Dr. Fyfe's letter* asking for the water?

The whole thing is most unfortunate.  
You see he cannot send the water to-day because it ~~has been~~ should be taken the last thing at night & the first in the morning, unless he took it last night.

I would *write* to Sir H. Acland &

ask for the best Doctor at Exeter,  
for Morey to consult. I would not *telegraph* it to Morey. I think it would so flurry him.

I think these sleepless nights are the result of flurry - He is so delicate -

Shall I see you at 12?

I pray God for Morey

9011/86 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Feb 15/87

My dear Sir Harry

May I beseech you *not*  
to "*telegraph* to Morey" the  
Doctor's name at Exeter -  
you promised not - but to  
kindly send me Sir H. Acland's  
letter when it comes - And I  
will *write* (in your name) it  
to Morey -

As to Dr. Fyfe: the object  
is *not* "for him to write to  
"*Morey*" but to me: is it not?  
Till he has analysed the "water  
we do not know - nor does

he, Dr. Fyfe, I am sure, know.  
whether the case is "serious"  
or how serious - He  
~~will~~ ought not to tell Morey: but he  
ought to tell me - & to me  
he ought to send the necessary  
Prescriptions, to be made up  
at Squire's & forwarded -

I will write to Dr. Fyfe  
this morning, if you permit,  
& request this -

As you kindly ~~intended~~ proposed to  
go to Dr. Fyfe yesterday,  
I was at a loss what to  
write to Morey, not knowing  
what Dr. Fyfe had said

I cannot think that either  
the "water" or Morey's  
letter could "reach Dr. Fyfe  
"yesterday".

Nor, I am afraid, the  
"medicines from Seaton" -

The whole thing is unlucky  
unhappy [illeg] And  
we must be very exact  
how we proceed - must not  
we?

F.N.

I have just heard from Morey  
He has neither had any letter  
from Dr. Fyfe, nor the  
medicines from Seaton -

he consequently does not  
know what is meant  
by the "water" - & appears  
quite at a loss. He has  
not written to Dr. Fyfe,  
& I conclude.

9011/87 2 initialed letters, 1f each, pencil

Feb 15/87

My dear Sir Harry

If you will kindly send  
me anything you hear from  
or about Morey by the  
morning's post before you  
start for Caterham -

F.N.

Feb. 16/87

My dear Sir Harry

Thanks for the letters - I too  
have a word from Morey.  
He has now all the letters  
& the medicines - & I hope  
Dr. Fyfe will have heard  
from him this morning -  
& that I shall hear from  
Dr. Fyfe to-day, as he promised

We have the Exeter Doctor's  
name in reserve - I should  
not distract Morey's mind  
with it at present - should  
you? Good cheer to Caterham.

F.N.

9011/88 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Feb 16/87

Dearest Pop

I send Sir Harry's letter  
from Morey recd. this morning -  
I too have a note from him -  
I trust he has written to Dr. Fyfe,  
from whom I am to hear to-day -  
I think it is best to do nothing  
more till Dr. Fyfe communicates  
his opinion & orders

I return two of Margt's letters  
ever your

F.

9011/89 initialed letter, 1f, pen

*Dr. Fyfe*

Is Morey to continue  
the same medicine?

F.N.

19/2/87

9011/90 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St Feb 19/87

My dear Sir Harry

Your groom not having brought Dr. Fyfe's ~~letter~~ answer, I sent my Messenger in a Hansom for it. Dr. Fyfe thinks it of so much importance that Morey should *not* return so soon that he was going to telegraph to me - He writes:

"It would be a great pity  
"for Mr. Morey to come back  
"so soon, *as the chances are*  
"*that he will be laid up*  
"*again*: he ought to have a

"*good rest* now that he has  
"begun - He ought to go  
"on with the medicines the  
"same -

"I trust that this may be  
"in time for Sir Harry Verney  
"to write to him & prevent  
"him coming up.

"He is a little better"

I told Dr. Fyfe that  
you would also telegraph  
to him to-day to  
prevent him coming.

9011/91 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Feb 23/87

Might I ask what answer you  
had from Dr. Fyfe about Morey?  
Morey writes to me this morning,  
telling me that Dr. Fyfe will  
send his prescriptions to *me*  
to be made up, (which I am  
truly glad to hear) but  
insisting on coming back on  
Monday

His letter is not like himself -  
May I ask what you heard  
from Dr. Fyfe yesterday - &  
what you wrote to Morey?  
F.N.

9011/92 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Feb 24/87

{printed address:} 10. South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

You are be-colded, I  
hear with so much concern -  
Will you allow an anxious  
old Aunt, if I may call  
myself Aunt, to entreat you  
in Margaret's name, as  
I may do without a shadow  
of doubt but with absolute  
certainty, - *in her name* to  
abstain from that cold &  
laborious process of holding  
Meetings for at least

this week -

*Pray* do & God bless you -  
ever your affecte.  
Aunt Florence

I hope you have good  
news of Lettice - and I  
hope Lettice will have  
good news of you -

I had a most charming  
letter from Margaret -  
And she seems to think  
that, with many draw-backs,  
still Lettice is gaining  
ground apace -

F.N.

9011/93 initialed letter, 1f, pencil **[3:412]**

Feb 27/87

My dear Sir Harry

After church, please, I  
shall have the pleasure of  
seeing you -

You were so good as to  
say that you would  
introduce my girls to the  
pew-opener at Halkin St.  
- & that, after church, they  
might choose their own  
seats - (*after* church, I suppose)

F.N.

9011/94 signed letter, 2ff, pen

10 South St. March 2/87

Dearest Margaret How can I  
ever thank you enough for  
your dear delightful letter,  
blessed Margaret - so lovely  
& so inspiring

The beautiful counsels about  
the teaching of plants & trees  
(miscalled Botany) I hope  
will be put into effect. It is  
quite true that teachers must  
be "soaked" in it to teach -  
It cannot be taught from books.  
But I am getting the books  
you mention -  
Of the rest of the letter I  
cannot speak - More  
wonderful than the touch of

Ithuriel's spear which made  
the evil start up confessed  
& vanish, your touch turns  
everything to precious stones  
& the jewels of God's crown  
[The "love of God over all", as you  
say]

I wish we did -  
How thankful we are that you  
may think now of coming  
home -  
Aunt Florence's best love to  
Lettice. A letter from Nelly  
Owen to her. Nelly is  
doing so well.  
May railroads be soft beds to  
Lettice & her dear mother - May  
she regain strength every day till the time  
comes



I have tried in vain to finish  
this - It must go as it is,  
if at all.  
But the train which carries it  
could not carry all our  
love & good wishes.  
God bless you  
ever yours  
F. Nightingale

9011/95 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:379]

March 4/87  
Dearest Pop Accompanying  
are outdoor flowers from  
Monte Carlo. Be not alarmed:  
They do not gamble among  
themselves - at least not in  
Lent - Please do me the  
favour of taking what you like  
& send me back the rest.  
They smell like Lea Hurst  
ever your  
F.

9011/96 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

March 5/87  
{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.  
Dearest Pop  
I hope you are better -  
Sir Harry's cold is rather bad,  
which he thinks is to be mended  
by a good deal *more* "air &  
exercise" in a bitter N.E.  
wind with heavy morning &  
evening fogs -  
This is what brought on his  
last illness -  
He was out this morning  
before breakfast in the fog -  
Please prevent him from  
going out again to-day, or  
to church tomorrow  
ever thy F.

9011/97 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

6 March /87

Dearest Pop

I hope you are a little  
better.

Please Keep Sir Harry in  
*bed* or at least in his *room*  
to-day - He is wise  
enough to take Sir A. Clark's  
medicine - but as that is  
to keep up perspiration, if  
he gets up, he is *done for*.

remembering past ills

ever your

F.

9011/98 2 initialed letters, 1 f. each, pencil

Dearest  
I am sure you have done all  
you could -  
But it is fatal if for Sir Harry  
to get up "at two".  
Tell him so  
F.N.  
I am so sorry for you  
6/3/87

March 6/87  
My dear Sir Harry  
I am *very glad* that you  
are breakfasting in bed &  
taking Sir Andrew Clark's  
mixture.  
Now, be a good man &  
stay in bed till the evening -  
well covered up -  
Else it will do you  
more harm than good -  
You know your severe  
illnesses have both times begun  
in this way: - a neglected cold  
- March winds - And God  
has spared you to us after  
an anxious time of many weeks

Stay in bed to-day - or  
you may be in bed all  
March.  
The wind is N.E. to E.  
Are you not tied & bound by God's  
mercy to take care  
to-day? to spare yourself & us a severe illness -  
God bless you  
F.N.

9011/99 2 initialed letters, 1 f. each, pencil

March 6/87  
My dear Sir Harry  
How are you? & how is  
Parthe?  
Remember, you are not to

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go out to Church this  
morning without her leave  
in this bitter East wind  
F.N.

March 6/87

My dear Sir Harry

I am thankful that you  
are still in bed, as your  
medicine is a sudorific -

You *must*, please, keep  
your *room*, I hope your *bed*,  
to-day. Or the last state of  
that man will be worse than  
the first -

At present you are keeping  
yourself, which is right, in a  
warm perspiration, & me in  
a cold one - remembering as I  
do former colds & former  
E. wind Marches. There is

nothing for it but to stay  
in bed all to-day, or at  
least in your room -  
Please do. And you may be well tomorrow.  
F.N.

9011/100 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil [1:379-80]

March 8/87

Dearest Pop

I am afraid you are still  
very bad

I give you joy about Sir  
Harry: I thought we were  
'in for' it. Not that he is  
at all out of the wood -  
You did quite right to  
put him under Sir A. Clark's  
orders

It is a pity when a good  
man is so naughty.

Old Widow Barton died  
yesterday at Holloway - a  
happy release - a loss to me

Papa used to go nearly  
every Sunday afternoon  
when she & her husband &  
charming daughter (both  
died long before her) kept  
the Leashaw Lodge - &  
sitting on the 3 legged  
table before the fire -  
how often she has described  
to me the scene - say:  
"Barton: read me a bit  
of a Chapter" - how like  
Papa that was, not  
reading or preaching himself.  
"sometimes the Squire used

"to choose it - but much more  
often he used to say"  
"Barton, you choose" -  
When I first went to Lea  
Hurst after Papa's death,  
Widow Barton was living  
a forlorn but vigorous patient life  
in a tumble down house-room of  
Sims' in Holloway, quite alone,  
supporting herself, with  
almost sight less eyes, by  
with Smedley's work -  
She was a most  
interesting woman -  
I telegraphed to her,  
when she was dying, thro'

Bratby - & even then she  
noticed it & said: 'I do  
pray for her' - but "I am  
sure *Miss Nightingale* would  
let me get up". She had  
been ill & suffering for  
more than a year - & for  
several days before her death  
could take nothing, not  
even water, yet resolutely  
sate on the sofy till or hard settle  
till last Friday saying 'She  
had never been lazy' (which  
was quite true) - & was with  
the utmost difficulty by  
the united exertions of Doctor &  
friends got to bed - **[end 1:380]**

Pray God that you keep  
on sleeping & getting better -  
God bless you & Parthe [see, odd, HV?]  
F.N.

9011/101 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St March 8/87

My dear Sir Harry

I trust that you are  
submissive to orders, & not  
worse for this North Easter,  
(which is so bad for you),  
*while you stay in bed.*

Thank God that you are  
as well as you are -

No "Fortnightly" for March  
can be found here -  
But don't worry yourself  
about it. I have sent to  
buy one & hope to send  
it you in a few hours.

9011/102 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

March 7/87

My dear Sir Harry - Thank God!

We are thankful beyond measure  
to Sleep which overcame your naughty  
& inappropriate activity &  
prevented an attack which  
might have been most serious.

You are to be made subject to  
'law' by Sir Andrew Clark.

Pray obey him - You are not  
out of the wood yet - The  
weather is not fit for pranks -

Thank God you are better -  
God bless you & Parthe -

You are better without talking -

F.N.

Mrs. Scharlieb is coming home directly  
broken in health.

9011/103 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St      March 9/87

My dear Sir Harry

Thank God you are so much  
better - And thank God that  
you are now determined to  
take care of your health -

About Parthe: indeed,  
(tho' I believe that the  
expectoration is not purulent or chest-y,  
but merely the same as  
what comes from the nose),

I wish she would consult  
Sir A. Clark, or even the  
Homoeopath -

The wind is now West -

I have bought the March  
"Fortnightly". Shall I send  
it you?



I wish to send my little  
Welsh girl to Mr.  
*Rainsford's* Class tomorrow:

What notice should I  
give him? & *where can I*  
*address him?*

[The Pew-Collector did not  
give me his own address  
nor Mr. Rainsford's]

God bless you & Parthe -  
ever yours & hers  
F.N.

9011/104 signed letter, 1f, pencil [1:661-62]

10 South St. March 10/87  
Thank God, thank God, dearest,  
blessed Margaret, that you  
are safe at home again  
with the darling child -  
Brave woman! We cannot  
thank God & you enough,  
we have been so anxious -  
Dear patient little girl - you  
have been brave too - & you  
have not "turned" into a "little  
"German girl", you see, thank God

God bless you both -  
ever your loving

Aunt Florence

We felt inclined to say God save

God save them

And see them safe to shore  
For such a gallant deed  
Was never seen before

And you see He *has* -

Don't do too much, dear  
Margaret, these first &  
second days, pray -

F.N.

9011/105 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [3:412]

March 10/87

My dear Sir Harry

I very much applaud you for  
what you have done in  
staying indoors -

I am glad that you are so  
delighted with the noble  
Lord Shaftesbury's Life.  
But pray do not forget  
that he himself said he  
should have been nothing,  
done nothing for all his objects,  
had he not been in the

Ho: of C -

yrs  
F.N.

9011/106 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St      March 10/87

My dear Sir Harry

You wrote me a beautiful  
letter yesterday, saying: 'how  
'sweet it was to receive one's  
'health back as a direct gift  
'from God' - & that you would  
'feel bound to take more care  
'of it in future as a God's gift.'  
To-day the wind is N. by E.  
"God's gift" would be sadly  
jeopardized by going out to-day.

God bless you & Parthe  
ever yours & hers  
F.N.

9011/107 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St      March 11/87

I only send for a *verbal* word,  
dearest Margaret, to know  
how you & dear Lettice are -

You were so very good as to  
say that you would rejoice  
me with a sight of you some day

Almost any day at 5 or at  
6, if I knew *beforehand* so  
as not to have any interloper  
on business there, that † you  
could give my longing eyes  
a glimpse of you, you would  
be as welcome as flowers in  
May - *this* afternoon inclusive

But I don't want to tire you,  
God bless you

Aunt Florence

9011/108 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

March 11/87

My dear Sir Harry

How are you? *Pray* take care.  
And how is Parthe? Did she  
have her Doctor?

And how did you think  
Margaret? & what Doctor is  
she going to have for Lettice?

God bless & keep you  
ever yours & Parthe's

F.

9011/109 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St      March 13/87  
Dearest Margaret    I hope that  
    Ellin is arrived to her own joy  
& yours & Lettice's - & that all  
are in good cue -

    Also: that the letter from  
Geheimrath Wagner is arrived  
about the 'case' & 'treatment'.

    I saw Mrs. Wardroper the  
day before I had the great  
happiness of seeing you - She  
told me they were *full* in  
the 'Block' for 'paying Patients'

    You know that we do not

allow our Probationers to be  
trained there - & Miss  
Crossland has not any  
connection with the paying  
Patients 'Block'.

    I am afraid it would  
hurt Mrs. Wardroper's feelings  
if *she* were not asked for  
the leave to visit it.

    The rooms there are far  
inferior I am sure, (tho' you  
know I have never seen  
them) to those at Leipzig -  
The Nursing, I hope, is better -  
tho' dear Fräulein Pauline

cannot be matched.

    The 'China'! cannot be  
compared with Leipzig!

    God bless you all:

        ever your loving

        Aunt Florence

9011/110 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St      March 15/87

Dearest Margaret    You will not  
like dear Lettice to go out  
to-day unless the fog lifts  
- perhaps not even then -

I should be sair grieved  
to miss my chance of seeing her.  
I have an appointment  
tomorrow afternoon - but  
could put it off till a later  
hour if she might come to  
me say at 3.30 or 4 if  
convenient to you & good for  
her -

I know she ought not to

walk up-stairs - Shall I come  
down into the Dining-room?  
Or would it make her feel  
nervous if two of the maids  
- they are such little bits  
of things - were to carry  
her up-stairs on their  
crossed hands? Or shall  
I borrow a chair? What  
would be the best for her?  
And may I give her  
some cocoa?  
Only a verbal answer, please

But above all I want to  
know what Sir Wm Jenner  
said about her. Yet I do  
not like to trouble you

God bless you, dearest Margaret  
F.N.

Might Nelly Owen come to  
see "Miss Ellin & Miss  
Lettice" for a few minutes  
some time? & if so what  
time? It would make her  
so happy -

I am afraid it would be a  
bustle for Lettice if she were

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to see her here -

The Eye-water you liked &

eye=glass solicit the

honour of coming to you

F.N.

9011/111 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St      March 16/87  
Dearest Margaret

Are you going tomorrow?  
I was so glad to see my little  
Lettice -

I suppose Sir W. Jenner did  
not wish her to be seen  
by an Oculist - I mean, one  
is rather glad if he did not.

Dear, blessed Margaret, I  
am sorry not to see you  
again - I grieve -

And please give my love  
to Ellin & tell her I am

sorry not to see her -

God bless you all - God  
bless you ever -

And He *will* bless you.  
ever your loving  
Aunt Florence

In coming to you,  
I am afraid Nelly Owen  
was rather late this morning -  
you know she is a little  
stolid - I could not get her  
off, tho' she had a cab -  
But I hope she did not come  
at a troublesome time -

9011/112 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

March 27/87

My dearest Pop

I am so very sorry that  
I have an appointment this  
afternoon - But as you are  
so very kind as to offer to  
come & the day now  
promises fine, I cannot  
bear to decline, if you  
could come [ - I am not  
yet up] at 4 for *half*  
*an hour* -

Wellcome Ms 9011i

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ever thy  
F.



9011/113 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

March 28/87

My dear Sir Harry

Please not to forget the  
general at dinner -  
my regretful compliments  
& why I could not see him  
on Saturday -

and now he is the General,  
he must give me his orders.  
And I await them

F.N.

9011/114 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

[2]

Mrs Scharlieb is coming  
home from Madras at once,  
broken down in health - I am  
so sorry - I am afraid it is,  
besides hard work,  
disappointment about the  
Govt. not giving a further  
grant to her Caste Hospl.  
& its consequence

ever thy F.

I wish you could give me  
better news of yourself

9011/115 incomplete letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: probably 1886}

[2]

a Dr. Richards

of Winchester

a Dr. Hampstead

Of Whitchurch

But you would have to  
kill a postman to  
reach him. but I  
suppose he has survivors

I am very sorry if you  
incline now to Arnison -  
But I will take it all  
upon myself with Whitfield  
if you like to put her off.

Arnison said that she  
"could not get off  
'honourably from Mrs. Clark",  
but that she would ask  
her, if you ~~like~~ permitted, as I  
wrote to you. *Shall* I  
tell Arnison to ask Mrs.  
Clark?

I hope your poor little  
boy is going on well, Sir  
Harry says he is -  
& 'haymakers" not  
troublesome

Thanks for flowers  
& to Mr. Morey for  
sweet brier & lemon plant

Shore & Louise & two  
girls are come home  
from a four months in  
Italy - including all the  
dear delightful small  
Umbrian & Tuscan towns,  
Gubbio, Mte. Oliveto, S.  
Gemignano, Assisi, Siena,  
& excursions in the Riviera

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God bless you  
in haste  
ever thy F.

9011/116 is MMV to Papa

9011/117 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St April 16/87

Dear Sir Harry

Will you allow me to send P. &  
you a new copy of Lord  
Shaftesbury, & ask you to keep  
it instead of the one I have -  
& let me keep *that* -

I understood from a letter of  
yours that you had read it.  
Or I would not have kept it so  
long, when Parthe was so good  
as to lend it me -

You have lent your first Vol:  
to Capt. Verney - & therefore,  
when he returns it, I will ask  
you to return *me* a Vol. *the first*  
as I have it not F.N.

Please be so very good as  
to order the greeneries  
to be sent to St. Thomas'  
by next *Friday* afternoon  
or evening - from Claydon  
F.N.

9011/118 initialed note, 1f, pen

I trust that you will make any  
use of this house that you  
possibly can.

Is Margt. quite well? I fear Lette. is  
not making quite such rapid progress  
as one wished? Leave me a word  
here tomorrow, please.

20/4/87 F.N.

9011/119 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

April 20/87

My dear Sir Harry

I hope that you will not  
come out to-day at all -

I am VERY sorry not to see  
you -

But you have a dinner-  
party to-morrow, Parthe  
tells me. And you must a  
nurse your cold, if it were  
only for that -

Harry Bonham Carter is  
now living out of town - But  
he is coming to me one

afternoon this week on  
business, preparatory to the  
Annual (Monday) Meeting at  
St. Thomas'.

He is earnestly anxious  
to see you to arrange  
with you - about the Meeting;  
& he asks if you would  
mind coming to my house  
to meet him any day  
after to-day (4 at 4.30.  
If you could fix some day  
that would be convenient to  
yourself, I would telegraph

to him at once -

Just put down the day in  
pencil

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† We have much to talk  
~~to you~~ about some day.  
God bless you  
ever yours & Parthe's  
F.

9011/120 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St      April 21/87

Dearest Pop

Will you give a message  
from me to Sir M.E. Grant Duff,  
& to Lady Grant Duff, if I may,  
saying that I did not venture  
to take up their time, on  
their (respective) returns, with  
saying all I felt & thanking  
him for sending me such  
valuable & interesting papers,  
& for the "Speeches" of Lady  
Grant Duff, so very important.

But if, when either of them

is in London, one or other  
would do me the great  
favour of making an  
appointment to see me  
some afternoon, how happy  
I should be,  
ever thy  
F.

Did not Genl. Philip Smith  
leave some message for me  
about what he would do  
for me at Aldershot?

9011/121 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

April 22/87

My dear Sir Harry

If you can go out, which I  
rejoice to hear, did you mean  
to meet Harry Bonham Carter  
here at 4.30, as was  
appointed?

Or is that bad for you?  
Would you like to see me,  
as you are good enough to  
propose, at 3.30, before  
H.B.C. comes?

{It is rather too late now -}  
Or are you going to take a  
walk?

F.N.

9011/122 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

April 24/87

My dear Sir Harry

You will not of course think  
of going to church to-day - If  
you are to leave your house  
on Thursday, or even if you are  
to have your dinner party tomorrow,  
we must nurse you up -

I was so very sorry that  
you came to me so late yesterday  
I ought to have said, as I  
did the day before: Won't 'ave it.

As for tomorrow (Monday) it  
is out of the question your  
going to the Mission Clergyman -  
The Levee, St. Thomas', your

party, it is very unfortunate -

I shall write to Bonham Carter  
that, if you can come for *half*  
*an hour* to take the Chair at  
4 o'clock at St. Thomas', it is  
all you can do - & then turn  
it over to Mr. Rathbone or Sir  
W. Bowman - May I?

I am so very sorry that you  
have all these things tomorrow -

Now take care of yourself, please  
God bless you  
F.N.

9011/123 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

April 25

{archivist: '87}

My dear Sir Harry

How are you?

Pray have Dr. Fyfe this morning to say whether  
you may go out to-day - Do not go out  
without his leave -

Our sister Airy from Cairo was on board the  
Tasmania but saved from the wreck & has  
arrived safe in England - Thank God for her!  
F.N.

Ms 9011/124 signed letter, 1f, pen Add MSS 455791 f201 (This also seems to be fair  
copy, but wording not quite the same, 45791 is also very clean copy)

London April 25 1887

My dear Sir Harry

To be utterly unable to  
come to the Meeting of our  
Probationers, old friends & new,  
grieves me sadly, & even more  
than usual - because the  
resignation of our dear  
Matron has taken place.

How can we thank her for  
all that she has done for us  
in our past of 27 years?

How many rise up & call  
her blessed. And may she  
be blessed is the earnest  
prayer of us all, & most of

Wellcome Ms 9011i

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all of her oldest friend  
Florence Nightingale



9011/125 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:380]

April 28/87

My dearest Pop      A good journey to you  
& as easy & pleasant a return to ~~you~~ Claydon as  
our Loving Father & the beautiful place can give  
you. "Il est si bon et Il s'entend si bien  
à nos affaires".

Would I could make it easier to you - I commend  
you to Him: who is Love      ever thy  
I send £1 for the 18/6 carpet      F.  
Do you remember in

Dante he says:

If Did we know every thing, the Son of Mary  
(Son of Man) need not have come -  
State contenti, umana gente, al quia,  
Che, se potuto aveste veder tutto,  
Mestier non era parturir Maria

9011/126 unsigned memorandum, 1f, pencil

Presented to Mrs. Wardroper  
on her resignation of the Matronship of  
St. Thomas' Hospital after 34 years' noble service,  
with the love by of her faithful Nightingale Probationers  
past & present  
(or) by those who have passed thro' the Nightingale  
Training School)  
mindful of & grateful for  
her 27 years of superintendence of the Training School  
which founded the improved practice of Nursing;  
& in affectionate esteem  
wishing her joy of her splendid services to the  
good Nursing cause  
& a happy retirement      1887

9011/127 signed note, 1 f., pencil

To enquire  
after Sir Harry  
& ask what train he is going by  
38 Up. Grosvenor St.  
F, Nightingale  
30/4/87

9011/128 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St.      May 4/87

My dear Sir Harry

How are you ?

I was so sorry that you had  
to-ing & fro-ing here last  
evening. I was so engaged that  
I could not speak -  
Pray do not come this morning.  
It will not be possible before  
the Bible Society.

Any time this afternoon after  
3.4.5.6 that will suit  
you for a short time? would  
you fix?

yrs

F.N.

9011/129 initialed letter, 1 f, pencil

May 5. 1887

There were four parent birds  
(starlings, I think) which I have  
watched for long flying in &  
out of the top windows of the  
belfry whose secret I have  
most carefully kept. I think  
their little ones are *hatched* (in  
the nests *inside*)

Since the ringers came this  
morning, the poor parent  
birds have not gone in, ~~They~~ Two  
are on the tree outside occasionally

Surely no one can have  
had the cruelty to take  
their nests.    F.N.

9011/130 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

.      May 5/87

My dear Sir Harry

I am glad that you are  
going home.

And it is better for your  
cough too -

My best loves; & thanks to

Parthe for the splendid screen  
I will write -

You came in here a little before  
two - & said you would write to  
me. But when Lizzie went in  
for the letter, there was only an  
Envelope directed to me with  
nothing in it. I should be sorry  
to miss a letter of yours -

God bless you. F.N.

9011/131 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:380-81]

10 South St. May 12/87

My dearest Pop How can I thank you for your letter, your birth-day letter, & for the splendour, in perfect harmony, of screen which lights up my room like a flood of sunshine - And I am so fond of birds - If only these could sing! I am so careful of them that they are shrouded in clean sheets from bed-time till about 5 p.m. the next day - I wish I *could* "come, come", but am chained like a galley slave to the oar.

Mrs. Scharlieb of Madras spent the afternoon with me yesterday. She has quite given up Madras & the poor, poor R. Victoria Hospital on account of health - & has set up making a home for her children in Park St. & supporting them by private practice of which I have no doubt she will have more than enough - But poor Madras - I never was so disappointed, O these children - She sacrifices thousands for one son - No one can fill her place at Madras. ~~S~~ Hundreds could do so in England - Her work was immense, unique - She was 'facile princeps' And now it is all over - ~~She~~

I had a ~~long~~ visit from dear Sister Airy, rescued from the Tasmania - She thanks you for your invitation, but *must* remain at home *this* month - Her account of the rescue, of the hospitality of the poor Corsicans, was the most touching, the most simple & lovely, in the midst of overwhelming seas & the thunder of waves & wind, with the soft spring wild flowers where they landed, & the glorious scenery of the snowy mountains

of Corsica down to the very cliff under which  
they struggled ashore when their boat was  
swamped - & their final conveyance in about  
30 carts, 2 days after to the fashionable chef-lieu of  
Sartene, a town clinging to the sides & top of a  
rock like the Peak of Teneriffe, surrounded  
by similar peaks covered with snow -  
And all for others & nothing for herself - *She*  
seemed lost, in helping the ship=wrecked, & children  
I must write you the whole account -  
God bless you - ever my dearest P your F.

9011/132 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. May 18/87

My dear Sir Harry

I hope that you will not do  
too much this disagreeable  
weather.

I have been asked whether  
you could attend the Court of  
Governors at St. Thomas' Hospital  
to-day at 4 o'clock. It is to  
decide our fate as to whether  
the Report, *re* Matronship, of  
the House Committee, is to be  
accepted, & whether the  
appointment is to be referred  
to ~~them~~ a Sub-Committee, that

is, the House Committee, *plus*  
2 added members -

But I do not at all press  
your attending - I am sure  
you have engagements enough.  
Would you come in here  
at to have some tea at  
5.30, or 6, or any time most  
convenient to you after 5?

ever yours affly

F.N.

9011/133 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

May 19/87

{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I don't know whether we  
have cause to be more  
concerned about your accident  
or more thankful that is  
was no worse -

The 'young man' always  
thinks himself 27 -

Thank God that you were  
not more damaged - But  
I trust that you will not do  
anything imprudent - like  
going to the Yeomanry dinner  
or the Gren: Guards dinner

Parthe I am sure, would  
not like it -

Do pray be prudent now -

I return you Canon Farrar's  
letter - You wished to have it  
again. And I have still  
two letters to return to you -  
Don't look into too many  
birds' nests. It makes the  
mother forsake - I have  
seen forsaken nests at  
Claydon - And you know  
the Countess of Desmond who

lived till she was 157,  
died from falling out of  
a pear-tree (where she  
had gone birds' nesting, I  
suppose)  
Now, thank God, thank God.

And God bless you -  
I waited for you all yesterday  
afternoon - And somehow I  
felt certain there had been  
an accident - I say again,  
thank God it was no worse -  
ever yours & Parthe's  
F.N.

9011/134 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

*John Henry Wilks*  
17 Horse Shoe Alley  
York St.  
Westminster  
formerly of the 17th. D.C.O. Lancers  
Length of Service      8¼ years -  
Service abroad      6¾ years -  
(S. Africa & India  
Age 29  
character good - Worked in the Saddler  
Shop  
now in the Reserve  
Dear Sir Harry  
This is the man they hope you  
may kindly be able to get  
into the service of horses on  
London & N.W. Railway  
F.N.  
May 24/87

9011/135 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:381-82]

10 South St. Whitsun week May 31/87

My dearest Pop I am afraid you have been very bad. As the Holy Spirit made of those cowardly quarrelling disciples, ~~brave & right judging men & women~~ at Whitsuntide, so may He make, of us, brave & right-judging men & women - But you are brave already -

Mr. Jowett has been ill - He is now in London for rest, staying incog.

Miss Jones, formerly of King's College Hospital, & who now for 20 years has had 2 houses in Kensington Square, one of which she made into an Incurables Hospital,

& a Sisterhood of her own, doing Temperance work, publishing a Temperance newspaper, District & Workhouse Visiting &c &c has had Typhoid Fever for 9 weeks, during which much has passed between us, & cannot live over the day - Of all women I have ever known, she has had the most unbounded influence over women, For she had nothing to offer them - nothing but herself, her Love & duty -

I have seen Mr. Hy Cunningham - He talked much & well - & much of you

This is the coldest May weather I ever remember. Mrs. Scharlieb has been with you, I think - She defrauded me of an appointment last Sunday week, to the very great detriment of India - for it was not for amusement but for Lady Dufferin's Fund, whose Senior Aide de Camp, Major Cooper, who came home by the wrecked Tasmania, had been with me - I don't know when I shall be able to give offer her another appointment.

I am sure you will like Justice Windeyer very much. Pray give him my kindest regards - And Mrs. Windeyer is a most active person among the East-End-ers - I believe

God bless you, my dear Pop  
ever your old  
F.N.

My kind regards to Mrs. Davidson  
& Mrs. Broadhurst

I hope Sir Harry takes his coffee at 6.30 a.m., *before* he leaves his bed, as ordered by Sir A. Clark, & Mr. Savory



9011/136 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [3:413]

June 2/87

{printed address:} 10. South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Parthe will be grieved  
to hear that Aunt Mai at  
Embley is painfully ill -  
The account this morning  
is better - But she has  
been ill since last Friday -  
And I ought to tell you -

Shore is there - but he  
too is very poorly.

I think of you & Parthe  
more than I can say.

Life *is* very difficult, as you  
often say - It grows more  
difficult as one grows older.  
But we are sure that there  
is nothing He asks us to do  
but He gives us strength to  
do it. The only thing  
is to be sure that we *are*  
doing what He asks us to do.

He does not leave us  
to fight the battle in our  
every day clothes, with a  
stick or a flail, at our  
own expence, & without  
discipline: on "nothing a day  
"& keep yourselves"

But He leads us Himself,  
fights at our head, is our  
Commander - in - Chief - under  
His orders we are: His are  
our arms: He provides us:  
He trains us - He never  
lets us go -

Only let us be faithful,  
obedient unto death, patient.  
Then love, joy, peace -

Mr. Moon did send, thanks  
to you for the poor 17th Lancer,  
to speak to their Capt.  
Warthrop, the 'Captain' of  
their 'horse'. *He* told him  
they were full at present,  
but put down his name -  
Thank you  
Miss Jones, my dear old friend,  
~~late~~ formerly of King's Coll. Hospt., died  
this morning of typhoid fever.  
after 9 weeks' illness -  
God bless you both  
ever yours & hers  
F.N.

9011/137 initialed letter, 1f, pen

June 14/87

{printed address:} 10. South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Hy Bonham Carter says  
that you have not sent him  
my letter to you, which you  
kindly read at St. Thomas'  
Annual Meeting. And you  
spoke so well.

I have Lord Dufferin's letter  
to me. Pray do not look for it

I trust that all differences  
will be merged in your  
Jubilee doings between farmers &  
labourers

Thanks to you & Parthe  
for the splendid pink &  
white May, which Maude brought  
Some day I shall beg for  
some Horse Chesnut - God bless you  
ever yours & P.s  
F.N.

[3]

It is an amazing comfort  
that they Maudie & Fred like the new  
Prince whom they went  
to meet last week at  
Dover so much -

We may envy Mr. Fred  
this great usefulness -

9011/138 signed letter, 6ff., pencil

10 South St                  June 16/87

Dearest blessed Margaret

It was indeed out of your own kindness that you wrote to me. Your letter, you will wonder at it, was so welcome, because it gave a prospect that you *will* go to Claydon - things will go right then - if you will go, it will clear up -

My poor sister, to whom you have been so blessed a daughter & are so still - It is her illness, not she that

speaks - She has as you say a mania - that most unmanageable of all manias, because she thinks she is fighting for her husband & the right - In her painful nights she goes over things till they are all exaggerated & distorted by her too lively imagination - Then come these letters which are like explosions - letting off her feelings - She does not mean what she writes.

But she is already opening

her eyes - your letter has  
enabled her to open her  
eyes & become more sane,  
more herself. I assure you  
her letter to you in return,  
which you kindly sent me,  
was meant as an 'amende  
'honorable'. You could hardly  
expect her to say more - I  
am sure that *you*, dearest  
Margaret, would not.

Sometimes I can hardly  
say anything but:  
Lord, save us, we perish

But if you go to Claydon,  
you, blessed Margaret, bring  
everything right -

I do feel so very sorry  
for Sir Harry: He writes to  
me, mentioning his great  
"sorrows" & "difficulties",  
without saying what they are.  
But I know - And sometimes  
he seems broken-hearted -

You see you are 4, (or 5  
with me), to consult & sympathize  
- he is alone - or has only me.  
Now he has not even me - For

[2]

I dare not write plainly  
[The servants see the letters  
Or perhaps he might inadver=  
=tently even show them to my  
sister] - And, while at Claydon,  
he has every body to egg  
him on.

I have only had one letter  
from my sister since she  
went to Claydon about these  
troubles there which so agitate her.  
Sir Harry was here at the  
time. I showed him the letter. And he went off  
to Claydon that very hour  
to try & set her right - tho'  
he had engagements for that

day, & two more in London.  
& parties. The spirit  
is willing but the flesh is  
weak - And then as you  
say, he writes painful letters  
himself -

Except this, I have not heard  
from them of these  
terrible catastrophes -  
But I am convinced, dear  
Margaret, as he is, that,  
please God, if you go to  
Claydon, you will bring  
all things right -

2. Everything was pacific  
when Maudie & Fred were  
there last Sunday. I was so  
thankful they went to set things right -  
Maude ~~she~~ looks so tired, & it  
is so pathetic to see her  
so perfectly calm when  
she is going to Nairn &  
he to Siam for 8 months.  
It is, it must be, a singular  
trial - And she looks like  
a composed ~~Se~~ Virgin under it  
- she going off with the **[4:503]**  
children to unknown &  
solitary regions in Scotland.  
& he on a grand tour of

the utmost importance  
~~bu~~ to treat with Oriental  
regions - really to us almost  
unknown - We never come  
really nearer to Orientals -  
The Brahmin may be veneered  
over with Locke & Milton -  
But there is the Brahmin  
underneath still - And so  
it is, I take it, with Siamese  
& Japanese as with Hindoos -  
These very people when they  
go back to their own  
countries, leap back into  
all their old grooves - **[end 4:503]**

[3]

It is an amazing comfort  
that they Maudie & Fred like the new  
Prince whom they went  
to meet last week at  
Dover so much -

We may envy Mr. Fred  
this great usefulness -

And dear Maude's  
face is more touching  
than can be imagined -

May God prosper them!  
Maudie went last evening to  
play for the Dress-makers.  
She looks about 23 - I don't  
believe she is more - But she  
is as brave as twenty lions -

3. Grief, grief, grief  
about Ellin & Lettice - But  
while Ellin's general  
health is good & Lettice's  
so much improved, I trust,  
I trust that you do not  
think very, very seriously  
about the leg & the eye -  
tho' it is grievous that  
Ellin cannot yet put her  
foot to the ground - I believe  
she lives a good deal on  
Mr. Bickersteth's yacht?  
God bless Mr. Bickersteth -

Aunt Florence's best love to  
both - & to Ruth & Harry -  
Indeed I do feel Capt. Verney's  
'long candidature' most  
wearing. I know not what  
to say about politics - I have  
never seen such a time

Administration is absolutely  
at a stand still here -  
Police & Post Office are all  
that are left. You get  
your letters sent - & you  
see the Police about. Else  
everything is merged in party

politics - & party religious  
politics, the most fiendish  
of all.

And the intermingling of  
the classes, in sympathy, not  
charity, seems farther off  
than anywhere has been before  
- at least in London -

There seems little meaning  
just now in Jubilating - tho'  
there is certainly a great  
meaning in this Jubilee -

with great love, dearest  
Margaret, ever yours

F. Nightingale

I am making copies                      Very many thanks  
of your precious Botany letter.        for the Bird -book



9011/139 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. June 21/87

My dear Sir Harry

God bless you -

How are you ?

Have you settled how you can  
go comfortably - & above all  
how you can *get away* comfortably  
from the Abbey - *luncheon* you can eat  
& *cloak & servant*?

Please do not go to the  
Abbey unless you can be  
sure of these things - but  
go to Claydon in time for  
what you wish.

God bless you

ever yours F. Nightingale

9011/140 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. June 21/87

Being in great agitation, my dear  
Sir Harry, at the idea of  
your being lost in the Abbey.  
I sent this note (enclosed) early  
to Mr. Calvert's, & found the  
bird was flown - to my  
great relief - I hope you  
will have given 500 happy  
days to-day to your people -  
& you & Parthe will not be  
too tired.

You see *Sir Douglas* Galton  
& Sir Lothian Nicholson  
in the Gazette - The first was  
really necessary - It had become  
a mania, which is now satisfied.

thanks -

*a verbal answer, please*

*To enquire*

Rt Honble

Sir Harry Verney

38 Up. Grosvenor St.

21/6/87

Please don't take a pony  
which won't stand fire  
to Aldershot. It is really  
dangerous. Or send it first  
for trial by the coachman  
a day before to Aldershot -  
I have no doubt General Philip  
would try it for you, too -  
It is unsafe for other people,  
whom you might be riding  
near, as well as for  
yourself, to ride it without  
such trial -

Please promise to send it  
with Coachman the day you receive

this -

God bless you & Parthe  
ever yours & hers

F.N.

Thank Parthe for her medal

9011/141 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

*Sir Harry Verney*

sent by your kind desire  
for you to give to Genl. Smith  
- sent open on purpose for  
you to read if you like  
F.N.

22/6/87

9011/142 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:600-01]

10 South St. June 22/87

My dear Sir Harry Your Jubilee  
day has, I doubt not, taken  
place with immense joy to all,  
as has, you will see, the London  
Jubilee. But you will also see  
that there was very near

being a terrible accident,  
owing to one horse, which  
could not stand fire, (that is  
the cheers) - poor Lord Lorne's  
when riding in the Queen's  
'Escort of Princes' - not 300  
yards after she left Buckingham  
Palace. The horse reared  
& threw him. [They had been  
obliged to tie a handkerchief  
over its eyes.] One shudders

at what might have happened.

If it had kicked, after it  
had thrown ~~for~~ its rider, in  
the midst, half a dozen Princes  
might have been severely injured,  
as Capt. Cody's Cowboy King  
was, before it could be caught.

[Ld. Lorne walked back to B.P.:  
borrowed a horse: & rode  
by himself straight to Westmr. Abbey  
- but did not again join  
the Procession]

The moral is: never take a  
horse or pony you are not  
sure of into noises or crowds  
it will not stand.

Pray lay this moral to  
heart about your pony &  
Aldershot.

To-day the children in ~~the~~ Hyde  
Park

I expect this will find  
you gone to Aldershot.

God bless you & my sister  
& keep you  
ever yours & hers  
F.N.

9011/143 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. June 23/87

My dearest Pop

I saw Sir Harry, & also  
Morey, last night - & gathered  
how triumphant a success  
you had had in barn, cricket-  
ground, lawn & every where -

Sir Harry had enjoyed  
seeing the children in Hyde  
Park & started for Aldershot  
this morning, where, I trust,  
he has had a good day -  
Aldershot is sadly interesting.

I am afraid you, my  
dearest Pop, are rather  
solitary just now - not even Morey

I hardly know what to  
tell you about the Jubilee  
here: but will try & write.

Will you think me very  
exorbitant if I ask you kindly  
to send greeneries & large  
flowers to *St. Thomas' Hospital*  
for the presentation of a  
Silver Service &c to Mrs.  
Wardroper by subscription  
on Wednesday 29th. which  
Sir Harry is going to grace  
with his presence - in  
the Nightingale Home? If

~~the flow~~ you kindly accede,  
may the hamper come on  
*Tuesday 28th.* addressed  
to *Miss Crossland*  
Nightingale Home  
St. Thomas' Hospital  
Westminster Bridge  
London S.E.

---

[Miss Crossland goes on her  
much needed holiday on  
July 18 for a month -]

Have you read Mr. Henry  
Cunningham's *Coeruleans*?  
He is a master of form -  
but where he can get the  
sentences to flow smoothly,  
as he always can, he is  
regardless of truth - &  
perfectly indifferent to the  
harm he does to every  
higher ideal -

God bless you - my dearest  
Pop - ever your  
F.

9011/144 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. June 29/87  
My dear Sir Harry

I trust you are well & not  
over-tired -

Will you kindly at St. Thomas'  
to-day express my deep  
regret that I am not able  
to be present?

What time may I expect  
you to-day?

Do you sleep at Mr.  
Calvert's? And if you do

would you kindly take tomorrow morning  
another £20 from me  
to Mr. S. Carter Hall  
who, as you know, asked for  
it to be sent "in June" -  
And I do not know in what  
state he is -  
ever yrs affly  
F.N.

9011/145 initialed letter, 1f, pen

10 South St. June 25/87  
Thank you so very much, my dear Sir  
Harry, for your account, so deeply  
interesting to me, of what Genl. Philip  
Smith's proposes to do in that  
most serious matter of the Public-houses.  
- I hope I may hear farther on of how  
& what progress it makes.

Do you know that they are  
hoping *at St. Thomas'* that *you* will  
present the 'Testimonial' to Mrs.  
Wardroper on *Wednesday 29th.*?

Hy Bonham Carter will return thanks  
for her.

I have written to ask Parthe to be so  
good as to send some Claydon big  
flowers. (& to Embley for the same) for  
the Testimonial affair to "Nightingale" Home.

Pray give my kind regards &  
*thanks* to Genl. P. Smith.

God bless you & bless Aldershot Camp  
- I hope pony behaved well. & that  
you are well. Thank you a thousand  
times. ever yours affly F.N.

9011/145 initialed letter, 1f, pen

10 South St. June 25/87

Thank you so very much, my dear Sir Harry, for your account, so deeply interesting to me, of what Genl. Philip Smith proposes to do in that most serious matter of the Public-house - I hope I may hear farther on of how & what progress it makes.

Do you know that they are hoping *at St. Thomas'* that *you* will present the 'Testimonial' to Mrs. Wardroper on *Wednesday 29th.*?

Hy Bonham Carter will return thanks for her.

I have written to ask Parthe to be so good as to send some Claydon big flowers. (& to Embley for the same) for the Testimonial affair to "Nightingale" Home.

Pray give my kind regards & *thanks* to Genl. P. Smith.

God bless you & bless Aldershot Camp - I hope pony behaved well. & that you are well. Thank you a thousand times. ever yours affly F.N.

9011/146 unsigned note, 1f, pencil

Dear Sir Harry. It is *quite* impossible for me to see any one else - My afternoon on business is heavy enough -

Do not come till 4.30 if it is better for you not - I shall not expect you

This is my hour of rest - And I can hardly write this -

{archivist: June 1887}



9011/147 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

I am most unfortunate -  
Last time I kept an afternoon  
for you - This time you told  
me you would not be up till  
after dinner-time - And I am  
engaged from 6 till 7.30 -  
& am too ill to see any one  
later - I am so *sorry*

F.N.

5/7/87

9011/148 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

July 6/87

My dear Sir Harry I was  
so very sorry not to see you  
yesterday - I *could* have  
saved my afternoon for you  
had I known you were  
coming before night.

Pray do not work too hard  
to-day.

2.

You & Parthe are very good  
in wishing me to come to  
Claydon this week -  
and at the same time you  
wishing me to have Mr.

Richmond here - Both are  
I fear impossible. I have  
been in bed nearly a week  
& crowded with business -  
And coming to Claydon on  
Friday, as P. proposes,  
& seeing the Probationers  
*next day* is of course  
impossible for such an  
Invalid as I.

If I knew *when* dear  
Margaret was coming to  
Claydon I could more  
easily shape my plans as  
your kindness suggests.

3. *Mr. Carter Hall*. How  
can I find out whether he  
is alive or whether he is  
'compos' before *sending* the  
£20 he asked for "to come  
"in June"?

One does not want an  
answer by a servant -  
Poor man!

God bless you & Parthe.  
ever yours & hers  
F.N.

By what train to you  
return to Claydon  
tomorrow?

9011/149 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

6/7/87

Mr. S. Carter Hall  
24 Stanford St.  
Kensington  
W

(in 1886 Directory)

[He is not in "Court Guide" at  
all]

Thank you very much -

Yes: I would keep tomorrow  
morning open for you if you  
wished it.

But don't overfatigue yourself  
God bless you F.N.

9011/150 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.

July 9/87

My dearest Pop I will come,  
if you please, according to your  
kind invitation - I have been  
quite unable to come before -  
on Friday or Saturday, 15th. or 16th.  
if it is quite convenient - & stay  
about a month, if quite convenient

But the thing which first  
& foremost presses on my  
mind now: have you a  
Nurse from the London  
Homoeopathic? And If so  
how do you like her?

You asked me kindly to  
come to the Probationers' feast -

And you told me to have  
Mr. Richmond in London.  
I was actually so good as  
to let him appoint himself  
to-day. And then he had a  
head-ache & cannot come  
& puts himself off till  
Tuesday, which obliges me  
to put off poor Mrs. Wardroper  
till Thursday - & my

departure till Saturday -  
I am lost in admiration  
at my own goodness in  
giving Mr. Richmond a sitting -

I thought Sir Harry looking  
rather tired.

May God bless you both  
ever your  
F.

9011/151 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

July 14/87  
{printed address:] 10. South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dearest Pop

Many thanks. I trust  
indeed to come in a day or  
two - Will telegraph -

Hope the Nurse is doing well  
ever your  
Flo

9011/152 signed letter, 4ff, pencil

Claydon July 21/87

*Private*

Dearest Margaret Thank you  
very much for your kind note,  
which is just what I wanted -  
I can quite well stay here  
till "over" the "first days in  
"September". I am so very  
glad that dear Ellin should  
stay at Rhoscolyn thro' August.  
And It is delicious to hear of  
you barefoot with Ruth & Harry  
paddling in bogs after flowers,  
& free from "visitors" & "duties".  
& dear Lettice, I hope, better  
altogether.  
& you going to Manchester with  
I trust, an easy mind -

After the "first days in  
"September", I must go back  
to London, because we change  
Matrons at St. Thomas' in  
September's first week -

But I want most to say  
a word about Maude. She  
& Mr. Fred are both heroic  
about this Great Expedition  
- a most excellent thing to do -  
But "les peines du départ  
"sont pour ceux qui restent" -  
And she will feel the  
re-action when he is gone -  
The thing she needs most is  
to be with you - She said to me:

"I've only seen Margy for  
one week during a whole year"

There is no harm in my laying  
the thing before *you*, tho' otherwise  
it is dangerous planning for other  
people -

Maude, as you know, is  
coming here next Monday till  
August 16 - then to you till 24th.

She says to me that she  
stays here these 3 weeks,  
principally to cover the "functions" -  
(because, F.N. supposes, there was  
a bit of an uproar last year  
about her *not* staying for a  
"function")

Kind Sir Harry says over &

over again, quite unprompted:

"We want Maudie to do  
just what she likes best".

My sister says, quite unprompted:

"We shall most likely have  
this year ~~out~~ those two functions  
only on August 1 both"

I know how "functions" crop up  
- but I think if Maude chose  
to go to you after the first few  
days of August, all would be  
quiet here - And she is so  
anxious to get the children,  
especially Ralph, to sea -  
- bathing & bracing air as soon  
In August as possible -

You will know much better  
than I what *is* best for her.

[2]

But she is so calm that I  
fear the 'under-swell'  
The atmosphere here is 'all  
'serene', thank God for it.  
But there ~~is~~ will be no protecting  
her from constant little 'skits'  
against Nairn & perhaps  
more - harmless but less so  
to her, very much tired &  
overwrought -

Now I have humbly said  
my say to you, dearest  
Margaret. Trouble not to  
answer about *this*

I am here, as you see -  
brought here by a concatenation  
which I will not trouble you  
with, just as we were getting  
something done or beginning  
to get something done at the  
India Office -

God bless you all -  
Great love to you all -  
ever yours lovingly &  
overflowingly

F. Nightingale

I hope that Maude will  
not have a dreary winter:  
she is so brave.

To add re Maude

9011/153 1 initialed letter, 2ff, 1 incomplete signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Claydon July 31/87

Dearest Margaret Thank you very much for  
your delightful letter -

Maude is certainly the 8th. Wonder of the World. She  
came here on Monday, as you know, mentally tired but  
as calm & like a girl of 16, except in maturity of  
wisdom, in her pretty white frock -  
with her 3 children.... - their eldest sister  
interrupted

[2]

2. I am sure they are expecting you here with great  
delight (after Manchester). Do not disappoint  
them -

We hear of dear Ellin's transfer in September  
to Miss Buss' - May all good attend her.

And we hear that Rhianva is let -  
You may be sure Ellin's future at Hampstead  
excites much & intense interest here -

To-morrow is Bank Holiday & two 'functions' here.

3. You are so very good as to ask after Nelly Owen - [1:799]



She is to have a holiday & to go home for a fortnight this week -

She is as good as gold. But I am almost glad to hear of her "slowness" before coming to me. I was afraid it was our fault. It is not only slowness but denseness & indifference. She did not even care to go home. I was obliged to press it.

She is now in perfect health -[she was not when she first came -]

But there are only two things I can get a rise out of her for: 1. her dead father

2. Miss Ellin & Miss Lettice

It is quite beautiful how her face lights up then.

The difficulty of getting her to take a walk in the park - or to dress for tea - or to care about Church or Class - or to make progress in cooking - she cooks & then falls back. she had rather grub all day & all evening in the scullery - or to read or make her own pretty frock -

Of course a great deal of this must be her our fault. **[end 1:799]**

My kind regards to Mrs. Thomas, now Mrs. Evans

34 - Might I ask for Mrs. Norris

(late Miss Williams of St. Mary's Hospital)

a letter or letters from Capt. Verney's kindness from to the Surgical Aid Socy. for an artificial leg for a poor man in whom she is interested for whom she can only get 14 letters out of 30 needed.

Love to all

in great haste ever yours F.N.

[3]

I do so grieve & sympathize  
with Maude & Mr. Fred.  
There never was so strange a  
trial as this: after they  
had screwed themselves up  
to Siam where it was so  
right that ~~they~~ he should go-

They both will feel it so  
deeply  
she at Nairn  
& he in London without a  
house -

But it shows how much Mr.  
Fred is wanted & appreciated  
by this Siamese Legation  
which he has as it were  
created -

& Ralph & Gwendolen  
really *must* have, I suppose,  
a long spell at the sea -  
And dear Maude herself  
needs quiet.  
My best love to her. And  
very, very, very many  
thanks for her dear letter  
received this morning -

Aunt Florence's love to all  
yours. I delight in hearing  
of Lettice milking &c  
Grandpapa is reconciled to  
Ellin going to School -  
I am so glad *you* have a  
rest. May I send Aunt  
Florence's love to Capt. Verney?  
God bless you all.

in haste  
ever your loving  
F. Nightingale

9011/154 Gwyneth has integrated the text of this letter with that of /153  
Perhaps she judged them to be incorrectly numbered.

9011/155 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. August 4/87

My dear Sir Harry

I am quite delighted  
that you mean to keep  
"quiet". I hear of Sir Harry  
at all the flower-shows &  
matches in the country, all  
the Bazaars, all the Buckinghams  
But I suppose that is another  
Sir Harry. also at all  
the prize-givings to Yeomanry  
- I suppose that was your  
double -

What does Commandg. Officer  
Morey say?

I had a long conversation  
with my dear St. Philip  
last night, who came in  
unexpected - How wise,  
how good he is about his  
men -

As for Mr. Burdett's request  
for my sitting for my photograph,  
you will readily have  
supposed that it is quite  
impossible. If another  
argument is wanted, I  
refuse every week dearest  
friends & important men -  
yesterday I refused two -  
With what face could I

give a sitting to a pushing  
man like Burdett?  
Parthe will tell you that I  
have never sat or stood for  
my Photograph, since 1857,  
when I did it by the Queen's  
desire. except when your  
son George took me with  
the Nurses at Claydon -  
I am sure you will approve  
me when I say that except  
for the Brit. Nurses' Association  
(Pss. Christian's), the last,  
that is the *penultimate* on  
person I should sit for would  
be: *Mr. Burdett* -

I have seen Hy Bonham  
Carter since he returned  
from Norway - He is *very*  
*much* pulled down by his severe  
accident & confesses himself so -  
He looks wretchedly. I spare  
him all the anxiety I can - But I  
told him the story of the British  
Nurses' Ass: & its last feats as  
the greatest joke I know - *not*  
in its worst light - Burdett followed,  
I could not help it - and he,  
Bonham Carter, said, without any  
'fuss', that Burdett has no authority  
of any kind from him nor the  
shadow of an excuse for pressing  
himself on you - ~~He always advises~~  
~~me to have nothing to do with him~~  
God bless you - ever yours & Parthe's  
F.N.

9011/156 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Dearest Margaret I beg your pardon for {archivist ?July 1887}  
being cut short in my account of Maude - {printed diagonally:} Telegraph,  
& writing you such a long scrabble about Nelly Owen "Steeple" Claydon, Bucks.  
& other things -

I do think Maude will be with you on Monday -  
She has been working hard here, but declares herself  
perfectly well, tho' she was not well on Sunday - I  
never saw anything like her composure, because it is not  
a struggle after composure or the semblance of {printed address:} Claydon House  
composure. But it is a real strength deep, deep down Winslow  
House

And she looks so pretty & so young - Of course the  
Bucks

uncertainly about Mr. Fred's plans must be intensely  
4/87

Aug

trying. And the news of the wave which struck the Umbria  
on her way out startling. And she/Maude has not had one real

day's rest since she came. On Tuesday the day after  
her arrival she had to see her enemies at Buckingham  
flower-show & then Girls' Friendly - On Wednesday Bazaar at  
Grantboro' -

Thursday. servants' picnic at Finemoor - Friday, something.  
On Saturday London & Dentist

Monday Bank Holiday 1000 people here  
most successful

Tuesday ditto ditto at Baron Rothschild's

Wednesday - something

to-day Thursday Dr. Monk's

I never saw children so obedient or so helpful -  
And Gwendolyn's face bears premature cares of motherhood  
for Kathleen -

Still I think teaching Ralph & Gwendolyne tires Maude -

In short tho' we shall miss her sore, yet peace with  
you will be the best for her - And Sir H. & my sister are willing  
for *her* sake to *lose* her -

It will be better for both her & Mr. Fred, now they are  
screwed up to it, that he should compass Siam -  
{word off the edge of the paper} t alone the good to Siam -

May God bless them both wherever they go -

I cannot help seeing that Sir Harry is aged. He

"With what intense desire he *wants* his home"

his daughters in law,

especially in the evening.

How terrible & how lovely is this world.

The Jubilee; & on the same day as the Naval Review  
our nearest province, Ireland, "proclaimed" in every  
county -

2. Nelly Owen is gone home - I ventured to write you such a long rigmarole about her, because I thought Mrs. Thomas (Evans) might help me - She is certainly very wilful - but so steady - she never wants to go anywhere - She has so much less religious advantages with me than at home that I tried hard to find a Weekly class & a Church she would like. But she likes nothing - except a Church I left because none of them liked it. Then she never read ~~Sometimes~~ Yet she generally brightens up when we have our little talks. But she looks like a woman of 40. Perhaps Mrs. Evans might make her talk & make her grow.

3. Don't please trouble Capt. Verney about the letter for Surgical Aid Socy. for Miss Williams (Mrs Norris) if you think it better not. I did not approve of troubling him  
God bless you all - ever your loving F. Nightingale

9011/157 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Aug 7/87

My dear Sir Harry

Do men gather grapes of  
thorns or figs from thistles?

Certainly I have not gathered  
grapes or figs from the thorns  
of Covent Gardens, tho' I paid  
for them beforehand.

But if you & Parthe wish to  
give Maude fruit for the hot  
journey, I am certain to be  
able to pay you back  
tomorrow, for my parcel  
must be somewhere on the  
road - & may very likely  
appear just after Maude & childer  
drive off - F.

9011/158 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

{written in response on a note from HV re bishop of Saskatchewan is here. He knows a great deal about his own diocese and all Canada where he has been 20 years and but emigration. Wd you like to see him?

Dear Sir Harry I should  
esteem it the greatest favour  
to see the Bishop of Saskatchewan  
But for me it is alas! quite

impossible - most especially  
in the morning - I have not  
been up 5 times, as you know  
in the last 5 months. And  
I am quite 'hors de combat'  
after the journey - unhappily  
It for me -

F.N.

I am particularly interested  
about Canada Emigration  
but have no active connection  
with it - have too much  
to do already, I am sorry -

9011/159 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil [3:511-12]

*Private* Claydon Aug 16/87

*Burn*

Dearest Margaret

Only a line to keep you 'au fait'  
of what is passing about the  
important succession at Grandboro  
(-poor, poor Mrs. Newcombe -)

So fortunate that Sir Harry  
wrote to you & Capt. Verney  
so fortunate that he wrote  
to Mr. Stubbs to recommend  
some one -

so thankful that Mr. Greene  
is not here

so thankful that Dean  
Fremantle is at sea -

[A man has written to him Sir H.V.  
from Leeds  
asking for Grandboro



who says that he is recommended by Dean F.]

Sir Harry did write to Mr. Harry Grey who sent him this morning a List of names - & among them, *not* recommending him (for he *recommended* a Mr. ? Hannard, of Brenchley, Staplehurst) but *mentioning* Mr. Maitland, thus; "you know him." And Sir Harry wrote off to Mr. Maitland offering him the living - I was just in time to stop the letter being sent to the post. Possibly you may like Mr. Maitland. But certainly it was not desirable to give it away the living without waiting for your answer & Mr. Stubbs' -

This is all I can tell you - but I am afraid that the living will somehow get given away: if your Answer & Mr. Stubbs' do not come to-morrow or next day. And I trust that you *have* some *one* or two to three to recommend whom you really wish for, approve & think fit -

I am on tenterhooks till your ~~letter~~ answer comes; because it is a mere accident if a letter is not written & posted here which cannot afterwards be recalled by Telegram -

[He Sir Harry *is* so kind - / don't think him well - But then people always say, & I hope they are right, that I don't see him at his best]

The thing is, is it not? to have a ~~man~~ clergyman who knows & sympathizes with farmers and labourers, who cares for the questions of the day about them, & cares intelligently - who will take Counsel with them & influence them as a friend - I pray that this affair may be successfully settled

Zealous clergymen now-a-days are all for towns & not for country or agriculturals - & are generally High Church

9011/160 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Aug 17/87 **[16:883]**

I wrote to the Grand Duchess yesterday  
about the plans not having arrived.  
And now this morning they are come.

Shall I telegraph?

It will do at 3 o'clock, I think?

I am glad I wrote before the plans came;  
they are hopelessly bad. No Englishman  
would look at them

What shall I do? F. **[end]**

Do you mean by "lead pencils" my white pencil  
with leads? They are Lund's Patent.,  
Pencil with Lund's Patent Leads, sold by any  
Stationer - But I have mine made on purpose  
for me, long & of ivory - And I use *not*  
the "pure Cumberland" leads but the "Composition"  
leads

9011/161 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: 22 Aug ? '87}

I have been so sorry  
my dearest Pop not to see  
you to-day but hope that  
tomorrow will make up -

No doubt you have been  
so good as to order Mrs.  
Green's soup & brandy for  
to-night. & also her  
sandwiches for tomorrow morn  
She goes between 8 and 9,  
a.m. & does not get in  
till 7.30 p.m., as you know -  
Fare you very well tonight.  
your loving F. Aug 22

9011/162 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Claydon Aug 22/87

Dearest Margaret I have a dread feeling of \*for  
\*Maude leaving you on Wednesday - with all  
this anxiety & uncertainty about Mr. Fred.  
My very best love to her & the children - Aunt Florence's  
very, very best loving love

**[3:513-14]**

*Private*

As to Grandboro', we are so far - viz that my clergy agrees  
- there have been several dozens of applications - that  
Mr. Stubbs' man (Mr. Warner) & Mr. Hanning (Mr. Grey's first  
on the list) are the only ones worth thinking of -

I have been commissioned to write to a lady I know  
living at Brenchley to enquire about Mr. Hanning -

And Sir Harry has written to Mr. Warner's old  
Vicar at Greenwich, mentioned by Mr. Stubbs -  
Neither has yet answered

Sir Harry volunteered to tell me that he  
had not written to Dean Fremantle or to Mr. Greene  
for advice - And I saw a nice feeling letter  
from Mr. Greene about Mrs. Newcombe's loss  
but giving no advice at all about a Successor -  
So far the Gods have favoured us -

Sir Harry means to go over to Brenchley in Kent  
to see Mr. Hanning - & to have Mr. Stubbs' man  
(Mr. Warner) over here from Devonshire

Sir Harry has had the Grandboro' churchwarden  
over here - & read the letters about the two to him

If Sir H. knew the cold water that goes down my  
back as every day we talk -

But I hope we may be justified in saying:  
so far so good But there is many a pit-fall  
Poor Mrs. Newcombe is coming here to-day.

I hope that you think Maude pretty well -  
& the children stronger -

I am obliged to leave off - My heart is full of  
you all - ever with dear Love to you all

your loving  
F. Nightingale

9011/163 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

{printed address:}Telegraph,  
"Steeple" Claydon, Bucks.

Dearest Margaret

I am sure it must have done Maude  
worlds of good to be with you - And one does  
hope that her Nairn enterprise will give her a  
good that will reward her for her most trying  
post: cut in two -

Thank you a thousand times for all {written vertically} Aug 25/87  
the trouble you & Miss Wynne have so {printed address:} Claydon House,  
kindly taken about Shell & Sea-side Winslow,  
books - & also Stanford has sent me Bucks.  
a good List - I will write about these  
again

[3:514]

*Burn*

A Telegram was sent off to Mr. Stubbs this morning  
telling him to send Mr. Warner here -

And this afternoon a letter offering Mr. Warner the  
living was written to him -

Whether it will be posted or not Heaven alone  
can tell.

Mr. Calvert comes tomorrow - And if it is not  
posted to-day I believe it never will be.

The letter itself is a panegyric by kind Sir Harry  
of Dean Fremantle & Mr. Greene - & I really  
believe was an 'amende honorable' *in his heart*  
for doing this thing without their advice -

I cannot describe the to-ings & fro-ings -  
If God brings it to pass it would be too long  
it will be like a miracle - & troublesome to you -

Best of love to all yours - Ellin & Lettice & Ruth  
& Harry - dear souls -

in haste your ever loving

F. Nightingale

9011/164 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Aug 25

My dear Sir Harry {archivist: 1887}

Did you telegraph to the clergyman at  
Greenwich yesterday as you wished?

If not, kindly send me the package of letters  
for the address -

And I will send you down the Telegram ready  
written for your approval

Parthe is sending to the Telegraph Office.

F.

9011/165 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

Aug 27/87

My dear Sir Harry

By some unaccountable blunder somewhere  
the kind invitation you & Parthe addressed to the  
Whatstandwell Coffee- room Deputation did not  
reach them [I wrote & posted it last Saturday or Sunday]  
till Thursday - They say consequently they cannot  
come *here* - a great disappointment - but must  
come to me *in London* - Peacock, the Manager,  
a capital man, tho' not ~~highly~~ well educated, is to be  
one of the Deputation, which makes me the more

9011/166 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Aug 30/87

My dearest Pop

I am afraid it is rather inconvenient to you  
these good Whatstandwell people coming *to-day*  
at 5.18 Claydon Station -

Their names are

Mr. Iveson, C.E. Secy. to Coffee Rooms

E. Crosland "Artist" (doubtless of the 'picture')

Hy. Sibley Butler to the Miss Hurts

probably

W. Peacock the Manager

no

(no quarry men, I am sorry to say)  
I suppose I must see the whole four as soon  
as they arrive for the "Presentation" -  
And then after a moment for rest  
have the manager for a good long talk -  
Your feastings for them!  
ever your F.  
so sorry you have had such a poor night.

9011/167 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Aug 30/{archivist: 1887}

My dear Sir Harry

I am afraid this is rather  
inconvenient to you  
Would you show the List  
to Mr. Morey  
& when Parthe wakes  
to her.

Your great kindness is  
appreciated

F.

The Miss Hurts are most  
faithful supporters of the  
Coffee room -

Coming *to-day* from *Whatstandwell* Aug 30/87  
to reach Claydon Station 5.18 p.m.

Mr. Iveson C.E. Secy. to Coffee-room

E. Crosland "Artist"

Hy Sibley Butler to Miss Hurts

W. Peacock Manager of Coffee room

by Sir Harry Verney's  
kind invitation

9011/168 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Sir Harry

I think if the Whatstandwell folk are coming  
about 7, the "Presentation " had better take place  
directly - And then I might have some talk  
with Mr. Peacock alone till 8 -  
But if they want food before 8, I think I  
must put off my talk with him till  
tomorrow

What do you think? F {archivist: Aug 87}

9011/169 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist:? Aug '87} [5:327]

Many thanks for this *most*  
interesting letter -  
How pitiful & how terrible the state  
of Ireland in these 'Jubilee' days of  
ours!

But I must turn away -  
My dear, is it not rather alarming  
about the 130 "tall" lions, "bred" in  
Dublin? They are not all wanted  
for home consumption in Dublin,  
are they? Do you think the  
English "aristocracy" buy them?  
The 'rank & fashion' of England  
don't have a carriage *lion* to  
go out with the carriage, do  
they?, as we used to have a  
dog to go out with the carriage

F



9011/170 signed letter, 3ff, pencil

Claydon Sept 2/87

6 a.m.

Dearest Margaret

My mind has been intent  
upon one of the most valuable  
letters ever written - & not  
only upon Botany - ever  
since you wrote it to me  
from Leipzig. I cannot  
bear to drop it - [You know  
no one could write such  
a book on plants & on  
birds as you if you had  
but the time]

I spoke to a member of the  
Education Office on the  
idiotic way we teach Botany

to children. And he too was  
fired about it. And I  
read him the part of your  
letter which you now see -  
But I had no time to  
make copies of it. Would  
you object to my printing  
it, as I now enclose -  
simply as a copying machine,  
& having perhaps 12 copies  
thus of it? Your little  
sketch of 3 & 3 will be  
lithographed, & put in  
the blank space, p. 2 of  
the printed leaflet.

[In the winter an Anglo  
Indian showed me a very  
small book of his out of print on  
plants in Bengal - the only  
approach to your system  
I have ever seen - And  
we have had 'pour parlers'  
with Cassell about it  
for my Anglo-Indian to do  
English plants - He is a  
Professor at the Calcutta  
University &c &c

But my object now is  
if we *could* introduce  
*something* of your system

into Elementary Schools here

O that you were a  
Professor!

I trust you will not  
object to my little leaflet.

Could you kindly let me  
know by return of post  
with any remarks?  
as I am not remaining  
here -

ever dearest Margaret

Your loving

F. Nightingale

[2]

Dearest Margaret - I shall  
not see you & the dear  
children & Capt. Verney  
here - To all, my best love -  
I am obliged to return to  
London on Tuesday -  
[We are so very busy at  
St. Thomas' & the India  
Office]. Please *not* to tell Sir Harry

Pray for us that God  
may prosper our work -  
which *is* His - or make  
it His.

Love, love, love to you & the  
children F.N.

I am so

Wellcome Ms 9011i

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May 2012

very anxious to know how  
dear Ellin prospers at  
Miss Buss's - & how  
Lettice goes on.  
F.N.

9011/171 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Sunday 4/9/87

My dearest Pop      If Mr. Richmond could come tomorrow (but no doubt he is engaged) & I give him a sitting in the afternoon, & then on Tuesday morning or rather Tuesday noon, I would go by the 10.28 train on Wednesday morning -

This is if you wish ~~it~~ very much for the sitting - But this is a very great hurry for me - And I shall have to begin a terrible piece of India work almost as soon as I arrive, whereas I ought to rest for a week -              your F.

9011/172 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil      [3:514-15]

Sept. 5/87

{printed address:} Telegraph Claydon House,  
"Steeple" Claydon. Bucks.      Winslow,  
            *Burn*              Bucks,

You will hear that Mr. Stubbs' man, Mr. Warner, has declined Grandboro', on the ground that he ought not to leave his present 'people' whom he found 'much neglected' till they were 'further advanced' -

This is a real calamity; for it took worlds to bring it to the point of offering it him - I can only suggest to you that Sir H. should consult Mr. Stubbs again

About Mr. Grey's man, Mr. Hanning, of Brenchley, I wrote by Sir H.'s desire to a friend of mine there, who, tho' Evangelical, is a most clever & conscientious woman - And she wrote the most careful character of him which convinced both (Sir H. & P.) that he was very "ordinary" tho' an "Evangelical" -

I mention this, in order that

Wellcome Ms 9011i

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they may not go back to him -

There is another - a much

older man - mentioned by  
Mr. Grey - at Clapham, whom  
they wrote to Miss Marianne  
Thornton about - I saw her  
answer - He is of the "old"  
"Clapham School" of "Evangelicals"  
He would not do here - But  
they do not think so, I am  
afraid.

Sir H., dear kind Sir H.,  
distresses himself as much at  
every fresh application as if  
he were refusing the Archangel  
Gabriel - whereas most of  
them are in themselves reason for

refusing them - One wants  
the living to cure his Rheumatism  
One because he is a Senior  
Op. And so on -

Mr. Greene "thinks" that Sir H.  
does not appoint Mr. Jameson!  
or Mr. Chadwick for fear  
of depriving him of a  
valuable curate! sic -

I am going away - I can only  
suggest to you - Let Mr.  
Stubbs be consulted again -  
His was almost the only letter worth  
anything -

God speed you  
Mr. Stopford Brooke has written  
recommending a young man, an old curate  
{written vertically on the edge of the page}  
of his, now at Tamworth - a good recommendn. -

9011/173 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:662]

Claydon  
*Most* Sept. 5/87  
*Private*

Dearest Margaret

Many thanks for the Proof -

It is quite impossible that  
you should do otherwise, of  
course, than go to the "Liberal  
Brotherhood's" Meeting & tea -  
Sir Harry means to go  
himself - [& wishes to have the  
"copper" put in order  
& to give "milk". The first  
I believe cannot be done  
The second I am afraid  
will not be done]

But I trust in God that  
you will not find ~~the~~ all the  
difficulty ~~you expect~~ we expected here -  
Last night she asked me  
to pray for her that she  
might ~~have~~ be guided  
~~in~~right in these difficult  
circumstances - or some  
words to that effect. And  
I knew that she meant to  
pray for wisdom & love.  
She never said anything  
at all like it before -  
And I never expected to  
live to hear her say it

God is so good that I  
think He must grant our  
prayer - "I will", He says.

And I know that on your  
side it will be all  
love & forbearance -

Will you, dearest Margaret,  
write to me in London  
how it fares about Mr.  
Stubbs' Mr. Warner?

I stay here till Wednesday

morning at her special  
desire - But I hope your  
rooms will be made quite ready  
for you here -

She has a bad cough,  
owing I am afraid to  
rainy carriage drives -  
but is wonderfully lively -  
God keep her -  
God bless you all - And  
He *will* -  
ever your loving & grateful  
F. Nightingale



9011/174 initialed letter, 5ff, pencil [1:383-84]

10 South St     Sept 10/87

My dearest Pop     Many thanks -

I am as well as 'could be  
'expected' after leaving Claydon.

It looked so transcendently  
lovely with the sun breaking out  
after the rain as I stood &  
saw & listened out of my East  
window for the last time - &  
all the birds were singing a low  
song of love & joy -

And I blew two kisses in at  
your dear door as I passed down  
stairs.

We came into the dusty foliage  
of London in a N.E. wind -  
But the leaves are still thick

But I have been seized,  
bound hand & foot & immersed  
in Indian business ever since  
the moment of my return -  
I am so pleased that you are  
pleased with Mr. Richmond's  
picture - I was so afraid - &  
that there would be 'Love's  
'Labour Lost'

Then people do so ask for  
photographs

I had a letter from Mr. Peacock  
of Whatstandwell, full of  
gratitude to you & Sir Harry,  
as well they might be - I am

sure you have put new life  
into them -

Some splendid Tritomas now  
adorn my room -

And I did not tell you, I forgot,  
that I bought a Brisket, & Mrs.  
Broadhurst cooked it for me -  
this as a pattern for here.

We are in all sorts of  
breathlessnesses here - You  
would see that Sir John Gorst

moved the Budget last night  
of a fifth part of the population  
of the globe - & this trifling matter  
attracted a house which was  
all but counted out. What must

India think of us?

Sir J. Gorst is ill - & our  
business hangs fire -

Indian finance is in a  
desperate condition - aggravated  
by the capture of Burma, of  
course - an awful expenditure -  
Ld. Dufferin is 'disappointing' -  
so say people. **[end 1:383]**

I do trust Grandboro' will be  
settled to your satisfaction -

Poor Mrs. Newcombe - what  
a support you are to her -

Would that your cough  
were better -

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*Mrs. Robertson* Sept. 10/87

**[1:383-84] [6:653-54]**

I could not feel satisfied  
without writing to Dr. Benson  
the morning I left Claydon -  
And he replied with what  
I thought a very sensible view of  
her case - But one cannot  
judge without more enquiry -

And you think she ought  
to see some one in London,  
in which I dare say you are  
right.

Mr. Croft, to whom I would  
gladly have sent her, is out  
of London till end of month.

But there are two men, both

in London, who take the places  
of the great men at St.  
Thomas' when away on holiday,  
in whom we have the most  
implicit confidence - Both are  
good. She will probably  
like the married man the  
best.

I could not send her as an  
Out-Patient to St. Thomas' in  
any case - 'Them's my sentiments'.  
But I would gladly send her  
to either of these men she likes  
-both live near here -  
& pay the fee -

Either will of course order  
her a Truss with pad - And  
she will go to Spratt's & be  
fitted. It is not a difficult case,  
I believe -

I wish I had some woman  
to send with her, but I have  
no one who is knowledge-able

However all three men are  
entirely to be trusted - as much  
so as Mr. Croft. Only I am  
fond of his excessive  
carefulness - And Spratt has a Sister  
- who fits women -  
Mrs. Robertson is exceedingly  
obliged to you for your kind  
offer of a bed at No. 4 -

She will come up on the  
19th - if you will kindly  
give orders - And she  
will have her meals here -

The two men we recommend  
are (I have enquired at  
St. Thomas')

Mr. Pitts &  
Mr. Makins [Mr. M.  
married Mrs. Fellowes]  
if she would say which she  
would like best -  
Mr. Pitts is perhaps rather the  
cleverer. But both are safe men.

If she would also say what  
train she comes by on the 19th  
F.N.

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My dear, I don't like to  
trouble you about Mrs.  
Robertson -

But perhaps the enclosed  
sheet, p. 2, will explain the  
thing & might be sent in  
to her just as it is -

She will then say what  
she wishes -

My dearest love to all  
your people dear -

God bless you - I never  
forget to pray Him with all  
my heart for my Pop  
ever my Pop your F.

**[end 6:654]**

9011/175 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St Sept 13/87

My dearest Pop

Thank you for your note  
about Mrs. Robertson -

Let her let me know as  
soon as possible what time  
she will be in London on  
Monday.

You know I *must* make this week  
an appointment for her at  
Mr. Makins' own house - and  
BEFORE one or two o'clock.  
He may very likely appoint  
10 or 11 a.m. on Tuesday  
or Monday

[In the afternoon these Doctors  
are all visiting their Hospitals

or and their private Patients at  
their own homes.]

He will then ~~satell~~ her  
what sort of a Truss & Pad  
she is to have - & whether  
at Spratt's.

She will then to go to Spratt's  
to be fitted: or elsewhere.

It We always reckon *two*  
or *three* times of fitting  
before the Truss really fits.

Or it only ends in the  
Patient being miserable &  
having to *come up to London*  
*again* to have the Truss altered.

This is the usual course of  
things -

Let her then not *fix* to be  
only "one night" at South  
St.

I should think the smallest  
time would be:

Tuesday morning: Makins

" day: Spratt  
or \_\_\_\_

Wednesday morning Spratt  
:  
or \_\_\_\_

[Miss Spratt will  
probably come to *her*  
after the *first* fitting.]

I don't think she *can* come  
up by any train on *Monday*  
early enough to see Mr.  
Makins *that* day.

But *please* let her tell me *this* week  
~~me~~ *as soon as possible*  
what *morning* appointment  
to make with Mr. Makins -

He *might* be called out of town.  
[And she must be careful  
not to strain *or hurry*  
herself or lift any thing  
till she is properly fitted  
with her pad.]x

I should tell Mr. Makins what the case  
is. I *have* Mr. Benson's letter.

You do not tell me about  
your cough -

God bless you & Sir Harry  
& you all -

ever yours & his  
F.N.

x The Truss might  
even have to be made -

9011/176 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Sept 17/87

{printed address:} 10, South Street.  
Park Lane. W.

My dearest Pop

Thanks for your letter -  
And thanks for Sir Harry's -

As Mrs. Robertson will  
not come on Monday, I  
have made an appointment  
for her with Mr. Makins  
at *12 noon* on Tuesday

She must come here  
first to refresh

[It is quite vain to go  
during "consulting hours" to a  
Doctor without an appointment

You wait 3 hours - & then  
if you ask a servant he  
says: Oh Master's been  
gone out this hour - &  
won't be back till 8 tonight  
I enclose a note to her  
with all directions - which  
please have sent in to  
her *at once* - I trouble  
you with it, because I  
don't know whether *their*  
letters are fetched on *Sunday*.



Miss Pringle arrived last  
night. And I am thankful  
to say that every Sister,  
Nurse & Probationer  
contributed a flower or  
something to bid her  
welcome - It was quite a  
success - And I was very anxious.

I have had much Indian  
business before Ministers  
separated. Lord X left  
London last night -

So you may imagine  
how busy we are.

There was a 'orrid fog  
this morning -

Shore has sent me  
heather - of which I gave  
half to Miss Pringle  
Many, many thanks for  
your beautiful grapes -

God bless you all

& love to all -

ever yours & his

F.N.

9011/177 initialed letter, 5ff, pencil

10 South St     Sept 18/87

Dearest Margaret

Thank you so much for your letters. [You were quite right: the enclosure you were so good as to send was meant for waste paper - But I was particularly grateful to it, for it brought me another letter from you]

I fear - I *know* that you had an anxious time of it - parting with dear Ellin for Miss Buss - But I hope all was as satisfactory as it could be - & she pretty

well & cheerful - I am sure, as you decided it, it must be the best. But it must have been a great wrench - God bless her - I hope you have good reports, tho' it is only 4 days ago - And dear Lettice, how is she?

She cannot milk cows now - so good for her, that blessed cow-

And Ruth & Harry - how are they? & their dear mother?

9011/177

2 A Dr. Payne, a retired Bengal Surgeon-Genl=, has been lately with me- He does Sanitary & Nursing business here for the C-in-C- & Govt= in India- Said to be the clearest head & worst temper in the Medico-Sanitary line--I saw the first, but the second did not show--He did not commit any assault or battery in my room.

He remembers a "young Lieut.  
"Verney of the Shannon" put  
ashore ill at Calcutta- And  
he took him into his own  
house- Does Capt. Verney remember  
Dr. Payne?

*Burn*

3 I am so very sorry that  
 Sir H. does not talk to Capt.  
 Verney about the Cottage Farm.  
 Sir H. did it because he thought  
 it right. But his pleasure  
 in doing it was to please  
 Capt. Verney. And he went  
 thro' a good deal for it. He  
 was told that he 'did not know  
 'what he was about in letting  
 'French in' - also that 'French had  
 'been insolent to Capt. Verney,  
 '& *he* Capt. V. would not like it' - &c &c  
 I never have seen Sir H. so hurt  
 or distressed - I was quite  
 anxious about him - But, you  
 see, he carried it thro' - Perhaps  
 it is this that makes him Silent -

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I am aghast at what you tell                   **[3:515]**  
 me about Grandboro'. It was  
 a real calamity Mr. Warner  
 declining. It took 'a deal' to  
 work it up. Now I am afraid this  
 is a kind of re action - It  
 is very pitiful -                   **[end 3:515]**

I fear his memory fails - It  
     is this, not unkindness,  
     which makes anything  
     odd

[He writes to me about things  
 which happened when I first  
 went to Claydon - & which we  
 talked over every day for 7  
 weeks - And the things  
 which have happened since  
 & I am so anxious to know about,  
 he does not mention.]

He *is* so kind always.

God must take us in  
charge (as we always say  
with a kind of sigh, as if that  
were a very forlorn hope indeed) -  
Grandboro' & all  
Your leaflet is done - And I  
send you one -  
The Botany books want help  
indeed -

Aunt Florence's best love to  
all your chicks

4.

Capt. Verney was so good as to  
send me a French Catechism,  
agricultural, ~~book~~ (very French)  
which I will return to him.  
That is just the thing which  
we want - ~~some~~ <sup>what</sup> of course modified,  
- for the Elementary or High  
Schools in each Province  
& Presidency in India -  
I know the Secy. to the  
Agricultural Dept. 'with  
'the Govt. of India', Sir Edward  
Buck - I think I will get

this valuable little book,  
or several copies, & send it  
to him & others. for it  
will be the Educational  
Dept. in India that  
will decide it. Ld. Reay  
is a great Educationist, I  
think he might take it up.  
We teach everything but  
agriculture in a purely  
agricultural country, like India

[3]

I have had hardly time to  
breathe since I came  
back - what with Indian  
business. [It is always what  
one does not do & not what  
one does do that tires one]  
And with our change of  
Matrons at St. Thomas' -  
fare you very well,  
ever dearest Margaret  
Your loving  
F.N.

9011/178 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St            Sept 22/87  
Dearest Margaret

Thank you *very, very* much  
for your letter.

I have received this morning  
from Maude Mr. Fred's "new  
"letter" which she desires me  
to 'let them have at Claydon'.  
Here it is.

No time for more but thanks  
ever with love to all  
your loving  
F. Nightingale

9011/179 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St   Oct 1/87  
My dear Sir Harry

Thank you much for  
your letters & enclosures.

I return *you* Mr. Fred's  
most interesting letter, because  
you do not say *where* I am  
to send it.

Maudie's heart will be in  
a loving tumult at his near  
approach - I am glad he is  
to be at No. 4. Perhaps  
we may be able to do  
something for him in the  
way of food -

Anent the Chinese Opium  
smokers, poor Princess Narès  
was anxious to do something  
for the *Bangkok* Opium Smokers -  
And I tried to get for her  
information - about the  
Opium 'Home', opened at a  
place in China by one of  
those 6 young Cambridge  
Graduates who a few  
years ago went & gave their  
lives to China - only one  
was a clergyman - How I  
wish we had such in India!

[5:227]

But now Princess Narès can  
do nothing

== I must put off the rest of  
my letter, dear Sir Harry -  
I have hardly time to breathe,  
which must be my reason  
for not answering your  
most kind invitation -

I have much to say but  
will only say now how sorry  
I am you have still Grandboro'  
on your mind, & how will  
a Spitalfields curate do for  
a place like Grandboro'?  
men, circumstances, conditions,  
all so different - all nearly  
the opposite of each other -  
the *training* of a clergyman

[3:515]

must be different, must it  
not? to make him  
understand his parishioners -

[end 3:515]

Love to all  
I will only now say what I cannot  
say how much I am  
Yours & hers ever  
F.N.

in greatest haste

God bless you ever -  
I have heard from Ld. Dufferin

9011/180 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Oct. 8/87

{printed address:} 10 South St  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

You seem to have filled  
your two days in London  
pretty full - And I cannot  
see a cranny left for me on  
*Tuesday*. But there is  
another reason against me -  
& perhaps Mr. Fred will  
tell you it; viz. that I have  
Mr. Jowett very ill in the  
house.

On *Wednesday* however

I hope nothing will prevent  
my seeing you -  
*What time?*

Love to all -

ever yours & hers  
F.N.

9011/181 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [3:504-05] and [1:384-85]

10 South St                      Oct 16/87

My dearest Pop              It is indeed  
a loss, dear Mr. Greene -  
How I wish I had had the  
opportunity of taking the  
Sacrament with you from him  
once more!

But oh what a gain to him!  
He said to me so simply  
one day: "When I was a  
"young man, I was nearly  
"lost in a fishing-boat in  
"a storm off the coast  
"of Portugal" (or Spain, I  
forget)" "Then I was not ready.



"Now", & he said something  
that made it evident he was  
alluding to this as his last  
illness. "I *am* ready".

Yes: he was really in Christ's  
kingdom *here* as much as  
he is *now* -

Sir Harry read me one of his  
last Sermons at Claydon:  
there was this sentence: "Our  
place in Christ's kingdom  
is being determined *now*"

O God, give us three places  
in Christ's kingdom *now*!

And He says He *will*, if we  
choose -

- lovingness - Mr. Greene was  
so full of lovingness - That is  
Xt's kingdom.

'God is love; & he that dwelleth  
in love dwelleth in God &  
He in us'

*Can* God dwell in *me*?

Col. Fordyce, when he fell  
shot dead in the Caffre War,  
had just time to cry out,  
like a soldier at his post,  
"Ready, my God". & died -

I must stop - I am so driven. **[end 3:505]**

May I send this very  
unsentimental offering now,  
£25 - And another at  
Xmas

Kindest regards to Mrs.  
Davidson

ever dearest Pop  
your loving F.

9011/182 initialed letter, 5ff, pencil [3:516-17]

*Private* 10 South St

Oct. 16/87

Dearest, much tried yet blessed

Margaret - Your dear  
letter quite appals me - Yet it  
is nothing but what I have  
seen myself -

Yes: Sir Harry said to me,  
quite decidedly, that he meant  
to leave the appointment of  
dear Mr. Greene's successor to  
you & Capt. Verney

that it was not as a  
kindness he did this but  
as the natural thing to do,  
since it concerned you two  
far more than himself & my  
sister

- that he did not wish even  
to be consulted - & that  
if I knew of any names that  
*might* be suitable, I was  
to send them to you & not  
even mention them to him -

Nothing could be more  
thoroughly in earnest than  
what he said, & thought & felt  
then. *And so it will be  
again.*

The difficulty is that he  
knows himself so little, a  
word will turn him, tho'  
he turns back again -

It *is* the most difficult thing  
to be with them & to steer ~~them~~ straight.

But be sure that they appreciate  
all your sacrifices for them -  
Sir Harry told me of all you  
did for him; [it was like  
'bursting forth into singing'  
upon the 'praises of a good  
woman', as he well might;]  
& for my sister - how you  
had brought on the writing  
out of the Verney papers -  
and for the poor Rectory -  
Your visit *has* "succeeded" & does "succeed".

I cannot help hoping that  
he will drift back again  
into what he so solemnly  
intended, about leaving the  
choice of the successor to you  
& Capt. Verney - tho' I am afraid

it is most terribly wearing to  
you, who have so much  
trial & anxiety

I shall be so very anxious  
to know what Capt. Verney's  
answer to your letter was -  
if you would be so kind as  
to give me one line -  
& what the next step will be -

Did you tell him Capt. Verney afterwards  
about this sudden eruption  
in favour of Mr. Glyn?  
Even should you & Capt Verney  
feel inclined ultimately  
to offer it to him - there is  
much to be considered

[2]

- is not there? whether it  
is *convenient* to have a  
Duke's daughter, & sister-  
in-law of a Royal Princess  
there - I should not  
have thought Mr. Glyn would  
accept -

I do so grieve for the whole  
thing - for you, for them,  
for everybody & everything  
but dear Mr. Greene himself  
A 'stramash' was so  
certain to happen about  
his successor now. It seems  
almost cruel that this

[end 3:516]

sorrow should have come  
to Sir Harry *now*, & that  
all this terrible burden  
should have fallen upon  
you *now* -

May I say one thing: you  
know I have had this kind  
of thing my whole life viz.  
my family people frantically  
opposed to some thing which  
the next year x or even the  
next hour they were as  
frantically delighted with  
~~the only thing is~~ & yet always  
'having up' any grievance, & never  
forgetting it.  
e.g. entering Hospital life.

the only way is: to act  
as knowing what they will  
think some day, & not as what  
they are thinking now, changing  
every hour -

and you will do this so wisely  
& tenderly that you will succeed  
in not giving offence -

One is so apt, don't you think?  
to try & please the moment, & the  
momentary feeling - which is impossible  
because it changes every moment -

*Whoever* is put in as Mr.  
Greene's successor, they will, or  
at least she will, find fault  
with sometimes - And very  
difficult it is to bear -

But she told me to pray

for love & wisdom for her -

And we will, won't we?  
we will pray, pray - And He  
will give it; - to us all -  
I hope dear Ellin is more happy  
& you more easy about her -  
but Lettice is a strange anxiety -  
Love to all the four -

Yes: we had a most terrible week  
with poor Mr. Jowett - But I say  
as little about it as possible, lest  
it should be known all over Oxford  
how ill the Master of Balliol has  
been; & he is not well now -

God bless you, dearest Margaret  
ever your loving F.N.

*For Grandboro'* [3:517]

Mr. Stubbs says: "I ventured,  
"to recommend strongly to  
Sir Harry my old friend  
& helper with pupils  
*Mr. Rolfe*, now Headmaster  
at Tamworth, but have  
heard nothing farther from  
Sir Harry. He is a fine  
manly fellow, a vigorous  
& wholesome Christian,  
not perhaps quite so  
'religious' in ceremonious  
ways & parochial visitation  
as Mr. Warner would have  
been: but a bright cheerful

"fellow, of whom all the  
men were specially fond  
when he was with me  
in Grandboro' - *I know all  
my old folk would  
welcome him with joy.*"

How I wish Sir Harry would  
drift back to *him* for  
Grandboro' - Perhaps he  
may [end 3:517]

9011/183 initialed letter, 4ff, pencil [3:505-06]

10 South St Oct 16/87

My dear Sir Harry

I have felt so much with  
you & for you in the parting  
from that beautiful soul,  
"in whose presence it seemed  
"impossible for any one to be  
"selfish or angry".

I remember so well his  
saying so simply of that time when he  
was ill in the S. of France  
at an hotel; 'There was a  
poor Invalid, consumptive,  
with no friends, in the next  
room to me - he had such a  
cough, especially at night -

"I was so *glad* to be next him,  
& get up to him at night -  
I staid on in that Hotel &  
in that room on purpose" -

Would there be many men,  
so ill as he was, to do that?  
for a total stranger?

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Here is what another says of his  
beautiful life:

"I am very grieved for Mr.  
Greene's sudden death - & yet  
as you say 'he died as he  
would have wished to die'.

"Dear Sir Harry will miss him  
I am sure very greatly: he  
was so much a man after his

"own heart - trustful, frank,  
simple - one of those  
truly good men, who do good  
as it were by radiation,  
*do good by being good.*

"I shall never forget his great  
kindness to me, when I was  
ill, & always. His was a  
disposition so affectionate &  
sweet & gentle that no  
man I think *could ever*  
*feel selfish or angry in his*  
*presence*: he seemed to  
inspire peace & goodwill  
wherever he went, without  
effort & *without consciousness* -

"just one of those souls of  
whom Keble writes:

"They seem to dwell  
'Above this earth - so rich a spell  
'Floats round their path where'er  
they move,  
'From hopes fulfilled & mutual love'  
God grant us all such grace!"

[It is Mr. Stubbs who says  
this.]

We did so hope that you  
would have been spared this  
sorrow, this loss in your life,

Wellcome Ms 9011i

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dear Sir Harry.

**[end 3:506]**



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2. In 1885 you very kindly [10:854]  
invited my friends, Mr. & Mrs.

*Man Mohun Ghose* of Calcutta,  
to Claydon. They are of the  
rarest type of excellent  
educated natives: the man  
& woman equally remarkable.  
He is a barrister, making  
£10000 a year at Calcutta  
- ( a very different sort of man  
from his brother who stood  
for Greenwich, *Lal Mohun*).

His address is:

*Man Mohun Ghose Esq*  
Alexandra Hotel  
Hyde Park Corner  
S.W

They are only in England  
till the middle of *November* -

They could not come in to you in  
1885, but they "hope to  
make" your "acquaintance"  
this time, & Parthe's -

I am so oppressed with  
work &c that I am unable  
to see them this week -  
but shall before they go - [end 10:854]

3. Could you be so very good  
as to return me *Lord*  
*Dufferin's* letter which  
I have not answered?

God bless you all  
ever yours & hers

F.

You kindly told me how you  
felt the good & natural  
thing to do was to put the  
choice of dear Mr. Greene's  
successor into the hands of  
Margaret & Capt. Verney -  
F.N.

9011/184 signed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St. Oct 22/87

Dearest Margaret

I do so grieve about your  
increased anxiety for dear  
Ellin but hope with all  
my might that you will be  
able to take her back to  
Claydon next week -

and dear Lettice too, what a trial  
Indeed you are full of chastenings:  
And you don't seem to need  
chastening, dear, blessed Margaret

It is most desirable besides,  
as you say, that you should be  
able to return to Claydon  
for their poor sakes at Claydon -

Poor Sir Harry writes: **[3:517]**  
"overwhelmed with applications,  
Edmund & Margaret  
will choose, for which I  
am scolded - for neglecting  
the duty that God has  
devolved on me: *but I  
am satisfied that I have  
done right.*"

While grieving from my heart  
for poor Sir Harry's distress,  
it is an amazing relief that  
he stands firm -

& an amazing relief that  
you see your way to  
returning to Claydon. What

would he do without you? **[end 3:517]**  
I seem to myself such a  
brute for not flying to  
ask you & Ellin here -  
But if you knew how this  
poor brute is driven!

Yet, could I see you for  
half an hour to hear  
something about you from  
yourself -

The only times I could

Wellcome Ms 9011i

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scratch in would be, if  
you are going to Claydon on  
Monday - 3.15 on Sunday

But *you* must be so busy -  
Or 3 on Monday, if you  
don't go till Tuesday -  
But both days I have other  
appointments - & other work -  
Or I would not be so precise -  
to all Aunt Florence's best  
of loves

God bless you all -  
O I do pray for love &  
wisdom for *her*, as she  
bade me pray - And *you*  
do, I am sure -

ever yours, dear, dear  
Margaret, gratefully

F. Nightingale

I wish the "applications" did **[3:517]**

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not bother Sir Harry so -  
In general, I think an  
"application" sufficient  
reason for putting the applicant  
out of the category -  
don't you? F.N.

9011/185 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Oct. 26/87

My dear Sir Harry

I shall be so very sorry  
not to see you to-day before  
you return to Claydon - But  
I would not hurry you for the  
world -

I know you are so very right  
in giving the succession to  
Mr. Greene to dear Margaret  
& Edmund to decide -

Thanks for the beautiful  
photograph -

I shall hope to hear  
about the Gordon Boys' Home

Do you know that dear  
Mrs. Hawthorn & Col. Hawthorn  
have received orders to  
leave Chatham & are  
transferred to Jersey?

It is a heart-break -  
Thanks for the lovely  
grapes

I hope you are taking  
George with you to  
Bagshot - Please do

A very promising       **[12:397]**  
candidate has offered to  
herself to us at St. Thomas'  
from Aylesbury -

Miss Rawson  
a clergyman's daughter -

Could you be so very  
kind as to get us  
some information about  
her?                   **[end 12:397]**

God bless you  
ever yours & Parthe's

F.

9011/186 incomplete letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. Oct. 30/87

*Policemen*

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you very much  
for your message about the  
Policemen & 4 South St. - We  
do not allow the policemen to  
come to this house or to have  
any communication with our  
maids - I write myself  
every morning to Inspector Piper  
to take his orders - And our  
messenger carries the food in  
relays coffee hot & hot to the house in Park Lane  
of which we have the use,  
to which the men come in parties.  
It takes about 1 ½ to 2 hours  
serving them. And our Messenger

brings back our crockery - but  
no remnant of food or drink!  
To-day we could not have the use  
of the house in Park Lane - there  
was no time to "tell Insp" Piper  
"to write to " you - so I sent  
your message to Mrs. Parsons,  
told the men that they might  
come to your house. And the  
orgies are just beginning, 4. p.m.  
in your Servants' Hall: Tea, Coffee,  
Sandwiches, Bread & Butter, Buns -

*Gordon Boys Home*  
About the Resolution you  
propose:  
would it not be better to have  
simply  
"that with a view to the  
health & welfare of the  
boys there should be  
Matron to the Home"

If the questions of "under=  
'clothing' & "housekeeping" are started,  
would you not certainly  
be answered that, this being  
a Military Estt., these are  
otherwise provided for?

I will write again about  
this.

Qy: *is there a Laundry?*

Qy: What is settled about  
*a Hospital?*

Of all expedients, that of a  
Serjeant & his wife ~~are~~is  
the worst?!

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Did you mean that there  
was to be a Gordon Boys' Meeting  
*next Wednesday?*  
& that you are coming to  
it?

I have a particular reason

9011/187 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

*Last Wednesday*  
No: you were to have your  
Tea here *at all events* - But I  
own I did grudge hearing  
those stories about an  
insolent woman when I  
wanted so much to hear about  
the Gordon Boys' Home &  
other things -

F.N.

*Parthe*

You will kindly tell me  
Sir H. Acland's opinion  
of Parthe, you say?  
ever yours & hers  
God bless you both  
F.

9011/188 incomplete, initialed note, 1f, pen.

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you in the morning a tiny  
Memo.1. as to Matronship,  
Gordon Boys' Home - & 2. as  
to what may be asked, if you  
think well, of H.R.H. for Col  
Hawthorn. *It is not much.*

Then I shall hope to see you  
at 11 and at 2.30, as you  
kindly say.

F.

Nov.1/87

9011/189 incomplete note, 1f, pen

No. 2

So glad you are coming tomorrow.

And I have ascertained at  
the War Office that H.R.H  
the Duke is attending there,  
daily now, in case you are so  
good as to see him about Col.  
Hawthorn.

I hope to see you at *both* the  
times you kindly mention. But  
I will send to Grosvenor St. to meet



9011/190 unsigned note, 3ff, pencil

*Col: Hawthorn*

The Duke of Cambridge  
attends at the War Office  
this week -

& every day this week,  
as far as is known

Nov 2/87

The Duke must be made  
fully aware that Col Hawthorn  
*knows nothing* of an application  
being made to him - It would  
not do for the Commr.-in-Chief to  
suppose for a moment that he  
was appealing to him against

the decision of his Col. Hawthorn's Superiors  
in his own Department -  
If the Duke should kindly  
allow the amalgamation to  
be postponed, Col Hawthorn  
need not even then know how  
it came about

[2]

No pecuniary interests would  
be affected by allowing Col  
Hawthorn to complete his  
time as C.R.E.

It is no advantage to the  
Commandant to have the  
C.R.E. ship

And Col. Hawthorn draws  
*his* pay & allowances as  
Col. of Engineers.

Folios added by verifiers

*Col Hawthorn*

Would His Royal Highness  
allow the amalgamation of  
appointments at Chatham  
to be put off till Col. Hawthorn,  
C.R.E. at Chatham, has  
completed his 2 1/2 years?

[This 'amalgamation' is: of the  
Commandant of the School  
of Military Engineering & of  
the C.R.E.]

It is so unusual to make a  
change of this sort while an  
officer is holding his appoint-  
ment: so unusual  
to upset present holders

[2]

*Col. & Mrs. Hawthorn*  
for asking

You were so good as to  
ask whether anything  
could be done to prevent  
Col & Mrs. Hawthorn's  
removal from Chatham?

Yes: there could.

And *you* could do it.  
But then it would involve  
your seeing the Duke of  
Cambridge - & that soon.

And I don't like to ask  
it.

9011/191 unsigned memorandum, 1f, pencil

MATRON: *Gordon Boys' Home*  
Resolution

that with a view to the  
health & welfare of the boys,  
it is desirable that there should  
be a Matron of the Home

Nov. 2/87

9011/192 unsigned note, 1f pencil

{written as response on a letter from HV}

Only I shall have in writing  
to Lothian, to say that it is *only*  
*postponement* of amalgamation that  
is asked for, in order to show him  
that we are not trenching on his authority.

The Duke will tell

Lothian himself

Do you think that the Duke  
will speak to Lothian  
*immediately?*

9011/193 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Nov 4/87  
it is 33 years to-day  
since we landed at Scutari

N

Dear Sir Harry

My "Indian Mail" will, as  
often happens, [thank *you*  
for remembering it!] go to  
the dogs to-day -

I have a heavy appointment  
after luncheon - for which I  
have to prepare -

I would gladly see you  
either at 5.30 or 6, ~~or 6.30~~,  
if you will have tea,  
or this morning for a short  
time - Please say -  
F.N.

9011/194 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Nov 5/87

Inkermann Day

My dear Sir Harry

How are you? You made me  
so unhappy by coming out in  
the rain yester evening (&waiting  
in the Dining-room, for I had  
had a tremendous interview)  
with damp feet. O how  
could you? Why did you  
not send your footman?

There will be a torrent of  
rain to-day - *Pray* do not do  
those multifarious ~~days~~ things  
you showed me - I am sure  
that Parthe would not like it.  
*Pray* rest this morning - Or

you will have a heavy cold.

Come here at any time [3:413]  
to-day - And we will pray,  
as she bade us, for: love &  
"wisdom" -

*What time* shall it be?  
But do not tire yourself -  
[The Bible & "Like Christ" lay  
neglected on my bed yesterday

9011/195 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

6/11 {archivist: ?87}  
My dear Sir Harry  
I am so sorry Maude declines -  
but shall hope Fred will persuade her  
to go to South St. tomorrow / some mistaken  
scruple  
Will you ask one of the Miss Spring  
Rices if she will kindly pay me a  
visit to-day? if so, what time? will  
suit her?

F.N.  
I enclose 2 Telegrams

9011/196 initialed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

*Strictly Private* 10 South St  
Nov 10/87

My dear Sir Harry  
Very many thanks for your  
kind note & for its enclosures  
from the D. of Cambridge  
& for your most kind offer  
to "come up & see" me "about  
"the Hawthorns."

I have delayed answering  
for the following reason:

In the Memo. Col. Hawthorn's  
"unfitness for so important  
a post" - "the post of  
"Commandant S.M.E." -  
[that means Commandant of  
the *School of Military Engineering*]

is that spoken of - and H.R.H.  
says he cannot "place" him  
(Col. Hawthorn) "in a very  
responsible position"

*You* merely asked H.R.H. whether  
Col. Hawthorn could not  
remain for the rest of his  
time (2 ½ years) as *C.R.E.*  
(Commanding Royal Engineers)  
at Chatham. You never  
dreamed of Col Hawthorn  
being made Commandant  
of the Military Engineering  
School

You only suggested Col.  
Hawthorn serving out his  
time as *C.R.E.* at Chatham.

[I have heard twice from  
Lothian Nicholson - He does  
not think anything can be  
done] -

I have taken some humble  
means to ascertain whether  
it is possible or desirable  
to set H.R.H.  
right about this matter before  
I finally decline any further  
use of your great kindness

& return you the D. of  
Cambridge's most kind  
letter & enclosure -  
I trust that Parthe's cough  
is somewhat better

in greatest haste  
ever yours & hers

F.N.

What a calamity about  
the Crown Prince!

Poor Germany!

9011/197 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

10 South St.  
Nov 12/87

*Private*

My dear Sir Harry

I am convinced that you  
have done, & so kindly, all  
that was possible for Col.  
Hawthorn - & that it would  
not be desirable to do any  
thing more or to seek for  
any further interview on  
Col. Hawthorn's account  
with the Commander-in-Chief.

You have done all that could  
be done - Thank you so very much.

I therefore return to you the  
Duke's letter, & the Memo.  
enclosed, which has evidently  
been prepared with great care,  
& which, you see, *he asks to  
be returned to him.*

I should not in any case  
have let you "come up" merely  
"to speak to" me.

Mrs. Hawthorn, to whom alone  
I have communicated your  
letter, as you permitted,  
desires her best gratitude  
And so do I. And so we  
well may do.

Thank you very much for  
your information about  
Grandboro' -

I am so thankful that Parthe's  
cough & her nights are  
better -

And you?

Did you receive by Rosalind  
the red Lamp-shade you  
admired?

ever yours & P.s  
F.N.

9011/198 signed letter, 2ff, pen [3:517-18]

Nov 16/87

*Private* 10 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

I had the opportunity  
of seeing Mr. Jowett last  
evening, (who recommended  
Mr. Harford Battersby for  
Claydon) & asked him for  
“one of his” (Mr. H.B.’s)  
“cotemporaires” to answer  
your questions. He could  
not think of one there & then,  
but, as Mr. H.B.y was a  
Balliol man, Mr. Jowett  
could answer most of them  
himself:

“Private means”. His father  
had means, but Mr. Jowett  
thinks H.B. was not the  
eldest son.

“engaged to be married”: Mr.  
Jowett thinks not.

“What he did at College” -  
First class (in Mathematics  
Mr. Jowett thinks)  
Student of Hebrew

“Clever” - decidedly

“Whether he has written anything”  
No: but Mr. Jowett laughed  
& said: he was too young:  
would have been very  
sorry if he had.

Mr. Jowett backed all  
you said about him -  
said he was not a High Church  
man -  
thinks he is a Curate, not a  
Vicar, (is this so?) in  
which case his Rector, Mr.  
Jowett thought, could tell  
you something about him -  
Mr. Jowett said he would



ask Mr. Harford Battersby  
to Oxford & ask him all  
your questions & others  
himself. But I am afraid  
this cannot come off, for  
the next two weeks are

the heaviest in Mr.  
Jowett's year. They are  
the Examinations for Balliol  
Scholarships - But  
Mr. Jowett said he would  
*write* questions to Mr. H. Battersby  
& let us know the result.  
God prosper your choice.

With dearest love to  
blessed Margaret, ever  
your affectionate

F. Nightingale

Mr Jowett asked: how long  
you could give him to make  
enquiries before you had  
to make your choice? It would be  
so much better if Mr. Jowett could see Mr. H.B.

9011/199 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil [1:385-86]

10 South St. Park Lane W.

Nov 18/87

My dearest Pop How grievous has  
your cough been. and how  
thankful I am that you are, I  
mean that *it* is somewhat better -

I have done as you bade  
me - prayer for love & wisdom,  
dearest Pop.

Mobs & fogs in London -  
dreadful - grand display  
to-morrow in Hyde Park -  
Special constables - mobs -

== You have heard, I dare say,  
that Aunt Mai has had a  
relapse these last 3 weeks

She now never leaves her bed  
- only is moved into South Room  
most days from Music - room -  
She has suffered much pain

She writes to me:

"For myself, though I have  
made a step downwards  
*towards the end*, I am really  
more comfortable than I  
have been since I left off

being down-stairs on May 24.

I now spend my days in  
bed between 2 rooms, & so

*I shall remain while in  
this world."*

She has two trained Nurses

always; one, night, one, day, &  
~~says of them:~~

"What I could do before, I can  
do now in my new & *easier*  
way of life."

how sweet that is!

My Doctor & Oculist attends  
Lady Hatherton & Georgina Hurt,  
& talks of them -

He says of Miss Hurt, she  
is now blind of both eyes with  
cataract, but the eyes are  
so bad he should not operate,  
only that she is so deaf that  
she would be in total darkness

& almost total silence if he  
did not give her back a little  
light.

He admires them both very much  
He says Lady Hatherton is  
making a good recovery  
from her operation (cataract  
in both eyes) - only she caught  
a little cold, because she  
*would* see a Missionary - she  
is so active she did not like  
being kept in bed at all -

He says *he* can make Miss Hurt  
hear, speaking very slowly, one  
word at a time; but very few  
can now -

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Have you heard anything of  
Ellen Tollet? I have not -  
I have no eyes, no brain, no  
time, no strength, to do  
anything but my own work,  
& by no means always that -

We have had dense fog for  
days -

This is rather a sad letter.  
Times *are* sad - I hope my  
next will be cheerier -

God bless you, dearest Pop  
ever your

F.  
Robins & Thrushes, Starlings & Crows,  
feeding at the window - so hard

9011/200 signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil **[3:518-19]**

Nov 30/87

{printed address:}10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

How can I thank you enough  
for letting me see this letter  
of my sister's to you?  
Nothing could have given  
me a greater joy.

She has said more than  
once: 'I am so glad that  
Harry gave the choice to  
Edmund.'

Many thanks for your delightful letter -

I saw Sir Harry on Monday.  
All seemed right. Mr. Calvert  
seemed quite satisfied except  
that Mr. Battersby was "too  
young"; which fault is one of

that time will certainly mend.

Dean Fremantle had written  
to the same effect. Sir Harry  
conveyed his highest  
satisfaction in saying  
that Mr. Battersby was  
a worthy successor of Dean  
Fremantle & Mr. Greene -  
dear Mr. Greene -

I cannot help sending you  
(in another envelope) a  
note from Mr. Battersby  
to Mr. Jowett which  
you will understand of

course was meant for no  
other eyes but Mr. Jowett's -  
[Please return it to me -]

I don't know that there are  
many young men now-a-days  
who would look upon leisure  
"for - - *meditation*" as

such a requisite as it  
undoubtedly is; or upon

the "value of an individual  
soul" as so transcendent.  
Is it not the old Puritan  
when first emancipated from  
the priest combined with

the unworldly man of the  
world?

May he answer to all you  
wish! and may God's best  
blessings, the blessings of  
Infinite Love, be showered  
upon you all without any  
measures but *that* Infinite  
Love, is the prayer of  
your & dearest Margaret's

Florence Nightingale

I am pressed for time but do not  
like to keep your delightful  
letters any longer -

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All the farmers, old King, the Clerk,  
& others are pleased with him.

9011/201 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St.            Dec 4/87

My dearest Pop      I am so glad you  
like the prospect so much of  
the new clergyman, Mr. Battersby.  
May he be all we most need -

We have had a little "Crown  
Prince", (with the same complaint  
in his throat), a noble, little  
boy of 6 years old, at St. Thomas'.  
He was to be operated upon,  
but after he had been put  
under Ether, & before or while the first  
incision was being made, he was  
dead. The "Sister" was so moved  
that she was obliged to leave the  
Theatre, faint, & go into the



next Sister's room, & when  
Miss Pringle went to her some  
hours after was still  
streaming with tears -

I want to know in what Children's  
Hospital it was that that  
little Patient ordered its own  
dinner & made the others  
its slaves - We pet  
our children - The "Sisters"  
are almost too fond to them -  
And Miss Pringle carries them  
about & they cling round her  
neck when she goes into  
the Ward.

But they are always kept under

the most ~~absolute~~ regular discipline.

Children are always miserable  
if they are not -

I hope that your cough, in  
addition to all else, is not now  
so troublesome, dear Pop.

I never trouble you with  
letters when I can help it -  
But here are two: /

one from Mrs. Crook begging  
for poor *Benjamin Moss, the old  
coachman*: Mrs. Crook is  
well aware that she has no right  
to write to me, & that her intervention  
would not do any one any good

with me -

But if she has written to  
you, I think that makes a  
difference - And if you mean  
to give something to Moss,  
I would gladly add the half  
of whatever you give to it,  
if you would be so good as  
to send it with yours, & let  
me pay *you* - but I shall not write  
direct 2

The other letter is from a  
"Florence Nightingale Giles"  
age 25, born in the Lying-in

Wellcome Ms 9011i

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May 2012

Ward we had in King's College  
Hospl. to train our Midwifery  
Nurses in. I always feel

[2]  
moved by such a difference of  
fates. She was born on  
my birth-day

She has sent me a vile  
piece of work for slippers -

Could any of your people  
tell me what her character  
in Buckingham is?

I suppose I ought to send  
her a present.

People born in Lying-in  
Wards are not usually furnished  
with this world's good:

*F.N. Giles*

*Nelson Street*

*Buckingham*

is her address

2- *Benjamin Moss*  
*Southampton Road*  
*Romsey*

is the other address

I pray as you bade me,  
dearest Pop  
ever thy

loving F.

I have not heard anything of  
dear Marianne Thornton's  
death -

I am so sorry that I am  
unable to write  
as your F. would wish

9011/202 incomplete letter, 2ff, pencil [7:487-88]

What are we to call this  
Exhibition at St. Petersburg!  
The two Emperors charging  
each successively at the  
head of his Regiment - saluting  
the other - then "wheeling"  
his horse round & re-taking  
his place at the side of the  
other, then embracing the  
other with "effusion" -

like a Hippodrome -

Do you remember Madame  
Cornu, Louis Napoleon's foster  
sister, saying when he  
became Emperor: 'he is fit  
for a Hippodrome'?

O what a tragedy!

**[end 7:488]**

[2]

2. I saw a letter from George  
Bunsen. He says:

“The peace of Europe depends  
upon their success”: that is,  
of “the better selections made of late  
“for men in those outlying  
“districts” in the E. of Europe  
“men possessing living  
“sympathy with the governed  
“race.” He says:  
speaking of Prussia:

“Living in a country far too  
“much governed & increasingly  
“so from year to year, I can  
“sympathize with every body

“who observes with sorrow  
“that initiative & originality  
“is *educated & administrated*  
“*out of the young* systematically  
X X X “the progress under  
“difficulty of more natural  
“principle in a Pestalozzi - Froebel  
“Haus which the admirable  
“Empress” (our Princess Royal)  
“went to see as she has done  
“these many years as Crown  
‘Princess.

“*The people of Berlin* “have  
“quite shaken off the clouds of  
“mistrust & dislike which the  
“Court-set (La Société) had  
raised up lately against her  
“ *The people* see that they were  
right in their appreciation of  
her goodness, laboriousness &  
genius.” He then says  
how he wished that “a long,  
“long time be granted her for  
“convincing the world & in the  
“end - silencing, as Pr. Albert  
“did, that narrow set” -

Alas! alas!

O what a tragedy!

9011/203 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Dec 7/87

My dear Sir Harry

I am so sorry if I cannot  
see you to-day

And will you tell dear  
Maude & Mr. Fred - I am  
so glad they are with you -  
the same?

To-morrow (Thursday) I will  
keep open for you if you  
will kindly make appointment  
or appointments

To-day I have my  
Doctor twice - He says he  
must turn off the gas,  
I mean my eyesight, to

prevent me from working -  
And in the afternoon I have  
that terrible woman who  
wrote to you she wanted  
to see me -

I want particularly to hear,  
please, what passes at  
Gordon Boys to-day -

Matron

Moving into Bagshot  
&c

Could you not take  
Miss Pringle with you  
on Friday to Claydon  
(She is much ~~worn~~ overworked)  
till Monday?

F.N.

9011/204 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:386]

10 South St     Dec 9/87  
Thank you for your Article in  
the National, dearest Pop -  
But why favour the National?

I send you a beautiful letter  
from Otto Goldschmidt, which  
please return -

also 10/ for poor old Moss,  
with many thanks -

I am very feeble & My Dr  
wants to send me away for  
2 or 3 months altogether -

I trust your cough at least  
is better -

ever your F

9011/205 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dec 9/87

My dear Sir Harry

I would not alter your  
arrangements on any account -  
I will expect you, please, at 3  
for  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour - But I hope you  
will have coffee here -

I am very feeble - And my  
Doctor gives but a poor account  
of me, & all but insists on  
my going quite away for  
2 or 3 months -

And I am doing to-day all  
that he tells me not to do - I  
have a heavy appointment this  
afternoon -

~~I suppose~~ Miss Pringle is not  
going with you, I fear? F.N.

9011/206 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St      Dec 14/87

My dear Sir Harry & dearest Pop

I could not answer your most  
kind invitation till I had  
had further Medical advice,  
& this I have now had -

And this is what is  
determined: that I go  
next Tuesday to Pine Acre  
when it will be empty for a  
fortnight, perhaps stay a day  
or two after Maudie & the  
children come back - to see them  
-Then, if you will have me,  
& if your Xmas balls &  
dances & parties are  
over by that time, come

to you for the last 3 weeks  
of January as you kindly  
invite - perhaps stopping in  
London a little between  
Pine Acres & Claydon - only  
I shall be kidnapped.

My Doctors insist that I  
should be *quite quiet* at  
Claydon. But this I know  
you will be kind enough to  
allow - Only I think,  
if there is no objection & you  
have no one else in those  
rooms, the great Western sky  
of the Blue Room is such



a healer to me, now especially  
that I am able to do so  
little. And I should be  
able to come down to you  
& you I hope would come  
up to me -

So if the Gods will,  
shall this plan be carried  
out? God bless you both  
ever dearest Pop

& Sir Harry

yours F

I will send back  
Bartle Frere's most  
interesting letter -

a sort of microcosm of his father

9011/207 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Pine Acre: Sunningdale: Berks  
Xmas Day 1887

Dearest Pop

with loving-est & heartiest  
Christmas greetings to you  
& Sir Harry & all:

And may the child Jesus  
be born anew in all our  
hearts - with love, joy,  
peace, long-suffering,  
gentleness, goodness, faith,  
meekness, temperance -

Please say to Mr. Morey  
& others - alas! no Xmas  
cards for any this turn,  
except poor Hannah Allen,

for Ann Allen is dead after a  
terrible illness - And she is  
left alone -

no Xmas cards, for I have no  
eyes or strength, but to all  
kindest remembrances -

I have had beautiful cards  
from Col. & Mrs. George Verney;  
I did not know till you  
told me that "Edwin" was  
going to India -

Will you give them - &  
Catherine my great sympathy,  
& all kinds of loving remembrance,

if they are with you -

Maude has been so  
kind in arranging this place  
for my comfort -

I will write tomorrow  
& return your letters -

God bless you, my dear  
Pop - ever thy  
old loving Flo

9011/208 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [3:414]

Pine Acre Dec 31/87

New Year's Eve 1888

My dearest Pop & Sir Harry

May all the choicest  
blessings of the New Year be  
poured upon you & yours  
by Him who is Infinite Love  
- blessings ~~boundless~~ infinite as His  
Love, - tho', perhaps, *because*,  
we have grieved Him -  
may 1888 be yours in the highest  
sense -

is the fervent prayer,  
the unceasing prayer  
of your old loving

F.

Did you kindly give my message  
to Col. & Mrs. George Verney & Cathy?

9011/209 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Claydon: Sunday

Dear Sir Harry

How are you?

I am thinking how to utilize Sir  
E. Buck?

Shall he come to me as soon  
as he arrives? [You will  
not be out of Church.]

May he have a cup of  
coffee in the Blue Room?

Then I will send him  
away to his "correspondence" or  
keep him till luncheon time,  
as he likes -

And may I see him again  
in the afternoon? F.N.

9011/210 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Sunday

Dear Sir Harry

Thank you very much -

But if you will say that Sir  
E. Buck is to be shown up  
to Blue Room when he arrives,  
I will get up to see him -

[Of course he cannot "write his  
"letters in the Blue Room"]

His coffee or whatever he takes  
might follow him to Blue Room,  
in order to save his time  
while talking to me?

Will not that be best?

F.N.