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Boston College, 6 letters

Boston University, all items not otherwise noted

Waltham Training School for Nurses, 2 letters

Harvard University, Houghton Library (Harvard H)

Harvard University, Countway Medical Library (Harvard C)

Radcliffe College, 5 letters

Harvard University, Pusey Library, 1 letter

Boston College 6 letters, 3 original, 3 copies, Alice Fisher
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Bold numbers in square brackets indicate the volume and page
number in the *Collected Works of Florence Nightingale* where the
item appears.

Boston College I, 3 ff on beige paper, pen

10 South St
Park Lane W
July 23/81

Dear Miss Fisher

I was very glad to hear
from you again, &
deeply interested in all
that you are so good
as to tell me.

When you come to
London, if you will be
kind enough to try &
make an appointment
to see me, as you propose,
I shall be very glad, &
we can then talk over
many things

I do not quite know

what you refer to
when you say that you
are "hardly judged" by
me.

But that too is a matter
we can better discuss
by word of mouth-
as well as other matters.

Believe that all your
matters touch me tenderly.

If among your "Special
Probationers" you have

Boston College

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any who would like &
whom you would recommend
to the Training at St
Thomas' please send them

us: ladies who do wish
to make Nursing a
profession & who do care
for it & are fit for it.
I venture to send you our
new "Regulations," you
will see that we have
shortened our term of
"Obligation."
We have always, of course,
many more applications
than we can admit
but, also of course, not
always of the right calibre
I speak specially of 'ladies.'
Fare you very well
under great press of business
& illness but
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Boston College, FN letter to Mrs Lewis, ink

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
April 1 1855

My dear Mrs Lewis
I am most happy to
be able to inform you that
your friend Charles Knight,
of the Gr Gds, is gone home,
& that Aymer is so too -
So they will be seen
again by their poor wives.
Alas! Lowden is dead -
of Dysentery - here on the
28th Feb. So is poor Barfoot.
I have no time but
to say that I am ever yours
Florence Nightingale

Boston College

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Boston College signed letter, pen, to Evatt

Private [on diagonal]

May 27 1882

[printed address] 10, South Street
Park Lane, W.

My dear Sir

An article on the Army Med.

Dept. in a recent No.

of the 'Army & Navy Gazette'

is attributed to you. In

it you are supposed to say

that Medical Officers

should ave titles of

Major Genl, Colonel, & so on -

that they should all hang

together to obtain this.

I said that I did not
think such at all were your
opinions from pamphlets

I had read of yours

v left col:

If you could be so very

kind as to let me see

this number, I would

faithfully return it to you.

V right col:

2. The authorities (favourable)

say of the A. Med. Dept is

made 'Royal,' the

Commissariat will wish for

the title of 'Royal.'

What do you say to this?

In haste

ever your faithful servt.

F. Nightingale

G. Evatt, Eq M.D.

Boston College

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Boston College, typed copy of letter to Wm Clark

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Oct 17/74

My dear Sir

I need scarcely tell you how thankful I am for this appointment to Madras. Please God great things will come of it, shall you think well to introduce into your scheme the diversion of sewage from the river Cooum, and so to arrange the works that there will always be water in the river at a suitable level, and that the banks shall be planted with trees?

It is, however, quite an impertinence for me to direct your attention to points of importance. But the point of almost greatest importance of all is: that your presence in India should be utilized for inspecting and reporting on the improvement of the more considerable Stations.

[page missing]

As you understand sanitary work so thoroughly, and are now on your way to aid the Madras Government with your advice regarding the Stations where there are British troops, it is possible that it might be arranged for you to give other large stations the benefit of your advice, reporting on the sanitary works required for these Stations. And so for the first time we should have an account of their real condition.

God speed you.

Pray believe me

ever yours most faithfully

Florence Nightingale

W. Clark Esq

Boston College

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Boston College, typed copy of FN letter to Alice Fisher

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
July 27/81

Dear Miss Fisher,

I would not have you come to London on any account unless you were coming 'naturally.'

You say you will be in London "the end of this week" or the beginning of next."

I am very much pressed just now. But if you could kindly let me know at once whether Monday afternoon at 5 or at 6 or Tuesday at one of the same hours would suit you, I would gladly reserve the time to have the pleasure of seeing you.

Or if it should be "the end of this week", I could make Friday at 5 or at 6 would suit me, if it would suit you better.

In haste
yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Boston College, typed copy of letter

Scutari Hospital
March 26 1855

My dear Madam

I regret to inform you that Private George Morris, of the Royal Fusiliers, is dead or disappeared (supposed to have fallen overboard from the Bombay--one of our floating Hospitals, now done away with.)

It is perhaps better for you to inform the poor wife than for me.

Perhaps I may still have the pleasure of seeing you here.
Pray believe me
In haste
Florence Nightingale

Boston University

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Boston University

1/1/1 signed letter, 1f, pen

Dear Sir

[14:219]

My poor Matron,
Mrs. Walford died yesterday, after a few hours' illness, of Cholera. She is to be buried today-
The coffin will leave this Hospital at 3 o'clock.
I propose to meet at The General Hospital to attend it about twenty minutes after three.
And it would greatly

please me, if one of the Officers now here would join us, & pay this tribute of respect to the memory of one who has served the Hospital well and faithfully.

[end]

I remain dear Sir

Yours Truly

Florence Nightingale
Scutari Barrack Hospl=
August 31/55

1/1/2 signed letter, 2ff, pen 9083

[14:318-19]

Scutari
Barrack Hospital
January 27/56

Sir

In reply to your most kind letter of Dec 17, I can only say that I feel more encouraged by the support & confidence of those who, like you, have labored all their lives for the benefit of the soldier so wisely & so successfully, than by any feeling of my own success in the same object.

I fear that my answer to your letter on the subject, which interests us both so deeply, will not be very satisfactory -

You are not ignorant of the suspension of the Savings' Bank system by the late Lord Raglan - nor of the remedy afterwards

substituted -

You are, also, well acquainted with the real practical reason why that remedy is not of more substantial use- The soldier [does] goes off page} "not like to trouble the gentleman", meaning his Paymaster or Commanding Officer- The Officer does not "mind about" his men- How often this has been said to me by the men And it is not a mere excuse -

That the men will use every opportunity offered, which is easy of access, is proved by their not "minding" "troubling" me -

I have done my little utmost to serve as a Savings Bank & transmitter of money home for the men & have exercised the latter office {'exercised' overtop an illeg}

at

the rate of £1000 per month in small sums
in this Depot alone -

The War Department has now
established Money Order Offices
at the Post Offices at Constantinople
Scutari, Balaklava & Head Quarters,
Crimea- And altho' only opened
two weeks, large sums in small
Money Orders have been already
remitted.

I have gained great experience
of different Regiments in the way
above mentioned, & find the Indian
Regiments the best & most careful,
especially the 12th Lancers-

I assure you that I will do all
in my power to promote the
Savings Banks, which I shall
always consider as your children -
& that no one, not even yourself,

has felt more deeply than I have
the cruel injury to the soldier's
moral character in the Crimea,
consequent upon his being driven
into drink by plenty of money
& nothing to do with it -

Matters are however greatly
amended there- I rejoice to say

I beg once more to thank
you for the honor which I feel it
to receive so very kind a letter
from you & to remain

[end 14:319]

Sir,

your grateful & obedient servt

Florence Nightingale

Sir Howard Douglas

General

&c &c

1/1/3 signed letter, 2ff, pen, copy Wellcome 9083/14

Scutari
Barrack Hospital
January 27/56

Sir

In reply to your letter
of January 20, I beg to
inform you that
Private James Ryan
states that Corpl- Trollope
62nd Regt=, then Acting Pay
Serjeant, did offer him
his pay, (sent down by
Dr. Alder, sick,) for Dec/54
Jan/55 & Feb/55, that, on
Pte Ryan stating that
the money for Feb/55 was
not due to him,
Corpl- Trollope said that

there was some mistake,
& would not give him
the two months' really
due to him, but returned
the money to a Captain
----, Pte Ryan does not
remember his name -

I warned Pte Ryan
before that the consequence
of his persisting in a
falsehood, if it were me
would be his trial by
Court Martial - But
it does not appear
that either he or even Capt=
Trollope have been guilty
of dishonesty- And he

{ 'that' overtop an illeg }

repeated his story without
an appearance of confusion.

With regard to his
remittance home, I
must have this, mis-expressed
myself, if I conveyed to
you the idea that Pte
Ryan transmitted it
thro' any but the
regular channel- Had
he sent it in a letter,
he would have had no
right to complain- But
it was transmitted
thro' the same Corpl= Trollope
Acting Pay Sergeant, by
means of the Pay Master,

{ 'his' overtop an illeg }

& the *Voucher* was subsequently
returned to Pte Ryan,
to whom the Pay Master
then returned the money.

I am at this moment
in possession of the dates &
Statistics of many such
cases here- And the
War Dt- has recently
established Money Order
Pay Offices, which are
now largely used by
the men for transmitting
money home, altho only
open a very few days-

I beg to thank you for
desiring this Pay due, & the
2nd Good Conduct Badge to be
paid to Pte Ryan, & to remain

Sir, your obedt- servt
Florence Nightingale

1/1/4 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Castle Hospital

May 6/56

Dear Sir

I have consulted
Dr. Matthew, Principal
Medical Officer here, &
he thinks that, with
regard to Mrs. Sloman,
(of the Regiment under
your command), it
would be the easiest
plan for the Regiment
to pitch her tent
close to our hut here &
to ration her from the
Regiment- Our women

will attend to her
& give her Extras
from our kitchen-
Dr. Matthew will
give her treatment-
He thinks, upon
hearing what her
complaint is that
she will be fully
as well off in a
tent as in a hut-
But, should it prove
better to move her
into a hut, it can
be done- Only for this

the Inspector General's
leave must be asked.

I conclude that she
will understand that
no one but her husband
must visit her- But
in a Regiment so well
disciplined as the 50th,
it is hardly necessary
to mention this. There
is a Sentry close to
where the tent would
be pitched-

I am obliged to

keep the female "Regiment"

"under my command"
under very strict orders
too - & if it were
found that Mrs. Sloman
secreted drink or
performed other such
feats, I should be
obliged to withdraw the
attendance of my women.
These hints are perhaps
all unnecessary, as I
have never seen any
Hospitals in such
good order as those of
the 50th, owing, I believe,
to the personal superintendence
given by its officers- I
illeg} remain, dear Sir, yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

{ 'its' overtop an

1/1/5 signed letter, 1f, pen

Combe Hurst
Kingston on Thames
S.W.

Dec 21/56

My dear Sir

I received your two kind notes
of Dec 15 & 16, & forwarded to Martha
Orton the same day your most
considered appointment. I have
heard of her acceptance & her joy, &
only hope she will give as much
satisfaction as she feels - I am truly
obliged to you - She is all that I
said of her. But I have women of
better education who were out with
me in the East -, of the same class,
whom I could really recommend to you,
should you require at any future
time a hard working & intelligent
woman who understands cooking &c.

I am very anxious to see your
Fulham & am truly grateful for your

offer to let me see it under your
auspices - I am so driven with
business now that I cannot fix a
day - But I hope you will let me
do so soon, & believe me
with kind regards to Lady Amelia
Jebb,
ever most truly yours
Florence Nightingale

1/1/6 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
London. W.
Jan 17/57

My dear Sir
I dare say that you
have forgotten the subject
of your Nuns of Sééz in
Normandy, about whom
I was to make inquiries
of Messrs. Burns & Lambert,
from whose house their
"Directeur," M. Roullin,
wrote to you- I have
done so, without using
either your name or
my own. And I regret
to find that my

"compagnes de dévouement"
are not connected with
any of the three
Communities ~~or any~~
who sent me out Nuns-
or with any others in
England or Ireland-
Nor are they connected
in any way with the
Soeurs de Charité de
S. Vincent de Paule, who
furnished all the French
& Sardinian troops with
"Soeurs." And, altho' my
informant assures me
that your Nuns of Sééz were

with the French troops
in the field, they must
have been there in the
spirit & not in the
flesh, a valuable power
which I wish I had -

Believe me

faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

1/1/7 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 851

30 Old Burlington St.

W

July 17/58

[16:278]

My dear Sir

Knowing your
enlightened views on
the subject of Hospital
construction, & the
interest you took in
the "Builder" at the
time of its discussion
of the Netley plans,
I have thought that
you might consider
it useful to make

some more Remarks
in that paper on
the recent controversy
about Netley Hospital.

I put the enclosed
at your disposal,
subject to your
alterations, if you
judge such desirable,
or to your doing,
in fact, whatever
you think best
about it.

yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

The printed paper was
presented by Mr. Herbert
privately to Genl= Peel,
being our answer to the

Boston University

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defendants of Netley. **[end]**

1/1/8 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 851, copy in Univ Edinburgh

Great Malvern

Aug 17/58

[16:279]

My dear Sir

If you still think
that the question of the
general improvement
of Hospitals can be
raised with profit,
& that the "Builder"
would take in two
or three Articles, will
you take the trouble
to glance over the
enclosed & if you

think it useful, to
alter or add to it
in any way you think
fit? Any succeeding
Article ought to be
illustrated with wood=
cuts of what ought
to be done & not
done, which I would
gladly furnish-

{ 'illustrated' overtop an illeg }

I have been so
impressed with the
idea that Hospitals,
in their present
condition, are a

curse & not a blessing,
(and I am so little
likely, I believe, to
recover enough to
make any great
improvements myself)
that I should feel
a real consolation
in thinking that
you & the "Builder"
would lend your
powerful aid to
this cause -

ever yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

Boston University

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If this paper is too

little architectural for
a "Builder," perhaps
you would kindly
have it returned
to me, as I think
I should make some
other use of it-

[end]

F.N.

1/1/9 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen RP 851

Gt Malvern

Aug 31/58

[16:279]

My dear Sir

Thank you very
much for what you
have done - I think
the tracings will do
very well as indications.
You & I should make
some further criticisms
even upon those we
have recommended,
if adopted exactly.

I have no copy

of the M.S. I have
sent you - But, to
the best of my recollection
the foreign Hospitals
I mentioned were

Lariboisiere
{ Beaujon
{ & Vincennes at Paris
{ S. Pierre
{ & S. Jean at Brussels

[in Sept 11 1858 article]

I have two letters to
thank you for. All
that you say is
admirable- And

what you propose
(the pamphlet) I
must consider -
the plans you
allude to I must
get. Jebb's I have.
The internal
arrangements of
Hotels &c, upon
which you make
such a just
crusade, are too
common every where **[end]**
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1/1/10 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 851

30 Old Burlington St.

Sept 9/58

[16:506]

My dear Sir

I think, for our
IDEAL ward, which
you are so good as
to intend to draft,
either of the enclosed
sets of dimensions
would do. The first
is modified from
Lariboisière - the
second from the
cubic space given

in our best Hospitals.

More cubic space is
required in London
than in Paris for
sick. Each ward
is for 32 sick.

Either I should think
a very good ward.

But less than No= 1

I would not accept.

ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

Boston University		22	
	Ward	No= 1	No=2
		<i>Ft</i>	<i>Ft</i>
Length of		111.6	128
ward			
Width		30	30
Height		17	17.6
Wall space			
between end }	5		6.4
wall & window}			
Wall space }			
between windows}	9.2		11.4
Window space }	4.8		4.8
Beds	32		32
Cubic space	1760		2100 [end]

1/1/11 signed letter, 5ff, pen, RP 851, rawlnson

30 Old Burlington St. [16:507-08]
Sept 12/58

My dear sir

I am always very
slow, (as a person with
nothing but practical
experience & no scientific
knowledge, generally is,

{ 'generally' overtop an
illeg}

I believe) in criticizing
plans.

Upon going over yours
again, I think

A. that it would
be inadmissible to carry

up the chimney breast [?] thro' the ceiling of the ward. The fire must have its chimney carried under the floor & up the side wall, if possible. [I have been told this is

{ 'this' overtop an
illeg}

now done with success.] If not, then we must have the fire-places in the side=walls.

Are not the fire=places too near each

other?

2. I think that

we have practical experience enough, as regards the appurtenances at the ends of the wards, to know that they will be perfectly safe, altho' they do not project in width beyond the width of the ward, & altho' there is no lobby, except down the middle.

3. The ventilated ceiling introduces a new element. We wish to ventilate solely by doors & windows. If we go

farther, we must study farther ~~& determine the best way~~ what the effect of the ceiling would be with doors & windows.

We have made ventilation a matter of Regulation in the Army Hospitals. It should be so in Civil Hospitals- We assert that doors & windows, if properly constructed, are enough.

4. I am afraid of the ventilating shaft or area carried through

[2]

the floors at the Bath end, for the same reason as I am afraid of the ceiling. It is unnecessary & will interfere, which is worse, with the door & window ventilation.

5. I think we will keep, please, to shewing the arrangements for a *single* ward, not a *duplicate* one- For a *duplicate* one, which however I don't want

to consider just now,

I think I can imagine
a re=arrangement, which
would be better than a
repetition, of the same
parts, viz. Nurse's room,
scullery & stair-case.

Upon the whole, then,
so far as my experience
goes, I think a more
economical construction,
as shewn in the first
rough sketch, will
answer all Sanitary
purposes.

P.S.S. 1. We have collected
a great deal of

information about
Hospital ventilation -
We find *ceiling* ventilation
often ~~very unsuccessful~~ very unsuccessful.

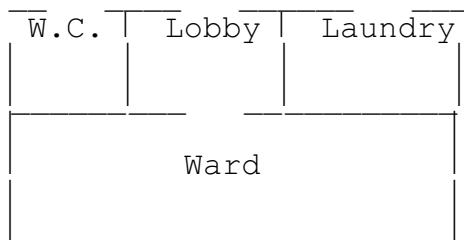
If you would like at
some future time to
put a paper in the
Builder upon Ventilating
Methods, all our
experiments should be
at your disposal, if
you would put them
into form -

2. Also, I see in a
note to the present
Number, you offer a
detail plan of the

Lariboisière - I have plans drawn to scale of that Hospital & Notes (or I could write Notes) if they would be of any service- But the plans being rather dilapidated I should not like them to go farther than your Office.

3. The internal lobby~~ies~~ see Plan, need not exceed 7 or 8 ft wide. nor the door from the ward into it 4 ft 6. A lobby 20 ft by 24 ft between W.C. & lavatories is unnecessarily large- So is a door into it 6 ft wide.

[3]



{rough attempt of sketch of a ward, ward (solid walls) except for opening from lobby into the ward, unable to enter to Ward thru W.C. or the laundry}

4. I have made a summary at the end of the paper, taken out my evidence, & made a few alterations. Upon measuring steps for sick, I doubt whether the rise should be more than 4 ½ inch. I need not say how unfeignedly I feel

that I ought always
to be cautious in
differing from your
better judgement
& how much I feel
your patience and
kindness in doing
all this -

{ 'and' overtop an illeg }

[end 16:508]

ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

1/1/12 incomplete letter, 1f, pen RP 851

30 Old Burlington St.

Sept 15/58 **[16:279]**

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I think I had better
see the proof before it
goes to Press (for the
"Builder",) if you would
be so very good as to
send it me to

Great Malvern -
Because I rather think
~~instead of/put~~ Infantry Barrack
± should have been put for
"Cavalry Barrack" in

[end]

one place - {archivist: signature cut off} [no ref to either
in]

[poss change to

military]

1/1/13 signed letter, 2ff, pen, RP 988

Gt Malvern

Sept 22/58 **[16:280]**

My dear Sir

I trouble you with
the Proof, because I have
not the Builder's address.
I am so driven with
business to day that I
can do no more than
thank you for all the
trouble you have taken
& for your plans which
I liked very much.

I hope to see you
when I return to London

Boston University

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next month -

I have corrected
the Proof - I have made

no alteration in your
Remark on Artificial
Ventilation in the Note.
I hope your Note
will not be taken
for an approval of it.
I should like to
know the Death Rate
in the American Lunatic
Asylums - When buildings
require artificial
ventilation it betrays
an original defect
in construction. When
nations, a poverty in
fuel -

{archivist: cut out; looks as if top 1/2 of last f with signature
has been cut away but text copied out on the bottom 1/2 of the f;
not FN's hand}

The Paris Hospitals otherwise
so superior to ours are *never*
fresh [end]

yours ever sincerely
& gratefully
F. Nightingale

1/1/14 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 4ff, pen RP 851

30 Old Burlington St.
Oct 7/58 [16:508-09]

My dear Sir

I am going to ask
your most valuable
advice- & in doing
so, I must be allowed
to ask it professionally
or not at all -

A friend of mine
has built a school
for 120 boys & girls.
and is desirous,
instead of the usual

barbarous out-offices,
to introduce water closets
or water latrines with
lavatories- The water
supply is from a well,
21 yards deep &
between 4 & 5 ft across,
in which the water
stands 4 ft deep.

It is proposed to raise
it to the surface by the
labour of the boys- the
mouth of the well
being 14 ft above the

ground where it is
proposed to place
the water closets.

How many pans
would be required?
of whose construction?
& about what would
be the cost? And
would the water supply,
(this is the main thing)
be sufficient? what
form of lavatory would
also be the best?

It is proposed to
conduct the drainage

to a field about 30
yds from the school
wall.

The place is a hilly
spot in Derbyshire -

Please write me
your advice on the
subject- I know no
other upon which I
can depend -

I think what you
were so good as to
send me last night on
Hospital Construction
most important - so

much so that I do
not think it is *my*
place to use it -
My paper (as you
will see, if you hear
it at Liverpool) is
written without any
more knowledge than
any experienced Nurse
might have, (I wish
I could say *has*.)
What you ought to do
with what you have
sent me is to
write a paper yourself

from the Engineering
point of view & BACK
mine with it at
Liverpool.

Please remember
that my Report which
I sent you is really
& strictly PRIVATE &
CONFIDENTIAL. Unless it
is laid before the Ho:
of C. (which I don't
desire,) I have no
right to send a copy,
even to you -

Believe me to be
yours sincerely & gratefully

F. Nightingale

If you will not make
any use of the enclosed,
I should like to have
it back very much,
as I approve cordially
of every sentence. But
I think it would be
of essential use if you
were to draw up, were
it but a few sheets, a Paper on
the subject for Liverpool.
My paper refers exclusively
to observed defects in

Hospitals & calls upon
others for the remedies.

[end]

F.N.

1/1/15 initialed letter, 3ff, pen black-edged paper

30 Old Burlington St

London W

5/11/58

My dear Sir

I send you a
little Vol: which you
may have seen - I
knew the man, a
good but *by no means*
unusual specimen
of the manly English
solider - I think
P. 41 to P. 50 & P. 59
are worth looking
at as proofs of ~~his~~ our men's

{ 'I' overtop an illeg }

simplicity, their good
sense, their unalterable
patience - The English
solider is worth
suffering a good deal
for - poor fellow -

{ 'their' overtop an illeg }

{ 'their' overtop an illeg }

I agree with you
about the Medical
Profession- But, if
you read the Army
Medical Warrant
of Oct 1/58, you will see
that we have given
the greatest lift to

the Army Doctors a
Scientific profession
has ever had - With
regard to the Civil
Doctors, if such a
man as you would
enter the profession,
nothing would give
it such prestige -
But this is just
what such a man
as you will not do.

{ 'not' overtop an illeg }

Thank you for
your kind wish of

meeting me again
"some day" "somewhere".
I believe that is very
little likely on this
side the grave - It
is now 15 months
since I have left
my room (or rooms)
except for Malvern.
But I have never
had less than 10-16
hours work daily.

You say you are
ill "for want of work-"
That seems to me a

curious position for
you to be in. Not
that I believe it -
I don't see how it
is possible for you.
I mean the "want of
work," not the illness.

ever faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale
With regard to the
Crimean rewards, I believe
it was only necessary
for a man to have a

cloud upon him, &
he might be made
a K.C.B.- Any share
in ~~the~~ bringing about
the catastrophe,
however serious such
a share might be,
was a qualification
for a reward or an
honor. But surely
that is not what
we covet

F.N.

1/1/16 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
29/11/58

Messrs. Harrison

Please to send copies
of my Precis to
Honble George Waldegrave
4 Harley St.

The Lady Noel Byron
11 St. George's Terrace
(2) Vols:) Regent's Park

John Thornton Esq
Clapham Common

Thomas Poyser Esq
(2) Vols:) Wirksworth

The Lord Ward
Dudley Ho:
Park Lane

Lady Page Wood
31 Great George St
Westminster

The Lady Caroline Russell
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11 King's Bench Walk
Temple

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Offchurch
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30 Devonshire Place
Regents Park
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Otterspool
Liverpool

Edward Marjoribanks
jun. Esq
59 Strand

the "Notes on Matters" &c
(& not the "Subsidiary
Notes") to be sent to
all these, excepting
the names under which
(2)Vols: is written - & the
"Confidential" to be
written on each Vol:
as before
=====

Please to send by Bearer
the last Revise of "Contribution
to the Sanitary History of the
British Army", of which
I have received a copy
made up this morning.

Florence Nightingale

Boston 1/1/17 signed letter, 6ff, pen RP 851

Hampstead N.W.

Sept 27/60

[16:374-77]

Dear Mr Rawlinson

I have only just read over
Dr. Combe's paper in the "Builder"
describing a plan for a Regimental
Hospital. There are some points
in it, which I do not like
to pass over, without writing
to you. Perhaps you would
think well to write to Mr.
Godwin about them. I cannot
enter into any controversy. But
principles are at stake. And
as there is an appearance of
knowledge in the paper, I ought,
at least, to state my opinion
on the plan, in order that, at all

events, you may not think that I acquiesce in it.

The *appearance* of truth consists in using Pavilions with windows on opposite sides - and in stating broadly the obvious fact that care & discipline cannot be maintained in "small" wards-

The *error* is in the proposed arrangement. For no one conversant with Hospital construction would ever build a Hospital in three radii with closed angles.

There are new Regimental Hospitals, about to be built, in which the sick are to be *in line*, as they ought to be. In fact, Dr. Combe's plan is only a bad version of these new Hospitals, *plus* the radius at right angles.

2. Again, his ward dimensions are not by any means good. And he does not make the best of the "1200 cubic feet per bed", allowed by the new "Medical Regulations".

3. It is impossible to understand on what principles he has placed his W.C. in the middle of the length of one side, & his Scullery opposite.

The result would be that the Scullery would become a mere gossiping place for Patients & Orderlies- And, whenever the Wind blew against the side where the W.C. is, the foul air, incident to Military Hospital W.C.'s, would be carried directly into the wards.

4. I am not able to go into the errors of detail in the Offices. There are 30 separate apartments (or places) for 92 beds- or nearly one for every 3 Patients. Of all things, avoid unnecessary holes &

corners in Military Hospitals:- additional places to clean (also to skulk in.)

5. The large hall is an unnecessary
expenche
6. The Hospital Serjeant is placed
exactly where he ought *not* to be,
viz. at the greatest distance from
the wards. The Hospital Serjt= ought to overlook
his wards *by day & by night*. Military Hospitals are to cure the
sick, not to be married in.
7. There are two wards of 4 beds
each, which have only one window
each, & are not ventilated enough for
a dog to sleep in. Dr. Combe, it
is true, condemns them wards, but at
the same time counts the beds into
his "ninety= two beds". The first
thing I should do in an old Hospital, would be to
close them altogether. I have
seen such (in a Brit. Mil.
Hosp.) for Ophthalmic cases,
(as he recommends,) which were { 'recommends' overtop
an illeg}
nests of disease & of *Ophthalmic* disease
too
8. The administrative Offices are so
placed that, besides there being an
entire absence of anything like
Architecture in them, they would
increase the difficulty of administration.
9. I am no Engineer, but I
would ask you whether his
drainage is not as original as it
is unnecessarily costly.
10. I am told that his Estimate
of £100 per bed is nearly double
that for which better (one=story)
Hospitals have been already
estimated for
11. Lastly, Dr. Combe appears
never to have apprehended the
idea of a "General Hospital;"---
he considers it necessary to
"agglomerate" sick together, in
order to realize a "General" Hospl-
The Pavilion structure was

introduced expressly, in order to make possible ~~have~~ a General Hospital, without any one of the risks of "agglomeration". There are General Hospitals at this moment with fewer sick under one roof than Dr. Combe puts in his "Segregation", which he justly insists upon, will be effectually carried out in the new *Woolwich* Hospital - if by "segregation" he means the placing but a small number of sick in each building, - & the isolating each building so as to form ~~buildings~~/houses, MUCH more separate than the houses in a street are -

I am quite sure that Mr. Godwin is not take in by these Neo= Hospital Constructionists. But I am very sorry that he lends the great authority of the "Builder"

to them -

- Upon another subject, I see
1. that Dr. Combe, who is an extremely able Medical Officer, supposes that the new *Woolwich* Hospital is to be an "agglomeration" of "Regimental Hospitals". Such is not the case- It is to be a *General* Hospital under the new Regulations. [An agglomeration of Regimental Hospitals is simply an absurdity.]
 2. that, judging by the style, the same hand has several times supplied the "Builder" with a criticism on the *Woolwich* Hospital site.

Once, he proposed a site which would have required the Repository, where men are drilled to their duties, at *Woolwich* to be abolished.

He proposed another, past which the Mortar practice takes place.

He proposed a third, which Sir Thomas Wilson would not sell, and now he objects to the site chosen, "because it is on clay", *which it is not*. It is, I am told on the Woolwich pebble bed, clay mixed with shingle,-- to obviate even the risk of damp from which the whole building will be raised on a basement, mostly above the level of the ground.

It would have better serve{d} the public interest, had Dr. Combe said where a better site was to be had.

I merely mention this, because I have taken at least as much interest in it as Dr. Combe has. {Illeg word goes off page} I watched anxiously for every {illeg word goes off page} the "Builder" might contain, & *found non{e}* only helpless objection-

This letter is, of course, only for yourself (& should you choose to shew it to Mr. Godwin, for him)

Discussion always does good. I have no pretension to "lay down the law". Nor has Mr. Robertson, to whom I see Dr. Combe attributes my papers in the "Builder".

The "Builder" *had already*, & *has since*, enunciated sound principles of Hospital construction. But, alas!, it does not follow that principles, however sound, necessarily involve their being comprehended or applied in practice - I wish the present case were the only one I knew (of such failure), since the "Builder" first advocated Hospital reform.

I think I shall follow

[3]

your advice of getting out, as soon as possible, a Manual of Hospital Construction - when, as I shall be obliged to make use largely of my Articles in the "Builder", I suppose Dr. Combe will accuse me of plagiarizing Mr. Robertson, a man I greatly respect & admire -

Thank you very much for your two parcels of Books & Reports- Your Article on "water" I had not seen. Most of the others (by you) I have - Yet not the Woolwich one - Marked by you, they are the more useful to me. But I {'me' overtop you}

would return them to you, if you
want them - for presents.

{want overtop illeg}

Thank you very much for
the beautiful little compasses -

Ever, dear Mr. Rawlinson

Yours very truly

Florence Nightingale

R. Rawlinson Esq

Dr. Combe invites criticism in
express words- And I believe is
very fairly open to it - He is on{e}
of the best Officers the Dept= ha{s}
There are some curious little err{ors}
about *orderly attendance* on sick. But
don't think these are things for the
Builder's pages -

[end]

1/1/18 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 851

Hampstead NW

Oct 8/60

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I take shame to
myself for not having
answered sooner your
most kind & generous
letter of Sept. 28.
But I really was
not able -

Your offer of help
is too valuable to be
declined. I am certain {declined overtop rejected}

that I should never
now be able to bring out
my cheap Edition of
the Nursing book,
(or the Hospl: Constrn:
Manual which you
suggest) without such
help as yours -

What would you
think of putting
down, in the first
place, a few Notes
as to your large
experience in the
drainage of Cottage

Property, especially
that which the
people can make
themselves?

I think this
would form perhaps
the most valuable
part, if appended
to a Cottage Edition
of the Nursing book,
for which I have
been asked over
& over again.

With regard to the

"Builder", thank you
very much for what
you have done. I
regretted that I
could not answer
your letter at the
time - & that I
was obliged after all
to apply to Dr. Sutherland
for assistance.

Believe me
ever sincerely and
gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale

1/1/19 signed letter, 1f, pen RP 851

Hampstead NW
Dec 17/60

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

You must have
thought me very
ungrateful never to
have thanked you
for three valuable
letters I have had
from you - for a
paper on Cottage
Construction & for
sundry Board of Health {sundry overtop illeg}
forms-

They will all be noted
& made use of, if not
in my cheap Edition
of Nursing, in
something else --

Also your letter
about Lord Shaftesbury
shall be noted

But I have been
so ill that I have
not been able to do
anything - not even
to see you, as you
kindly proposed -

ever yours sincerely

& obliged

Florence Nightingale

1/2/20 signed letter, 3ff, pen RP 851

30 Old Burlington St

W

Jan 9/61

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Mr. Muir has been good
enough to send me his model,
which I return to you, as
requested in the enclosed Note.

I am very sorry that I
cannot think its adoption
desirable. There may be
situations where W.C.s are
not available. And wherever
such is the case, some such
contrivance as this may be
useful.

But (as no one has
contributed more than yourself

to shew the world) in every instance where water can be used, it should be used- & this in preference to all other methods of dealing with house refuse. It is the least offensive & least expensive. Civilization is too far advanced to allow of these contrivances being adopted now, except in quite exceptional cases.

The waste of manure consequent on the present system can be prevented by the exercise of a little common sense. And the lack of such common sense is no

reason for adopting such contrivances as this model shews to supply such lack.

For permanent Hospital use it is quite inadmissible. And {inadmissible overtop illeg} for Field Hospitals, the same result can be obtained without such a model contrivance-

In Barracks, the Barrack Commission have set their faces against it, as far as they could.

It is such an exertion to me to write that I think I must ask you, when you have communication with Mr. Muir, kindly to thank him

With regard to the Sewerage ~~the~~ your only hope is to convert the farmers & to show them the advantage of the Sewage in agriculture. They will not let you turn the Sewage into the Itchin. And Winchester is without an outlet- We had all this up, *á propos* to the Winchester Barracks, two years ago.

With regard to the Hospital, it is many years since I was there. But my impression is that nothing but re=building & removing it would be of any use- That this impression was shared by others, with recent local knowledge, you may infer from this :--- that two years ago I was consulted about the re= building of this Hospital, and I offered my assistance in plans, etc. *but the plans never came.*

I am quite sick of the old excuse heard by me some thousand of times, "gratuitous Medical advice" "Must not make the Doctors go too far" &c &c - Then all I can say is, *let the Doctors stay at home, and let the Patients stay at home-* Or do you wish the alternative to be -- ten lives out of every hundred sacrificed to a bad Hospital?

I am happy to say I know at least one Surgeon in a city of the North who, to his own great personal inconvenience, rather chooses to attend his own poor Patients, (accidents,) at their own homes, than to send them to the Infirmary in the town- And this, altho' he has vast distances to traverse. Gangrene and Erysipelas, he says, are what they will find *there-* And these Winchester people dare to say that, in what *ought* to be as healthy a little County town ~~like that~~, as any in England, these Hospital

diseases are "inevitable"!! They
don't have a Hospital at all.

You have so little notice-
else I could have helped your {have overtop illeg}
good work by writing to my
Cousin, Mr. Bonham Carter, MP.,
Sir Wm Heathcote, Lord Ashburton,
Lord Eversley, all of whom I
believe might be enlightened -
& stirred up- My father has
little or no influence in the
Northern Division of the County.
But I hope, if you are going
to sleep out, you would do so
at Embley (Romsey Station)
And I will write to him & say
so-

Would you give me an
answer as to these gentlemen? [end]

yours every sincerely

F. Nightingale

Many thanks
for Emerson.}

1/2/22 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 851

30 O B. St.

Jan 20/61

[16:592]

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

The W.O., with
unusual promptitude,
which shews it
thinks itself getting
off very cheaply,

"will certainly be
"prepared to
"support the
"proposal of
"paying £1000
"towards sewerage

"for Winchester
"Barracks." x x "We
"have never been able to
"get any outlet."

I could not ascertain
whether you thought
I had better write
to Sir Wm Heathcote
& others about the
removal of the
Hospital - When
you saw them -
what was their
temper about it?
Sometimes one only
complicates matters
by putting one's foot
in the dish - I

asked Dr. Sutherland
to find out from
you what you
thought best.

My sister is
going down to Embley
on Wednesday &
would drive over
to Sir Wm Heathcote's
& say anything we
wished-

I certainly never
would advise any
of the old Hospitals
to spend money
on alterations -

[end]

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

1/2/23 signed letter, 6ff, pen RP 851

15 February 1861

30. O. B. St.

Feb 15/61

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

[16:556]

1. My ideas about
the Reading Hospl= are
much too vague to
help you. I have a
general impression
of inefficient drainage.
The same description
would do almost for
every small provincial
Hospl= in the Kingdom
-- a private house,
ill = fitted & worse

adapted for a Hospl=
- light, air &
cubic space about
half what is requisite
- all that has to do
with sewerage
imperfect -

As to Nursing
to which you alluded
in re Winchester Infirmary,
I have had recently
Returns from all
the provincial Hospls=.
And even I was
amazed at the
ignorance & penuriousness,

[13:195]

which called that
Nursing, & which
consisted of
employing women
so ill= paid that
they could not have
been fit to be maids
of all= work, - without
any system of Upper
& Under Nurse -
all equal among
themselves under
a Matron who was
almost always
the Steward - & never
had any knowledge
of Nursing

[end]

[hosp add]

2. I enclose a
fragment about
Winchester -

Would it not be
desirable for you to
send them the
account of some town
by you drained &
sewered, with the
actual cost - where
you have been within
or exact to your
Estimate. This
would remove the
distrust expressed
in my enclosure,
as to expence

I shall be most happy to place my services at your disposal in all that concerns the Reading Hospital.

It is quite possible that you may find it capable of improvement- & not necessarily to be removed or rebuilt.

And I shall be very glad to help in any such plan.

3. I will send you the specification for the Regnl= Hospl=, as soon as I get it.

I am asked to tell you that the plans are private & for you alone, till they are lithographed & published.

[end]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

1/2/24 signed letter, 4ff, pen RP 851

30 Old Burln= St. [16:556-57]

Feb 20/61

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I have read your
Reading papers- And
Dr. Sutherland has
seen them too -

There are a good
many questions which
I should wish to ask,
before I could have
any confidence in
the opinions I should
like to give - But it

would take you too
long to answer them
in writing.

Dr. Sutherland
says the same thing.

If therefore you
would appoint an
hour, when you
have considered your
Report,- to walk up
here, I would
get Dr. Sutherland,
and we would come
to a conclusion -

The Reading plan is
certainly a very bad one.
It looks like a gibbet
on which Patients are
to be hung- & the
whole seems to depend
from the cess= pool,
as from a peg.

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

In general, for a
provincial Hospital,
in an open situation,
I think 1500 cub. ft.
enough - & 2000 cub. ft an

useless expence.

King's Coll. Hosp.
in London does right
to give 2000 cub. ft. - But
perhaps you may
say that where
2000 cub. ft are required,
Hospitals ought not
to be at all.

I must say that the
Reading people have
given us "a Roland
for our Oliver". We say,
give us the statistics
of Erysipelas & Pyaemia.
And *they* say Fresh air
gives us Erysipelas & Tetanus

Under the ground= floor
of the plan I sent you
are at least two feet
space- with air=
brick back & front.

In India we say
feet where we here
should say inches.
Could you contrive
for India my No= 2?
they are singularly
deficient there in
such things.

[end]

Boston University

57

1/2/25 signed letter, 1f, pen RP 851

{printed address:}

30. Old Burlington Street.

W.

April 10/61

Dear Sir

I am much
obliged to you for
your note and the
Circular- (of yesterday)

I am printing
an addition,
sanctioned by Dr.
Farr, to the paper
on Hospital
Statistics - And

as soon as the thing
is complete, the
required number
of copies shall
be sent to the
Registrar General's
Office -

Believe me

dear Sir

Yours faithfully & obliged

Florence Nightingale

W. Clode Esq

1/2/26 signed letter, 3ff, pen, RP 851 (i-iv)

30. Old Burlington Street. {printed address:}
W.

April 29/61

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

[16:593]

I don't know whether
you have seen the
enclosed papers with
regard to the Winton
Infirmary.

Please return them
to me.

Here is an indictment,
to which the
verdict must be
"wilful murder."

Here are, in 9
months, in a County
Hospital, (of only 100
Patients) by no means
the worst of its class
24 poor creatures
brought together to
run the gauntlet
of their lives- of
disease contracted
in the Hospital-
of whom 8 perish-
and 16 just escape

with life this fatal
Hospital.

It is not the
deficient cubic space
so much as the
ward construction
& other causes making
foul the ward air -
which produces
this result.

Depend upon it,
other Hospitals, if
as well enquired
into, will give as

disastrous results
or more so -

I mean to
threaten the Hospital
authorities with
publishing this, in
order to make them
do what we like.

Sir W. Heathcote
is quite come round
to our side.

=== I send you a
Report which Col.
Kennedy has made
for me in Paris

on the new Male
Convalescent Civil
Hospital there- near
Vincennes.

I think it more
nearly approaches to
your idea of the
separate cottages
for Convalescents
than anything that
could have been
planned -

There are obvious
defects in it, on
which we could
improve. But I

am afraid we might
have waited long
before an English
architect's ingenuity
would have produced
such a plan.

It strikes me
as so very good.

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
Please return this
Report to me as soon
as possible -

[end]

1/2/27 2ff, printed paper, re A Public Meeting May 28 for raising
funds for the Soldier's Home at Gibraltar
{at top in F.N. hand:}

with F. Nightingale's earnest hope that
Dr. Farr, who has already done so much
for the Army, will aid the object of this
Meeting - & that Messrs. Hammack, Williams,
Clode will do so
likewise- The object
of Soldiers'
Institutes in general
is so important,
both in a
sanitary &
moral point
of view, to the
Army.

25/5/61

1/2/28 signed letter, 2ff, pen **[6:192]**

Hampstead NW

Sept 26/61

Sir

I beg to
acknowledge your
letter of the 24 th:
enclosing a Return
from the Borrella
Lunatic Asylum,
Ceylon -

And in offering
my thanks for this,
I beg to re=iterate,

2.my acknowledgements
for the Ceylon
Native School
Returns, (previously
sent me on the 6 th:)
which are of
immense value
in determining the
question as to how
Native Children & races
can be civilized
without being
destroyed -

The Returns are

so voluminous, and
must have cost
so much labor,
that I should
be almost ashamed
of having asked
for them, were
it not for the
great importance
of the question,
which I believe
has occupied the
Duke of Newcastle
personally

I am Sir
Your obliged & obedt Servt
Florence Nightingale
William Robinson Esq
{upside down on bottom page in other hand:} Miss *Nightingale*

Boston University

62

1/2/29 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 851

Hampstead NW

Oct 7/61

[16:599-600]

Private {on diagonal}

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I heard with
great regret that
your daughter still
continues in ill
health - I should
be very glad to
hear from you how
she really is. Has
it ever been
recommended to you
to let her spend
a winter in a

Southern Climate?

My sister's
daughter is going in
a week to Mentone,
near Nice - where
she is sent by the
Doctors - for the
winter. But,
of course, upon my
small information,
I cannot judge
whether the cases
are similar.

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I have been [hosp]
engaged during
your absence in

furthering the ~~cause~~-removal
of the Winchester
Infirmary. A Sub:
Committee has met
for the purpose -
but had adjourned
decision till November
5. Strange how
little the best men
will take the trouble
to master the subject!
I have had to
write out the Substance
of your Report all
over again for Sir
Wm Heathcote.
Lord Ashburton has

however promised £1000,
if the Hospl= is removed.
If not, nothing.
====

You know that I
have lost my dear
master. Seven years
this very month I
have fought the good
fight for the Army,
in & out of the War
Office, without the
intermission of one
single waking hour;
& have lost it!
====

Have you had an
Invitation from Malvern
to give them a Water
Supply?

[end]

yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

1/2/30 signed letter, 4ff, pen RP 851

Hampstead N W

[end 16:605-06]

Oct 30/61

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I must congratulate
you on having taken
the Home Office position
- & congratulate you
all the more because
I am afraid it
involves a considerable
money sacrifice on
your part. I don't
know any man (or
hardly any man) but
yourself who would

have done it.

I hope & believe
that the good you will
do will be equal to
your motive in thus
accepting. For you
are our only Sanitary
Engineer. Does the
appointment exclude
your from private
practice? entirely?

Yours ever sincerely
& admiringly

Florence Nightingale

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Since I wrote
this, I have your
note about Winton
Infirmy=

Sir W. Heathcote,
my cousin Bonham
Carter & my father,
& Lord Ashburton
have all expected
me to write them
information separately,
which information
was of course only
a Resumé of your

Report & of my book.
~~Stat~~ (on Hospitals)--
Still, I have done it,
altho' these gentlemen
might have read
the originals

I do not think
that I have anything
to add to you -
2. The Bucks Infirmary
was contracted for
at ~~a cost of~~ £7377,
including polished
Parian cement for
walls & ceilings of
wards, & oak floors
for wards (beds 54)

x exclusive of cost of site

But Mr. Brandon,
(the Architect) himself,
estimated that the
beds might be doubled,
at a farther cost
of only £1500. i.e.
two wards under
the two present ones,
where the Administrative
Offices now are (much
too good) - these put
out behind- [This
does not include the
cost of Out Patients'
Offices, which it is
not fair to put
down to cost of beds]

The plans (which you saw) are, as you will perhaps remember, two Pavilions end to end. And the elevation is by no means an inexpensive one.

Capt. Galton, R.E. of the War Office, is now building a Regimental Hospital of only 60 beds at £70 per bed, x with all the modern appliances & x (2 Pavilions; also end to end)

But this is a

x exclusive of cost of site

wonder of cheapness. Also the cubic space is only 1200 feet per bed-

On the whole, I think a Civil Hospital, of ABOVE 100 beds, may be built at a cost of £90 to £95 per bed. x And if you say £100 per bed, you will be quite safe - cost of materials, labor &c varying so much in different counties. I put 1500 cubic feet per bed to this estimate.

Blackburn Infirmary was, as you know, of a monstrous & useless cost. (8 8=bed Pavilions)

I speak of Pavilions

x exclusive of cost of site & also of Out Patients' Offices

of reasonable size i.e
Wards of 28 to 32 beds
at 1500 cubic feet per bed
And two floors of wards

If you will look
at the Barrack Report
of this year, P. 185
Fig. 87 you will see
the Regimental Hospl=
now building at £70
per bed

The N. Staffordshire
Infirmary is also going to
build: And they have
all my plans and
Estimates now to look
at.

[end 16:606]

1/2/31 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} RP 851

31 Dover St W
Feb 24/62

[16:573]

My dear Mr. Rawlinson

I have not yet
thanked you for your
Report on West Ham
Sewerage - one of the
most interesting
things, I think, you
have done.

I am very glad
that you found the
drainage of Windsor
in so good a state.
But one of the great

evils of the present
time is to ally
typhoid fever exclusively
with bad drainage
or nuisance. And
hence the real cause
which no doubt exists
is overlooked.

[end]

My cousin Beatrice
is very grateful to you
for your introduction
of her, on behalf of
her boys, to Mr.
Whitworth.

I was very much
rejoiced to learn
that your daughter's
health was so much less
a cause of anxiety.

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

1/2/32 signed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper RP 851

32, South Street, {printed address}
Grosvenor Square. W.
9/1/63

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

We hope to have
your views fully stated
about the sewerage of
Indian towns.

[9:870]

At present they
use a vile system of
open cuts in front of
the houses, into which
all the filth goes, &
festers there.

As a general principle,
and where there is
good surface drainage,

no doubt the rainfall
should mainly sweep
over the surface.
But in India the
great evil in that,
after the rains have
soaked the ground,
& as soon as the
water level begins
to descend below the
surface, all kinds
of fevers & bowel=
diseases shew them=
selves; & in fact
this state of the subsoil
is the main cause of

Army Mortality.

The R. Commission
has recommended
drainage for getting
rid of this subsoil
water. Cuts & water=
courses do not answer,
except during the
height of the rainy
season- At all other
times, they give off
Malaria, unless very
small.

In stating therefore
the general principle
that flood= waters
must be allowed to
escape in the most

natural way, it will be necessary carefully to distinguish between flood waters & subsoil water, the removal of which latter by the most speedy method is the key to the sanitary improvement of Stations, so far as draining can have an effect.

In the additions to our paper. ~~you~~ which you will kindly make, will you be so good as to keep in view this distinction?

If Indian towns

are not to be paved, then it is difficult to see how the sub=soil can be kept free of water, except by a thorough system of sub=soil drainage- And yet the sub=soil must be kept dry, if any good is to be done.

This is the real Engineering work required.

==== There is this difference between English & Indian towns:---

English towns are
paved & surface =
drained, by which
the water is carried
to outlets or underground
sewers.

Indian towns are
not paved, & have
no surface= drains;
and the water either
evaporates, runs off,
or, as is ~~mostly~~ the
case, it mostly sinks
into the sub=soil &
causes an immense
amount of disease.

English towns

require "sewerage" in
your sense. Indian
towns in their present
state require
"sewerage" & "drainage". **[end 9:870]**

Ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

1/2/33 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper RP 851

Private {up diag}

4 Cleveland Row. {printed address}
S.W.

July 13/63

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I hasten to send **[9:226]**
you a copy of our
India Sanitary Report.
It is not yet presented.
And the Ho: of Commons
will only have the
8⁰⁰= edition.

If you can do any
thing to publicize
it for us, I am
sure you will. It
is always necessary
to use much pressure

Lord de Grey and Lord Stanley are arranging with Sir C. Wood the home Commission, consisting of yourself, Dr. Sutherland, Capt. Galton, Sir. P. Cautley, Sir R. Martin. I only hope & pray that it may be done this month, before London disperses - As to the India administrative arrangements, we are putting what

[9:438-39]

pressure we can upon authorities out there, to have them carried out. The question is nothing less than the creation of a Public Health Department for India. The report proposes Commissions of Health, one for each Presidency;- possibly a fourth will be necessary for the Punjaub a consultative Commission, with a responsible

administrative head, would appear to be the best - And the whole might possibly be raised into a department of Government.

[end 9:438]

If you can do any thing for us in the newspapers, urge these things. Every day's delay is a loss.

[end 9:226]

Ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

1/21/34 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

Hampstead N W.

Aug 15/63

Dear Lord Shaftesbury

Always remembering
that to you first we
owe the giving of
Sanitary hope to our
poor Army, I should
have ventured to
solicit your acceptance
of a copy of the
complete Report &
Evidence of our
"India Army Sanitary
Commission".

[9:240]

It was however
understood by us that
it was to be
of course presented
to Parliament.

"By mistake" Sir
C. Wood presented
(so he writes) a paltry
800=, containing only
the Report & a *Precis*
of Evidence simply
ludicrous from its
incompleteness.

"By mistake" the
type of the *two folio*
Blue Books is broken
up

"By mistake" it

is not to be sold
at the Parly Depots.

"By mistake" it is
not to be published
- not to be had -
not to be distributed
to Parlt=

A small number
however, (50 only to
the Ho= of Lords and
100 to the Ho: of Commons)
have been sent to
Parlt=, to be given
to those members
only who *apply* for
them.

Would you apply
for the *two folio Blue Books*

for a copy for yourself?

We want immediate
pressure made to
obtain the working
Commissions, three in
India, one for each
Presidency, and one
at home, attached
to the India & War
Offices, (to advise,)
which have been
recommended in the
Report -

I should be proud
indeed to be called upon
at any time for
information by you -
your faithful servt

[end 9:240]

Florence Nightingale

1/2/35 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper RP 851

32, South Street, {printed address}
Grosvenor Square. W.

Dec 12/63

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I have had you & your
great=sorrow always in
my heart this sad,
sad time.

I fear she suffered
much- And it is
vain to say that the
blow will be softened
to you & her mother
by the previous separation.

For the parting with
the young wife & daughter
is yet sadder than
from the young girl,
had she been taken
then.

It is hard to work on,
when there is no one
to leave after you
to carry out your work,
or to enjoy the fruit of
your labours.

I stand alone -
nearly all my fellow
workers gone before
me. And I feel this.

In three short months
I lost all - & was
left behind to strive
after what they could
have accomplished,
after what they had
worked at with me,

not daily, but hourly,
for five years.

I know what you
must feel. And with
all my strength I say,
my heart bleeds for
you & her poor mother.

Pray offer her my
respectful sympathy.

I scarcely like to
talk to you of work.
Yet such work as ours,
work in God's cause
for mankind, is the
only comfort- because
it ties us up, as it
were, with God & makes

us feel, even at this
sad, sad Christmas
time, that His "good=
will towards men", &
towards us, & towards
our dear ones, is still
the same, in darkness
& in light.

Lord de Grey has
put you on the home
(India) Sanitary Commission.
But Capt. Galton, knowing
your great affliction,
did not like to write
to you of it.

Ever yours overflowinglly

Florence Nightingale

I was very much
obliged to the lady
who, by your desire,
wrote to me of your
loss, & so spared me
seeing it for the
first time in the
newspaper. I was
very grateful for
your thought at
such a time

F.N.

1/2/36 signed note, 1f, pen {black-edged paper} to Rawlinson?

32, South Street, {printed address}
Grosvenor Square. W.

Dec 15/63

I have had a small
quantity of very beautiful
honey sent me from
Malta, taken from
the back of the island,
(opposite to where St.
Paul was wrecked,
as is supposed) where
the bees feed on thyme
& aromatic plants.
I have often eaten
this honey myself in

the East where it
reminds me of our
Lord, and the
"broiled fish & piece
of a honey = comb,"
which is just what
one sees still there.

If you, my dear Sir,
could make any use
of this honey, I should
be so glad to send
it you -

Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

1/3/37 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper RP 851

32, South Street, {printed address}
Grosvenor Square. W.

8/1/64

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Dr. Sutherland & I **[9:272]**
have been preparing
the India drainage subject for
the Commission. And
I have written down
the result, for the
purpose of sending
it to you -

The peculiarities
of the India drainage

question are

1. want of sufficient
fall

2. difficulties of outlet
3. the long dry season
4. excessive rain floods
5. peculiar habits
 of the people

In some places, it might
 be necessary to obtain
 a fall by pumping
 the sewage. But then
 fuel is scarce & dear,
 and steam unavailable
Would you be good
 enough to look over
 the enclosed which

has reference only
to cities - & return
it to me, after you
have had time to
consider it & improve
it ?

The Public Works
Department which
would carry out the
works, contains the
cream of all the Indo:
European Engineering
talent. But what
they require is mainly
information as to
what has been done

in solving drainage questions, similar to theirs, in Europe.

The paper therefore should have this aspect.

You will see what use we have made of your "Instructions & Suggestions". [end 9:272]

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Please remember that woodcuts & illustrations are not accessible to Engineers in India as they are to your Surveyors in the Manchester Office.

Ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

1/3/38 signed letter, 3ff, pen, black-edged paper RP 851

32, South Street, {printed address}
Grosvenor Square. W.

Jan 9/64

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I think it better to [9:482-83]
answer your note at once.
What you contemplate doing & what ~~you~~
we are authorized to do for India are two, alas! totally different things. The Barrack & Hospital Improvement Commission have no authority whatever to enter into ~~the~~ minute details of drainage

works in any suggestions
to be sent to India.

I believe that, even if
they were asked, they
would refuse to do so.
The work required of
them by their Instructions
is of two kinds:---

1. to send general
suggestions, merely to
prevent the local
authorities from going
into a wrong groove
at first.

This is the only object
of the paper sent to you.

2. to take into consideration
& report on all plans for
Sanitary improvements,
including sewerage, which
may be sent to the
Commission by the India
Office.

For these plans
minute information,
such as you contemplate,
will be required. And
if it does not accompany
the plans, of course
the Commission will
ask for it.

We have information
so minute as to the
most important
Stations that we could
almost do without

any farther information.
But still such farther
information, if you are
not satisfied, can of
course be asked for.

All that is required
of us now therefore is
just to state the
general principles of
the subject.

The woodcuts & general
descriptive matter
applicable to all kinds
of sewers & drains,
such as that contained
in the pamphlet you
have been so good as
to send me, will be

very useful; & to the
extent to which you
approve, should be
introduced. They are
the very things wanted.

Pray let me thank
you very much for
your Bombay Sewerage
Correspondence & for
Messrs Fulton & Williams. {'sewerage' overtop drainage?}

[end 9:483]

Ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale

1/3/39 signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper} **[6:199]**

32, South Street, {printed address}
Grosvenor Square. W.

14/1/64

Dear Madam

I have struck off
the Appendices, & made
some verbal alterations
so as to enable the
paper to "*read without*".

I am afraid it
cannot be abridged -
The last page only
could be left out -
And that would be
a pity, for it contains
the confession of the
Colonists that they

have been & are
killing the natives.

Please do send me
a proof for revisal.

yours most faithfully

F. Nightingale
Miss Craig

Boston University

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1/3/40 Address card, 1f, pen

Lady Easthope
32 Great Cumberland Place
F. Nightingale
23/1/64

C.L. Webber Esq [C.S.?
20 Connaught Terrace

1/3/41 signed letter, 1f, pen black-edged paper RP 851

Private {on diagonal}
115 Park St. W. {W. underlined and overlined}
Feb 16/64

Dear Mr. Rawlinson,

We are very anxious [9:280]
not to hurry you,
knowing how laden
with a weight of
work you are - already.

This is only a
reminder that, when
you can let us have
your "Water supply",
the work of the
War Office = Indian
Commission can go

on.

And sir John
Lawrence was very
urgent that their
general scheme for
Sanitary Works
should be sent out
as soon as possible. [end 9:280]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

1/3/42 signed letter, 3ff, pen, black-edged paper RP 851

Confidential {up diag}

115, Park Street. W. {printed address}

March 26/64

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

We are getting on **[9:286-87]**
(about India)-- altho'
by no means so fast
as I could have wished.
For Sir John Lawrence
writes to urge haste-
& his own health is
so uncertain that he
has only accepted India
for two years. Perhaps
he may not even love
as long.

Sir Proby Cautley has

seen your paper. He
acquiesces in every
thing except one or
two points, which are
the very ones you yourself
have doubted - viz.
those where you will
find a pencil mark
thus? - & which might
seem like teaching
Indian Engineers, who
are particularly touchy.

He proposes not
to destroy the type
but to transfer it
to an Appendix.

Would you be so very good as to look over the Engineering detail & mark passages which an Engineer of ordinary education ought to know?

All *strictly sanitary* points should be kept in text.

General engineering principles only might be divided as proposed-between text & Appendix.

Sir P. Cautley says they don't make tanks in India as in England (as you say too) He says all material for embankments

is more or less plastic. It is carried by coolies in baskets on their heads- & the whole mass trodden down solid by incessant walking of hosts of labourers - each carrying a few lbs. of earth & treading it down. They never use puddle walls, as the entire mass is solidified & made water tight.

I dare say you know all this as well as he does.

Will you be good

enough to return the
proof to me, after
you have marked the
passages which may
be taken out?

[The last page is gone
to press, as we have
considerably enlarged
the Registration part.]

We hope to have a
Meeting of Commission
on Monday week - I
wish we could have
had it before!

[end 9:287]

I read every word
of your evidence on this

dreadful Sheffield
business - It makes
the causes very clear -
ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
R. Rawlinson Esq

1/3/43 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} RP 851

Private {on diagonal}

115, Park Street. W. {printed address}

April 19/64

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

We are almost in
despair at the loss
of time inflicted on
Sir John Lawrence -

[9:289]

To expedite matters
as you said you would
wish to make some
additions in
drainage & water
supply, I send you
back that part; &
will ask you, to save

time to make your
additions on this
proof-

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

If the plans had been
passed, we could
have completed the
Proof - But as there
will still be a
delay of some days,
in passing them, it

would save time to
have all the matter
ready to proceed
to press with,
immediately after
the next Meeting
of the Commission

This is why I
trouble you.

[end 9:289]

F.N.

1/3/44 signed letter, 1f, pen RP 851

Hampstead N.W {N.W underlined and overlined}

Aug 19/64

Private {on diagonal}

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Since I wrote to you yesterday, **[9:373]**
Mr. Delane, of the "Times", has offered
in the kindest way to "do all & more
than" I "ask if" I "will but give" him
"the materials".

This being the case, I think it
would be better, if you would kindly
send me what it would be well
to have said on the Indian "Suggestions",
leaving me to negotiate the putting
it in the "Times".

I hope this will reach you
in time, & believe me

[end 9:373]

Ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

1/3/45b signed letter, 1f, pen black-edged paper RP 851

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address}
Park Lane. W.
22/2/65

Dear Mr. Rawlinson
I have to thank you
very much for your
paper on the Lancashire
Works - I think that
is the greatest work
which has been done
yet.

I should be very **[9:872]**
much obliged to you ,
if you would be so kind
as to give me an
opinion, such as I

might send to Calcutta,
on the enclosed paper
regarding Disinfectants,
sent me from thence.

I had just sent
Lord Stanley (privately)
Your opinion regarding
the Bombay reference
about Disinfectants, in
the Minute by which
you replied to Sir C.
Wood. **[end 9:872]**

Believe me
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

1/3/46 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged paper RP 851

Private {on diagonal}

June 17/65

34, South Street, {printed address}

Park Lane

London. W.

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Many thanks for your
Alkali Works Report.

Mr. Ellis, President of the [9:526-27]
Sanitary Commission of the
Government of Madras,
is in England, on 6 months'
leave, to possess himself
practically of what you
have been doing in the
various classes of works
which have been
introduced in this
country.

Would you kindly put

him in the way of seeing
what has been done in
Civil Life in the following,
among other, matters: -

1. the best sub-soil drainage
works
2. specimens of town
drainage, with fall &
without fall
3. Methods of constant
water supply by
Sanitation & by
pumping from wells
&c &c Filtering
on a large scale
4. specimens of house
sanitary works adapted
for the poorer classes
(Irish labourers & such like)

5. completed examples of improved towns, in which constant water supply is combined with sewerage & the sewage applied to agriculture
6. manufacturers of Sanitary appliances - e.g. Macfarlane's (at Mr. Begg's) Mr. Jennings, Doulton's &c

There is no end to the information you can give him. I have only mentioned a few points.

Could you some day after next Wednesday meet him here, - say at luncheon, about 2 o'clock, & go into

the matter with Mr. Ellis yourself, which you would do & much better than I can? **[end 9:527]**
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

1/3/47 signed letter, 1f, pen black-edged paper RP 851

June 24/65
34, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Would you be so good **[9:528]**
as to tell me what were the results you arrived at with Mr. Ellis on the subject of the systematic surveys of Stations and Native towns ? From all the recent documents which I have seen, this is the point in which they were most defective. And I was very desirous

that you should have the
opportunity of going
personally over the
subject with Mr. Ellis.
Will you also tell me any
points in which you
think I could be
personally useful in
pressing the subject? **[end 9:528]**
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
1000 thanks for your
inspiring letter about
the Herbert Hospital

1/4/48 initialed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged paper RP 851

Private {up diag) March 13/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I have been asked **[9:546]**
to send you the enclosed
(from India,) containing
an Extract, marked
in red, from the
Engineer's report
about the drainage of
Calcutta- & to ask
your opinion generally
on the "insuperable"
difficulties in the way
of drainage, shewn,

as they appear to think,
by their facts -
Would you kindly return
me the enclosed?
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Who would ever have
thought of building
a great capital on
a quicksand, and then
complaining that it
was unhealthy? Was

it the true sons of Old
Leadenhall Street who
did this?

[end 9:546]

F.N.

1/4/49 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} [6:201]
probably to Maria S. Rye

Private {up diag} London March 20 1866
My dear Madam

I should be quite
unpardonable, if I had
not answered your
letters before from
neglect- But I hope
you will know that
the very reverse has
been the case. I did
not lose an hour in
putting your invaluable
information & papers
into the proper hands
(-not those of the
Colonial Office, which
I had tried before in

former years.) I also
communicated to these
gentlemen Your last, dated Dec 22/65
I know that they have
taken action upon this
information. And I
am to hear farther
from them - Whenever
I do, I shall of course
communicate with you.
I hope you will find
that, besides your other
inestimable labours,
this also will have
borne fruit.
I do not think that I
should do any good
by communicating x directly
with the Officers of the

x as to "matters of detail & methods of management"

Sydney (Tarban) Asylum my comments upon
your "papers", as you
incite me. Every thing
depends upon the classes
of cases, construction &c
&c. And I might do
absolute harm -
I trust you will believe
that I have done every
thing in my power (&
{text cut out of letter}
to you before is that
my business always
far out-weighs my
strength - I being
entirely a prisoner to

my bed from illness -

Pray believe me

Dear Madam

with overflowingly wishes
for your complete success,
a complete as you
deserve
ever Your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
{additional text cut out of letter)

1/4/50 signed letter, 4ff, pen {black-edged paper}

Private {up diag} April 26/66
35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Madam

In reply to your note,
I am most anxious to
help you, if I could -
But I have never
"made an engagement"
with any person like
that you describe. Nor
have I ever had any
correspondence (even)
with any "maid, whose
initials are K.R."

Your note has
therefore thoroughly

puzzled me. But, as
"K.R." "refers you to
"Mrs Jervis" & "Mrs. Lowe",
I may as well mention
that, in January, I
saw a person named
"E. Baker", (from
7 Clarence Place
Gillingham
Kent)
as an applicant for
my situation as maid
& housekeeper- that
I applied, by her desire,

to Mrs. Lowe & Mrs. Jervis
for her character-
both ladies answered,
giving me an excellent
character of her-
that Mrs. Baker
perfectly understood,
as I ~~title~~ see from
her letters now before
me, not only that I
"made" no "engagement"
with her - but that
she was to hold
herself at liberty to
take any other situation
- & that she might
refer any lady to me
for these characters

from Mrs. Jervis &
Mrs. Lowe -
once Mrs. Baker came
to London accidentally
& calling here, saw
Mrs. Sutherland, an
excellent friend of mine,
who re-iterated to her
the same thing.
This is absolutely all I
know of "E. Baker".
As Mrs. Jervis' & Mrs.
Lowe's letters are
rather confidential,
& evidently not
intended for E. Baker
herself, I delay giving

you farther information
till I am quite sure
we are speaking of
the same person.
I may as well add that
it was from no fault
I did not engage "E.
Baker." On the contrary,
I certainly should
have engaged her, had
I been well. But I
felt she was *overpowering*.
And I felt she would
not go on well with
my other servants-
I am an invalid, entirely

a prisoner to my bed.
I am overdone with
business. My illness
was much aggravated
by my interview with
E. Baker - And I felt
that to add one more
item of over-doing
to my already over-done
life was quite
impossible to me =
But I did not come
to this conclusion, being
prostrated by illness,
for some time. And
E. Baker perfectly
understood she was

not "engaged", & not to
wait for my decision.
If it is E. Baker of whom
you are in search,
I would rather she
did not know what
I have now told you-
- things which would
not prevent her
suiting you, I am
glad to think. I
will gladly answer
any farther enquiries
as well as I can from
Mrs. Jervis' & Mrs. Lowe's
letters - ~~which indeed~~
faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

1/4/51 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 851

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

Sept 18/66

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I feel that I have a
great debt of gratitude
to acknowledge to you
for many very interesting
letters & Reports - amongst
others, a Report on the
River Thames, sent me
as far back as May.

[10:33]

I have not been so
ungrateful as I appear-
For a question about
the "outlet main sewer"
of Calcutta which you

wished to have elucidated
nearly six months ago,
I addressed at once
to Sir John Lawrence
himself - the only way,
I find, to get a
question unanswered.
I wrote to him on
April 10. In a letter
dated June 17, he
acknowledges mine &
encloses the Memo=
which I send you -
But by an inconceivable
fatality which seems

to me to attend every thing
the India Office does
(which has never yet
been able to learn the
calendar difference
between months & days)
I have only yesterday
received Sir John
Lawrence's letter of
June 17- with its
enclosures, which were
important - & which
reached England on
July 20.
I am afraid the Memo"=,

which I enclose to you,
does not contain what
you wanted. It would
be easy however now
to obtain more information,
by putting precise questions. **[end 10:33]**
Please return me this,
when done with, with
any observations of your
own - or farther questions.
Dr. Sutherland is at Gibraltar,
or gone there- as I dare
say you know.
I have heard of your
frequently from Beatrice
Lushington & from Oxford
people -
I scarcely know where this
will find you -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Boston University

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1/4/52 signed letter, 1f, pen RP 851

Private {on diagonal}

August 6/67

35, South Street, {printed address}

Park Lane

London W.

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Can you tell me what **[9:886]**
is actually being done
about the drainage &
sewerage of Bombay ? -

Also, what you think
of the Civil Engineer in
charge of the works there? -

I have a particular
reason for asking this
question - as I am in
communication with
Bombay authorities -

And, therefore, I trust
that you will not have

wasted your time, if you
are so good as to answer.

I communicated immediately
with the authorities at
Madras as to your kind
information about the possibility
of having Civil Sanitary
Engineers out there -
& will let you know the
result - as soon as I hear. **[end 9:886]**

Ever yours sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

1/4/53 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 851

August 29/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Madam

I made enquiry about
the "appointment in China"
offered to your son on
Lord Stanley's nomination.

I find that these
appointments must be
filled up. But I have
a promise that your
son's name shall stand
at the Foreign Office, so
that he will have the
same chance which he
has had, when he becomes

of the proper age. I
need scarcely repeat
however that this
depends on a vacancy
occurring.

I am very sorry to hear
no better account of
your daughter's illness.

You must kindly excuse
my not writing at
greater length. I am so
driven with business
& illness that I can
scarcely write at all.

Wishing you hope & comfort,
pray believe me
dear Madam

ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Trench

{in a rough circle below: aged/different FN hand?}
{illeg Nms}

Mrs. RP. Marsh
9.th Jany 1875

1/4/54 unsigned letter, 6ff, pen & pencil, typed copy in 45800

Boston University 1/4/54, typed copy is 45800 ff191-98

{archivist: 1873? 71?} [12:170-74]

To the Editor
of Macmillan's Magazine.

Sir,

I crave permission to address you on the ground that in a recent Article of your valuable Magazine, "Miss Nightingale" is appealed to as a "Teacher of Nursing" - which Nursing is subsequently placed on a footing with "cooking & dusting."

Otherwise, as I do not think this subject is best treated by female ink=bottles, or by any receipt process, I certainly {overtop an illeg} should not have troubled you as Female Inkbottle No- 2 or No- 10.

My experience as an old Nurse is now nearly that of a quarter of a century ~~old~~ - And therefore without entering farther into discussion, controversy or contradiction with estimable ladies who were perhaps hardly born when I began my trade, I may perhaps be excused for rushing at once, (if at all,) *in medias res*, in order to tell you in what I think their theories fatal to any progress in my trade -

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And 1. My life has been passed in the aim
to make Nursing *an art* -

May I preach a few words on this text? -
begging you to pardon the garrulity of an
old woman -

Is the first ~~my~~ question of importance ~~asked~~ in regard to
any art, whether the painter, sculptor or
poet is a "lady" or a person working for
her bread, a Volunteer or a person of
the "lower middle class"? (I take the female
gender, for the sake of the parallel)

N.B.

I have, with folio Johnson's Dictionaries,
endeavoured to interpret the meaning of
the words "lady," "Volunteer," &c &c, as used
profusely by your contributor & similar
writers on this subject -

I have signally failed.

Some thirty years ago, Sir, I remember reading
~~rea~~ a book not unknown to fame, called
"Rejected Addresses" - A gentleman, endeavouring
to explain how a certain lady "became the
mother of his Pantalowski," observes: "The
fineness of the weather, the blueness of her
riding- habit, all conspired to interest me" -
(I quote from the memory of 30 years ago).
We are ~~much~~ pleased to hear that the
weather was fine & that the riding - habit

{Please note: some word endings in this folio off edge of the page}

was blue - but we do not see what they
have to do with it -

Neither Sir, do I see that all this *galimatias*
about "ladies," "volunteers" &c &c has to do
with it.

By dint of intense study, I have at last
arrived at the meaning of the word
"lady" - which I transcribe for your use.

Lady = an ignorant person who serves
without pay.

Now, Sir, is a lady less a lady because she
has trained herself to such a point
as that she can command the
highest pay? -

I protest against such a definition.

Is a lady less a lady because, placed
by God in such a position as that not
only her own maintenance but that
perhaps of an infirm mother, or of
orphan brothers & sisters, is laid
upon her shoulders, she nobly braces
herself to the heavy task - & says -
I will serve God in ~~the~~ His poor & in
His sick, and I will serve God, for ~~m~~
the charges He has laid upon me, as well
& at the same time *for pay*.

Sir, I protest against the distinction

which has been made in your pages
between the "mercantile" & the "religious"
"motive."

I protest against such a blasphemy -
such a corruption of God's purpose
in this His world of work -

I protest against such a ~~corrupt~~
perversion of the noble science of
Political Economy, which, however,
fortunately, as has lately been so well
said; "if it is true, can take care of itself."
The test of being allowed to serve God in
many, ~~if not all~~, Religious Orders; has
been:- to be able to serve God without
pay.

~~Are we not now learning.~~

Rather that we may be trained, so as ~~to be able~~ to serve God
so well as to be able to do it for ~~with~~ pay :- should not this be
the

wiser test of our wiser generation? -

Sir, in my younger years I knew a great
deal too much of the ~~class~~ occupations & of the
sufferings of the class called Governesses.

I say, too much, because I was wholly
unable to do anything to alleviate them at the
root.

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In the usual sense of the word, certainly most of these would be called "ladies" by all.

~~They~~ Many were daughters of clergyman, of professional men - [Many had relatives depending on them- Fifty pounds a year was (then at least) rather above an average salary. Few, if any, had embraced this profession from a love of education - but only because there was supposed to be no other which a lady could embrace. Many had not the accomplishments, many had nothing but the accomplishments, to cause them to embrace a governess; life. Many were of mature age, far more fitted for the sick than for children. Of all my governess acquaintance, I have never known but one who had achieved a comfortable independence.

Now, Sir, I am told that I must learn :-

1. that a Salary of £50 (the salary of a Head Nurse - called "Sister" in Hospital language) is to be despised by a "lady" -
 2. that nursing is on par with "cooking" or "dusting."
- There is no more similarity (allow me to speak with an experience of five & twenty years) there is no more

similarity than there is between
Monmouth & Macedon - [we know
that each begins with a *M* - & there
are Salmons in both.]

E.g.

The situation of a Head Nurse in a
Hospital is one quite peculiar, as far
as I am aware, in the world. In a man's ward,
She is the only woman in the world- in real practical
charge of grown-up men

[Queens have been in official, fictitious
charge - but] the Head Nurse of a man's
ward in a Civil Hospital has the
absolute ~~control~~ charge of the actions of 30
or 40 men at every moment of the
day & night - besides those of 3 or 4
women Nurses in a position
peculiarly exposed to breaches of
decorum & discipline.

The character which can really &
effectually fulfil this charge is a
rare one - It is by no means the
exclusive apanage of the "lady" class,
of the "lower middle" class or of any
other class.

I am not anxious to unfold the secrets

of the "prison- house"-- I mean the
Hospital- house - which I have
studied in many a country of Europe.
But I might tell things about the
charge of a *female* ward which ~~are~~ shew it
~~at least~~ to be nearly as onerous ~~as~~ a charge.
Now, Sir, I ask you to say whether there is
anything in domestic service which
bears any more resemblance to this
than Monmouth does to Macedon -
or whether a "cook" or a "duster" could,
~~without training~~ undertake these
duties - by virtue of the qualifications which make
her a "cook" or a "housemaid."
And here, Sir I come to the key of the
whole matter, which is the ~~short~~ little word :-
Training.
Sir, there is I think an "Open Sesame" in this
word, which will unlock the caves &
difficulties of many of my friends -
of those who, on the one side, as I understand,
say that the "Bishop's Commission"
constitutes an "apple - woman" a
"Deaconess" - & of those who, on the
other, say that "ladies" should not be
(Deaconesses or) Nurses at all - but

should leave the field open to those who serve for the "mercantile" "motive" - & are of the "lower middle class" - as if there were the slightest danger that "unpaid ladies" would come crowding into Hospitals to thrust out of the market those ~~illeg~~ who must earn their bread.

Sir, if there is any such danger, may I whisper into your ear a quite infallible specific? - and that is :- a Year's Training.

And, Sir, where does your contributor find that a "lady", "with very little training", "does Hospital Nursing in a first- rate way"?

~~Sir~~, I stand upon my experience - And I emphatically deny this_ And when I say, my experience, it is not upon my own puny, petty experience that I stand, altho' it reaches over five & twenty years, & nearly over the Christian world (by the relations which I have with Hospital orders.) I stand, Sir, upon the experience of the Christian world which has fixed the period of training for "ladies" (I presume)

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that nuns are generally admitted to be ladies) at from 2 to 5 years†. I myself consider that the training of one who has to superintend others in Nursing should not be less than 2 years.

The wild way of speaking which calls ladies (who, without experience, interfere in Cholera & other emergencies, however useful that interference may be,)

"*first- rate Hospital Nurses*", is, I presume ~~is~~ a figure of speech - & as such need not be seriously answered - Any more than the calling a school-girl who ~~draws~~ makes a clever sketches of horses or dogs a Rosa Bonheur need be seriously criticized.

liberty of labour {text changes
to pencil}

What else than Trades' Union principle is it to say that Nurses shall come from the "lower middle class" & shall "not have "more than £50"?

average [1]

Governesses salaries consult columns of newspaper
Governesses' Institutes

from £20 to £50

Governess (superior) advertises for £50

If Sir it be an exception that ladies undertake education
without taste or talent for it, without any other

"call" or qualification but that of poverty,

my experience lies among the exceptions - If the £50

salary be an exceptionally low salary for a Governess,

my experience lies among the exceptions -

Miss Garrett a Trades Union

restricting wages, work, classes -

That Nursing is an Art -

That training is necessary for this as for any other

Art

That there is no evidence that a "lady" acquires

this art with less training than any other woman

or than with less training than is needed for any

other Art.

That to restrict the pay or the class of the labourers

is to act on the same arbitrary principle as a

Trades Union.

That the true test of being able to serve God in this art

is not to be able to serve Him in it without pay

but to take the training which will command the

highest pay -

That this training should be ~~offered~~ accessible to all women

of any class, of any sect or church - without exception -

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[2] {text seen at the top of this folio at

end}

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That the class from which Head Nurses as {overtop &} well as

Superintendents are taken can no more be

restricted than the class from which any other

Artist is taken -

Will you say, all sculptors shall be taken from the

"lower middle class" -

That the difficulty at present is, not in offering

it as a profession to ladies, lest there should

not be sufficient ~~career~~ places for them - but in

finding sufficient persons to fill the places

That India & the Colonies, as well as Great Britain

are crying out for them - & that an immense field

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{this text at bottom of folio:}

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for nursing the sick poor at home, as well
as for Hospitals & Workhouse Infirmaries,
is gradually opening, which it will be
a work of scores of years to stock with
competent trained persons ~~serving for pay,~~
volunteering to serve God in his poor & sick for pay - whether
"ladies" or others

That, to serve according to *mercantile* principles
from the *religious* motive [I thank thee, Jew, for
teaching me that word] is the highest service

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{top of folio text here:}

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the service most according with the *purpose*
of God of which we are capable.

{following text at vert. top of prev. folio:}

Sick street

expression

poor Jew brother rich I

" Xtian offense " X

1/4/55 signed letter and envelope, 2ff, pen [13:583-84]

Private {on diagonal}

London 7 Nov. 1868

Dear Madam

I feel some difficulty, in answering your note, from the want of any definite question to answer.

Every Institution in the world that has *succeeded* has begun from a very small beginning - enlarging as it gathered experience - & almost always thro' the efforts of one or two devoted practical persons who have worked on in obscurity till they could command the sympathy & support of their fellow = residents.

The Liverpool Institution to which you allude began & worked for years before it commanded the "public feeling" to which you refer - & was supported by one solitary individual till it attained the power of securing "the large amount of expenditure" which you mention.

I presume, from your reference to Liverpool, that the "Training School for Nurses in Birmingham" is likewise to

send out *District* Nurses for the *poor*.

May I mention, as you ask my advice, that it is a condition which, according to my experience, is indispensable, that the Nurses must be trained & live in the Hospital under the eye of their own trained Lady Superintendent - who must therefore have a certain jurisdiction in the Hospital - & that the house which is to be "hired" for them must be in the *immediate* neighbourhood of the Hospital where they are trained, as is the case at Liverpool.

This is a '*must*', not '*may*'.
All other training is a mere fiction, experience tells us -

And there must be tests & a regular organized system to secure & to ascertain the progress of each Nurse's training, as she goes thro' her courses.

I venture to send you a paper (which I wrote by order of the Poor Law Board)

which, although not strictly applicable
for your purpose, inasmuch as it
is chiefly for Hospital & Workhouse
Nurses, nevertheless may contain
some hints which may be useful -

Pray dear Madam
believe me
ever your faithful servant
Florence Nightingale
Mrs. C.C. Matthews

1/4/56 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 851

Private {on diagonal}

35 South Street, March 2/69 {printed address:}
Park Lane,
W.

Dear Mr. Rawlinson
Many, many thanks for
your final "Public Works"
Report (to Mr. Goschen) -
It is evident that in this
case not only has a great
national calamity been
averted by you but that
you have spent the money
to really permanent
productive purposes -
viz. in producing health
& working capacity.

All hail to you for it!

And, tho' I regret more
than I can say to hear
you speak of your own
health = sufferings, yet
I am sure that you do
not regret them in so
noble a cause, in so
great a work for humanity
- the de=pauperizing work.
But I trust that you will
take care not to squander
more strength than you
can help. So noble a

worker can ill be spared.

I have received lately very strong complaints from the India Office on the dilatoriness of the Army Sanitary Comm: in sending in their answers & Minutes. This, I am sure, is in no way to be attributed to you or Dr. Sutherland. And I believe I know where the fault lies. But I wish it could be

remedied. The India Office is dilatory enough in itself. [end 9:620]
I think I shall venture to send you "Fraser" for March, in which there is a very humble little "Note" of mine on Pauperism - which I cherish a hope that you will approve.

Ever, believe me, dear
Mr. Rawlinson, yours
most truly

Florence Nightingale

Boston University

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1/4/57 signed letter, 1f, pen RP 851

Confidential {on diagonal}

35, South Street, June 17/69 {printed address}
Park Lane

W.

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I am sometimes asked **[10:96]**
(confidentially) to write a bit
for India Off: Reports &
Despatches. on one
subject or another - such
as this Drainage question -
in as few words as possible
& as impartially as possible
- so as to lead people to
give up their hot partizanship.

Would you be so very kind
as to look at the enclosed &
tell me if it is right - if
possible by Messenger - who
waits. **[end 10:96]**

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

1/5/58 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

London Jan 8/70

Dear Sir Richard Baggallay

[12:184]

I thank you very much
for knowing that I should
feel very much interested
in hearing of your father's
death.

[I had not heard of it.
my incessant business
prevents me from reading
the ordinary sources of news-
and my continual illnesses
from seeing hardly any one]

His age & the nature of
his disease were such

that one could scarcely
expect or even desire
the prolongation of his
life. And yet one
could have wished him
to live a little longer too-
to see the completion of
his work, St. Thomas's
Hospital.

I am right glad that his
last years were so well
tended by the Nurses,
whose Training = School
whose able & admirable
Training = Matron, Mrs Wardroper,

he had fostered, supported
& encouraged.

That Mr. Whitfield, for whom
as you know I have the
highest respect and regard,
did for his old friend
all that could be done,
I am quite sure.
I shall always preserve
Mr. Baggallay's in memory
in grateful remembrance
for his efficient solicitude
in promoting improved
Hospital construction &
administration, & a reform in
Trained Nursing - two points

which I have had all my
life so much at heart -
two points which Mr.
Baggallay promoted in the
wisest way- by developing
the opportunities & leaving
full scope to the abilities
of those who had to carry
out these measures.

Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

[end 12:184]

1/5/59 signed letter, 4ff, pen black-edged paper RP 851

Feb 11/71

Private {up diag}

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

It is so long since your kind
note of Jan 11- And I have
not yet answered it. I will
not repeat the too solid causes
I have for silence- tho', if you
remember them, you will *pity*
me rather than accuse me
of negligence =

== A propos to the "attempt to [9:647-48]
"provide sewers & drains to
"remove rain- fall" at some
Stations in India, could you
give me some information
as to a rather unlucky reference

which was made to the India
Office about an Engineering
scheme of the kind said
to exist at Cawnpore but
which it seems does not
exist?

The India Office applied to
you, ~~at~~ i.e. the Army Sanitary
Comm:, (in accordance with
a request they received)
about this Cawnpore scheme of sewerage.
You wished, I believe, to be
able to raise the case -
But when the enquiry came
to be made, no data could

be found for the statement,
tho' the data were said to
be in one of the India
papers sent for perusal
by the I.O. to the A.S.C.
But every effort at both
offices failed to trace the
document, it is said.

Now the person who made the
reference and the request to
the I.O. was I, (F.N.)
And I did so on the strength
of a document and a request
which I received from the
Army Sanitary Comm: (about

the first week of last December)
- the gist of which was as
follows:--

that a case in point,- (viz. the
cost of Engineering Sanitary
works,) "came up privately
"at the last Sub: Committee
"Meeting"

that an Engineer at Cawnpore
had 300 acres to sewer
that he proposed to construct
sewers of so costly a character
as to carry away when only
half full half an inch of
rain per hour.

&c &c &c &c

that, in order to prevent an
enormous & quite useless
expenditure

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& to prevent in dry weather
the sewers from distilling
fever and Cholera
the I.O. should require
oversight of these
Municipal plans?

Upon the faith of this statement & view
I applied to the I.O. (in
obedience to a request - I received -)
I had not an idea that the
"Sub- Committee" had not
all the facts before them
in black and white in an
authentic form satisfactory
to themselves as to correctness.
[For I have made it a rule
thro' life to make applications
(especially to Govt=. offices)
only in such case - or where

I myself had such facts
in a form to satisfy both sides
as to their authenticity]
And I "proposed" to the I.O.,- still
in accordance with the document
I had received, - that "oversight
of Municipal plans" should
be required, on the ground
of this flagrant instance of
the Cawnpore plan. **[end 9:648]**

And now I am told that no
such "instance" exists.
You will understand, I am
sure, that, knowing your
great accuracy and wide
information, I should apply

to you to give me the facts,
as far as it is possible, about
this Cawnpore plan.

And believe me
ever, dear Mr. Rawlinson,
with kindest regards to Mrs. Rawlinson
yours very sincerely

Florence Nightingale

1/5/60 initialed letter, 1f, pen RP 851

35 South Street, Feb 11/71

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

Yes Indeed: in this most **[15:775]**

terrible moment of all
history - When Neo = German
Militarism is even more
terrible for the future
of Europe than the
prostrate misery of
trampled France. What
can one wish but that
such a Year may never
come again- what can
one do but try one's
little all to lessen the
starvation and suffering?

[end]

F.N.

1/5/61 signed letter, 2ff, pen **[8:331]**

35 South Street, Nov 28/71

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

Sir

I trust that the earnest
interest I feel in the
work which you have
been successfully conducting
for so long at Guy's Hospital
may excuse me, a stranger,
in your eyes, for venturing
to offer you a little book
of mine on lying- in
Institutions.

It is put forward simply
as a beggar for criticism -
& for information - And I
Dr. Hicks

should, if I dared, ask you
with the first word you
read (if you do honor
me by reading any part
of it) to note on the
margin wants, omissions,
to be supplied- alterations
additions required-
for a future and (it is
to be hoped) better Edition.

I shall hope at least that
you will be kind enough
to send me your current
Annual Reports- & any

larger Report, containing
your valuable rules
& experience at Guy's
Hospital ---- if you
would kindly indicate to
me where to procure it
and by what Title, I should
instantly begin its study-
especially as to the causes
of Puerperal Fever, in
dwellings-

also as to your wise exclusion of
Students from Anatomy rooms
& General Hospital wards
while attending Midwifery
cases at home - or if a woman
has Puerperal fever, from any attendance
for a time -

Your experience has been
so very valuable that
I trust, Sir, you will
pardon this intrusive note
from
your ever faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

1/5/62 signed letter, 1f, pencil black-edged paper RP 851

35 South Street

Park Lane W Jan 28/73

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I have not seen or heard of
the "Globe" you speak of-

But, if you will take the
trouble to look at the
Report p.p. 48,49 which
I enclose, & from which the
passage you quote I conclude
is taken, you will see
that my poor little innocent
truism cannot possibly bear
the interpretation you put
upon it -

If also you will take the

trouble of looking at the

Report corresponding with
this of 2 years before it,
wherein there are 2 papers
of mine. [I have not a copy
by me]- you will see that

I am perfectly orthodox on
the subject you mention-
-the [illeg] 'doxy' - yours

[I purposely cut my paper of { 'my' overtop the}
this year as short as possible]

Do not trouble yourself to return
this Report to me.

but believe me

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Many thanks for your "Times"

letter- & also for your remarks
on Mr. Clark -

1/5/63 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Jan 27/74

Messrs. Fisher

Gentlemen

Will you be so good as to send
on *Friday afternoon* or Saturday
for the two Rheocline
Spring beds
which I had from you:
both of which are out of
order: one with an iron
lath broken: the other giving
way- & bagging in the middle.

As I am a great Invalid,
& only going out of London
for a fortnight, please

be so good as to repair
& send both back, or at
least one, in not
more than a fortnight.
Have the goodness to answer
this note:

& to believe me
your obedt Servt-
Florence Nightingale

1/5/64 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper} {vert. on
page}

Lea Hurst
Oct 17/74

To the Gardener

I beg to enclose 30/ with
Mrs. Nightingale's kind thanks for all
the pretty nosegays she had when at
Claydon by the Gardener's care: & for the
fruit sent by Sir Harry's desire
Florence Nightingale

1/5/65 signed letter, 1f, pen & pencil

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
May 21/65

Sir

You were kind enough to visit my Mother, aged 87, (Mrs. Nightingale), two or three times last month at 33 Berkeley Square.

May I, being now in charge of my mother - (my Sister, Lady Verney, having left London) beg you to be so kind as to call upon her *to-morrow*, Saturday at 32 South Street, & to call upon me, who am a prisoner to my room, at 35 in the same street, to give me your decision as to her

on a (to us) very important point:

whether she had better be moved to a purer air just out of London

and whether she would be more likely *there* to gain strength to be moved to her former home of 56 years (in Derbyshire) once more: which was her passionate wish; [I took her there last year: & could not have conceived such a revival possible in any one: in one day she was 10 years younger:] {'10' overtop 30}

or whether she would be more likely to regain strength to see her old home once more by remaining where she is.

Excuse this long note: [I should consider your kind visit as a "consultation."] Please name the hour. My mother could see you between 5 and 6 o'clock at 32 South St. *to-morrow*: If that is not convenient to you, between 11.30 and 1 o'clock:, before she gets up. Or if neither of those hours is convenient, we would get her ready at any hour you would kindly name. [She gets up at one, & drives out at 3 o'clock.] And I should hope for the great kindness of your reporting your much prized opinion *immediately* afterwards to

your faithful servt=

Dr. Andrew Clark

Florence Nightingale

Boston University

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1/5/66 signed letter, 1f, pen {vert. on page}

35 South St
Park Lane W.
May 22/75

Dear Sir

I hope that you will not do me the disfavour of declining this fee. Your kindness & patience in giving such a *considered* opinion about my Mother I shall never forget. If she lives, I may want to have recourse to it again many times. Please be so good as to remove the scruple I should feel in so trespassing upon your valuable time: while nothing could diminish the gratitude I feel for your kindness.

Pray believe me, dear Sir,
your faithful servt=

Andrew Clark Esq MD.

Florence Nightingale

1/5/67 signed letter, 3ff, pen

Address
35 South St.
Park Lane W.
June 27/75

Dear Mr. Yeomans

I have much pleasure in sending my contribution (£5) to the Fund which it is proposed to raise as a Testimonial to Mr. Chawner, for whom I know the great respect held by my dear Father. I regret very much Mr. Chawner's resignation of Crich: & still more the cause of it. You ask after my Mother: & I know that you wish to know

I am now in charge of her --- by the orders of the Doctor who attended her in London, at a small Villa which we have taken for her in Norwood: as the only chance of her recovering strength enough to see her old home once more in Derbyshire after which she craved; & she now asks me every day 'when we shall go'; & to fix the day-

Yet she is happy here: happy at least in comparison with what she was in London -

She has not made the progress here which we had hoped: still the Doctor here thinks it by no means impossible to move her to Lea Hurst. Both he & the Doctor in London, see how essential it is for her, body & mind, if only possible-

Her memory fails: but I do not see that her mind does: On the contrary: it is brighter than it was in the days of her prosperity.

I must add, out of gratitude to God, that He has blessed her adversity to her in such a way that it would be profane for me to wish things otherwise: this may be the most valuable experience of her life: the most precious preparation for another world. Otherwise we could hardly but pray for her release. But

this we must not do - but thank God for her - I cannot conceive a greater trial:-- the greater from her loss of memory: which prevents the comforts from being always present to her: to a widow of 87 than being placed in new surroundings with new companions: perplexing to one very many years younger: [I have never before known such a case for one so old:] especially as for 56 years she had never known any thing but beautiful homes: & husband & surroundings all her own:

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but she exercises a self-control which I could
not have believed possible at her age:
both Miss Irby (who is with us: & without whom
I cannot think what we should have done.)
& I have seen her stop herself when she
was going to speak of Embley: [not because
She does not think about it, but because she
thinks *too much* of it; she will not speak
about it:] no word of complaint
but only of thankfulness, ever leaves her lips.
Every day she & I look together at the photograph

of my dear Father's grave in Wellow Church=
yard: & go through the whole thing.
Nothing soothes her so much.

Her interest in good news, in the Abolition
of the Slave Trade, & such like things, is
fresher than that of most young people.

I never can see anything but the most
Christian generosity to every one in her feelings.

The only thing she asks is to be taken
to Lea Hurst before it is too late: she says
"I shall never be any better: take me there
before I am worse

And this I believe we shall do: as soon
as the Doctor gives us leave
As for me: I am here to the detriment of
my life's work: but on my Father's grave=
stone we have placed this: Scripture:

"And in Thy light shall we see light:
for *my Father* was always seeking "light":
& when all things are made clear in God's
light, then we shall see the unravelling of
all that has perplexed us.

I have said so much, because I know
my dear Father's regard for you, & that
he would have wished it

but I have not been able to finish this note till to day
from want of strength:

ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

1/5/68 signed letter, 1f, pen

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Nov 30/75

Dear Mr. Yeomans
I send a Cheque for £5
to pay, please, for the Wood: £2.17.6
And please give the change----- 2.2.6
to Miss Julia Smith
when she comes to Lea Hurst:
& oblige
yrs sincerely

F. Nightingale

1/5/69 signed letter, 2ff, pen
35 South St
Park Lane W
Dec 7/75

Dear Mr Yeomans
Perhaps, as the weather is so very severe, you
would yourself give the £2.2.6 (which
was meant for Miss Julia Smith to provide
Widow Gregory with 2 or 3 dinners a week
from her kitchen during the winter)
to *Widow Gregory*, - who seemed to me the
poorest person of those we gave kitchen stuff
to: & not at all a beggar- (?)
in the *following manner*:

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2/6 a week for 13 weeks: = £1.12.6

for dinners:

& 10/ at once for a little warm
clothing: (Mrs Shore Smith gave her
some:)

10
£2.2.6

unless you see any better way of doing it -
when I am sure I shall agree with you -
I shall be very much obliged to you to take this
trouble: & am sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

1/6/70 signed letter, 1f, pen RP 851

35 South St
Park Lane W
Jan 5/77

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I have to thank you most cordially
for two most kind & interesting letters:
& for a copy of your valuable work.

Somehow I find I cannot write much
now: but all the more do I wish you &
Mrs. Rawlinson the highest New Year's blessings:
& I think of your past, your present & your
future so valuable life: & beg you to believe
me as ever sincerely yours.

Florence Nightingale

Have you seen this little book "Our Coffee room"?

1/6/71 signed letter, 3ff, pen

[3:490-92]

35 South St
Park Lane W.
Feb 7/77

Dear Miss Marsh

How can I thank you for much kindness?

- Except indeed be telling your kindness that
it is not lost.

Your little book of "The Hero" &c is very dear to me.

And I have already given away copies.

Every thing that you write has in it so sweet
a savour of holiness that I believe it
seldom fails to touch & do good.

Your "Harbinger" was very precious to me while

it lasted: & introduced me to many things
to introduce to others. I learnt with
very great regret that the "Harbinger"
was discontinued: but I hope it is only
for a time. I have found it very useful:
My immense family of Hospital sons &
daughters, Patients & Nurses, increasing of
course every year, makes me like a
cormorant in snatching at all these good
things. One of my ever- recurring anxieties,
however, is, - while preaching to our Nurses
that they are 'Missionaries' - to show them the
only way in which their 'mission' can be
acceptable either to God or the Patients.
[A poor old man, a dropsical Patient with
a bed-sore, in illeg Ward of St. Thomas'
Hospital, said recently of one of our
Probationers: "If Nurse M. would but look
more to my back, I should be more inclined
to 'repent', as she says - I do 'repent' - but there
is my back."]

They must be true Nurses to be true Missionaries
Nurse M. who is a truly religious woman, I think
has laid the thing to heart. She is now gone to
another London Hospital as Nurse.

The 'Sister, (a gentlewoman) a woman after God's own heart, who told me this, is a true Nurse, & did look after ---'s "back", & all the "backs", & souls too.

[I have one of our Matrons, 'Sisters,' (called so merely from old Hospitals usage), Nurses or Probationers, to tea with me every afternoon that I possibly can:

I am always strongly impressed with the feeling that there are but few of them who might not more properly be my head than I theirs: (perhaps may be in another world): & that it is only the 'accident' or the incident of God's providence that has made me, - as it were, incidentally - *their* head

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in this world:

we pray, too, daily together that, while we are ourselves (in a way) preaching to others, we may each of us not prove to be a 'cast away'.

There are peculiar temptations in this life: {'in' overtop an illeg}

- a Hospital Nurse, if coarse, may have great temptations to coarseness: but our temptation is more to self- righteousness:- to 'doing the good' to others.

You kindly allude after our affairs. Else I do not know that I should have been so loquacious.

The 'Spirit of truth' is 'the Comforter': but it
is

also the Scourger: & thank God that it
is so! Light shows us God's beauty: {LU: e-text wrong-has
 bounty}
but it also shows me my own hideousness -
May we thank God for both! tho' sometimes
it is very terrible.
And I do truly echo your
"She England cannot lose the habit
of bringing heroes forth".
And I do truly thank God who has sent us
a 'Mistress of Probationers', one indeed of His
hero-ines, to 'mother' ~~for~~ our Training School at St.
Thomas' Hospital. She is also a capital Class=
mistress. (Miss Crossland.)
Should you in your large acquaintance know
any *country young woman* sound in body
& in mind, who would like to be trained
as a Hospital Nurses, would you address
these to Mrs. Wardroper, St. Thomas' Hospital,
London, S.E.? [I venture to send
our Form of Registration.] We have rather
too many applications from gentlewomen:
too few from the (so called) working= class,
~~working-we~~ farmers' daughters: or the better
sort of domestic servants.
You kindly ask after me: it is: business
her increasing:- illness ever- increasing. How
little one can do even of what one is 'called' to do!

May your valuable life & strength be prolonged
to write & to speak these cheering, inspiring,
heart-searching appeals for God, which
urge to the work all who read
is the fervent prayer of yours ever in Him
Florence Nightingale

I venture to enclose a Letter about the London
District Nursing: at present it includes
only gentlewomen - these only being found able
to do the *first* tremendous but most encouraging
work of cleaning out these 'dens'= but they never
are known to fall back into 'den'ship, as far
as I know. [end 3:492]

Boston 1/6/72 signed letter, 1f, pen {text vert. on page}

11th= *Hants Rifle Volunteers*: 35 South St.
Park Lane W.
May 17/77 [15:519-20]

Sir

The first duty of a soldier is to conquer
the enemy - in himself - The first thing that
makes a soldier is: to drill himself.

To "Fight the good fight of faith" against
difficulties may be done as truly by Volunteers
persevering under untoward circumstances
as by St. Paul's converts: or by soldiers
spending their blood in a desperate cause:

I am sure that your 80 men are
fighting the good fight: & will make good
soldiers. And I wish them God speed

with all my heart & strength.

I hope to be permitted to send in addition
to £5.5 contribution:

£5.5 this year towards clothing:
(cheque enclosed:) [end 15:520]

And I beg to remain, Sir,
ever their & your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

C.L. London Esq
Hon. Secy=

1/6/73 {text vert. on page} signed letter, 2ff, pen

London Jan 26/78 [15:837]

Dear Sir

You write to a sick old woman who is & has been for years a prisoner to a couch from ever- increasing illness, - who is & has been for years so overworked & so overwhelmed with interviews & ever- increasing business, that she does not see her own sister except by appointment.

I earnestly hope some day to make your acquaintance for the sake of Highgate Infirmary for which you have done so much. But I am afraid it is quite impossible at present for me.

With regard to the Ambulance question: in the first place, we are not at war: & God forbid we should be: in the next, unless you have already a private Ambulance in view, by whom do you intend to be sent out in "charge of an Ambulance & Nurses"? - by the War Office? - The War Office does not send out Civil Medical Officers till it has exhausted its own Army Medical Officers - by the National Society? - at present that gives little sign of life: unless it has given such to you There are two "Societies", one for the Russian, one for the Turkish side= possibly you are thinking of these.

But allow me to say- what is anything but an offence- that so young a gentleman should scarcely be sent out "in charge of Nurse - I presume it is your first War -

If I might whisper the thoughts of a person of some experience, & by no means a "Devil's advocate": - it would be that one so much interested in Pauper Infirmarys, Workhouses & Training Schools for Nurses, & who has done so much for one of them, should follow up this noble path of life and believe me you have my best wishes that you should succeed. And

I hope some day to have a conversation
with you on these important subjects - [end 15:837]
I bid you 'God speed': & pray believe me
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
Have you seen 2 Vols: called 'Our Coffee-room'
by Miss Cotton, now Lady Hope?
They remind me of your advice to the poor
Patients 'to drink Coffee for the rest of their lives'.
F.N.

Samuel Benton Esq

1/6/74 signed letter & envelope, 1f, pen

London May 22/78

Dear Madam

Under severe pressure of business & illness,
let me however thank you myself for your great
kindness in sending me a copy of your
valued Life of Mr. Baxter whose loss ever
to be regretted is a national loss -

With the deepest sympathy
pray believe me
ever your faithful servt:
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Dudley Baxter

{postmarked envelope} LONDON W MY 22 78

Mrs. Dudley Baxter
Oakhill
Hampstead
N.W.

22/5/78

1/6/75 signed & initialed letter, 3ff, pen black-edged paper RP 851

10 South St
Park Lane W
Sept 7/80

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

It is one of my greatest
pleasures to hear from an
old friend like yourself.
And you must not
measure the joy you
give me by my (forced)
negligence in writing.

How few there are left
now to share your & my
recollections

I thank you for your
more than kind note, &
for your report on Dublin,
& bid you God speed in
all your works.

You truly say that
what is said of us after
we are dead is of small
moment.

As for me, ~~in~~ what I
should esteem the highest
honour & success is that the
matters which I have
tried to help should ~~be~~
have advanced so much
that I should be quite
forgotten & obsolete.

I have been so driven
(& so ill) that I have not
been able to write except pressing business. I am
now going for a few weeks
to my old home in
Derbyshire. If, please

God, I am able, may
I claim a visit from
my old friend when I
return?

Pray believe me
with kind regards to 'yours',
ever most truly yours

Florence Nightingale

PRIVATE [up diag]

Are you satisfied with
Mr. Griffith- & what he
is proposing for Bombay-

And what comparison
should you draw between
him & Major Tulloch?

Are fresh & fresh plans to
be always making?

F.N.

1/6/76 signed letter, 1f, pen

[1] August 23 1881

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I had written the enclosed
when your invaluable packet
came- A thousand
thanks for it. I wish I might just
say of Mr. Grant Duff: adopt Major Tulloch -

But will it be enough
to tell Mr. Grant Duff
that he is to follow up
Major Tulloch's admirable
scheme when we know
not how far Mr. Jones'
may be advanced?

I have asked Capt. Galton
to call upon you to day about
it.

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

1/6/77 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 851

Madras Drainage}

Mr. Grant Duff-} 6. a.m.

2 10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
PARK LANE. W.

August 23 1881

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I have found all Major [10:305]
Tulloch's Reports that I have -
viz. Report for Drainage of Madras
[& on Bombay

Corresponde= on Drainage of Bombay
a copy of divers corresponde=
Report for Drainage of Bombay
by Major Tulloch
Reply to Mr Aitken's pamphlet
by Major Tulloch.]

But, as to Madras, I very much
fear that we cannot give
PRECISE *information* or *advice*
without running the risk of
putting Mr. Grant Duff in a

false position - especially
as he knows nothing &
cares little about the details
of drainage schemes. He
may feel very confused
when he gets out to Madras
if, as you suggest; we
recommend to him to
follow Bombay or to
adopt Major Tulloch's
admirable scheme - may
he not? - whilst it is
possible that the scheme
of Mr. Jones is in progress.

With our present imperfect
knowledge, what is to be
done? -

It might almost be wiser
to limit oneself to
recommending Mr. Grant Duff
to push forward the drainage
of the Town, on any scheme
that is being adopted, if
the works are well done-
tho' one is very unwilling to ~~do this~~.

~~Pray~~ - make such a
"lame & impotent" conclusion.

Pray see Dr. Sutherland
& Major Tulloch about it.
as you kindly proposed.

And I have asked Capt.
Galton to see you -

Four such great men
should come to some
wise conclusion about
poor Madras.

I have written to try & get
the D. of Buckingham's
information as to how far
"Mr. Jones' scheme" is advanced
When Dr. Sutherland wrote to
me, he must have forgotten
his own strong Minute
against "Mr. Jones' scheme".

for he appeared to think there
was nothing to do but to "raise money" -
for the ever yours sincerely [end 10:305]
Drainage: Florence Nightingale

1/6/78 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 851

Madras Drainage & Water Supply

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

Aug 25 1881

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Many thanks for your note.

I send the Reports, as desired, [10:183]
to Dr. Sutherland.

And pray be so good as
to write to me *both of you*
to do on the subject.

I have written to Dr. Sutherland [10:305]
that I entreat *you & him*
to do the *best for Madras*
that you can by sending
me a *joint* brief well=
considered distinct
recommendation as to
what *Mr. Grant Duff*
is to do.

Major Tulloch's Report
is very full: & every
time I look at it I
think it more admirable
than before.

But unhappily also it
is full of argument, which
implies that it has
opponents; and that
weakens it as an
authoritative document
to an ignorant man.

It would hardly do,
would it?, simply to give
it to Mr. Grant Duff
to read.

But I depend upon you
& Dr. Sutherland for sending
me here what I ought
to *communicate to Mr. Grant*
Duff on the subject.

[end 10:183]

God bless you

& God bless poor Madras:

[end 10:305]

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

1/6/79 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen & pencil RP 851

MADRAS DRAINAGE} Claydon House

&c &c } Bucks

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:} {crossed-out with 2 diag lines}
PARK LANE. W.

Sept 2 1881

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Thank you very much for
all your Mema=, remarks
& notes on the *Madras*
Sewerage, Drainage & Water
supply schemes: & for
Mr. Jones' Report.

[10:183-74]

You are kind enough to
permit me to ask you any
further questions:

May I ask whether,
notwithstanding your last
letter, I may still advise
in terms of your Minute
that *Major Tulloch's plan*-
should be pressed on the

attention of the Governor
of Madras?

But even in this course
there would be the great
difficulty; as I learn
that while Major Tulloch's
scheme would cost
£395000, Mr. Clark's
would cost £235000.

-at least Para 9. of Mr.

Jones' Report says:

"the former (Maj. T.'s) amounting
to 39½ lacs - & the latter
(Mr. C.'s) to 23½ lacs with
a proportionate estimate for
Black Town of Rs. 13,12,000:"

Your note to me about the Surface Drainage Report *appears* to set aside the principles on which Tulloch's scheme rests. The question is an Engineering one. And you appear virtually to have decided in favour of the surface scheme.

The Duke of Buckingham writes a long letter, in answer to my queries, entirely in favour of it, - & saying that the Madras sun with *evenly* high temperature does the work of a disinfecter & desiccator.

ignoring all about Sanitary sewerage of drainage (not mere

gutter drainage) & the facts on which it rests.

[end 10:184]

1/6/80 signed letter, 3ff, pen RP 851

April 29 1882
10, South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Your kind note of April 17 was forwarded to me.

[I had been compelled to go out of London for a few days' total silence & solitude.]

Thank you very much for your two notes about Poona drainage & sewerage. But it is you whom I want if you do not like to give such a verdict as would be useful to my correspondent

[10:306]

to ask questions - not me.

If you will kindly return me the documents
I sent you with such
opinion & such questions
as you think I ought to
send to ask I will
do so. And I will
also ask your question :
"How will the money
be obtained to pay for
sewering Poona ?"
For that is just what I
want to know.

2. Sir Henry Parkes,
Prime Minister of New
South Wales, who is
shortly going to return
to Sydney, asks me
to "suggest works or
documents of special
value on Hospital
Management, or *health
provision for towns*,
particularly ~~every~~ any
manual suitable for the
guidance of persons
in charge of Country
Hospitals".
We are singularly deficient

in the first & last -

But could you kindly
send me anything you
think comes under the
head of "Health provisions
for towns" for Sir Henry
Parker ?

You ask me to tell you
"as to what is doing
with the sewerage &
draining of Madras".

I wish I could.
I only know that they
are doing something
different from any of

[10:184]

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the plans which have
been discussed.
I thought that your Army
Sanitary Comm. was
kept informed,
I have seldom been so
grieved & discouraged
as at not having been
able to give a unanimous
opinion & advice from
yourselves to Mr. Grant
Duff who was honestly
anxious to be advised
on this vital subject.
I was in hopes that you
& Dr. Sutherland & Capt.
Galton came to an
unanimous decision

on these things whenever
submitted to the Comm. **[end 10:184] [end 10:306]**

4. Do you remember
being so good as to send
a man to fit new Gas.
burners at 10 South St.
Could you be so very
kind as to give me
his address ? in order for him
to do so again -

with kindest regards
to Mrs. Rawlinson
pray believe me
as ever & always
yours most truly
Florence Nightingale

1/6/81 signed letter, 2ff, pen

PRIVATE [on diagonal]

June 29 1882

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

I sent in your name
as from myself, for you to be
examined as evidence on
the Committee for enquiring
into the A. Hospital Corps

The difficulty is that this
enquiry is for Natal merely.

There is to be another
(general) enquiry : but it is
not certain whether they
will take evidence. I
sent in your name for that
too.

The present enquiry is now
closed : & the Report about

to be written: May they come
to just conclusions!

I have lately had all
trustworthy information
about the new Native Army
Hospital Corps in India
I should like to talk it all
over with you : but
at present I have not
half an hour at my own

disposal :
in great haste
ever your faithful servt=
F. Nightingale

Geo. Evatt Esq MD. [new folio]

1/6/82 signed letter, 1f, pen

Aug 30 1882

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

My dear Sir

I shall be exceedingly glad
to have your information, so
valuable & so interesting, on
such subjects as have been
the aim of my life.

I am only sorry that you
did not make an
appointment to come & see
me, for pressing business
has detained me in London,
as perhaps you know.

I am now leaving : but
any letters addressed here
will be immediately
forwarded to me - I shall

be back here about the third
week in October (or sooner,
should events call for it)
& shall hope to see you :
& to hear from you sooner -
than that -

yours in haste

F. Nightingale

Geo. Evatt Esq MD

1/7/83 signed letter and envelope, 1f, pen

Dec 19/83

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mrs. Green

How good & kind of you to write
me a letter so interesting - &
which I ought to have answered
long since -

I am so very much pressed
just now - I am afraid I am
engaged with business people

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both Friday & Saturday when you

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are so very kind as to say you
would come & see me -
Any day after Saturday that you
would kindly fix beforehand at
5 p.m. [is that too late for you?]

I would thankfully keep open -
I long to see you - But perhaps
you are going out of London for
Christmas - then, when you come
back - - - ? God bless you always -
His path-way will be bright.

ever yours F. Nightingale

envelope: Mrs. Green
14 Kensington Square
F. Nightingale
19/12/83

1/7/84 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St.
Feb 16/84

My dear Sir

I truly give you joy &
ourselves -if you are
going to prove what is the
'good & acceptable & perfect'
Field Hospital in Egypt.
Your experiences will be
invaluable.

Good speed to go - good
speed to return !

ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale
Dr. Evatt

1/7/85 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, to ?

Private {on diagonal}
10 South St. W.
March 3/84

My dear Sir

I am glad that you are
not gone - that is, if you
did not think that you

could carry your views
into practice -

You saw the unsatisfactory
answer to Sir Harry Verney's
question : Sir Harry thinks
that the next question
ought to be : 'when
'information is received as
'to the details of the Field
'Hospls= in present campaign,

'with regard to the particulars
'asked for, to request
'that it may be
'communicated to the
'House'- or something
to that effect.

You see that Army
Estimates are probably to
be moved on Thursday
When the Medical vote
comes on, then will be
the time to ask Questions
What Questions would you
wish put?

I am glad that Sir Trevor
Lawrence asks a question
to-night. At the same time,
there does not appear to be
much use in these isolated
questions. Separated
from the rest of the policy,
the House does not
understand much about
the "amalgamation of
A.H.C. & A.M.D." question

Thanks for the "Broad
Arrow" letter which will
greatly interest me.

Your Lecture has turned up,
many thanks, & shall be
returned to you.

I shall be glad to hear
what you think on these
points of what is to be done.

ever your faithful servt=

F. Nightingale

1/7/86 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [5:684]

Claydon Aug 23/84

My dear Mrs. Green

I have No need to commend
your decision to God - For you
are there with him already.
But it is a matter of national
importance, & I need not
tell you how earnestly I meet
you there in the Immediate
Presence where I am not
worthy to be, but you are -

I will not inflict more
of my considerations upon
you - But after much
thought it resolves itself
as it appears to me into a

question of your HEALTH.

1. For thus: Girton will profit you.

history is your subject -
history is the subject most
cruelly mangled at Girton -
history is the subject
most wanted at the present
day to guide us in these
strange new pressing problems.
classics & mathematics will
right themselves at Girton
history will be more & more
distorted.

It is hardly doubtful that
while you are helping Girton
Girton will help you in

your future historical
studies - It will give
them reality & depth.
to be worked out ultimately-
2. It is an immense sacrifice
But do not think that you
are leaving all "sugar plums"
behind ~~at~~ in London
& imprisoning yourself with
raw minds & details of
adminstr= - You must not do this.

There are men at Cambridge
whose intercourse will be
pleasant to you & profitable
to your students THROUGH YOU
But - - - health! there's the rub

God bless you ever - &
guide you, as He does so
wonderfully-

F.N.

1/7/87 signed and initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Claydon House

Winslow Sept 7/84

Bucks

My dear Mrs. Green

You & the subject of
your letter are matters of such
intense interest that - -
must we not have some
more talk about these
vital things ?

You say you shall be in
London "about the 18th
December." Will it be
really so late? or is this
a slip of the pen for
September? Would you

come here - my sister would
be so glad to see you -
on your way South, if it is
before the Ho: of Commons
meets? or may I see
you in London ?

We never cease to think
of you
ever yours in deepest
sympathy
F. Nightingale

Your most interesting letter
of Aug 30 was delayed
on its way by mistakes of
the post - no fault of the
address - & went to
many places in vain -

I am writing you a long
letter on Girton

FN

1/7/88 signed letter, 5ff, pencil [5:685]

Private {up diag}

Claydon House

Winslow Sept. 8/84

Bucks

My dear Mrs. Green

I will not waste time
in saying how your letter
about Girton & Naworth
absorbs my thoughts.

Taking it as an accurate
index of the temper of the
Committee, & your intercourse
at Naworth, when a guest
in the house, as a faint
indication of what your
intercourse with the Committee
as a ?subordinate would
be_ is there_ I ask this

{ 'with' overtop an illeg }

questions very much against
the grain - any but a very
slight probability of a
workable understanding
being arrived at between
you & the Committee?

In any case it would
appear now to be essential
that you should not
undertake this most
important & most difficult
post without making
a very clear statement to
the Committee of the conditions
(not, of course, using this word)

under which you could {'you' overtop she}
alone accept it.

This must be done if only in
self-defence, because there
is apparently no official
definition of your position &
duties to guide you in your
acceptance or refusal of
the post, and in your
subsequent conduct of the
administration, if appointed.

[I write as drily as possible]

Obedience to the fancies,
the 'ideas' of the majority of a
quorum of a Committee may
mean almost anything

Obedience to the verbal
instructions of one or more
of the Committee may mean
almost nothing of ~~responsibility~~
power & trust to do the work -

Your friends could never
advise you to accept a
position which the world
outside regards as one of
responsibility & trust,
when it is really one in
which there is no trust,
& in which therefore there
can be no responsibility
in its true sense -

Alas! poor Girton!

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If a hint in such a matter
is possible, it would perhaps
be well to avoid all statement
totidem verbis that you
apply on public grounds, (as
you do): and nothing should
be said to personal sacrifice
(which is so great an one)--
but everything in the letter
written or questions asked,
Should point unmistakeably
to the first of these conclusions

Would= not the pith of it
be: 'I find not authentic
definition of the duties
or of the position. The

'Committee would naturally
desire to know my view
in outline of what
these should be before
they appoint me: and
on the other hand, I
should have no desire
to take the appointment,
unless this view were
in accordance with
that held by the Committee'
[- Such an appointment
as this implies an
agreement between the
Committee & the Mistress,
and it is essential to

know that two ~~sides~~
parties to the agreement
are ad idem, at all events
in the main principles
on which they are to
work together; otherwise
there can be no certainty
that co-operation is
possible. Before the
partnership is formed,
the terms of the
partnership must be
clearly laid down.]
It could mean nothing but
disaster for you & for
Girton, & vexation for every

one concerned; that you
should accept the position
& find it untenable by
reason of conditions imposed
upon you which thwarted
every attempt to do the work,
which to do was the leading,
indeed the only motive
for your accepting the post.
Plenty of people may be
found who are admirably
fitted for being dictated to,
& bullied by a parcel of
ladies. But would not
Mrs. Green be a miserable
failure here? She has too
much of true spirit & of
the spirit of truth -

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There is besides the most
essential consideration
which you have, I most
earnestly trust, not lost
sight:- your health-
How does that stand?
You have probably not
yet taken Medical advice -
ever my dear friend
(if you will allow me to call
you so)
yours most anxiously
& overflowinglly
F. Nightingale

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envelope addressed to Mrs. Green, September 21 1884, postmarked
Winslow

1/7/90 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen, presumably to Dr Evatt

Private {up diag} Sept. 26/84
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

I have heard, *with*
consternation, from Mrs. Evatt
that you are thinking of
leaving the Army for the Irish
Prisons. I look upon this
as a national disaster.

We have heard of "The Hour
& the Man". You are the
"man". This is the "hour".
What have all the recent
Commissions & Committees
pointed at but that we
must prepare the Army
Medical Corps in time of
peace for what it has to do
in time of war?

Who is trying to do this but

Dr. Evatt? Who is trying
to create the Army Medical
Corps at all but Dr. Evatt?
And you would leave this,
your life's work, for
another work to which
you are not directly called!?
You have often told me that,
to further this essential, this
vital work, you would
sacrifice *all other* aims- that
you would sacrifice yourself.
But there is no need for
sacrifice of yourself, thank
God - only for making it
your life's work.

And Mrs. Evatt, I am sure,
wishes for her husband's
true glory. True glory is in
the highest usefulness, as I
know she thinks.
There is no one else to do
the kind of work you do -
yet more important at
home or abroad than in
India: the work in
writing & publishing, as well as
in teaching & training &c &c &c
Wherever you go, if you remain
in the Army, you can carry
it out. If you leave the
Army, no matter where you go,
it is all lost. You are lost
to your proper work.

Your very testimonials
show that you are
indispensable, essential
to the Army- and, what
is more, *thro' the Army*
to our country, to which
you have so devoted yourself.

As for the Irish Prisons,
you would only do what
twenty other men could do.

Your Army services are yet more
wanted at home or abroad
than in India - tho' we may
hope that you may yet
return to India some day.

This is a crisis. Five
years hence, if you are not
[breaks off]

1/7/91 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Sept. 26/84

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Madam

I received your two kind
notes - the latter with Dr.
Evatt's testimonials _ _ _ _ _
I think you will hardly be
surprised when I say with
dismay. You say truly that
I value Dr. Evatt. It is
my intense value for his
services - & not indifference
- that makes me deprecate
the change in his life's work
which you propose - as a
national disaster.

The work he did in India

was splendid - the work he
has done since he came
home yet more so.

Would you take him from
this, which no one else
can do, & put him in
a work which many
could do ?

God forbid.

Pray pardon me for feeling
it so strongly.

His very testimonials show
that he is indispensable;
essential to the Army - &
to our country IN the Army.

- our country, to which he has
so expressed his devotion.

He is sure to get on in the
Army - to do a good which
we can hardly at present measure.
And I need hardly say that
whatever interest Sir
Harry Verney and I may
have would be exerted
on his behalf as long as
he was in the Service.

Pray forgive me
& believe me ever his
& ever your faithful servt:

Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Evatt

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Winslow

1/7/93 Signed letter, 2ff, pen [5:687]

Claydon Oct 14/84

My dear Mrs. Green

All my poor vows are with
you. I know how
terribly trying this time
is for you, my St. Michael
[I don't at all plead guilty
to thinking of you as the
Archangel *only* at Girton
but *now* too & *always*.]
I feel all the *trying=help*
with you and the sadness.
If you could kindly give
me the choice of two or three
afternoons NEXT week
at South St., I would so
gladly hear what you are

thinking : if possible, NOT
Monday.

Please direct

10 South St. Park Lane W.
ever yours in deepest sympathy
F. Nightingale

My poor sister at the
beginning of winter is
worse than she was.
This is disheartening -
without a summer
before us -

1/7/94 signed letter, 3ff, pen & pencil

PRIVATE 10 South St. Park Lane W.
{up diag} Oct 14/84 **[15:555-56]**

My dear Sir Since I wrote
to you, I have seen the new
Warrant. I have only had
a moment to glance over it,
but I feel it is a great
disappointment. I should
like much to hear what
you think of it.

As a secondary thing, it
does not appear to recognize
the "Classes" & "Sections" of Orderlies
for which we fought in
the Report - the *Nursing*
Orderlies to be the best
paid - to be promoted
in their own "Section" - and

for good NURSING:
Clerkship not to be promotion
Will the Medical Officers
do much for their Orderlies
in the way of teaching
them to be NURSES
thro' this Warrant? Or
will it only make them
look after their men a
little more as SOLDIER-men,
& make the Medl= Officers
a little more Military
Officers? What do you
propose to do about this?

"Cooks" are hardly mentioned

I have been steadily
 thinking over your valuable
 'Notes'. 1. Who do you propose
 should 'hang' the P.M.O.
 who failed? Not the D.G.
 who would be merely an
 Inspector? (see end.)

Decentralization is
 vitally important. But
 will the present arrangements
 how is it to be carried
 out?

2. Qy. Is not the reply to your
 questions in this matter about Egypt
 that the present *system*
 does not enable the
 defaulter to be discovered?

If there were a proper
 hierarchy, it would work
 3. But will it do to make
 the P.M.O. a D.G. within
 his District?

There are good men
 among them- also stupid
 men. Who would
 regulate the every day work
 of these last?

4 As another { :up diag} Is Netley to do all the
 consequence { :up diag} Medical education? Then
 an act would have to be
 passed that the Netley
 course was not to count
 for a *degree*.

[end 15:556]

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 I hope soon to talk
 over these & other
 things with you -
 pray believe me
 ever yr fful servt-
 F. Nightingale

Dr. Evatt
 You will perhaps say that
 Local Generals should
 'hang' the defaulter P.M.O. who failed. But
 the Local Genl= is deprived
 of all power by the {illeg Unifn-, Unify-, Unifll-?}
 System, & by this very Warrant

1/7/95 signed letter, 2ff, pen [5:687]

Private {up diag} Oct 27/84
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mrs. Green

I was told yesterday what
you doubtless know that Miss
Pater has with drawn from the
candidate-ship for Girton -
but I was also told that
Miss Welsh was very likely
to remain permanently in her
temporary position *by default* -
- & that it would be so very
desirable for Girton, for
every interest, if you could
become more known to the
Council. What do Mr.
Creighton & Major Stopford
lay about this? I feel

really so very different about
pressing this matter in any
way, when such much
better advice than I can give
perhaps determines you in
another direction that I
scarcely like to tell you
the impression that exists-
viz. that you do not much
care about the Mistress-ship
either way, Since you do not
do what other people do to

win it -

- that one of the first
qualifications for a Mistress-
ship *is much to care*, (in
which you will agree)-

- that it is scarcely fair to the
Council & to Girton- let
alone yourself - to do nothing
- that people are genuinely shy
& modest about writing to
references, unless known to
them personally -
- that, in short, it is quite
possible the thing may go
by default- to the great
distress of many, & the
destruction of Girton - & the
present incompetent Regent
be left on the throne -
when the best I can hope
for is that every future girl
undergraduate will go to
Newnham - instead of Girton

[Could you give a guess
at all at the number
of girls that have graduated
at or passed thro' Girton
in these fifteen years?]
Not for your sake but
Girton's I write: is there
not any way which you would
take to make yourself
known to the Council?
One of those who spoke to me
yesterday said: 'Mrs. Green
is known as the wife of a
great man who has done
her part most devotedly,
most nobly, with energy &

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wisdom unsurpassed - She
has done a part magnificently
such as seldom falls to the lot
of woman- But ~~one~~ we
~~does~~ not know what to say
to the Council- she will
not make herself known-
how is one to make known
the special gifts that
fit her so well to ~~for~~ be the
Mistress of Girton?'

I will say no more.
God bless you & your work,
whatever it may be:
ever yours
F. Nightingale

1/7/96 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [5:689]

My dear Mrs. Green
I can only silently &
sorrowfully agree with you
now.
I almost wish that you had
sent in something in the
form of Testimonials - odious
word! But you say the
Council do not require that
now
We must leave it with God.
[If Miss Walsh is elected, we
must turn all our thoughts
to Newnham.]
I wish I could see you
now, as you are so good as

to be here -
But I hope you will let
me see you next week -
thanks many for writing.
yours sadly but yet
hopefully in the ultimate
success of a good cause
F.N.

31/10/84

Will you not have
some luncheon?
I did not *at all* mean that
you "contemplated" a "Magazine
"Article" ~~now~~ to send in to
the Council. but only that
that 'paper' was something in the
nature of one. And you,
used the word as intending
it "months have".

1/7/97 signed letter, 6ff, pencil [5:688]

Private {up diag} 10 South St.
Oct 31/84

Good speed, my dear Mrs.
Green - I like & agree
with the 'paper' almost
entirely- At all events, I have
nothing to criticize in it,
because it does not admit
of criticism.
It is undeniable 1. that Girton
has not fostered "learning"
or "research" among women
But, I should fancy that
the Council would rather
foster angry, aggressive
Agnosticism than "original
research"

7The scheme of administration is good. At all events it is hers who will have to administer it.

8To admit the students into some share in the administration of their own food is undoubtedly wise- The Council's conduct is inconsistent. While they insist on absolute non-interference (at least Miss Davies does) with the girl-undergraduates, the same girls have scarcely any more power over their meals, &c., than Mr Squeers' school- boys had- And they rather

glory in it, as being unworldly & spiritual!!

But now- as to the adviseability of saying all this - ~~to~~ of 'showing' your 'hand' - to an unknown Council, almost unknown to you, as you say yourself - an almost unknown person, as you say yourself; to the Council

Perhaps I did not make the drift of my former remarks quite plain - And this is my excuse now to your kindness for making these

very plain: - the last thing I meant by my (ventured) original advice was that you should enter, in the form of a "Magazine article", as you say this is, on a general statement of views, educational or other;

my suggestion which I was so bold as to offer was that you should act strictly on the defensive, stipulating for or explaining *such things* as you would feel were

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absolutely essential to your acceptance of the post, but no others. If they could all go into one side of a sheet of Note-paper, so much the better

[This kind of dissertation would come exceedingly well from you *verbally* to a valued friend on the Council 2 years hence, if elected - would it not?]

Is not any general exposition of your ideas

as to female education- (p.p. 1_5 of the paper)- *unless asked for by the*

Committee - simply enlarging the area of attack, -without, I should fancy, doing the cause any kind of good?

If you think otherwise, would you not merely say to the Committee that, if they wished for any such expression of views, you would be ready to furnish it?

II. Should not you make
sure of two essentials,
& two only:

(1.) That the contract
between yourself & the
Committee should be
mutually understood
by both parties as
meaning the same thing,
or nearly the same thing,
- that they should be
"ad idem"- i.e. that you
should not discover, a
week after you were
appointed, that you meant
one thing, & they meant

entirely another thing by
the appointment?

(2.) that ~~your~~ the Mistress' own position
in relation to the Committee
should be defined with
sufficient exactness to
enable her to form a
tolerably accurate notion
as to whether she could,
or could not, do the
work expected of her?

N.B. Do not Mr. Creighton's
arguments in favour of
the Mistress feeling her
way before she makes ~~other~~
any

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conditions, apply ten-fold
~~to~~ against her making
stipulations *other than*
the above 2 which
seem *essentials*?

Must she not feel
her way (& a long way
too) before making
others?

It *may* indeed be necessary
that her "own position"
[See (2)-] must include
stipulations as to her
Assistants in order to
enable her to do the work
expected of her- But

even this I believe
Mr. Creighton would defer.

I will not make this
any longer, because I
feel that even in this I may
be 'darkening knowledge' -

I am more than occupied,
(i.e 24 hours a day
would not be enough for
me) to-day especially- &
until after next Wednesday -

But this (Girton) is so
important, so nationally

important, that, if I
could be of the least help,
even for you to talk to,
I would gladly see you
at *one* (or even directly)
or at 3.30 or four to-day - if
convenient to you.

And may the Almighty
Father speed the cause
which is this own!

ever yours with deepest
sympathy

F. Nightingale

1/7/98 signed letter, 1f, pen

10 South St. W.

Nov 6/84 {6 overtop 5}

My dear friend (if you [10:328]

will allow me to call
you so)- how good of
you to give me that
comforting letter - now
whatever can be done
has been done -

May God bless you -
yours ever

F. Nightingale

Sir Harry has written,
"Care of Miss Shirreff."
Till the new Viceroy is off to

India, I have hardly
time to breathe-
But I shall hope, as you
are so very good as to
say I may appoint a
day, to do so soon.
May tomorrow's day be
propitious! [end 10:328]

1/7/99 signed letter, 1f, pen

10 South St

Park Lane W

Nov. 19/84

My dear Sir

I give you joy of your Lecture
& its result.

Would you kindly make an
appointment to see me any
afternoon at 5?

Or rather would you be so
good as to give me the
choice of 2 or 3 afternoons?

ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

card

Dr. Evatt -

10 South St. [printed address]

Park Lane, W.

Nov 21/84

Yes please Wednesday
26th at 3 p.m.

Boston University

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F. Nightingale

1/7/100 card, 1f, pen

Nov 21/84
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Yes, please
"Wednesday 26th"
at 5 p.m.
F Nightingale
Dr. Evatt

1/8/101 signed letter, 1f, pencil [5:502]

March 13/85
Dearest Mrs. Hawthorn
I shall hope to see you
after Westminster Abbey
to-day, as you kindly say
O let us pray at the
Memorial Service to-day
that every one of us &
every soldier in particular
may follow & lead a new
life in Gordon's spirit -
how sterile will be our
Services without this!
"Who follows in his train?"

God asks us to-day -
he cared only that the
Father should glorify
His name, "& I be greatly humbled", like Christ
I shall see you so soon:
I say no more.
ever yours
F Nightingale [end 5:502]

1/8/102 signed letter, 2ff, pen

June 19/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

I give us joy that you
are come home and in
good health and in good
success, as I gave us
joy that you went out
- you were so much needed.

I plead guilty to having
been very anxious lately
- so many Medical Officers
came home ill- And I
was only deterred from
troubling Mrs. Evatt for
news by the fear of alarming

her- So much the
greater joy in your
success.

I shall be so glad to see
you as you so kindly
propose if you
happened to be in
London to morrow (*Saturday*)
or *Sunday* or *Tuesday*
at 5 o'clock - provided
you could let me know
as soon as possible.

[If Monday were more
convenient to you, I
could by putting off
two engagements see you
on *Monday* at 5.]

I should not trouble you
for a very long visit
this time because I
should hope to see you
again at greater leisure

With my heart-felt
congratulations to Mrs.
Evatt

pray believe me
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
Dr. Evatt

1/8/103 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Private {on diagonal}
Address 10 South Street,
Park Lane. W.
Sept 4/85

My dear Sir

Your letters, always of
the deepest interest, are
painfully interesting now -

We are so very
sorry to lose you from home=&=
Head Quarters=work - So
very important just now -
But Bengal is a great field.
I don't at all believe that
you will "go to sleep" or
have a "conspiracy of silence"
anywhere Still you are

sadly wanted at Head Quarters

I hope you are *not* going
to Russia; but will be
'about & about' & at hand
till you are obliged to go
"in December"-

Pray let me know your
plans till December - And
what part of December
you start in -

I shall be back in South
St. in a fortnight: or rather
less- & shall hope
to see you then - & see you
often -

I will also trust to see
Mrs. Evatt some time when
she happens to be in London,
if she will be so good.

Thanks for your enclosure.
We have that & many things
to talk over.

Good speed to you & the
work.

I have been completely laid
up during the last month,
except the time I give daily
to my sister. Pray excuse

pencil & briefness

& believe me

ever yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

Surgeon Major Evatt

You will see the results
of the General Election before
you leave England.

1/8/104 signed letter, 5ff, pen

10 South St. Park Lane W.

Sept 11/85

How truly do we mourn &
grieve- it is the breaking
up of a whole chapter in
the history of Christ's
Church- that of Beckenham
& the names of Marsh &
Chalmers - a breaking up
but only as the land is
broken up to let the good
seed bear thirty fold and
a hundred fold. How
much has sprung out of
Beckenham that can
never die.

How grandly you & yours,
& other teachers from that
fold, are still working
for Christ & eternity -

If the deepest sympathy
could afford a moment's
comfort to Mrs. Chalmer's
in the unparalleled trial,
yet more *agonized* by, one
fears, the necessity of
leaving the associations of
her home, that sympathy
is hers.

And on how glorious the

re- union so on in the immediate
presence of the Lord,
of the Almighty Father'!
[Once she was so kind to
a one-legged boy I sent
home from the Crimea-
not a soldier- not a
Good or interesting boy-
But *she* was good to him.
And, repentant, he was
taken by the Saviour-
She wrote so kindly to me.
But that is only one of
her thousand good works.]

And - may I say a thing
which has long been on my
mind to say? about *your* works:
I have heard much in confidence
of your work at Cambridge
(and I hope Girton) - but
particularly of the young
Cambridge graduates
whom you have been the
blessed means of sending
out to China missions-
I rather grudge them there -
China is not ours-
India is ours -
One (not "of Macedonia" but)

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of India says to you:
"Come over & help us":
Will you not send some
of your young Cambridge
graduates over to India
- spare us some?
The Hindoos say: we expected
in a Christian missionary
[and they describe something
like John the Baptist]
and we see a man driving
about his wife in a pony-
carriage & giving us
good cheap schools.

[15:1011]

Then they say - what is
of sadly more importance-
we Hindoos know our
religion - and we practise it
we Mahometans know
our religion- and we
practise it -

but we know what your
Christians' religion is -
and they don't practise it.

[This is speaking of
Europeans in general in
India- not of missionaries.

But in Egypt, in this

last campaign, there were
Hospitals & there were
Sick Transport Ships,
where no prayers or Sunday
Services were held -
where every day was exactly
alike - you could not
tell Sunday from any other
day but by looking at the
Almanac-

And this, though, by
Regulation, the Commanding
Officer or the "Commandg-"
Doctor is to read the
Service on Sunday, where

there is no Chaplain -
And the poor Arabs, whose
absorption at their daily
prayers is so wonderful,
see this & say: Are
those Christians Christian?
Will you not send us
some of your Cambridge
men to India? India
for which we are
responsible -

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May God bless & comfort
you & keep us all!
And may God continue
to prosper your
wonderful work!
ever yours

Florence Nightingale [end 15:1011]

Miss Marsh

Pray forgive my delay in writing-
pray let me thank you for the beautiful
notice of Mr. Chalmers -

1/8/105 signed letter, 6ff, pen, see 45807 f177, dated Nov 6/85

Private Nov 6/85
& *Confidential* {both up diag}
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Lord Reay

You were so very good as [10:309-10]
to encourage me to write to you
if I had anything important to
submit to you, especially in
sanitary matters. And your
great kindness makes me
venture to appeal to you now.

Dr. Auchinleck's tenure of
appointment as Surgeon Genl=
H.M. Forces is just expiring.

Under Clause 2 of India
Army Circular 1880 the Govt=
of India reserves power for
Local Govts= to appoint, subject
to the confirmation of the Secy=
of State, an Officer of the Indian
Medl= Dept=, if qualified, as
Surgeon Genl= H.M. Forces.

Though the Death-rate of the

British troops serving in Bombay
has materially lowered,
yet the number of men
"constantly sick" (about 564
in a small Army of some
10,000 British troops) shows
that much remains to be done.

Bombay & several other towns
in the Presidency ranked unhappily
high for "admissions" from
Malarial Fevers, even as
high as from 716 to 939 per
1000 strength on a 7 years'
annual average among British troops

[It is true these Fevers are
not generally fatal, but they
are a main cause of inefficiency
& invaliding of troops - & a
single attack predisposes to more.]

Further work is therefore
absolutely necessary everywhere.
We must work hard to be perfect.

The Reports from the Surgeon -
- Genl= H.M. Forces show that
much of this sickness is
preventible, & much would
be prevented by greater
sanitary strictness.

We Sanitarians were
grieved to see in the
Annual Sanitary Report
that the British Surgeon- Genl=
had opposed the Sanitary
Commissioner, Dr. Hewlett, in
his wish to receive certain
necessary returns. And we
rejoiced when we saw that
the Bombay Govt= authorized
his, the Sany= Commr='s, being
furnished with a copy of the
Admission & Discharge book
from each Station Hospital.

Might this not be a favourable opportunity for filling the vacant post of Surgeon Genl= H.M. Forces with an Indian Med: Officer singularly fitted for the appointment?

And than man, I believe, you will think Dr Surgeon Genl= Hewlett- the best Sanitary Officer in Bombay, perhaps in India - exceptionally good in Sanitary experience in the Bombay Presidency.

Dr. Hewlett comes next after Dr. Moore, Surgeon Genl= with Govt= of Bombay.

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We want Dr. Hewlett to introduce sound Sanitary principles.

He was Dy Surgeon Genl- in Sind for 3 years - & had administrative charge of all troops, British & Indian - & all medical arrangements for sending up troops to Affghanistan. He is therefore perfectly conversant with the working of the Medical Staff.

But what we want him for is for his special qualifications as a Sanitary Officer. We want him to instil into the young men

what they are to do- & how
to do it. We want him
to create an enthusiasm,
an enthusiasm with knowledge,
as he is well fitted to do,
on the subject, among the
young Officers of the Dept=
No man has his experience.

If you would think well,
to nominate Dr. Hewlett,
there is scarcely a doubt
that the Secy- of State for
India would confirm the
appointment.

Five years' experience
a record of the Sanitary work

of the Army, conducted by a
man specially instructed
in the subject, such as
Dr. Hewlett would leave
behind him, would be
simply invaluable.

He would at the end of
his 5 years' term have
left a distinct mark on the
Sanitary condition of the Army.

He would have been able to show
the Medical Officers the
causes of disease- & how
to remove them -

This is the first thing; second to it is:

- The appointment of an
Officer of the Indian Med: Dept
as Surgeon Genl= would please
& rejoice the whole Dept=

which feels itself rather
put in an inferior position
But none would rejoice so
much as your selection
of Dr. Hewlett as the
leaders of Sanitary reform
in England who would
feel themselves favoured
& honoured by one of
the Pioneers of Sanitary
reform in India being
appointed to such a
responsible post. His
success would be their
own success -
{printed address upside down.} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

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[It should perhaps be added
that on the last occasion
the Bombay Govt= recommended
Surg. Genl= Moore, then Dy Surgn=
Genl=, for the post. But it is
understood that Dr. Moore
has since succeeded as
Surgn= Genl= with the Govt= of
Bombay. He would gain
neither in pay nor position
by being made Surgeon Genl=
H.M. forces. He will be 60
in 1888 when he must
retire; so that he could not
hold the appointment for
5 years]

I know that your Great
interest in your kingdom
will pardon an old Sanitarian
for urging that a man of
such unexampled experience
as Dr. Hewlett shall be
appointed, if possible

[end 10:310]

And pray believe me
dear Lord Reay
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

The Returns quoted show the
need for increased attention
to the Sanitary condition of the
Army- & for reduction thereby
in the numbers of men
"constantly sick" But this
cannot be whilst the Head
of the Dept- is simply
concerned in curative medicine
Might I ask the great favour
that if Lord Reay thinks
well to exert his power
in this matter, he will
do it entirely *from himself*,
& not mention my name
at all? I depend upon
his kindness for this -
I reserve to myself the pleasure

(for another maid) of saying
how we give ourselves
joy of Lord Reay's
native appointments
to the Council- & of
mentioning some matters
about Village Sanitation.
May his reign be long &
prosperous!

F.N.

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

1/8/106 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W. Dec 8/85

My dear Sir

I have to thank you for
"Broad Arrow": & for copies
of a manifesto, which I do
heartily.

And any day after this week
except Tuesday & one other day
that you happen to be
coming to London, & could
give me the "5 o'clock", I
have no doubt I could,
as I wish, accept your
appointment, provided I

knew a little beforehand-
or you could kindly give me the
choice of 2 days.

Do you think the
Elections have gone for
or against?

I am to blame for not
having returned the
enclosed long ago. My
only excuse that I have
Govt= Reports to read- &
other small prints- &
am so blind now that I

cannot read such like (newspaper)
print except by day-light
-& that I did not know
at first that you wanted
it back.

Excuse me

& pray believe me

ever yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

I have been extremely busy
in various ways- So have you-
I am sure.

Dr. Evatt.

1/8/107 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Dec 15/85

My dear Sir

I am sorry to say that
Friday when you were so
good as to say you would
come & see me has been
snapped up by a previous
appointment.

Could you kindly make
another appointment? and
would you be so very good,
if possible, as to give me
two or three afternoons to
choose amongst?

ever sincerely yours

Boston University

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Dr. Evatt

F. Nightingale

1/8/108 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private {up diag} Dec 18/85

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

Dear Lord Reay

Shall you say that I am
abusing your indulgence when
you granted me leave to
write to you? I do indeed
feel an unlimited trust in
your goodness- And I hope
that you will pardon me -

It is still on the matter of
Mr. Crawford's Draft
"Bombay Village Conservancy Act":
[No--P August 21/85] that
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I venture to address you.

Mr. Crawford has shown in
P. 3, Paras: 12 and 13, that the

poor Mhars & Mangs are
the essential foundation
of any "village organization"
to cleanse & 'conserve' the
villages.

Might we ask you to look to
this yourself? to putting
these men back into their
old original position &
duties - which they & their
women & children can alone
perform -

and to giving them their
original rightful perquisites,
the grain "huks" from the
villagers, without which of

course they could not perform
these duties.

And if in any cases their
Service lands have been
resumed or assessed,
would it be possible to
restore them?

I should take shame to myself
were I to enter into any
explanation of the necessity
of the case, because if
it is right, it will be done
by you without any such -

But I may mention that
I have had much conversation

with Mr. Pedder of the India Office on the
subject. And he ~~illeges~~
~~illeges~~ he is at
one with Mr. Crawford in this matter.

Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

May I wish you & your kingdom
a happy New Year in the widest
& highest sense of the word,
& many of them?

H.E.

the Lord Reay

1/8/109 signed letter, 2ff, pen

10 South St. Park Lane W

[15:558]

March 27/86

My dear Sir

I have to thank you very
much indeed for your
invaluable "Bearer" Company,
which reads with far more
interest than the best novel.
May it bear fruit!

Also- for the Proof just
sent- & for several other
papers. And I return
one M.S., as you requested.
For all these which you so
kindly sent, my most hearty

thanks.

Would it be convenient for
you- you say you are
coming "up" on "Tuesday &
Wednesday"- to call here
about 5 for a cup of
tea- Or if this did not
suit your hours to fix
another day- not Thursday?

I am glad that you
give a cursory glance at
the training of the Indian Native
Hospital Corps Orderlies. I

have a letter to show you
on this, relating to the
Burmese War Hospitals.

[end 15:558]

For the last 3 months
I have been too ill almost
to do my daily work- but
none the less delighted
to see your vigorous course-
I have been sorry not to
be able to write.

Pray believe me
ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale
Surgeon Major Evatt

1/8/109A signed letter, 2ff, pen [published in Annie Matheson,
Florence Nightingale 325]

London June 24/86
My dear Sir
Strenuously desiring,
as we all of us must, that
Administration, as well
as Politics, should be
well represented in Parliament,
- & that vital matters of
social, sanitary & general
interest should find there
their voice, we could desire
no better representative &
advocate of these essential
matters,- matters of life &
death_ than a man who

like yourself, unites with

almost exhaustless energy
& public spirit, sympathy
with the wronged &
enthusiasm for the Right-
a persevering acuteness
in unravelling the causes
of the evil & the good,
large & varied experience,
& practical power
limited only by the nature
of the objects for which
it is exerted.

It is important beyond
measure that such a man's
thoughtful & well-considered
opinions & energetic voice

should be heard in the

House of Commons.

As Lord William Bentinck
when Governor Genl= of India,
said of Sir C. Trevelyan
one of the ablest Adminis-
-trators ever sent to India:

~~"It is well that~~ "That man
"is almost always on the
"right-side in every question
"& it is well that he is so,
"for he gives a most
"confounded deal of trouble
"when he happens to take
"the wrong one". so we
must say of you, which
to any one who knew Sir C.

Trevelyan as I did, appears
the highest of human praise

You have my warmest
sympathy in your
candidature for Woolwich,
my best wishes that you
should succeed - even less for
your own sake than for
that of Administration
& of England

Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
Surgeon Major
G.J.H. Evatt M.D.

1/8/109B signed letter, 1f, pen **[5:365-66]**

10 South St June 24/86

Park Lane W.

My dear Sir

 You ask me to "write
you a line in sympathy with
your getting into the House".

My deepest sympathy is
yours- but I am not at
all sure that it will do
your candidature any good
for me to express it.

 It would be life to the
cause I have you in Parlt-
Good speed: ever faithfully yours
Dr. Evatt
F. Nightingale

1/8/110 signed letter, 2ff, pen **[5:367]**

 London July 7/86
My dear Sir

 We are concerned beyond
measure at the failure in
having you in the next
Parliament - but defeat it
is not.

 Where great administrative
principles which so often
do not gain a moment's
attention in politics or in
Parliament - one would
think that a country could
be administered without
administrative principles
for the amount of attention
the Country gives them -

where these are presented &
discussed as you discuss
them- it is a great
Educational process.;
it is a great gain
whatever the loss.
And to you too, the Instructors,
the campaign, as you
magnanimously say, has
taught much.

Alas! how many victories
(so -called) have been losses
in this campaign - the woful
ignoring of any principle,
the sparring, the personalities,
the nasty recrimination -

they have been an Education
backwards- almost as bad
as the public-houses of old
days, tho' more refined.
You know *who* says the Lord's Prayer backwards

You have nobly kept
the canvass in its true
sphere - the discussion,
for the purposes of
enlightenment & improve=
=ment, of administrative
principles & practical
politics, of the needs of
the country, of the ways
of raising it to better
things.

Excuse a brief note

Shall you be coming to
London soon? If so &
you can spare me a
visit, can you kindly
make an appointment 2 or 3
days beforehand?

Pray believe me

ever yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Surgeon Major Evatt M.D.

1/8/111 signed letter, 1f, pen

10 South St Park Lane W.
Aug 21/86

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your
note & all that you have sent
me.

You have given me no
intimation of your Indian
appointment, wherefore I
have some hopes that it
may have been put off-

I shall probably have
to go to my sister for the
month of September : &
shall hope that you will

be still in England on
my return to London.

But could you kindly give
me a choice of 2 or 3
afternoons this next week,
any day (at present) except
Tuesday - at 5 O'clock,
when it would be convenient
to you to give me a visit?

I will say nothing more
now about the subject
in which we are so
interested

pray believe me
ever faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

Dr. Evatt

1/8/112 signed letter, 2ff, pen

10 South St. Park Lane W.
Sept 5/86

My dear Sir

This is only a line to say **[10:186]**
what I cannot say: greeting-
and good speed to your work
out on the voyage to India,
& in India, where your work
is so much needed- and - -
wherever you are -

We shall miss you sorely in
England, where there is no one
to take up your mantle.
But India is such a grand
field for you -

And a great work you will
do wherever you are -

The green fields of the
Emerald Isle would weary
you in a few weeks -
however tempting they may
look.

We would have kept you in
England if we could -
But India calls you -

[end 10:186]

Pray give my kindest
regards to Mrs. Evatt, if
you are still with her.

And ask her to be so
very good as to write me
a line that I may know
her address - Excuse a scrawl.

God speed you
& believe me
ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

Dr. Evatt

1/8/113 signed letter, 2ff, pen

10 South St. Park Lane W.
Nov 20/86

Dear Mrs. Evatt

I was so very glad to
hear from you & that
you were going out to
join Dr. Evatt- May
all success & happiness
attend you!

The time is now
approaching; you say
"December or January"-
And if you are in
London before you
embark, will you not

give me the great
pleasure of a visit
some afternoon- giving
me due notice beforehand,
that I may not be engaged
with some one I cannot
put off?

I trust you are prosperous
& the 2 little children, dear
little souls. Are they
going out to India too?

Is Dr. Evatt stationed
where you will join him?
& where is it? I was

sorry, as you were, if
he did not lecture on
Sanitary things &c to the men
~~troops~~ going out. But
he will be sure to be
doing good wherever he is.

Pray pardon me for
not having answered
your note sooner. And
pray do not measure the
keenness of my interest
inversely as the length
of my delay. I have
been very much overworked
& ill- And till the

beginning of December I:
shall scarcely have a
minute - For I am
no 'pioneer' but a
jack-ass, never my
own master-

But I would not delay
longer replying to your
kind note -

Good speed & I hope: Au revoir
& believe me
ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

1/9/114 signed letter, 1f, pen

Private {on diagonal}

Feb 4/87

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

My dear Sir

I am so very much obliged
for your two most valuable
letters that I will not
delay just this word in
return, tho' unable to write
more by this mail.

The good time will come
for your work.

Mrs. Evatt was so good as to
write to me once, & I hoped to
see her before she started. But
I have not had that pleasure, &
I almost hope that she has left
England to join you-

God speed your work & you -
ever faithfully yours
Dr. Evatt Florence Nightingale

1/9/115 signed letter, 4ff, pencil [3:492-93]

10 South St Park Lane W
Feb 20/87

Dearest Miss Marsh My
deepest grief & sympathy
for your illness - My
warmest thanks for your
beautiful little book, &
above all, for your so kindly
writing with your own hand
May it please God to restore
you to us & to your great
good work.

Do you remember sending me
"China's Millions", & the
account of the graduates of

Cambridge who went out to
them as Missionaries -
& my envious eyes which
longer for them for *India*
(who looks upon her Missionaries
merely as men who drive
about their wives in a pony
carriage & give cheap
schooling.)

Can you not give us some
of yours for India?

But I have something else
to ask: a Lady Clarke, of
Melbourne, one of the
right sort, who was here

in the autumn, was a
friend of one of those mothers
of Cambridge Missionaries, & she
told the that he had set
up an *Opium Refuge* at a
place in China, called, she
thought, Hong.tong - (not
Hong-kong.)

I made acquaintance
with a Siamese Princess
here, wife of the Siamese
Legation here, now gone
back to Siam, laden with
good plans for the education
& reform of her fellow-

countrymen at Bangkok.

An English Tutor, a
young man of the greatest
promise, went out in
her train to teach her sons
& be a sort of Private Secy
to her husband -

If I could get some
detailed information as
to how that Chinese "*Opium*"
Refuge worked, it would
be of such use at Bang kok

Now, may I trust that
this will not worry you?
If you have any one at hand

[2]

who would be so very kind
as to tell me where to
procure this information - - -
that is all -

I have tried in vain elsewhere
God bless you ever:

Thousands of prayers
will be yours - for you -

Do you remember, in your
"death & Life"- in the Cholera
Wards of the London Hospital
- a letter from the landlord of
a young man who was prayed
back to life again:

& who sent you a copy of
Landseer's dog-

I gave out Lea school-master
copies of your ever beautiful,
ever fresh & fruitful books,
for his School Library - He is
by name Ebenezer Butler -
& he immediately discovered
this letter to be by his father.
He was quite eager about it-
& make me send 6 copies
to his mother who still lives-

I so often hear of you in
these & many other ways -

I hope Mrs. Chalmers is
well-

Have I troubled you
by this long scribble?
Fare you very well
- I shall never get this letter off
if I try to finish it -
which, after all, is only a
poor word to tell you how
we thank you, how we
bless you for all you have
done for us to make us
know Christ, & to say
Christ be with you -
as He is - **[end 3:493]**
yours ever
Florence Nightingale
Excuse pencil

1/9/116 signed letter, 1f, pen

Private

{printed address} June 10/87
10, South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.

My dear Sir

I was so glad to hear from
you & to know that you were
at a good Station like Quetta
- that is, a Station where there
was plenty to do & plenty of evil
to remedy.

You will have to bring
system & check into operation.
You will have to train native
Orderlies.

The only thing I regret is that
Mrs. Evatt is not with you -

I will write again

Pray write me particulars

God bless your work
ever believe me

faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

There is great pressure
of business & illness
on me

I enclose a worthless letter
which was waiting your

Boston University

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address

Dr. Evatt

1/9/117 Signed and initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Aug 2/88

[5:696]

10, SOUTH STREET, [printed address]

PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Burton

Thank you for your letter
which told me to my sincere
pleasure that you were
appointed Master by the Lea
School Board - And Mrs.
Burton, we understand, from
Mrs. Wildgoose, in course of time
to be Infant School mistress,
which I am very glad of -
I give ourselves joy, & I give
you joy, for I hope you will
be happy.

Indeed I do pray, for you

as for myself that, in the
service of our Great Master,
who is Love, & who makes it
the test & the proof of our
love to Him, that we should
'feed His sheep', 'feed His
lambs', & recognize them to
be His, you may find in
your new field of labour, new
opportunities of fulfilling His
parting Command, 'teaching all
'things whatsoever He hath
'commanded' us, & new joy
in His fulfilling His parting

promise, without which we
could do nothing, that 'He
will be with us always'-

I cannot wish you a
greater lot or greater joy.

Pray give my kind
regards to Mrs. Burton- {Burton overtop Butler}

Pray, if you see Mr. John
Marsh, give him my cordial
thanks for his letter.

Excuse pencil -

God bless you

Believe me ever faithfully your
Florence Nightingale-

Mr Clough

asks me to send you
back your Testimonials
F.N.

[end 5:696]

1/9/118 signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

Private {up diag} 10 South St. Park Lane
Dec 6/88 W.

My dear Sir Robert Rawlinson

Many & hearty thanks
for your two letters- I am
always so glad to hear
from you- & glad that
you have the Hong Kong
& other works in your
hands.

But I am deeply
concerned about the
Madras works. [I have
not however seen the
papers.]

[10:210]

Scarcely a mail has
has passed lately without
our hearing of some
Sanitary catastrophe in
India, impending or
completed, owing to there
being no guiding hand *here*.
Were the Army San= Comm=
re-organised & revived,
these things would not
so easily happen.

About *Ahmedabad*, you [end 10:210] [10:839]
probably know: Mr.
Runchorelal Chotalall,
the native President of
the Municipality, a

most wise & enterprising
man, had worked for
& obtained plans of
water-supply & sewerage
which would have made
Ahmedabad a model
for Western India. He
had raised a loan locally,
which was already taken up. { 'already' overtop an illeg}

But they have no trained
Sanitary Engineer- And
it is now to be done/carried out by
a Govt- Ex. Eng. who it
is said will make a
hopeless failure of it-
perhaps by some mistake

sewer air may be introduced
into the buildings -
And so the first attempt
at sewerage in an Indian
Mofussil city prove a
fatal attempt-

There is so much to be
done- And one knows
now how to do it.

Don't you go, pray, &
leave it all. [end 10:839]

ever yours most truly
with kind regards to Lady
Rawlinson

Florence Nightingale

1/9/119 signed and corrected letter, 2ff, typewritten & pencil
 {transcribed with the typing [3:493-94]}

10 South Street
 and spacing mistakes}

Park Lane
 17th. Dec 1888

My dear Miss Marsh

My heartfelt thank for your great kindness in sending me your precious little book on Lady Ailsa. Perhaps you scarcely know the good your little books do to so many, they are great books in that sense. Lady Ailsa's dedication of herself and her dying words to the fishermen are the whole essence of Faith. Even with those who told to good old Evangelistic ways or rather I should say, yet more with the vast masses of Wesleyans and Methodists in the North of England, who build chapels and build and teach in Sunday-schools with a zeal beyond all praise, but let alone drink among the young men and improper dress and impurity among girls, there is surely a muddle about Faith. I always try to remind myself and to remind them, when I can, of your revered Father's words "To believe in Christ as your Friend - this is Faith; ~~and~~ to act for " Christ as His friends - this is practice {ce overtop se}. " (where are those words to be found?)

Alas. when I think of what you and Lady Hope have done in coffee-rooms and the like, the sending out each working-man whom you bring into the Fold to bring his mates in also, I am aghast to think of what working-men's Institutes too often are. For instance, we have two including coffee and ~~tea~~/eating-rooms, ~~in~~ at what used to be my ~~old~~ home, where every other man almost is a methodist local preacher. One is now managed by a

Committee of working-men whose object is not to bring the black sheep in as you do but to keep them out, to have "things comfortable to them-

"selves". Prigs and black sheep are a bad combination., ~~for who is~~ the oth{er} is better? At least it maintains successfully rivalry with the Public-

houses. To create a practical missionary *working* Faith among us all, ~~and~~ among the working men and women, among the nurses and a motherly spirit among the school-mistresses not so much in preaching, of which perhaps there is enough of a certain sort, but in the ways you have pointed out

Oh! let us prāy for that this Christmas-tide for the New Year.

I trust, that you are pretty well again wherever you are - May choicest blessings be yours is the fervent Prayer of

yours ever

Florence Nightingale [end 3:494]

Boston University

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1/9/120 signed letter, 1f, typewritten & pencil

10 South St
Park Lane

19th. Dec. 1888

Dear Mr. Yeomans

Would you kindly send me the
List of Christmas Meat and Christmas Coals which I have been in the
habit of giving?
And would you have the birds fed at Lea Hurst as usual and charge it
to me? We have had no severe weather yet in London, but such fogs.
I was sorry I troubled you again about the Whatstandwell Subscri-tion
I [c]ould not then look at my accounts. But I find it all as you said.
My best Christmas wishes to you and Mrs. Yeomans and your children

- & believe me [pencil]

ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

1/9/121 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper RP 851

Private {on diagonal} 11/2/89
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Replied to 14th Frank {on diagonal}
Dear Sir Robert Rawlinson

Thank you more than I [15:562]
can say for all your letters.
All your information is so
instructive.

Could you help me in
this?__ Could you give me
authentic information about the
evils of the *Dublin Barracks*.
such as might be used, if
necessary, in the Ho. of C. ?
You know how easily questions
may be evaded there, unless
the questioner has really

accurate knowledge of his
subject.

[I do not know that the
question *will* be asked -
And it would be most
undesirable that a hue
& cry should be raised
that such may be the case-]

God Speed the right
ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale

[end]

1/9/122 signed letter, 1f, pen RP 851

10 South St. Park Lane W. May 20/89 [15:564]

Dear Sir Robert Rawlinson

I was so infinitely touched by your letter- by the proposal to you to go to Australia to examine yourself into the necessity of & to start the plans of some of your great works there -

It would indeed be a grand thing to do. But should you not be much

more likely to do good (remaining at home) by your advice & experience than by taking a work which would necessarily involve laborious physical exertion?

You did Hong Kong & Singapore in this way, did not you? which have been so successful-

[end]

I have been overdone with anxious work & have only power to write these few poor words. which do not at all tell how I have pondered your words every day. {poor overtop brief}

God bless you
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Boston University

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1/9/123 signed letter, 1f, pen RP 851

10 South St.

June 10/89

Dear Sir Robert Rawlinson

The building in question is:-Gordon Boy's Home.

The information they want must be kindly
supplied me by early tomorrow in the forenoon.

Could you possibly be so kind as to
send it me? May I send for it by 11
o'clock?

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Thanks for kind letter

1/9/124 signed letter, 8ff, partially dictated, pen & pencil

Dictated

10 South St-

[5:697-700]

Park Lane

July 5.89

Dear Mr. Burton

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

to make them observe.

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

And have you been able to make
use of the collection of fossils and
spars and specimens to teach them
the simplest geology which all
Derbyshire Children should know?

I forget whether I mentioned to you that the man who supplied the small collection I sent you, and who is, I believe, a Fellow of the Geological Society, offered me, for a few shillings more, to make that collection complete, and such as would be used in the Kensington Museum and Society of Arts.

Would you like this to be done?

I should be so very glad- I was so pleased with what you told me of your taking down the boys into the mines (at Burton on Trent I think you said), and shewing them

the fossils and the strata. It is worth anything to make the children observe.

- To teach and to train *themselves* when they leave school - that is the real meaning of schooling. I have sometimes thought that the real test of a schoolmaster or mistress would be whether the children go on after they have left school liking to inform themselves, liking to observe, liking to read up a thing; or whether they forget all they have been taught, never open a book, and even forget how to read or write correctly- & worse still forget religion & morality [FN line]

I had a good deal of talk on Saturday with a General who is my Sister's nephew, and who cares for his men so much that I learn from him a great deal, ~~and perhaps he learns a little from me~~ He was amazed to tell me, and I was amazed to hear that out of 350

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recruits for the Guards, whom he was going to inspect and to talk to, 60 could not read or write. [You know perhaps that in the Guards they are obliged to be particularly careful that every man should read and write well, because the men of the Guards have to do so much mounting guard at important buildings in London and at the Palaces. They have their written orders, often very important ones, given them every night, which they much be able to read correctly] My General was going to see every one of these 60 men each, by himself, to ask them where they had been at school, -to get them to wish to go to school now to the Regimental Schoolmaster,

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

sure that the boys and girls who have completed their ~~own~~ education with you, would not have forgotten how to read and write in 5 years. 2// I was very glad to see the successful report on the religious instruction of the children, and especially on the "tone" of the School. And I have no doubt that the religious teaching is really impressed into the Children's hearts and practical lives by you and Mrs. Burton, and does not remain as a mere book of History and Geography to them.

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

ten consecutive years, from 4 to 14, at a national school. I had occasion to take her through, and make her ~~res~~ - capitulate each of her Confirmation Classes as they went on for she was just going to be confirmed. She could not bring back one single idea from any of her Classes, and she was unable to write a single sentence. I had to write down for her answers to every one of the printed questions, and even then, she could not fit them on to the questions. As for discovering the moral, she was quite incapable;- tho', to my great joy, I found that, after I had given her some of them in a sort of familiar way, she had repeated it all to one of her fellow-servants. But the most curious part remains to be told. Tho' she had had Scriptural instruction every day for 10 years, I found she was apparently quite ignorant of the Gospels

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- I therefore told her, without allowing her to look at the Testament or looking at it myself, the principal events and parables of our Saviour's Life, and especially of the last week of His Life, and she was evidently very much interested; but -she did

not recognize one of them. I attribute this to her having been in a School, where the Children only read verses in rotation, when of course they can only be thinking of their own verse, and not of the story; and where the master give no oral Religious Instruction. But I am sure this would never be the case with your children.
3//Among all the country girls still in their teens, whom I have known or taught, and who had been probably for 8 years at elementary schools,

I have never known one who knew, or wished to know, the names of trees or of flowers, or plants, -not even of the commonest wild flowers [they might know a Rose] -nor of the common birds when they saw them, nor of what made it possible for birds to fly, nor of any of those common things which they had been seeing every day of their lives. I am almost afraid of asking you. whether your boys and girls know, (as well as the English names and ways and habits of common plants) the English names and ways and habits of common birds- because the boys are only too ready to throw stones at birds, and to rob their nests. But do they know that bird's bones are hollow, and like lungs, and the way which enables them to fly?

Do you know any good book which teaches this? The Revd- T.G. Woods' Readers were the best - but even these are not satisfactory, I think. I don't think they give a clear account of how the bird flies. Bishop Stanley did, but his book is not for children.

4//A niece-in-law of mine, the (dictated letter turns into F.N. hand here)

one who wrote that leaflet on the Elements of Botany I gave you, visited this year many of the best Board Schools in London for her own instruction. She thought them greatly improved from those of 10 years ago. But she found no teaching of History. She suggested to one excellent School Master the teaching of the History of *London*.

Why not, she said, label the places which they pass every day with their genuine history- the place where the Great Fire of London began or stopped - that of the Great Plague ditto - the most picturesque incidents of the Tower of London - the execution of Lady Jane Grey and so on - and so on - the familiar history of London.

5// She was very much pleased with the teaching by the School Mistresses - of Health - of the Value of Foods, e.g. of Milk to children - of Domestic Economy -

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How does your teaching of
Domestic Economy fare?
I hope well: & that you
are satisfied with the
children. I hear on all
hands of their great
improvement in discipline
& progress -

And how goes the Girls'
Needlework?

My kind regards to Mrs.
Burton, who has also
brought about such great
improvement.

I thought it might be
interesting to you to hear the
above experiences.

I should be very glad to know
how Selina Gregory does at the
Mill. There are many temptations
to girls there- whether she forgets
her education. I hope not.
I should like to send her some
little present, such as a book,
it you would kindly tell me
what.

And I should like some
day to hear how my other
children are doing at School.

I am very, very sorry that
Mr. Wildgoose is moving to
Matlock - even that small
distance -

Your holiday to Cornwall
was a success. I am so glad.

God bless you

sincerely yours & Mrs. Burton's

Florence Nightingale [end 5:700]

1/10/125 Signed announcement/postcard, 1f, pen {black-edged card}

In grateful remembrance
of our Treasurer
Mr. Alderman Stone
whose loss to bereaved St. Thomas' Hospital
& to his family and friends
is unspeakable
whose own gain in going home to his
Heavenly Father
is as unspeakable
London this Cross is offered by
Feb 26/90 Florence Nightingale
(sorrowing)

1/10/126 signed letter, 4ff, pen

April 8/90 [5:702]
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Burton

I received with great joy
your kind letter: joy at the
progress in all respects of
your Scholars, notwithstanding
the severe illness - joy at the
Good Spirit prevailing in
the School, thanks to you-
a sort of family feeling
which should exist in all
Institutions, without which
they are mere machines - (a
family feeling which we
rejoice to see extending in
S. Thomas' Hospital & Training
School)- joy at the regular
attendance & the interest shewn

by the parents.

With regard to "my" children,
I hope they are doing you
justice. I had rather not
(you kindly ask) that another
member of the same family
should succeed when one
leaves. I think that the
people are well-to-do enough,
as a rule, to pay their own
School fees. But if you
at any time see a child whom
its friends cannot well pay
for, I will most gladly do so.

I was very sorry for the
loss of good little Mary Doxey.
We lost a little child in the

Children's Ward at St. Thomas'.

And as the "Sister" (Head Nurse)
was carrying out the little
body in her arms to the
'shell' in the Corridor, the other
sick children were heard
explaining to some little
new-comers: "Bobby is
dead: he is going to God.
Sister is carrying him
outside to God. God is
waiting outside for Bobby".
These children who are all
under 5 years had a
very good idea of God
as the tenderest & most
loving of Fathers who was
waiting Himself to carry home &
bless 'Bobby'. So it was
with dear little Mary Doxey.
He was waiting to carry her home.

Charley "of the Angels" (as another little one was always called, because he insisted on having a Christmas Card of Angels hung over his cot & said they were taking care of him) a little prophet of five years who was particularly eager in making this explanation about 'Bobby', is since dead himself. He showed his true feeling for God by struggling hard with his temper which his disease rendered irritable. "Matron, "Matron", he called out, "I will be good". Now God has fetched him too home.

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X {large x}
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
Now it is Easter time,
when we who are living may
rise again here with Christ,
having buried our petty
selfishnesses & unconscientious
work with Him - As the old
Easter Carol says:
"Christ is risen, as all things tell
"Good Christians, see ye rise as well".

X {large x}
I am delighted that you
have been elected Captain of
the Cricket Club. Nothing
will tend more to make it
what it ought to be, a good
manly sport & exercise keeping them
out of the public-house, instead
of promoting drinking, as some
gatherings do.

Your Science Classes have indeed
been most successful-
& I am sure have done much good-
- & you kindly sent me the Report
of the Institute. I hope that
will flourish more & more.

Pray give my kindest regards
to Mrs. Burton. I trust that
she & your children have quite
recovered their strength after
the Influenza.

You do not mention Fanny
Burton, the Pupil Teacher (I
think her name is) who has
gone or is going to a
Training School- I should
like to send her a Bible with
Concordance &c through you,
if you will allow me.

I should like to write more:
but we are very busy now,
besides having changes at St
Thomas'. And I am entirely
a prisoner thro' illness.

I send £2.2 of which one
is from Mr. Shore Smith, for the
Cricket of which you are
Captain

And believe me
with great hope
ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

I do trust you are
continuing well.

[end 5:702]

1/10/127 signed letter, 5ff, pen {black-edged paper}

10 South St. May 26/90

Dear Mrs. Robertson

 You know our trial -
And I assure you Sir
Harry feels such great
comfort in Mr. Robertson's
& your affection & sympathy
& in that of those who knew
her & ~~those~~ many who
did not. His grief is
swallowed up in her joy.
Mr. Robertson will find,
I know, now how much
he can help Sir Harry.
And what a comfort that
Capt. & Mrs. Verney are
 there.

 You may be sure that I
have thought a great deal
about your last illness.
And I was in the act of
writing to you when the
beginning of the end came.
But it is not the end:
rather it is the birth
into the new life in
God's immediate presence
for *her*- the release from
the sufferings she bore so
heroically.

 I was grieved & disappointed
that you should have had
such a very bad time of it.

But I am very glad that
you are going to Dr. Priestley
after the next period-

And I should like then
very much to see you
if you could kindly tell
me a day or two beforehand.
You must allow me to
send this little contribution,
first.

You kindly asked whether
we wanted any more eggs,
while they were so cheap.
We could do with 4 doz. twice
a week very well, if
convenient to you. St. Thomas'
Hospital always has some
as well as flowers.

Private {up diag} 2
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

About the house for the
Joseph Colemans:

you do not know how
extremely I regret that
Mr. Robertson was not
properly informed

It happened after this
wise:

more than a year ago,
Sir Harry kindly visited
them at their present
house, & of his own
accord told them that
he would give them
Quainton's house,
mentioning that it would
soon, he believed, fall vacant.

He mentioned it to me
shortly afterwards when he
saw me here -
[I understood, but in this
†I am probably mistaken,
that Mr. Robertson was
with Sir Harry when he
paid that visit to the
J Colemans.]

I should have thought
it quite out of my province
to meddle about Sir
Harry's cottages, had
he not made this
spontaneous offer - or
of course to tell Mr
Robertson as if I had
done so -

The present house is very damp;
the garden gate is sometimes
a puddle- It is an
inconvenient house with
only one fire place, &
the washing has to be
done in the one kitchen
sitting-room- ~~& the poor old man goes out of doors illeges~~ It
also has only a brick
floor. It smokes
almost as much as it did
before so much was kindly
done to it. The water
has to be fetched from a
distance. The father had
one fall, & I believe more
than one, in fetching it.
The daughter who is very

industrious has done it
since & besides the danger of slipping in frost is always
exhausted by it. The two
old people have not an oz
of health between them
& the daughter not much
more. Quainton's house has I believe
an earth closet. The present house only a privy.

But all this put together
would not have made me
interfere about Sir Harry's
cottages, had he not
proposed it. And I
believe nothing more has
passed between Sir Harry
& me - certainly nothing
between the Colemans & me -
since that time more than
a year ago.

The other day I heard

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(I think it was this day week)
I heard 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. {printed address}
accidentally that
Quainton was moving
out. And I wrote, fearful
of losing the house, the
same night to Capt.
Verney, asking him to
remind Sir Harry of
his promise, & saying
that I would pay the
rent. This would be
entirely out of the power
of the Colemans who are,
I believe, entirely dependent
thro' no fault for theirs,
on the daughter who
is in my service.

They are, as you are

kindly aware most
respectable, even, you
might call them, cultivated
people.

They have never begged
of me - or complained
in any fashion. But
I knew that they earnestly
wanted a better house,
but felt any higher rent
absolutely out of their
power.

You have been very
kind to them -

I hope Mr. Robertson
will kindly accept my
excuses.

I should like to give them
the garden 9/ a year
belonging to Quainton's
house.

They have an allotment
& the daughter works or
worked in it.

F.N.

I was so pleased to
hear of Mrs Verney's
Lecture on books.

I am so sorry that your
eyes are not all right-

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Excuse a scrambling note-

1/10/128 signed letter and envelope, 5ff, pen, both black-edged
envelope:

Germany

Mrs. O'Rorke
Dr. Pagenstecher's Klinik
59 Taunus Strasse
Wiesbaden

10/6/90

{letter:}

June 9/90

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

Dear Madam

I cannot thank you enough
for your letter, of which I
read much to my brother-in-law,
Sir Harry Verney, to his great
comfort.

"I am the Resurrection & the Life"
is not only for HER my sister who is gone but for us
we who are grovelling here

while she is safe with God.
She was buried on Ascension
Day - her husband walking
after alone-- & ever body brought
flowers. We did "ascend up"
then in our "hearts & minds" -
now we are grovelling in the
horrible material business
which follows after. You
never grovel. This is not for

Miss Marsh and Mrs. Chalmers
who never grovel.

How I did feel for them in
this trial of blindness-
A friend of my sister's life,
Lord Fortescue, was sent by
Mr. Gladstone to enquire into
the condition of the Ophthalmic
Patients who came back from
the Crimea. He caught it
& lost an eye - He said so
simply: 'I *spent* an eye - I
did not lose it'-

I am sure your dear
Invalids may say that: "I
spent, I did not lose my
health". But I pray that
they may have it again-

On the day of my sister's
funeral, I had grand=
child with me - a very

sensitive little girl of 9,
 who I was afraid would be
thinking too much of "Grandmama
"in a coffin". So I told her
what happened in our Children's
Ward at St Thomas'. A child
had died, & some other children,
(especially one who always
went by the name of Charley
of the Angels) were heard
explaining to some little
new-comers: "Bobbie is dead:
"he is going to God" -
"Sister' is carrying him outside
to God. God is waiting outside
for Bobbie to take him home".
[Charley of the Angels is dead too now]
These children were all under 5.
 The little grand child of 9 was
comforted. For 3 years she has
had an idea that she
must have a house ("when I am
 grown up")

"& take the poor little *blind*
children & the old people I meet in the
streets into my house &
nurse them". [I wonder what
she will turn out]

 So I said: "now Grandmama
will be able to do all that -
-you know how she still went
about among the poor people
when she was so ill".

 Yes, said little 9. "And
there was always dripping-
cake for the poor people
when there was none for us"

 Did not Christ think that
children were the best
teachers of us all? - And
so my little girl was comforted.

 How beautiful are those lines
you were so good as to send
me.

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I took Miss Marsh's "Haven & Home".
And went thro' it with the
maids. And we asked
ourselves the questions:
Have I shown any fruit of all
this of God's seed-sowing, especially of the
last month's?

Have I made my choice for God?
Have I given myself up to the Lord
Jesus Christ?

[I tell you these things, because
it may be a moment's pleasure
to her, - Miss Marsh, I mean]
Many children & people in the
Workhouse Infirmeries & Hospitals
come to Christ the first time
they are called. Have we who
have been called from our
infancy come yet?

My sister had been ill for 8
years: her sufferings were terrible
& continued increasing till
the end: but strength to bear
them increasing too was given
her. How little of her was
in the grave! The body
was all wrong: every organ
was wrong & only a seat of
pain. But the spirit went
on commanding, resisting,
overcoming, outliving every
thing till the last. Indeed it was
like a soul existing alone
(in God) with the body as an enemy.

Her husband's grief is
swallowed up in her joy -

Almost the last thing she
said to me was: Tell me
some of the beautiful things
our Lord said in His last days.

And I did. What she laid
hold of was: "Now is my soul
troubled. And what shall I
say? Father save me from this
hour? But for this cause came
I unto this hour. Father, glorify
Thy name".

O how I have prayed the
Collect for Whit Sunday! And
will you pray it for us?

I must not write any more.
I have written this long letter
that Miss Marsh may know
when she is better how
welcome your letter of
sympathy was & Mrs. Chalmers
too & how we thought of them. I will not say God
bless them. For He does bless
them.

"Remember, M.," she said to an
old man: servant in her last days,
"remember that God is love -

"remember that I know He is
always love"- And she was
not at all given to speaking
of her religious feelings- hardly
to any one. I never knew any one less
With earnest prayer for your
two Invalids, & great love,
ever yours

F. Nightingale

Mrs. O'Rorke

It is not death - which is victory
- it is not the burial which is
ascension - which/that are hard to
bear. It is the things which
come after. Pray for us -
{printed address upside down:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

One secret of Miss Marsh's immense
success, blest of God, was that

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she made every man into a missionary. 'Bring your mate' she said: ~~if we~~ Gentlewomen want that saying to them even more. If every gentlewoman, after she had proved herself in giving herself to God in Nursing or any other work, brought a 'mate', how much the work would grow- not in the fashionable sense, but in the highest sense. [Nursing is too much the fashion now]

F.N.

1/10/129 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

August 2/90

[5:703]

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

Dear Mr. Burton

Thank you very much
for your letter.

Your Science Exam: results
are delightful. And I look
forward to hearing about the
Hygiene. I should like
also to know about the
proportion between the sexes
as well as the classes-

I am glad you have men
as well as boys. It shows
that Education is kept up.

Do you want any
prizes?

About the Scripture Exam:

I entirely believe that in
your hands the results are
not mere "surface results",
& that the "number of passes"
is not to your mind a
test of your School-

but the influence for
life of the training you
give them.

And this influence I believe
they receive.

You say the Institute
wants new books -
If you would give me
a List of what you
think desirable & popular,
I would try to supply

at least part -

I am afraid I have
made a mistake about
Fanny Burton's books. I
sent a Bible with maps
& Concordance, and
Kingsley's Westward Ho!
to her at the Revd= -
Fawnthorpe's Training
College, *Whitelands*, Chelsea.
It was the holidays - &
they said they would
forward the books -

Ought I to have sent
them to *Southlands*? &
where is that?

Could you kindly enquire
whether she has received them?

I give you & Mrs. Burton
joy of your new little son.
May he prosper! God
bless mother & child.

I am glad you have
had such a good holiday,
but sorry for the parting.
There are so many
partings of that kind
now in our country -

I will write again -
& with kind regards to
Mrs. Burton

believe me

ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

[end 5:702]

1/10/130 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged paper

Dear Mr. Burton

[5:705-06]

You were so good as to send
me the printed questions
on Principles of Agriculture
Animal Physiology
Hygiene

And I should like much to
know not only how many
& who 'passed' - but also
what you thought of the
questions yourself-
whether the elementary questions
are clear & fair enough
whether the "advanced" &
"honours" ones are hard, &
none of them such as an
ordinary Board School child
could be expected to answer.

One or two people versed

in Physiology thought that
they seemed intended for
the Schoolmaster & that
they are none of them
subjects which can be properly
learnt & understood without
actual experiment & handling
of the things themselves -
& that even if so learnt
they would be quickly
forgotten, as they are not
matters which he has to do
with in his own particular
employment every day- &
that they are of little use
unless in learning them men
have learned also not to
believe any thing without
putting it to the proof-

{ 'little' overtop an illeg}
{ 'men' overtop an illeg}

How few have time & material
to do that.

Do you think the *Hygiene*
questions unpractical for
School children - yet how
important for the life of the
nation! I have sent a
few totally unfinished, for I
have no time or strength.

I was glad of your 'Religious'
Examination, because I
am sure you made it
practical
as I shall be of all that you
do.

{ 'of' overtop an illeg}

Excuse ~~your~~ my long delayed
letter.

I hope that the new
School Board is sound &
quiet-

& not alarming in any way.

All letters will be forwarded
to me from 10 South St.

God bless you
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

10/8/91

[end 5:706]

1/10/131 signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper

March 21/91

[5:705]

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

Dear Mr. Burton

I am glad you like the books
for the Institute.

The "Wallace" was for you,
because I did not think from
the books they had asked for,
they would either read or
enjoy him.

Lady Verney's Stone Edge was
for the Institute, because the
scene is placed at Bonsal,
Yougreave, Riber, & the
neighbourhood, & many of the
things said were really said
to her & me by our village
neighbours. It is a book very
difficult now to get.

If there are any books you
think unsuitable for the
Institute & suitable for the
Children's School Library, pray,
as you say,

take them, sending me a List;

but if there are none unsuitable
for the Institute, send me the List
you want for the School Library, & I will
send them you -

in haste

yours very sincerely
with best Easter wishes

F. Nightingale

[end 5:705]

1/10/132 signed letter, 4ff, pen {black-edged paper} [3:494-95]

March 24/92
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Miss Marsh

How can I thank you
enough for so kindly
writing to me - and how
much good your dear
letter did me!

"God loves her: & she
"knows it: & she loves
"Him" - how godlike are
those words-

I repeated them to a
poor woman who had
lost every thing by an
act of immorality &
breach of trust: her good
situation, her character, her

child, & who wished to
destroy herself. And she
is now going to a safe
situation, where the
mistress knows it all,
but takes her, & will tell
no one, so that she may
lead a new life, with
her Saviour's help.

You kindly ask after
me. I am a good deal
overworked but thankful
to be permitted to go on
at all.

//Kindly pray for the Nurses
& the Nursing - not only
for ours but for *all*- There

comes sometimes a crisis in
our lives, which can only
I was going to say be
tided over by the help
of God, as if that were
not always our only
main-stay - I mean of
course where a double
measure of His spirit is
needed; the Comforter
who was promised on the
eve of the Crucifixion
to teach us what is
wrong & what is right.
Our trial is not
crucifixion but *fashion*.
Nursing has become
the fashion: and it
brings in all sorts of

amateur alloy- and
public life instead of
inner life - and
registering instead of
training - and duty
rather loses its meaning
of 'work for God' -
'Behold the handmaid of
'the Lord - be it unto
'me according to Thy word'
Pray that to-morrow may
be really this-

On the other hand, an
extra mercantile spirit
has come in- of forcing
up wages, regardless of
providing a life, a 'home',
in the meaning that *home*

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ought to bear, of
'constant supply' and
'constant sympathy'-
regardless that Hospital
and Workhouse Nursing
has been raised from
the sink it was- not
more by training than by
making the Hospital
& District Home a place
where no good mother
of any class need fear
to send her daughter-
a place of moral safe=
=guards, good and kind
supervision, good
companions, of *inspiring* help,

of good food & lodging, &
decency & discipline.

x x x

But I did not mean when
I began writing to you,
dear 'friend', to enlarge
upon Nursing, upon the
influence which a Nurse
ought to exert on the (far
better educated than formerly
men) Patients, spying out
whether she is acting up to
her profession- But your
kindness & the desire to
have your prayers for grace
to Him who is always
smiling on us if we do not
willingly grieve Him &
leading us back if we do

has made me go on to you.

I am so sorry for your
great trial of blindness. ~~But~~

I find your little books
such a great help to lives-
I find even uneducated people
so anxious to know whether
"that Beckenham" is where
"the lady lived who wrote
"'Light for the Line' or - -
or - -.

{'for' overtop an illeg}

May I send my deep
regard to Mrs. Chalmers
& to all yours

& be ever yours most
sincerely

Florence Nightingale

1/10/133 signed letter, 3ff, pen

Dec 3/92

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

Dear Mrs. Robertson

I am so grieved that
you should have come
home with your house
in such a state - It is
very disastrous - But I
hope you are not ill.

Yes : please give away
the flannel petticoats &
the tea now. They won't
be warmer at Christmas
for being cold now.

The books for the children
are coming.

I am so concerned
about Archer's death. I
thought he was getting better

Poor Mrs. Archer
Would it be quite convenient
to you to let us have
two lbs. Butter instead
of one twice a week ?

My old friend Robert
Robinson whom I bought
out of the Crimean Army
in 1856 has got a
good place as Land
Agent with Lord North
& given up farming. He
used to supply me and
two of our matrons with
Butter.

Yes please: I should like
my Turkeys & Pork
& Sausages the same as
last year - & some
Bacon farther on not
too salt, if convenient
to you.

Will you kindly say
to Mr. Robertson that
I thought of giving
Joseph Coleman a
new fire ~~place~~ range (the
old fire ~~place~~ range is their
own) with grate; &
boiler & oven on each
side - the boiler is quite

worn out- & room for
a large pot on the
fire - It is so very
awkward - they have
but one fire-place
in the house - And
washing & cooking &
every thing has to be
done there.

If the chimney could
but be made not to
smoke - but they
must have an open

fire-place they say
whether it smokes or
not.

Capt. Verney spoke to

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Philip Tomes about a new
fire range while
Mr. Robertson was away.

And Philip Tomes very
properly spoke to Mr.

Robertson about it -

I was so sorry to
go away & not to see
you or Mr. Robertson
again - But I had
long been due in London

Is there any hope
of the earth-closets
in Steeple Claydon -
& of doing away with
those pools - & a

fresh water-supply ?

Please remember me
kindly to Mr. Robertson
& your daughter & Mr.
Sandy.

God bless you
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

1/10/134 signed postcard, 1f, pen {printed text, logo and stamp:}

POST {logo} CARD
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE
George Evatt Esq MD.
5 Guadaloupe Terrace
Sandown

6/1/93 I. of Wight

London 6 January 1893
Welcome back to England. A
good New Year & many good
New Years to you & yours
& your work.
I shall look forward to seeing
you when you return near
London & hearing of your Indian
work. F. Nightingale

1/10/135 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP 851

Jan 22/93 [13:887-88]
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Sir Robert Rawlinson

I have so much to thank
you for - such kind letters of
answer to my questions- &
"The Cottagers of Glenburnie"-
& many other things.
With regard to one thing
that I consulted you
about, viz. under a County
Council the training of ladies to
be "Health Missioners" in
rural life to poor Cottage
Mothers- that you may
see that your trouble was
not wasted, I venture to
send you our first year's

Report of organization and
work under The
Technical Education Committee
of North Bucks - of the Bucks Co. Co.
also a Circular, saying
that they are prepared
to take paying Probationers
for other Counties -
and two pamphlets by the
same Medical Officer of
Health who has served
us so well, Dr. De'Ath,
of Buckingham -
one the Organization of
Village Sanitation
(see the parts I have marked)

& another on preventing
 "Cholera"
I should like so much
to ask you, if you
approved, if you
approved, to send
copies of any or all of
these to any people
at the Local Govt- Board
or otherwise, where ~~if~~ you
think they might be
useful.

We have such trouble in
N. Bucks owing to the
slackness of the Guardians
of the Public Health (the

Board of Guardians-)

And the landlords & the
L.G.B. don't help us -
for auld lang syne
yours ever sincerely
Florence Nightingale

1/10/136 signed letter, 2ff, pen

2/2/93

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

Dear Mr. Burton

I was very glad indeed
to hear such a good
account of all that
pertains to your labours-
of your School-grant -
of the prize to the pupil
of your Lecture - & that
you yourself are, as I
trust, flourishing.

I have been a long
while sending you our
"Health at Home" pamphlet
- an account of what
we have been doing in
Bucks under the Technical

Education Committee of
the County Council to
bring the simplest elements
of Sanitation home to
the Cottage Mothers - a
thing which has been
miserably neglected-
I beg your acceptance
of it now -

I have not forgotten, I
assure you, your request
or your papers about
being made a F.G.S -
It seems that there is
more difficulty about it

than was expected. But
I will write again -
With the kindest regards to
Mrs. Burton who I
trust is well
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

1/10/137 signed letter, 1f, pen

June 5/93
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mrs. Shales

I hope that you will be
able & be so kind as to
make a gown & cap for
Confirmation for my
under house maid, Ellen
Pearce - the same as you
did for Frances & another
some years ago-

Ellen's need not be
ready before say this
day fortnight or a day
or two later-

I was sorry that they
did not tell me when
you were here

I hope you are well
Please say Yes by Frances
yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

1/10/138 signed letter, 1f, pencil

29/6/93

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

My dear Sir

I am so sorry for myself
that it is impossible
for me this week to
find an afternoon to
see you -

My long illness makes
business so pressing.

Is there any day or days
after this week that you
will be in London naturally?

Hoping to see you

Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

Dr. Evatt

1/10/139 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

10 South St. Park Lane W

July 13/93

Private {up diag}

My dear Sir

Thank you very
much for this most
interesting, most important
Report. They *ought* to
improve.

I am so afraid of not
returning it in time, that
I send it off now, & will
answer your kind note
later.

These reports are most
valuable. And you train the
M.O. s under you-

With many thanks

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Dr. Evatt

1/11/140 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

April 27/95
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
Miss Florence {:top left on diagonal, not F.N.}}
Nightingale}
Dear Mrs. Cheadle
You were so good;
you asked me once to
tell you if you
could do anything
for us -
I take the privilege
you gave me, &
enclose our request
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

1/11/141 signed letter, 1f, pencil black-edged paper RP 851

Sept. 19/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Sir Robert Rawlinson
How can I thank you
enough for your most
beautiful 'German'
copy of your most
beautiful Muller
Landscape, so well
framed - It is
quite like an
original picture -
I will write again
my appreciation of
your great kindness

Have you heard
that good Mrs.
Sutherland is dead-
Her sister was with
her. She was buried
on Tuesday. Her last illness was short
ever yours sincerely
(for auld lang syne)
F. Nightingale

1/11/142 signed letter, 1f, pen

Feb 7/96

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

Dear Mr. Yeomans

Would you be so very
good as to send *in good*
seats any parents or
old people who would
not otherwise go
to the Lea Schoolchildren's
Entertainment under Mr.
Burton of Feb 17,18,19.

I hope you are
pleased with the
progress of the School
& improvement in

attendance.

Perhaps you would
prefer turning over
to Mr. Burton the
giving people seats
according to his
choice-

ever yours sincerely
with thanks

F. Nightingale

1/11/143 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

Xmas Eve/96 [5:709]
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Burton

You will receive
about 60 ~~Books~~ Volumes, which
you will please to divide
between the 3 Reading Rooms
of Whatstandwell
Holloway
Lea

according to your best
judgment- at Lea Hurst
Mr ~~St~~ Louis Shore Nightingale
will take them down to-day
to Lea Hurst- & will see
or write to you to know
what day & hour it will
be convenient to you to

come to Lea Hurst &
divide them -
If there are any books which
are duplicates of what they
have, or which you do not
like for them, pray return them to me
or give them away - And
I will replace them with
any books you will name
for them.
If you would like some
books for your School
Library, pray send me
a List of what you want.
And I will send them.

Pray say to each
Reading Room that I wish
them a happy Christmas
& hope they will enjoy
their books

And to yourself I wish
a very happy Christmas,
& ever increasing success
in all your good work
- especially in the
result on the scholars'
morals when they leave
School -

I think I told you
how pleased I was at the
Inspector's remark that

the School was conducted
"so pleasantly"-

With every good wish
yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

[end 5:709]

In an address of the Bishop
of Rochester to Lady Margaret
Hall (a woman's College) at
Oxford, where we have a
relation, a student:

I like these words

"We used to talk very much
"of what would happen to
"Students after leaving the Hall -
"I don't know that this problem
"agitates any one very much
"at the present time- They go
"their own ways, and, let us
"hope, make the world better

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"wherever they go.

"But among other
"things which we learn
"here, one is the habit of
"looking out upon life
"with eyes that reach
"far, and hearts that are
"open to the needs &
"difficulties of others" -
I think you do look
forward to the lives
of your Scholars when
they leave School -

I enclose a List of the
books-

F.N.

1/11/144 Signed letter, 1f, pencil

Feb 16/97

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

Dear Mr. Burton

I am delighted to
hear of your Children's
Concert, & wish you all
success - I know you
love the children, & I
cannot tell you how
much better they behave
out of school for this -
I trust there is little
swearing or *betting*, of
which there was much
I enclose my Subn= to the
Concert- yrs ffully
F. Nightingale

1/11/145 signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 17/97

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

Dear Mr. Croft

How kind of you to
remember me! It gives me
so much pleasure, & your
beautiful lilies of the valley
& rose are still the delight
of my room.

I have plenty of work
& am thankful for it -

Are you & Mrs. Croft
well?

ever yours sincerely
& remembering old times
F Nightingale

1/11/146 Signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Dec. 2/97

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

Dear Mr. Burton

Thank you so much
for your letter & its
enclosure. Nothing
could have given me
more pleasure

Mrs Shore Nightingale
will be at Lea Hurst
next week

I was just writing to
you to ask whether
you would like

--the new Edition of
Lyell's Principles of
Geology (for "Students"
I think it is called)
[but very likely you
have it.]
and
Mahan's Influence of
Sea Power on History
at the Revolution
or any other book
It would give me
so much pleasure to
send you any books.

Would you like
50 or 60 Christmas
Cards for the School?
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Pray excuse haste

1/11/147 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Feb 11/98 [5:712]
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Mr. Burton
Thank you very much
for your letter & for
the Programme which
is delightful - It is
so good to think of
the children associating
acting, songs & Operetta
with grammar & discipline
The tears come into my
eyes when I see the
'National Airs', especially

'Scots wha hae' & hum
it over- & your 'Grand
'chorus' of '300 Voices' .

School for them means
something more than
A B C (valuable
as A B C is) thanks to
you-

Feb 15

I have been so much
interrupted - I have
never been able to
finish my note to you.
Nor am I now.

But I beg you to
employ the little sum I
send if you can in
adding any interest to
your great days.

We never can be
thankful enough to you
for enlarging & giving

such interests (which
will last thro' their
future lives) to these
embryo human creatures
Thank you again & again.

Mrs Shore Nightingale
takes such pleasure in
your School, as you know.

And I am sure the
parents do.

in great haste
yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

[end 5:712]

1/11/148 signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 31 1900
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Mr. Croft
I shall be delighted to
see you Thursday June 7
at 5
It is indeed joyful,
splendid news that the
war is over -
yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
John Croft Esq

1/12/149 initialed letter, 1f, pen {archivist: [Aug 20, 1864]}

Private {on diagonal}
Hampstead N.W
Saturday night

Dear Mr. Rawlinson
For fear of mistakes, **[9:373-74]**
my second letter to you
was to say that I have
had a letter of Mr. Delane,
saying in the kindest
manner that he will
do & say "all & more"
than I want done or
said about the Indian
Suggestions.
To appear to distrust
that tremendous potentate
is the worst policy.
I therefore think

that it would be better,
if you will send me
anything you are kind
enough to put down,
& not set in motion
Mr. Taylor this time.

To husband our
resources, so as to have
said at any time
what we want said,
in the "Times", is wise.

Please burn **[end 9:374]**
ever yours sincerely
F.N.

1/12/150 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 S St.
8 Nov

I have found your paper:
"Details of a Field Hospital"
- many thanks
I believe the Comm: go to
Netley tomorrow -
F.N.

1/12/151 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

I dare say you are **[16:519]**
aware that the
results of some test
cases, such as
Amputation, Lithotomy
&c in London and
in County Hospitals
have been published
- shewing a very
large balance in
favor of the County
Hospitals- But
this tells us only
a general fact
we knew before -
viz that country

constitutions are
in a better state
to endure operations
than London ones
— & that when
even, as is often
the case, the London
operations are
on country men,
yet still in
spite of inferior
Medical art
& often inferior
buildings in the
country, still

the country Hospital,
with its purer air, affords a
better chance of
recovery than
the London — with
all its magnificent
Professional excellence

[end]

1/12/152 initialed incomplete letter, 1f, pen & pencil

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I always like to
hear anything 10, SOUTH STREET,
you are so good as to tell PARK LANE. W. {printed address}
me about Sanitary matters

But I must make this
letter short; for the pressure
of work always great has
been so constant for months
& months that I know
not what it is to have
a quarter of an hour's
leisure- or freedom from
anxieties about various things

God speed you

F.N.

Surg. Col: Evatt

1/12/153 incomplete initialed letter, 1f, pen

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as implying that ~~they~~ Medl= Officers do not,
according to their rank,
take their turn- in the event
of Officers commanding
being disabled,- as Officers
commanding.

You know how much foolish
feeling was aroused about
this some time ago -
F.N.

1/12/154 incomplete initialed letter, 2ff, pen {black- edged paper}

With these disposable
sources, will you be good
enough to write some
general hints on the
subject of: -

1. filtration, for
getting rid of organic
matter
2. sinking of deep wells
3. means or raising
water to a sufficient
elevation for distribution,
in the comparative
absence of fuel for
steam= engines -
(horse or bullock or
wind power, e.g.)
4. water towers for

pressure or stand
pipes (all Indian
towns being flat)

5. tanks for storing
filtered water under
or above ground -
in either case, so
formed as to keep
the water pure &
cool

6. means of distribution
by hydrants, household
supply &c

Paving. Will you also
give some general
Instructions on the subject
of surface paving &
drainage? They have made
a mess of paving at Calcutta,
we hear.

All Barrack detail
will be furnished by
the W.O. in a separate
paper.

As you have alluded
to ventilation in this
paper, perhaps you
could expand it,
so as to complete
the question, as
regards sewers.

I hope you are better.

When you return the
whole to me, we will
send it to press -

I do not doubt
but that we shall

succeed in doing
all that we wish
for India, now - i.e.
in beginning it.

ever yours

F.N.

1/12/155 no i-text, no paper copy, to George Evatt, re catalogue: ALS
10 South St. Pk. Lane W., 2p on 1 leaf marked #2 re applications for
women, photograph inscribed; framed copy of photograph of Florence
Nightingale in old age with separate inscription: "Professor Fawcett
M.P. with Florence Nightingale's compliments, no date

1/12/156 no i-text, no paper copy, re catalogue: Verney, Maude ALS
Wasperton House, Warwick; to Mrs. Green, 6 Aug 1884, re Florence
Nightingale's character 5pp

[there are two letters marked 1/1/(1975)
Addenda

1/1(1975) signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper}

Barrack Hospital

Scutari

Oct 6/55

My dear Madam

I send you, with great
pleasure, 108 prs socks &
115 prs drawers.

The drawers will many of
them want looking to &
mending - being second=hand.

The whole of the drawers
& most of the socks which
have been used here were
bought at my own expence
at Constantinople & from
English vessels - We have
had but few among the
"Free Gifts" at all - & of

these few, I send you the
greater portion, together
with the few I have left
out of my own private
stores which I had laid in

We always have to mend
the second=hand Gifts
before we use them.

Pray be so kind as to
try whether I can supply
you with any others of your
Requirements- though, as
you *specify* no others, I
cannot do so without -

Believe me, dear Madam,
in haste, yours truly

Florence Nightingale

1/1/(1975) excerpts from a letter in her sister Parthenope Nightingale's hand {was Lady Verney later on}, 5 Nov 1855, Castle Hospl, Balaclava, re: 'in answer to Mrs. Bracebridge's saying she never told of herself' re her illnesses, the war, health of Mrs. Shaw Stewart, 'Soyer is still her doing much good'

1/4(1975) {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [8:814-15]

35 South St {printed address}
Park Lane,

W.

My dear Miss Marsh

I have delayed answering
your most kind note, because
Sister Olga von Billerbeck,
the (Kaiserswerth) Deaconess of
the Alexandria Hospital, was
away at Liverpool, "collecting".

She will be glad & thankful
to accept your goodness in
giving "some of" your "books" to
her poor English sailors -
if you will be so good as to
send them to her address,
as you kindly propose -
viz.

to the

P. and O. Co's office
Leadenhall Street
addressed
"For the Deaconesses' Hospital
Alexandria"
care of Hy Calvert Esq.
British Vice Consul
Alexandria

She gratefully thanks you for
your kind contribution
for which I enclose ye receipt
I trust that you are better.
 in some haste
for, as you quote from Wesley
 in your charming book
"Leisure & I have taken leave
of each other" -
excellent_ noble_ inspiring old
 Wesley!

 ever yours

 F. Nightingale

July 27/69

1/5(1975) signed letter, 2ff, pen

 35 South St.
 Park Lane W.
 Dec 13/75

Dear Mrs. Frost

Mrs. Wilson is so good as to invite me to
write to you about my angora Tom-cat
(who answers to the name of *Mr. White*) -
- now hers.

1. Mr. White has never made a dirt in his life
 -but he has been brought up to go to a *pan*,
 with sand in it. You must have patience
 with him, please, till he has been taught

-to go out- of -doors for his wants.
2. He has always been shut up *at night*:
(in a large pantry:) to prevent his being
lost. And I believe he ought always
to be shut up at night: for this reason.
[I think you must keep him in the house
for two or three days till he knows his
kind mistresses: & the place: for fear
he should run away & try to get back
to me.]
And perhaps if you could give him a pan
with sand in it for the first night or two
it might be better.

3. He has always been used to have his meals
by himself like a gentleman in a plate
put upon a "table= cloth" (an old newspaper)
spread on the floor.
He is not greedy: has never stolen any thing:
& never drags his bones off his newspaper.
But I am sorry to say he was always lived
well: he has bones, & milk, in the morning:
after 7 o'clock dinner he has any remains
of fish not fish bones: or chicken= or game= bones: which
he eats like a gentleman off a plate in
my room, as I have described: & never asks for more

then a little broken meat, & milk, when he is
shut up at night:
& a large jar of fresh water (which he
can't upset) always on the floor for him
4. He is the most affectionate & intelligent
cat I have ever had: is much fonder
of the society of *Christians* than of cats:
likes of all things to be alone in a room with me:
(but made acquaintance with the little dog of a
baby friend of ours): &, when his own little
sister cat died, he refused food & almost
broke his heart. He washes & dresses two

[2]

little kits we have here (of his) himself.
I never saw a Tom-cat do this before.
5. You will see Mr. White is very *black* now-
But, when he is in the country, he is as
white as the driven snow.
He is 10 months old.
I have written a long letter about him: but
in short I recommend him to your kind
care: & am yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

1/9/(1975) note, 1f, pencil

30/8/89

with
Florence Nightingale's
kind compliments & thanks
J. Macready Esq

1/12/(1975) no i-text, no paper copies, re catalogue:

Charles Holt Bracebridge to Miss Dodd 10 Jan [1856], Atherston Hall re
FN establishing a "profession of nurses, and his own social service
interests 4 p.

Selina Bracebridge to Miss Dodd 10 Jan [1856], Atherston Hall re
mentions the Exposition in Paris; of F.N. she says: "She is able to
get through all her work now without overtaxing her strength". Re
Miss Martineau's health

Parthenope Nightingale (Lady Frances Parthenope Verney to Dear Sir,
[incorrect date 10/-/54], 49 Belgrave Square, re F.N.'s trip to the
Crimea, difficulty of procuring good nurses; religious feeling
prompted F.N.'s work the cooperation among various religious groups 4
p.

1/12/(1975) {continued}

Parthenope Nightingale to Lady Adelisa 14 April 55? [shd be 1856], re F.N.'s health, an outbreak of cholera on Scutari, quotes from one of F.N.'s letters, describes F.N.'s work with Schools and Reading Rooms 6 p.

1/13(1975) correspondence about Miss Charlotte Salisbury, handwritten copy of signed letter, 2ff, not FN's hand RP 988 as Sept 3, also 8995/41

"Copy" Scutari Barrack Hospital
Sept 30/55

Dear Sir

I have a very painful duty to perform in giving you some information concerning Miss Salisbury, which is tomorrow to be made the subject of a Dispatch from the General Officer commanding here to Lord Panmure

I think it incumbent upon me to write to you, in consequence of Miss Salisbury's long stay in your family. as, I believe Governess & in consequence of many letters from your family having been found in Miss Salisbury's correspondence, which was seized by order of the Commandant of this place - all these shall be returned to you -

Miss Salisbury undertook in this Hospital the Charge of the "Free Gift" store - upon a written understanding that nothing was to be given out of that store, except by a written order from me, I considered it my duty - & it has been my constant practise to keep an account of every article given - which account would be at any time made known to the Public -

My responsibility being to the people of England. These accounts have been already printed in the "Blue Book" as far as regards the Hospital of Scutari, up to the 15 July 1855 are ready for publication & will be published up to 1 May, 1855 as far as regards the Hospitals of Scutari, & as far as regards those

of the Crimea from Novber 4, 1854 to May 1, 1855, May, June, & July; I was on a sick bed & incapable of any employment during which three months Mrs. Bracebridge will answer all questions. For August & September I have an account of every article distributed to four Hospitals ion the Crimea, two Sardinian Hospitals & the Scutari Hospitals, which will be published. There remains the Hospital of Koulale, of the articles sent to which Mrs. Bracebridge has an account -

Circumstances occurred, which made me believe that property from the "Free Gift" stores was withdrawn by Miss Salisbury, unknown to me, and this suspicion became so much strengthened that I mentioned it to the Com mandant, who, thinking that I had grounds for it, instituted me to dismiss Miss Salisbury - I did so, paying her her salary at the rate of £68.5.0 p an/ the difference between which & 18/per week, which is the rate assigned by the War Office for Lady-Nurses being paid out of my own pocket/. I offered to pay her passage home either to Patras or England, & I gave her 6 weeks salary at £68.5 per an. out of my own purse - as a compensation for the short notice - She refused to go & offered her services to Mrs. Moore, superintendent of the Officers Nurses here - Farther evidence against her honesty having come out, the General Commanding sent men to search my house in Scutari, in which she, Miss Salisbury, slept. Property was found there which I may safely assert was of above

£100 value, concealed partly in her boxes, partly in the room of Michele & Angela Andrea partly in Salvo Andrea's boxes, who were, as you perhaps know, brought here by the recommendation of Miss Salisbury - I must leave it to others to interpret this circumstance for themselves -

Miss Salisbury says that it was her intention to give away this property, and acknowledges that she has given away much from the "Free Gift" stores unknown to me -

The excuse she offers is that the stores were rotting & eaten by rats, and that Mrs. Bracebridge had given her & the Nurses leave to take out & give away any thing while she was here. It is my wish to leave the latter assertion to be answered by Mrs., Bracebridge. That rats abound in all these Hospitals is an unlucky fact. But I never heard that Purveyor or Commissariat gave away their stores in consequence - Be that as it may Miss Salisbury has broken the agreement which she made in disposing of the "Free Gift" stores at her own pleasure, without record or responsibility - and the people of England are not to be left at the mercy of Miss Salisbury - To this, with the greatest pain I must add that Articles of my own wearing apparel, which I had missed, have been found in Miss Salisbury's boxes - It is undesirable that the circumstances are such as would, in any other case, be considered a felony - Michelle, Salvo his son, Andrea who is I believe Angela's brother, & two other men are now

in custody, in whose possession have been
found goods given over to them by her -

Believe me, Dear Sir,
to be truly yours

/sigd/ Florence Nightingale

I ought perhaps to add that, among the
Correspondence of Miss Salisbury, seized by
the Commandant, he found a letter
addressed by her to General Van Straubenzee's
wife, accusing me of murder, or to copy
the paragraph, of "smuggling the body of
poor Miss Clough" (one of the lady nurses
in the Crimea, who died on her passage
down here)" into the grave, in order to conceal
the circumstances of her death, she also
accuses me of absorbing the Free Gifts -
Have you ever had any suspicion of her
sanity

1/13 copy RP 988 signed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper

Barrack Hospital

Scutari

Oct 3/55

My dear Sir

I have received a
second Shipment of

7 Boxes Oranges & Lemons -

The fruit was magnificent -

But out of the

6 Boxes Lemons,

71 Lemons only were

found fit for use - And

32 Oranges out of the

1 Box Oranges -

which could not have

been more than half

full - For these were

almost all good -

Of course, after the miserable discovery which has been made with regard to Miss Salisbury's dishonesty, it was suspected that she might have represented the first shipment, which she unpacked, to be bad - in order to purloin a part - which she *has* done in very many cases - But in *this* case the suspicion was unjust. I myself unpacked this last Shipment & the above statement is correct - viz 71 Lemons
32 Oranges
out of the 7 Boxes -

I am desired by the Commandant to return you all the letters which belong to your family (found by him in this unfortunate woman's property.) I must do her the justice to observe that she manifested great feeling about this - & some of her last words to me were that I should intercede with the Commandant to restore "Rodney's letters to his mother."

She was released on Monday, at my intercession, put on board the "Earl of

Aberdeen" steamer - & sent to England - I have declined to prosecute - as a prosecution for felony must have resulted in transportation - for libel in imprisonment. For the most extraordinary falsehoods were found in her correspondence -

I have advised her to go to Australia - & have lodged a sum of money for her in England to pay her passage out, if she does go - She is, however, not penniless - For I paid her passage home - & paid her £25.12.0 just before she sailed - Every article of

her own property - which she could identify as her own-being, of course, also restored to her -

I gave her four months ago £1.9.2 to pay you for Angela's passage -

She has since informed me (just before sailing) that she did *not* pay you - & that the passage was only twenty-five Drachmas. Will you be kind enough to inform me if this be correct? & I will immediately forward the money -

It appears that she has speculated during the whole

time she has been here -
And the most painful
part of the history to me
is that she accused others
of stealing the very thing
which we missed & which
were afterwards found
in her boxes -

Michele & Salvo D'andrea
are still in prison -

Will you inform us
whether she owed money
to a certain Mr. Beal
at Corfu & whether she
has paid him while
here?

I must add that she

came to us with the
greatest professions of
disinterestedness as a
volunteer - & that it was
my proposition to give her
Sixty=Five Guineas per an -
she declaring that she
wanted *nothing* -

I remain, dear Sir,
yours truly

Florence Nightingale

1/13 (RP 988) signed letter, 3ff, pen black-edged paper, RP 988

PRIVATE {at angle} Balacclava Oct 17/55

My dear Sir

I have been called suddenly up to our Hospitals in the Crimea - whither your letter of the 28th Sept. followed me -

I regret exceedingly the impossibility (which my hasty departure entailed) of bringing up all my papers & Accounts with me, so that I cannot at this moment ascertain the precise amount of my debt to you - But, to the best of my recollection, the first account was over £12, the second over £6, besides Angela's journey, of which I

can learn only from you the amount - as Miss Salisbury, by her own shewing, appears to have been mistaken -

I therefore enclose a cheque upon Glyn's in London for Twenty Pounds, as my debt to you cannot be less - And the moment I return to Scutari, I will ascertain from my accounts the *precise amount* - & forward the remainder -

I return the letter for Miss Salisbury, which was opened merely to see whether there was an enclosure for Valerio, which he expected, & he requested that Miss Salisbury's letters might be opened for this purpose -

That unfortunate woman

sailed, on the 1st October for England by the "Earl of Aberdeen." I have declined to prosecute & have lodged a sum of money for her in England to enable her to go on to Australia, if she wishes it -

She is *no raw practitioner* - it appeared in the evidence that her system of plunder began from the very day almost that she arrived in Scutari - & was conducted with great skill - She must be a veteran in the practise - From a few words which dropped from the Revd= Mr. Wright, Principal Chaplain to the Forces in the Crimea, it

struck me that there had been suspicious circumstances in the house of Mr. Wood, the Consul, which might be traced to the same origin, not that she has been convicted of dishonesty - & suspicion thereby aroused -

If you think it worth while to pursue this Enquiry, & to communicate the result to me, it might throw some light upon this miserable & incomprehensible history. But it is not my intention to take any further proceedings against this unhappy woman - whose system has been (as Scutari) to accuse *another*

party of the theft *she* had
just committed -

I remain, dear Sir,
yours truly

Florence Nightingale

Three cases of Oranges & Lemons
have never come to light -
I received fourteen, instead
of seventeen, by the first
Shipment - seven, which
was the right number,
by the last - The fruit was,
as I have said before,
magnificent -

Michele and Salvo have
been released from prison,
& banished Scutari -
Angela, of whose complicity

there appeared no doubt, was
not imprisoned - & I even
allowed her to stay on in
my house at Scutari - She
is now going to join her son
& husband at Constantinople.
They were earning with me
at the rate of £9 per
month - & the day before
I left Scutari I paid
Angela £10 for their last
month - After I was gone,
they had the impudence to
go to my Aunt, who is
left at Scutari, & claim
the amount again. It
appears as if the leniency
& consideration with which
all the guilty ones have been
treated, only increased their
propensity to extortion -

1/13 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, RP 988?

Castle Hospital
Balaclava
Oct 19/55

My dear Madam

I must beg to apologize
to you for having troubled
Mr. Wood with the sad
history of Miss Salisbury -
At the same time, I cannot
regret my mistake, as it
was extremely painful to me
to be compelled to tell a
gentleman that a person,
in whom he had trusted
for 10 years (she told me
for 16) was so unworthy of
his confidence - as you must
have perceived by the
guarded language in which
I first wrote, if you were kind
enough to read my letters -

What you now tell me

in your letter of the 10th, for which allow me to thank you most sincerely, gives me the impression- (in connection with some expressions that dropped from Miss Salisbury, to which I attached no importance, as long as I thought the Consul was at Patras) that she means to apply to him on her arrival in England - & leave it to Mr. Wood's discretion and judgement, without venturing to suggest an opinion when I know so little of the circumstances, whether it would not be just to the Consul to apprise him of the real character of this unhappy woman, as now discovered -

You speak of her having represented herself as "dreadfully overworked" - & of her having

frequently, at Patras, "suffered greatly from nervous attacks."

In the linen store=room, of which she alone kept the key, & which was the proper depository of linen only were discovered a considerable number of empty black bottles, concealed under a surplice - In a press, containing wine (for Nurses & Patients) of which she alone kept the key, there was a remarkable disappearance of wine during the whole time that she did thus keep the key - so remarkable that I mentioned it to her. She had, about three times a fortnight, sudden & unaccountable indispositions, which confined her to her bed for 2 or 3 days - when she was always attended by a Medical Man at my desire, but contrary to her own - He at last desired me to give her her medicine with my own hand - (which was to be taken every hour,) which I did - he

being persuaded that she never took the medicine - but something else - Of these facts each person will judge according to their own experience of Miss Salisbury - Another & far more (to me) painful fact is that a valued & trustworthy Matron of mine, who died in the Barrack Hospital, Scutari, the last day of August, was ordered by her Medical Attendant a medical allowance of wine & porter - *which passes thro' the hands of Miss Salisbury* - & that the greater part of this never reached the dying woman, who was meanwhile represented to me by Miss Salisbury as eating & drinking enormously -

That the habitual intemperance into which, as we cannot but suppose, Miss Salisbury had fallen, ever amounted to intoxication, I can safely deny - but that her perception of right & wrong, or even of what she was doing, was thereby obscured, I am as certain Believe me dear Madam, yours most truly F Nightingale

1/13 RP 988 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper

Scutari
Barrack Hospital
Jan 3/56

My dear Sir

I beg you to believe
(in reply to your note of
Dec 14) that I am not
in the least uneasy
about the fate of my
£20. I need not assure
you that I left it very
tranquilly in your hands,
& that the arrangement
you propose will be
quite satisfactory to me,
if you have received
the £20 in gold sent
you by Valerio Calligero -
Valerio is exceedingly anxious

for letters from his family,
& often comes to me to know
whether I have received
any for him through you.
I gave him your kind
message.

I am not in the least
surprised at the trouble
which Miss Salisbury
is stirring up - but
very much surprised,
on the contrary, that by her
persons can be so deceived,
~~by her~~, of whose character
for judgement & goodness
there is ample proof,
while of hers for the
exact opposites there
is, alas.' but too strong

evidence -

I beg to remain
dear Sir,
very truly yours
Florence Nightingale
Vice=Consul, J. Wood Esq.

1/13 3 letters by C Salisbury, not by F.N., 1855-1856

(to Mrs. Wood Aug 23, 1855 and with n.d.; statement to Mrs. Bracebridge)

1 letter Mrs. Wood to F.N. Oct 10, 1855, re: Miss Salisbury's lies

1/14 (RP 1149) FN's letters to Miss Knight re Benjamin Jowett

signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper} RP 1149

Telegraph {printed at angle}

Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Oct 8/91

Claydon House, {printed address:}

Winslow,

Bucks.

Dear Miss Knight

Thank you for writing - I
dread to think & look
forward

There is but one comfort
& one strength in this
awful trial - awful I may
well call it. And that
is to think what a
glorious battle the Master
has fought during his
whole life for his country
& his God - *and won*

- how dear he is to the
great Commander - in-
Chief - & as Christ gave
up His life, so does he,
knowing that no harm
can happen to him, on
the hands of the Loving
Father

No soldier ever fought
so grand a battle -

I saw a look of
calmness in his face, in
the midst of suffering, as

if he were gathering up
his past, & 'joyfully
'ready', either to live or
give up his life to God -

And we can only show
our love to him & to God
by being 'joyfully ready'
to part with him, even
tho' the sword pass thro'
'our own hearts'.

If it pleases God to
spare him to us, yet
a while longer, how glad
we shall be - If that is

not God's will, still
let us not grudge him
his joy - his oneness
with God -

And think how much
you have been able to do
for him.

I await your next
Telegram with trembling -

Thank him for his
letter to me if you can.

ever sincerely yours

F Nightingale

I do not cease to hope, if
he can be with comfort a little
while longer here.

1/14 (RP 1149) signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

Feb 12/92

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

Dear Miss Knight

My eyes are bad. And
I find a stupid mistake
I made in reading the
Master's letter. I read
"Shrewsbury" as Thursday -
He is coming to London
for a "Shrewsbury" Meeting
But this does not
diminish my horror at
his coming at all.

What say you?
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

1/14 (RP 1149) signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

No 2 12/2/92

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

Dear Miss Knight

Thank you very much
for your prompt kindness,
telling me now much
better the Master is -
I shall hope, please God,
that he will do himself
no harm by his journey
to London. At all
events I can do nothing
to prevent it. I will
certainly write when I
have seen him - in haste

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

1/14 (RP 1149) signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

10 South St. Oct 29/93

Dear Miss Knight

I trust to see you
when you come to London,
for at least an afternoon -
I can well feel how
sad, how terribly sad
it must be to be there
without him. But I
agree that having
known *him*, we should
feel: that we could go,
any where & do any thing

Thank you for telling
me that -

And may God make
it true for both of us.
//I do not feel that my
opinion as to what
~~you~~ would be best
for you to do would
be of any value to you
without at least my
seeing you,
if then. But I

hope you will take long
rest before doing
any thing -

It has been impossible
for me to write letters.
Please excuse my delay
Please let me know
before hand when you
come to London.

God bless you
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

1/14 typescript copy of M. Knight re: the "Master" to Lady Airlie,
6ff, Jan. 12, 1895

2/1/1 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen [8:778-79]

Lea Hurst Jan 31
Matlock

My dear Mrs. Colyar

With joy I saw your hand -
I am in great fears about the world
but I will tell you first what we
hear from Paris. A reasonable
official writes (by the Ambassador's
bag - nobody writes by post for all
letters are opened) that the President
is ruining himself as fast as he can.
The proscriptions were a crime, but
the confiscations are a "faute" &
have alienated the bourgeoisie,
who were for him, as the defender
of the Rights of Property. The pro=
vinces are still for him, in their
absurd panic about Socialism.
However there will be no distur=
bance from any body just yet -
for, as soon as the *Thing's* ini=
quitous cabinet is formed (Casabianca
was a common spy) he will make

a grab at the Rhine, Belgium, Savoy
or even England (the last the least
likely) & once engaged in war, the
country will quietly await the issue.
They say poor Piedmont is in a
terrible fright - no wonder - *French People*
keep away from the President's balls -
the only sign of (moral) life they
give. I am ashamed to say my countrymen don't give even this. He is
quarrelling with all his
family - & leading a quite dis=
graceful private life. Since Ld
Palmerston went out, I am weak
& weary of the world, "which is
now altogether the Devil's"- It
was a comfort to me however to
send part of your letter to Lady
Palmerston, who read it to him -
& I wish I had kept the pretty
note she wrote in returning it -
They were evidently quite pleased.
I think the Kalmucks will
over run us, because they have
digestions & we have not - & I am

convinced it is Dyspepsia which over
throws Empires. There will be 3
Emperors, Error. of France, E. of Austria
E. of Russia, & they will eat up {illeg - word off page}
dear little Piedmontese & my poor
little Greeks - As for poor old
Germany, ~~illeg~~, She's gone - many people
expect to see L. Napoleon returning
thanks in St. Paul's - But I think
Q. Victoria's light cream=coloured
horses will long land her safe in
St. Stephen's without any other
danger but kicking her against
the kerb=stone. But those Whigs
They have turned out the only man
of any power among them - a
feeble & accomplished folk. However
everybody says that Ld John means
to resign as soon as he possibly
can, would have done so before
this, if he could - & a Dissolution
is expected very soon after the
meeting of Parliament - Some say

Palmerston & Cobden will make a Ministry - some that Sir Jas Graham will come in. Anyhow, the present men won't stay. I should like to see Ld Palmerston heading a revolution in Italy. The only good thing the Times has done is abusing that Avvocato del Diavolo, that Thing, L. Nap. I am half afraid he will bring back the Orleans, by this persecution of them.

You will be glad to hear that there is a little Milnes already on the stocks. You know whom he married - your Miss Crewe's sister, a most bewitching person -

There are tuiles of my Parisian friends in London, who would otherwise be at Cayenne - but my friends are always the riff raff, you know - Guizot sticks to Paris you see - Did you read his & Montalambert's speeches at the Institute?

2/1/2 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [8:780-82]

London Feb 28, 1851

My dear Mrs. Colyar How ungrateful

I must have seemed to you -

I only enclose the preceding, in order to show you that I did intend to answer your kind letter - but events have come so quickly lately that it seemed vain to write till they had settled into some kind of form - You see how Lord Palmerston has turned out the Ministry - they would however have gone out the Tuesday after on the question of the Caffre war - & they preferred making their own bed & falling quietly on a point of their own choice. Lord Derby's ministry is the subject of one universal peal of laughter - I can't laugh - Even Lord Derby laughs himself - The three Secretaries of State are men whom nobody ever heard of before - Walpole & a barrister out of practice - Sir John Pakington a good active country gentleman, who, they say, has spent his time since he kissed hands in Wyld's globe in Leicester Sq. studying geography, but he can't make anything of it, he says - Macaulay says that Ld Malmesbury has been mistaken for his grandfather, the great diplomatist, & that people have forgotten he's ~~was~~ dead - How an ill tempered inexperienced

man can manage the affairs of Europe at this crisis, remains to be seen - There is to be no Dissolution at present - probably not till autumn - the worst of it is that Ld Derby laughs at his own Cabinet - Macaulay says the three Secretaries of State will go about like the Roman augurs, smiling at each other, when they meet. But what is to become of poor Switzerland? With France & Austria acting in concert against her, Geneva likely to be occupied by the one, & the Ticino by the other, of the absolute powers, what a prospect -

This country is crammed with French refugees - But, of all the iniquitous things that animal has done, I think his attack upon poor little Switzerland, who prepared, in '38, to defend him at his need, is the worst -

Belgium has been forced, you see, to give up her Polish officers at the demand of Russia - & it seems as if, during a few years, Absolutism was to have absolute sway - But great will be the fall thereof & terrible its retribution -

Compared to those things, our little politics seem nothing - Ld Palmerston & Sir James Graham mean to do opposition against present Ministers & join with the Whigs - The Queen's dislike of Disraeli is immense -

I am going to ask Mr. Colyar to be so very kind as to manage for me my last payment of 20 scudi for Felicetta Senzi at the Trinità at Rome, which is due this month - This is her fifth & last year there - If he would be so very kind as to do this & tell me where & how to pay him, I should be truly obliged to him. I have never heard from my Madre since I sent her the parcel which he was kind enough to put me in the way of doing - The last time she wrote she complained of having never heard from me - at which I was surprised - I know she is no longer at Rome but at Sant' Elpidio. Where is that? If Mr. Colyar could send me any news of her, I should be truly glad - Ld Feilding is at Rome, who would be glad to do anything for Mr. Colyar, I am sure -

The Bracebridges are at home at Atherstone. I took the liberty of sending them your letter - I was sure they would be so glad to hear from you - I believe they are likely to remain at home at present?

The weather here has been & is, most severe - & much as you complain of Florence, I wish I were there - Mr. Colyar kindly enquires after Miss Boyle, who is quite recovered - Civitea also is well, & we are looking forward to the days

when we may be allowed to see you at
Embley, dear Mrs. Colyar, as well as
the beloved visitor whom we had
this time last year - alas! for too short
a time - In England people are quite
"daft" on the subject of Louis Napoleon.
It is quite true that Lord Malmesbury
was chosen because he was the private
friend of that animal, to superintend
our Foreign Affairs! - and a friend of ours,
an enlightened & liberal woman of
mature age, who has just married an
enlightened & liberal Peer, ~~and~~ these
people are positively gone to Paris
to spend their honeymoon with the wretch,
(fact)! The Sidney Herberts are going
on very well, Mr. Colyar will be glad to hear,
& have three children - I hope you
will write to me again, my dear Mrs.
Colyar - It is a comfort to exhale one's
feelings to a right judging person, & a
still greater to hear such sentiments
as yours - The Bourgeoisie is beco=
ming still more alienated, I am happy
to hear from L N whose policy is
now openly avowed, the frontier of the
Rhine, & the crushing of the Middle
Class - Pray give my best & most
grateful love to Mr Colyar. We are
now all in London & shall be, I suppose,
till Easter - My people are all pretty
well again & I am ever my dear Mrs.
Colyar's, till Doomsday i' the afternoon

FN -

2/1/3 handwritten copy, 2ff, pen, presumably to Whitfield, as per Goldie and below note

Copy
29, Burlington St. W.
June 12/57

[16:252-53]

My dear Sir,

I am truly obliged
for your most kind offer to
help us which I am going to
snatch.

Neither Civil Physicians
nor Surgeons still less Military
ones, are, generally speaking at
all conversant with Sanitary
things - and I assure you, that
you yourself, with two or three
other men whom I could name
who have had large Sanitary
experience in London, are the
only persons who have at all

apprehended the real cause
of our disaster in the East
Of course, I say this in private
as I have never animadverted
on my Masters, whatever may
have been said as to my
doing so.

I will tell you exactly
what has been done about
the Netley Hospital - And I
should extremely like to
hear some portion of the
large experience which you
have been accumulating.

If you could come
to me on Wednesday
evening at 8 o'clock and
have a cup of tea - or, if
you do not like to leave

your charge at that hour
if you could come to me on
Thursday at 4, or on
Friday at one, I shall
feel myself very much
indebted to you.

Both you and I are
so driven with business
that I will ask you to
write one line to say

"when."

[end]

Yours faithfully,
Florence Nightingale

{The above letter was presented
by me to the Society of Medical
Officers of Health in whose possession
it now is. Another letter (not copied)
was presented to the Florence Nightingale
Foundation 15 Manchester Square London}

2/1/4 Letter not in F.N. hand Sidney Herbert to Dear L. 21 March 1858,
re: thanking L. for letter and refers to the controversy between Sir
John Hall and Miss Nightingale

2/1/5 signed letter, 1f, pen [14:559]

My dear Sir

I am extremely
indebted to you for
your letter, which is a
practical settlement
of the whole question
of nursing, as far as
this unfortunate case
goes -

Should Sir J. Hall
be further troublesome,
I may perhaps ask
you to put it into the
form of a letter to Mr.

Herbert. But unless
this prove so, I shall
not trouble you to
do this - Your letter
to me will only be
shewn for the present
to Mr. Herbert.

I will write
again -

[end 14:559]

Believe me
ever faithfully your

F. Nightingale
May 10/58

2/1/6 signed letter, 3ff, pen {black-edged paper} [14:559]

30 Old Burlington Str.

W. May 20/58

My dear Sir

I am sorry to say
that Sir John Hall
is giving us further trouble,
which I regret the
more because it will
give you further trouble,
after you have been
so kind to us -

Mr. Herbert, who
is to speak to night
in the House on the

Indian question, begs
on that account to
apologize to you for
not writing himself -
and desires me to
say that he considers
your letter to me
(which I enclose)
as a perfect reply
to Hall's whole
statement about
the Nursing - But
that he will be now
obliged to make use

of your letter, by
sending it to Hall.
He considers that no
better document
could be employed to
answer Hall than
yours, if it were
addressed to himself,
(Mr. Herbert) - and
that he would ask
you kindly to
re=write this very
thing, addressed to
him (Mr. Herbert)

He has made a few
verbal corrections,
which he submits
to your better judgement.
He thinks the words
about "Sir J. Hall's
superior standing" better
omitted, because there
is not a Medical Man
in London who would
not prefer your
opinion to Hall's -
Also he thinks the
word "undemonstrative",
altho' singularly
expressive, might be

misunderstood.

[end 14:559]

With many thanks
for your kindness in
this & other troublesome
matters, believe me to be,
dear Sir
yours ever faithfully
Florence Nightingale

2/1/7 unsigned note, [postscript] 1f, pen

I will also write to Sir J. Clark
by this day's post to Bagshot -
He is I think not too ill
to back us with the Queen -
with whom he has great influence
in this kind of way.

2/2/1 signed letter, 2ff, pen, RP 1613

General Hospital
Balaclava

[14:413-14]

June 13/56

My dear Sir

I beg to thank you
for your kind note of
this morning, & to say
that I have obeyed it
to the letter -

I am now going to
the several Hospitals to
carry out your directions.

I find that, on
board the "Thames," is
cabin accommodation
for 22 or 23 - that, at
the outside, there will
be one Military Officer

and Five Medical
Officers - & that there
will be 16 berths
(cabin) remaining -
Of these, I shall
require seven for
my Lady Nurses - for
I think I can send
away that number -
Eight or even Nine
"Non - Commissioned" Nurses
I purpose also sending
home - as you say
that you wish me "to
send as many, as
I possibly can" - and

there will be about
60 soldiers' wives and
children -

Now I would ask
you to give officers' berths
to the 9 "*Non=Commissioned*"
Nurses - if you think
it adviseable that
these women, who have
been sent out with
so much fuss, should
not be cast aside,
like old shoes, when
their services are no
longer wanted -

But, if not, I must
beg that a separate

compartment be
constructed for them
from the soldiers' wives,
as I cannot class them
in the same category -
And they must be at
least second=class
passengers -

[end 14:414]

Believe me

My dear Sir
faithfully yours
F Nightingale

2/2/2 signed letter, 4ff, pen {black-edged paper} published in
Workhouse Nursing: The Story of A Successful Experiment. London:
Macmillan 1867: 4-6. Cup.503.p.27; **[6:236-38]**

115, Park Street. W. {printed address:}

Feb 5/64

My dear Sir

I will not delay
another day expressing
how much I admire
& how deeply I sympathize
with your Workhouse
plan.

First let me say
that Workhouse Sick
& Workhouse Infirmeries
require quite as much
care as (I had almost
said more than)
Hospital Sick -
There is an ever greater

work to be accomplished
in Workhouse Infirmeries
than in Hospitals

[In days long ago,
when I visited in one
of the largest London
Workhouse Infirmeries,
I became fully convinced
of this -

How gladly would
I have become the
Matron of a Workhouse.

But, of a Visitor's
visits, - the only result
is to break the visitor's
heart - She sees how

much could be done
& cannot do it.]

Liverpool is of all
places the one to try
this great reform in.
Its example is sure
to be followed. It has
an admirable body
of Guardians; it is a
thoroughly practical
people; it has, or
soon will have again,
money.

Lord Russell once
said (what is quite
true) that the Poor Law
was never meant to
supersede private
charity.

But, whatever may

be the difficulties
about pauperism,
in two things most
people agree - viz.
that Workhouse Sick
ought to have the best
practicable nursing,
as well as Hospital
sick - & that a good
wise Matron may save
many of these from
life=long pauperism
by first nursing them
well, & then rousing
them to exertion, &
helping them to
employment.

In such a scheme
as you wisely propose: -

[2]

there would be four
elements: -

1. the Guardians, one of
whose functions is to
check pauperism.

They could not be
expected to incur
greater cost than at
present, *unless* it is
proved that it cures
or saves life.

2. the Visiting or Managing
Committee of the Guardians,
whose authority must
not (& need not/ in
any way be interfered
with

3. the Governor, the
Medical Officer & Chaplain

4. (and under the Governors)
the proposed Supt= of

Nurses & her Nursing
Staff.

There is no reason
why all these parts
of the machine should
not work together.

You propose the
funds to pay the
extra Nursing for
a time -

The difficulty is
to find the lady to
govern it.

When appointed,
she must be authorized
- indeed appointed -
by the Guardians. She
must be their Officer;
& must be invested

by the Governor with authority to superintend her Nurses in conformity with Regulations to be agreed upon.

So far I see no more difficulty than there was in settling our relations as Nurses to the Government officials in the Crimean War,

The cases are somewhat similar.

As to the funds, it is just possible that eventually the Guardians might take all the

cost themselves, as soon as they saw the greater advantages & economy of good Nursing.

If Liverpool succeeds, the system is quite sure to extend itself.

The Fever Hospital is one of the Workhouse Infirmarys. That is the place to shew what skilful Nursing can do - The Patients are not all paupers. How many families might be rescued from pauperism by having the lives of their heads, & by {printed address upside down: 115, Park St. W.} helping the hard-working to more speedy convalescence -
Hopefully yours

Florence Nightingale

2/2/3 signed letter and envelope, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper and envelope}

Private {at angle}
{Repd. 23/4/64
via Marseilles} 32 South St.
Park Lane
London W.
March 10/64

My dear Sir

I rejoice to hear of
your appointment as
Secretary to the first
Board of Health India
has ever had.

It shews the Governor=
General's wisdom.

You may now do
more good than falls
to the lot of any Medical
Officer, otherwise employed.

We will send you
out all the Reports & books,
which we think may
be useful to your Board. **[end 9:487]**

Before I heard of your **[10:25]**
appointment, I sent to
Messrs. Smith & Elder, the
Report on the Mediterranean
Stations, the first copy I
could get from the printers.

This shews the general
method of procedure - But
I need not tell you that
the Barrack plans are
unsuited for India, where
Barracks should always
be raised much more
above the ground &
never have but one
sleeping story - Also, the
Married Quarters are
not suited for India,
where they must always
be detached. **[end 10:25]**

These plans are only intended for special localities in the Mediterranean.

The Barrack & Hospital [9:487] Improvement Commission, to which are now added two India members, are engaged with Model Barrack plans for India, now nearly completed, - also a paper of Suggestions on the whole Indian subject, which will be useful -

All these will be sent out as soon as possible. [end 9:487]

Of the Mediterranean [10:25] Report, the gist of the defects & remedies is contained in the first 22 pages. It gives a good idea of the India problem, with this exception that all the improvements for India need to be on a more extensive scale, with

more water, larger cubic space in Barracks & Hospitals - more complete ventilating arrangements, more constant attention to Sanitary police

If at any time I can [9:487] send you out any sanitary papers from here, pray command me -

I consider the Sanitary "mission" in India at this moment perhaps the greatest "mission" in the world. And I envy you. [end 9:487]

I congratulate India with all my heart for having you for a Missionary And I congratulate you for having so great, though slow, a work - [end 10:25]

your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

Dr: Jas: Pattison Walker

{black-edged envelope} *with a parcel*

Jas: Pattison Walker Esq MD
50 Torrington Square

2/2/4 {folios missing, transcription partial} incomplete letter, 1f,
pen {black-edged paper} Boston

{printed address:} 115. Park Street. W. **[13:583]**

My dear Mrs. Wardroper

With regard to Miss
Agnes Jones' qualifications
for the post of
Matron to a Workhouse
Infirmary, I believe
her to be perfectly
capable of the duties,
& able to overcome
the difficulties, which
there will be in
arranging a new
system of workhouse
nursing.

Mrs. Wardroper

St. Thomas' Hospital

2/2/5 signed letter, 1f, pen

Lea Hurst
Cromford
Sept 26/77

Dear Sir

It is with great pleasure, & wishing that
I could afford to give more, that I send you
£2.2 for your Crich National School:

Mr. Dunn had already spoken to me
about the Memorial Window in Crich Church
for the good Mr. Chawner: & I had
asked him to put my name down for
£1.1. - which I now enclose, wishing
£3.3. also it were more -

My Uncle, Mr. S. Smith, would, I am

sure, be glad to hear from you on
the subject. His address is:

Embley

Romsey

Hampshire

I wish I could save you the trouble of writing =
but I am overworked beyond measure =

I bid you 'God speed,' in both objects from
the bottom of my heart:

Pray believe me

ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

The Revd=

Wm Acraman=

2/2/6 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Andrew Lee's child:}

Lea Hurst

Oct 7/77

My dear Sir

We were ready to have sent Andrew Lee's
child to St. Thomas' Hospital: & the father
had been twice here about it : (he is quite
incapable of taking it alone :) when we
were told that it had some inflammation
which it had not when you were there:
I sent 2 or 3 messages into the village
yesterday to ask you, if you were in
Holloway, to be so kind as to go & see the
child. I should be afraid of sending

it now without your verdict that the
poor little thing was fit for the journey:

And the parents are so stupid:

Bismarck the cat -

Have you heard whether Mr. Johnson will
take it? If not, I have other applicants -
I am afraid I could not have poor Bismarck
back here: he would not like to go away again:
I have had from Germany a photograph of
Guido's Ecce Homo in Rome. It seems
to me a very good one: Would you
do me the favour of accepting it in
memory of the lad John Gerrey to
whom you were so more than kind?

Yours very sincerely

Florence Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Eq

2/2/7 signed letter, 6ff, pen [part in 6:] [8:983-84]

Lea Hurst

Nov 12/79

7 a.m.

My dear Miss Mochler

Thank you (you know how
deep a meaning lies in that
one little word, strongly felt:
Thank you) for all your care
of my dear Mother & for
your letters.

I am afraid that you see
some change in her.

I am sure that she has
much comfort in Thornton's
prayers: & in what is read
or still more repeated to her,
even if she misplaces her
words, as when she said to
you that Thornton's prayer
was a "nice letter".

I have been more struck

than ever before, if possible,
this year by how much
~~more~~ she feels & knows &
thinks & even remembers
than she can express -

You know the power of
expression goes first in
old & weak & sick people.

I am sure that she has
thoughts about God & Death
& thoughts of tenderness
& fears & anxieties that
she is painfully conscious
of her inability to express.
In that attack which she had
here she told me so much -
As in the two years before
I was so struck with the

activity of heart & conscience,
even when mind was almost
gone, which led her so
painfully to search out the
truth of the religious words
she had used so devoutly
all her life.

It seemed that there was
truer religion there than
in all the words we so
unctuously & deftly repeat.
I wished I could always hit
off the mood of her mind
or rather conscience.

Sometimes she told me herself
I *did*. Let us pray for her.
Mr. Shore's tenderness
for her is beyond all
thanks.

I hope his Thames Bank
affairs are going on well -

I return my Mother's 3
prescriptions which I ought
to have done before -

I saw A.P. I am sure [6:635-36] id as Chiddingstone Castle
you have a very real & high
influence over him. Probably
no one ever had such before
over him. When he speaks
of you, it is with tears in his
eyes. And his mother told
me it made him "quite
poorly" to write to you -
{printed address upside down:}
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

He came here in toggery which
would not have disgraced two
Dukes - He told me of

[2]

his own accord that the
love of drink had quite
left him: he did not
care for it now.

I did not tell him what
I knew that he had been
met on October 1 coming
back from Crich in a cart
"not drunk as he had
been seen before but
intoxicated" - I believe
this was the only time -
I tried only to interest him
& not to brow-beat or lecture
him.

There must have been terrible
folly on his Mother's part.
She has given him, I am told,
the "titbits" I sent her:
&c &c &c. And he is too dainty.

I should have said to
Adam that I could not go
on doing for her if he did
not lay by something. But
I earnestly hope he will
send you money: has he?

He has Neuralgia & Bilious=
ness," the result of drink:
but is much the better for
Mr. Dunn's treatment -.

I am doing what I can in the cause of
thrift & saving. If I had my time here
over again, I would give nothing (except in
old cases, but on condition that they save.

I shall have much to tell
you about all our people
when we meet soon:

Mrs. Limb is wonderfully
better: but oh the son is
going to be married at Xmas,
& the daughter Sims will
have to turn out. This is hard
on both -

Harriet Limb is going to put into the Savings' Bank doubled by me.

I have taken Henstock & Shardlow off the milk, (but Henstock not off the Cocoatine) after having seen them, & both having promised to put into the Women's Club, & into the P.O. Savings' Bank, doubled by me. I have left Debank on 'milk', subject to her promise of putting into Women's Club & P.O. Savings Bank. I saw her: she cried very much about her misdeeds as to Widow Gregory. I am sorry that there are sad reports about all of them Debanks & Gregorys includes the John Gregory's.

I am sorry to give you a bad report of your little friend's health, Lizzie Holmes. She was ill, & I sent Mr. Dunn. He tells me (but he does not wish her or her mother to be alarmed) that the heart-disease is making rapid progress. She is coming here today in the fly to see me - Walker & Alfred Peach are both at work.

There is to be a free Tea on Saturday, for this is the Wakes. Last Sunday
{printed address upside down:}
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
they had to have
six policemen here.

[3]

I have doubled Alison's milk
& am paying Jane for
work today. She has
mended 61 things -

I have doubled Martha
Sheldon's milk (I have
seen her & the famous
counterpane is to be finished
next week)

& the Allen's milk
& am draining their floor.
I sent Mr. Dunn to them:
& he says the younger has
Bright's disease of the kidneys
- dryness, meat, milk & eggs
are necessary -

I will tell you about
them when we meet.

Please tell Mr. Shore that
the drainage at the Bratby's

is successfully finished:
& that I read his letter about
the wells at Lea, to Mr.
Yeomans. I shall have
much to tell him when
I see him. Please tell him that
the Allens were very grateful to him
for their new back windows

The naughty Henstock boy
has been apprenticed to the
Derby photographer. He
has been both a thief & a
forger. O pray that in
this new scene he may
repent & not become
a gaol bird. The poor
mother is a spirit-rapping
idiot about her children.

Miss Irby had an adventurous
miserable journey back to Sarajevo
alone. She writes not in good
spirits. Four out of 7 of her girls are dead

- those who were in mourning at Prague for Schoolmistresses.

Things crowd upon me
to tell you: but they must
wait till I see you soon:
I have no time: this
last month is so overcrowded:

Evermore thanks for your
care of my dear Mother:

God bless you, yrs affly [end 6:636]

F. Nightingale P.T.O.

Please say to Mr. S.S. [1:208]

Miss Irby writes from Serajevo:

*"May Miss Johnston go & see Mrs.
Nightingale & talk to her about
her grandfather Sir Fowell Buxton, &
the slave trade - a subject on which
I never knew your mother not wake
up to. Miss Johnston want to go
partly I think because she was so
devoted for years to her own old
grandmother"*

Miss Johnston's address is

10 Ovington Gardens

2/2/8 signed letter, 4ff, pen {black-edged paper} [8:985-86]

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
Aug 19/80

My dear Miss Mochler

Seldom was letter more
welcome than yours from
Lea Hurst. I had
been longing to hear, & too
ill & overworked to write.

I am very sorry indeed
that you are going on the
26th - I was in hopes that
you would stay till after
I come. And when that
will be I can hardly say.
But I hoped to find you
there.

I take the liberty of
enclosing £5 : & of
asking you to be so good

as to spend it on the
flannel you speak of
for dear Mrs. Limb -
and in anything else
either at Lea Hurst or
elsewhere that you wish
for.

Lyddy Prince I was
very glad you sent Mr. Dunn
to her. He says she has only
Dyspepsia : but that is
a bad "only."

Words cannot say how
I grieve about Adam, nor
how disappointed I am.
And how much more must
our Lord grieve & be
disappointed in him. I still
hope that He may give you

a message to him.

Jane Allison I was
going to ask you to be so good
as to see particularly after:
She has gone thro' a great
deal. But I have only
just learnt of her return
from Manchester. I do
not think it is at all
pauperizing to help her
much.

I am so glad of your
account of the little Platts'.

Should you think any
of the *milk* recipients
had better be *taken off*,
or any of the *meat'* s,
would you be so good
as to let me know?

I wish I could offer you

a bed in this house, but
 alas, I cannot.
And not for little Lee: [now?]
 he is called the "little
miracle". You know
it was thought that he
would never leave St.
Thomas' again: (Psoas
abscess)= But they have
nursed him up so well
there that he is now
able to wear his new
Splint - a much better
one than he has ever been
~~had~~ able to wear before - he can
walk a little - & there
is very little discharge now.
 And this very week he
was "Presented"- And I

 [2]
wrote to Ascot that he
 might return there.
I have now sent to St. Thomas'
 to know, if they think a visit
(his mother's) would do him
harm - [it is sure to
discompose him: & he is
so happy-] & if they
could keep him till
over the 26th -
 [They were going to keep
him this week, because
there has been a case of
Scarlet Fever.]
 I am afraid we must
not however raise his
mother's hopes about his
future progress. She will
probably think him
looking worse than when

he left her. It is only
by comparison with what
he was when he last
came from Ascot, when
the Doctors at St. Thomas'
thought that "he *might*
last for a few months" -
owing to the 'Psoas abscess'-
that we speak of his
being a "little miracle".
He is not better, & never
will be as compared
with his former past & his future.

And you see how necessary
unremitting first=class
Medical advice is to him.
He came back to us, from
Ascot worse than he went:
altho' the Doctors at St. T's
do *not in the least* impute
it to Ascot.

Now I have given you all
the details I can till I have
an answer from St. T's about
his mother.
My love to all the dear old
people you mention in
the Village: S. Allens, Mrs.
Broomhead, Mrs. Limb;
Lizzie Holmes, & thank
her Mother for her letter:
I am afraid Lizzie Holmes'
not going to the Mill
makes a difference: I
hope the mother does not
work harder. Could you
kindly ascertain about
this?

You do not mention about
our own childer four:
nor whether they ride. [~~illeg~~]
How I wish I were with them -

Aunt Florence's loving=est
love to them all: &
to their dear Father & Mother.

And pray tell their dear
Mother that I have
been longing to write to
her & will: but have
not been able.

I *hope* what they call "my
rooms" at Lea Hurst are
occupied. Tell her
I am afraid I am not
coming just yet.

God bless you & all the
place "on & on"; as the Germans
say.

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

How is Mrs. Bratby? And
could you see old Mrs. Peach
at Critchley? And how is Mr.
Haywood & the penny School Savings' Bank?
And does Mr. Wildgoose *shew*? **[end 8:986]**

2/2/9 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} chid

10 South St. Park Lane W.
April 16/92

[13:882]

My dear Sir

Thank you for your most
interesting letter.

When you receive the answers
from your lady pupils to the
questions you bade me send & [~~illeg~~]
may I, in reply to your
suggestion, beg you to be
so kind as to look them
over before you send them
to me; and may I, through
you, beg Mrs. Verney to be
so kind as to look them
over too?

Thornborough - I heard
of your raid there with
your class. And I was
delighted at their dismay.

A better lesson was never
given than then - And
I trust that they will
follow in your foot-steps
when they begin to teach

Thank you for your
reports. I have already
just glanced at them.

It is appalling to think
of the milk sold from
these places.

No greater work is
being done in these times
than redressing Sanitary
evils - And I hope you
will awaken the sleeping
Sanitary authorities. I
give you joy of your
great work.

I trust you will get the
Medical Officers of Health
to meet -

As you say, they want
education ~~no~~ and
enthusiasm more than
legislation and greater
powers.

Yes, certainly. I am most
anxious for you to fix
a time for Dr. Wilson to
come & for you to pay
his fee through me, IF
the Commee= will not
appoint an Examiner.

I feel very anxious about
the carrying out of Mr.
Best's report, & hope
you have been able
to write to Mrs. Verney
about it. She is our
stronghold -

Pray excuse my writing
more. I have so many
arrears of work to make
up at Easter time when
people are out of town.

And thanking you for
all the great good you
are accomplishing, pray
believe me yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Geo: H. De'Ath Esq M.D.

Shall I send the money? F.N.
fee

[end 13:882]

2/3 Letters re: F.N.'s work in the Crimea 1854-1855, from Charles Bracebridge and Selina Bracebridge

2/3/A1-9 letters by persons other than FN

2/3/A1 20 Oct [1854] CHB to My dear Henry, Atherstone re going to Constantinople to assist F.N. We have illeg decided to go to Constantinople to assist Florence Nightingale in making a home for her nurses, 35 (as at present chosen) the illeg to superintend the new attempt by the Duke of Newcastle and Sidney Herbert.

We have been since illeg in town working the matter up and her family consent nobly--we have been down for a few hours to pack up--sail Monday from Dover, going by 8 a.m. mail from town and arriving at 8 p.m. at Paris, embarking on 26 (in Vectis) 35 nurses, 3 FN CHB, SB, 2 illeg/40

12 medical officers including the chief of the medical Dept at Constantinople under whom every power is given to Florence.

The Vectis 1000 tons is to take the party from Marseilles to illeg Malta to Constantinople. We suppose in 8 or 9 days, D.V. The hospital at Scutari is a barrack for 10,000 men very well built with Loggiae and there are now steamers access.

I have no time for more. I hope to write from Sunday or while on the illeg please God all goes well we may return in three months. Yrs affect. CH Bracebridge.

2/3/A2 15 Nov [1854 Scutari] CHB to Dear Mary, re large numbers of sick and wounded and how busy they are

2/3/A3 13 March 1855 CHB to Miss E. Davidson, Moseley Birmingham, re Mrs Bracebridge's good health and how busy she is with cataloguing supplies and gifts, Florence Nightingale, at bottom

2/3/A4 26 May [1855] CHB [or SB?] to Dear Mary, Balaclava, re the fighting, Florence Nightingale's weakness from fever, and the cost of supplies and freight. Nothing is yet done of importance beyond the illeg being given to Pelissier, the landing of the Piedmontese and the taking of about 5 miles of country up to the Tchernaya River, of the expedition of 10,000 men to the Sea of Azoff. The siege goes on, guns firing all day long at intervals. The French lost 1200 men in a night attack when both parties came out

but I fear no advance is made. We have not lost many nor do our batteries fire unless fired at. There as cavalry illeg the other day very interesting from La Marmora. Pellisier, Omar Pasha being there with their suits. The cavalry make a shew again illeg. Greys have only about 80 the two left 10 and 12 from India are beautifully illeg. The artillery too is restored to its strength and the waggon train illeg the home of Land Transport Corps

a most important affair as they have endless mules in illeg. And with the railroad this morning half of provision haulage of provisions has

become easy--giving away from the old is out of the question but this place is said to be trouble illeg. We shall have to hold it no doubt and get nothing illeg. Florence is restored [?] from fever but so weak she can only lift her head from her pillow to say a few words in a low whisper.

In a few days I hope she may be able to be on board for Scutari, beyond that I can say nothing. Selina writes in spurts. M Soyer will do much good but it is a very slow affair, happily the baking and the grinding illeg are come and at work. It is frightful to think of all that is required to feed such a force from foreign sources and everything to be illeg with hardly any wharf illeg. Let illeg knew we are well please.

2/3/A5 17 June [Scutari 1855] CHB to Dear Mary, re cholera, the health of many of their friends, and that Florence Nightingale was improving very slowly

2/3/A6 21 June 1855, Scutari, CHB re moving Florence Nightingale to Therapia & then to Switzerland; death of Chaplain from dysentery

2/3/A7 6 July [1855], Scutari, CHB to Dear Mary, re not to be alarmed about cholera

2/3/A8 28 Aug 1855, Orsett Hall, Sunday, CHB to Dear Mary, re visit to her after attending to several things to do with the war [Essex]

2/3/9 no salutation or date, re money matters

2/3/B1-15 letters by S. Bracebridge {MG: we do not have copies}

2/3/B1 [not found]

59 Belgrave Sq

Oct 24 [1854]

My dearest Mary

You will not be *more*
surprised to *hear* than I
am to *tell*, that we have
this mornng decided to take
out Miss Nightingale & 34
nurses to Constantinople
& trust to return as soon
as they are settled there
our absence will not
exceed 2 months I hope

we start on Monday

We go down tonight to

A to pack up & return
tomorrow-

God bless you. you
shall hear often

your affectionate

S/ illeg

There could be no
sufficient persons found to
undertake this charge &
it seems a duty we
could not refuse.

2/3/B2 [not found]

Barrack Hospital

Scutari

Nov 19 [1854]

My dearest Mary

Charles wrote by last post

I hope he thanked you for yours & Henry's kind letter. We keep quite well, except colds & have our hands very full-It is a strange life & it is well we are too busy to think much. Otherwise the misery that is constantly before us, the daily death beds the operations close to us would be almost too much--2300 suffering fellow creatures under the same roof with us--There is no cholera now but a great deal of Dysentery & some low fever--pray tell Henry that the whole of our party

have a very substantial breakfast of coffee & milk & meat, before they go out into the wards, or corridor he is quite right, this has been pressed upon us as quite essential in such bad air & I most scrupulously attend to it.

We have a kitchen in our quarters fitted up, & a man cook to prepare [illeg] for those who are ordered arrowroot, puddings beef tea, jelly &c & I attend to this judiciously [?] & see the patients get what is ordered them, instead of letting the orderlies eat every thing themselves-I do think this *cookery* has saved more lives than all the medicine & the poor fellows are so thankful

Harriet Erskine behaves very well
is very obedient & willing, of course
is not much of a nurse, entre
nous, she must have a hard time
of it all the others complain
most bitterly of the tiresome over
bearing Mother Superior who is
come out with them, but she
[illeg] to say, submits to every
thing so much selfish indulgence
I have seldom seen as in this
woman--we scratch on pretty
well with our queer ill uprooted
lot--the Sisters of Mercy worse since [??]
with the Roman Catholics, the
Nursing Sisters of St. John's ...

We have just heard the sad
news from Balaclava, that
9 transports have gone down
in the storms of last week &
all on board perished
30 vessels in all have

2/3/B3 [not found]

Dec 6

My dearest Mary

This is a place where
one has not one moment of
breathing time, and where there
is little to recount but deaths.
Since I last wrote these have
been more than usual-
We keep well. all but colds
there is no end of letters to be
written to people who make
enquiries about sons & brothers
dead & dying & Chas has to
look up papers & possessions, that
are generally very scant to
send them home. we are
pleased with the new commandant

Ld Wm Paulett who seems
inclined to be active & to
look into matters

These are expecting daily
1000 some sick & another
battle! a few more such
victories as that on the 5th
of November & our army will
be destroyed. We are *very*
gloomy here at the prospect
before us--the English papers
make the best of that horrible
slaughter but we hear the
truth here & frightful it is
Poor young Greathed!

Will you kindly write a
....yours affec S.B

2/3/B4 [not found]

Decbr 15 [1854]

{LU: in catalogue date is Dec 25}

My dearest Mary

We are going on much the
same, our Xmas day is dismal enough
for those poor soldiers. we can manage
nothing in the way of festivity.

Since I last wrote another importation
of sick have arrived, poor creatures so
weak & thin, many frost bitten in
many cases their toes have dropped off
Really it is frightful to think of the
havoc that will be made among our
remaining army in the next two
months that horrible Emperor of
Russia says that Decbr Janry & Feby
are *his best Generals!*

And truly it seems his words are
coming true.

...The whole batch of new nurses are now in a House provided by the Ambassador at Therapia & what on earth to do with them we cannot conceive people at home seem to imagine that there is no having enough of a good thing, whereas to have a host of women scampering about a military hospital would soon bring us to disgrace--I believe it will be the ruin of the scheme Miss N. will not undertake the charge of such an *enormous party* & has offered her resignation in consequence unless she is allowed to keep only such a limited number as she can keep under her control & know what they are all about.....

2/3/B5 Letter from Mrs. Selina Bracebridge to My dearest Mary, Dec 25 [1854, Scutari], re: how busy they are, the Queen's gifts and the weather [not found]

2/3/B6

Scutari
May 6 [1855]
My dearest Mary
Florence is gone to *Balaclava* with Charles and I am left in charge here. as soon as they return we shall be preparing for our return to England- but we must first get someone to take part of my work here in the store rooms. I am hoping that the influx of goods will soon cease

for they are only in the way--there is so much.

I am so thankful to you for having

2/3/B7 Letter from Mrs. Selina Bracebridge to My dearest Mary, May 19
[1855, Scutari], re: fewer cases of fever, the new hospital at
Balaclava and friends [not found]

2/3/B8 [not found]

Scutari

Monday June 4 [1855]

My dearest Mary

I have been to Balaclava
sent for on account of Florence's
severe illness--on arriving
I found her quite out of
danger & the Doctors wishing
for her to have change of air
as soon as possible
most kindly Lord Ward who
was there in his beautiful
yacht put it at her
disposal--to come back
to Scutari--where we

arrived this morning
unhappily the passage was
rough & she suffered very
much. so the Doctor thinks
she must stay quite still
till tomorrow to recover
before we take her on shore
& then we take her to
the Sabin's house--they
happen to be going away
for 6 weeks so that we
have it to ourselves & keep
her entirely free from the
bustle & noise of the
hospital besides being in

good air. Of course we look
to her being sent to England
as soon as she is well
enough & we must stay
to go with her--how long
it is impossible to say.

I think the lady who has
moved will be very well
to put at the head of the
concern for a time, so that
we can leave in some comfort.

I am glad to have seen
Balaclava--such grand &
imposing scenery. very like
Norway--Chas quite well

It is the ordinary form of
Crimean fever that Florence
has had.

yours most affecaly
Selina Bracebridge

incomplete letter {LU: seemingly out of sequence here, no paper to
chk} [May 19 1855]

...the Bishop of Gibraltar came to
consecrate the burial ground here
on Wednesday last. Ld Stratford
& his family came over for the
occasion--afterwards the ambassador peeped into
the hospitals for the first time
this 4 months!..... [from SB]

2/3/B9 [not found]

Scutari

Thursday June 7

My dearest Mary

I wrote by Monday's post. we moved Miss N. from the yacht on Tuesday, she was carried by 4 men (soldiers) on a stretcher--it was very touching to see the poor soldiers, as we passed the barrack. Many a one [illeg] the tears rolling down their cheeks at the sight

following at a distance it was such a mercy to have Mr Sabin's cool quiet house to take her to--they being on the eve of going away for 6 weeks--she cd not have better air & I can keep everybody away from her.

It is great cause for

thankfullness that we got safe out of the harbour of Balaclava the day we did. That very morning the cholera burst out there, with fearful severity Admiral Boxer [?] & his nephew died of it & if you could see the land looked *broiling pestiferous* place you would not wonder ever your affce
S. Bracebridge

2/3/B10 [not found]

Scutari

June 10 [1855]

My dearest Mary

I have just got yours
of the 4th & as the post is just
going have only time to say
& that we can make no plans
as yet Miss Nightingale is
getting on, but very very slowly
can't walk without assistance
yet & her head is very weak
we can't talk to her of any
business yet....

...we are most anxious to
be off the moment Miss N
is well enough to bear a
sea voyage or to resume
her duties here. *if she gets*
well, of which I have o
hopes for she makes such
slow progress--we are going
to take her to *Therapia*
tomorrow & see what that
will do; we have been sorely
grieved by the death of
Capt Lyons of the ...[SB]

2/3/B11 Letter from Mrs. Selina Bracebridge to My dearest Mary, June
25 [1855], Scutari, re: leaving Scutari and the death of friends,
single leaf lists names of killed and wounded

2/3/B12 [not found]

Scutari

July 2 [1855]

My dearest Mary

We propose to leave
some day about the middle of
this month that is within
a fortnight, hoping to prevail
on Miss Nightingale to go
with us as far as Switzerland
to recruit where her family
can meet her, & in the
mean time we are trying to put everything

on as small a footing as
possible.

The accounts from the
Crimea are most gloomy
We have just recd the news
of Ld Raglan's death &
the illness of all the generals.
Truly never has there been
such a combination of un
fortunate circumstance since
the beginning of the campaign.
The weather has been cooler
the last few days--Miss
N. has been for a week to
Therapia for change of air
& is much stronger....[SB]

2/3/B13

Barrack Hospital

Scutari

July 5 [1855]

My dearest Mary

We are still unable
to fix our day of departure
Florence is in hopes of being
able *to stay here*, which I
do not think will be possible
without great danger of
a relapse--but we still
hope she will accompany
us.

The weather is by no means
hot. there is always a breeze
& we have the full benefit
of it. The news from the
Crimea is very bad--the
generals are all ill, or
at variance--the Sardi
nians dying by hundreds.

Nothing can be more
depressing than the present
aspect of the war

Every day brings out more

the *grievous* blunders of the
18th there never was such
a loss of life, so *useless*
it makes out quite mis
erable--II trust *the friends*
of the poor fellows who
have been sacrificed
will never know the
sad truth.

We are quite well
both of us. The hospital
is very healthy we had
a small outbreak of

cholera 8 died out of 13
attacked, but it is all
over now.

I am sure you will
be glad to hear that
Miss Salisbury is likely
to be very useful....[SB]

2/3/Ba Letter from Mrs. Selina Bracebridge to My dearest Mary, July 20
{26?} [1855], Scutari, re: leaving Scutari and F.N. remaining behind,
gaining strength {MG: we do not have a copy of this letter}

2/3/B15 Letter from Mrs. Selina Bracebridge to My dearest Mary, Aug 10
[1855], Marseilles, re: being back safe in Europe and moving on to
Paris,

2/3/C Feb 27 1856, Sidney Herbert to Charles Holte Bracebridge, 4ff,
re: the Stanley and Salisbury controversy with F.N. Private.

I enclose a copy of a letter whi I have recd from Arthur Stanley. I
have sent a guarded answer making no allusion to the narrative illeg
passed in correspondence between his sister and Mrs Bracebridge, cf
of course I am ignorant. ...

I asked him to call on me when next in town (but he is gone to
Paris) because evidently....

Mr Sam Smith entirely agreed with me that no success in a
controversy can compensate to Florence for the mischief illeg from
there being a controversy at all.

Miss S. thought or thinks illeg.

Miss Stanley's supposed sympathy with Miss Salisbury has done her
more harm than any accusation made by others could have done and I
illeg, permanent mischief to F.N.

Mr S Smith entirely concurred in this view and I rejoice at it, for
any party mind suffer if wrangle is engaged in. The topics on all the
delicate illeg find F.N. lowered in public opinion, having a...

If Arthur Stanley is not headed beyond all sense and reason I think
I could shew him how much it is his interest to keep quiet and to
disavow all connection with Miss Salisbury, also in

I have no words to describe

2/3/D Aug 23 1855, letter by Edward George Parker Chaplain to the
Forces at D.S. Castle Hospital, Balaclava re receipt of religious
articles from Mr. Bracebridge {MG: we don't have a copy of this
letter}

2/3/E May 31 1855, Parthe Nightingale to Madam, possibly Mr.
Bracebridge's sister, 2ff, re: F.N.'s illness and false report of F.N.
marriage

2/3/F 7 Sept [1940's], Lady Barbara Stephen to Mrs. Bracebridge, 4ff,
re: F.N.'s materials and a pkg of letters Lady Stephen was sending to
Mrs. Bracebridge, copy of a passage from F.N.'s will

2/4/II 10 June 1963, black and white photographs with TLS from John C. Morris to Rev. J. Compton, lists photos (LU: we do not have a copy of this)

2/4/III A 8 Sept 1855, printed article from the Warwick Paper, Festivities on the Return of Mr. and Mrs. Bracebridge from the East {not transcribed}

2/4/III B 7 Sept 1855, Supplement to the Coventry Herald and Observer, "Public Entrance into Atherstone of Mr. and Mrs. Bracebridge" {LU: no copy of this}

2/4/IV Poster "Order of the Public Procession on the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Bracebridge/Atherton Railway Station..." & typescript copy of poster {no copy}

2/4/5 Addendum Aug 1986, Charles Holte Bracebridge to Dear Madam
[Mrs. E. _____ A., C _____?] Guernsey England, from Scutari 7 Jan 1855,
written on behalf of Florence Nightingale, re: supplies of linen,
numbers of sick, death from cholera & from wounds, "1100 have died of
cholera 303 only of their wounds" {LU: we do not have a copy of this}

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[5:373-74]

F.N. Letters to John Stuart Mill
signed letter, 4ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.
London W.

Sept 5/60

Private

Dear Sir

I am encouraged
by Mr. Chadwick to
venture to write to
you direct.

My reason is
to ask you whether
you would consent
to read a religious
work *confidentially*,
and to return it to

me,- if with your
remarks, for the
sake of which it
is printed on half=
margin, I need
not say how much
they would help
me-

Your "Logic,"-
especially as regards
"Law," "Free Will" and
"Necessity," has been
the forming influence
of it & of "me" - though

whether you would
acknowledge the
superstructure, I
am quite ignorant.

At all events,
I am inclined to
try, altho' quite
aware that you
ought, for your own
sake, to decline
even looking at it,
if it troubles you-

Many years
ago, I had a large
& very curious

acquaintance among
the artisans of
the North of England
& of London-

I learnt then
that they were
without any religion
whatever though
diligently seeking
after one, principally
in Comte & his school.
Any return to what
is called Christianity
appeared impossible.
It is for them this

book was written.

I never intended
to print it *as it was*.
But my health
broke down. I shall
never now write out
the original plan -
I have therefore
printed the M.S.S ,
as they were,
mainly in order to
invite your criticism,
if you can be
induced to give it.

I beg that you
will believe me,

dear Sir,
one of your most "faithful"
adherents

Florence Nightingale
I acknowledge the justice
of your animadversion
(of which Mr. Chadwick
wrote to me) upon a
passage of my little
book on Nursing, IF
I meant what you
think - which I did
not. If my words
bear that interpretation,
& you will kindly

point them out to me,
I shall be glad &
grateful to alter
them.

F.N.

2/6/2 (RP 2028) signed letter, 4ff, pen [5:375-76]

30 Old Burlington St.
W.

Sept 12/60

Dear Sir

Taking advantage
of your extreme kindness
(an article which
nobody ever fails to
take advantage of)
I have sent you, by
Book Post, Vol 1 of
the religious work in
question. There are,

I am sorry to say,
two other "devils,"
(I mean Vols:,) "worse
than the first." But,
as I fear you will
never read five
pages of the first,
I have, with admirable
caution, sent you
only one-

From a word you
have used (in your
very kind note to me,)
I do not think it

is quite of the sort
you expect- But
that will not make
it the less tedious.

Without farther
discussion, I accept,
from so great a
master of language
as yourself, the
interpretation you
have put upon
some words in my
"Notes on Nursing,"
& will alter these

words in the next
Editn. But, as a
matter of fact, I
protest against
your assertion that
there is no such
class as the one I
designate as talking
a "jargon." You
have not been, as
I have been, a
"scratting" female,
(I use the significant
old Derbyshire
word) among

a world of "scratting"
females (& very
odd ones too).

To every word
of any Article, called
by your name, on
this subject, I heartily
subscribe & defer.

This is not the
"jargon" I mean.
I refer to an
American world,
consisting of female
M.D.s,&c., & led
by a Dr. Elizth. Blackwell,

--and, though the
latter is a dear
& intimate &
valued friend of
mine, I re=assert
that her world
talks a "jargon,"
& a very mischievous
one--that their
female M.D.s
have taken up the
worst part of a
male M.D. ship,
of 30 years ago-

& that, while Medical
education is what
it is -- a subject
upon which I may
talk with some
"connaissance de cause,"
- instead of wishing
to see more Doctors
made by women
joining what there are, I
wish to see as few
Doctors, either male
or female, as possible.
For, mark you, the
women have made

no improvement -
they have only tried
to be "men," & they
have only succeeded
in being third-rate
men- They will not fail in
getting their own livelihood
but they ~~will~~ fail in doing good & improving
Therapeutics.

I am only here
stating a matter
of fact. I am not
reasoning, as you
suppose.

Let all women
try. These women
have, in my opinion,
failed. But this is
no *a priori* conclusion
against the principle

allow me to be
faithfully & gratefully yours
F. Nightingale

2/6/3 (RP 2028) signed letter, 6ff, pen [5:379-80]

30 Old Burlington St
W.

Sept 28/60

My dear Sir

I cannot tell you
how I feel the extreme
kindness of your letter,
& of your consenting
to read so very
tedious & unfinished
a "treatise". I have
ventured to take
advantage of you,
by sending the second

part, which is only
a kind of Diary of ~~the~~
~~effect upon my own~~
~~mind of the~~ applications
of my theories to *life*.
(from the time I first
read your "Logic" -
up to seven years ago,
when I first entered
active life & had
no time for thinking).
The third part is
merely a Summary
of the two others.

I am sure that you
will not suspect me
of false modesty, when
I say that the "want
of arrangement" & of
"consideration" I feel
to be such, that
nothing but my
circumstances can
excuse my submitting
it to you in such
a state - And
nothing in your
kindness impresses
me so much as
your consenting to

read it in such a
state - I am quite
sure I could not
do it myself - I
remind myself of
a flute= player,
who once (gravely)
said to me, that
his "playing was so
disagreeable to himself
that he would like
to go out of the
room, in order not
to hear himself play".

2. Your words, "try me
to whose feelings & intellect
it (my creed) may be
able to recommend
itself" impress me
painfully; because
I feel so much that
it will do so to *none*.
It wants an
organization of life
to carry it out -
We have seen the
most absurd creeds
sustained & spread
by this "esprit" of
organization in the

founder - We have
seen the most able
& enlightened opinions
remain the opinions
of *one*, because
that one did not
attempt any
re= forming of
life to carry them
out.

Had I lived,
I should have
attempted, probably
failed in, some such
organization, or "Society",
to carry out my religion.

[You see I am not at
all under convention
as to what "a woman
should do".]

As it is, I am
very certain that "my
creed" will fall to
the ground, without
influencing any one
to real good. Whether
any one merely "thinks
~~believes~~ it good" or not
is a small matter -
Without -

3. With regard
to your two grand

objections as to the
truth of the theory,
which is of course
the one thing important,
I am deeply obliged
to you for having stated
them so clearly &
fully - I am not
convinced - I do not
attempt, because I do not
hope to be able, to
offer anything to a
mind like yours
which you have
not often thought
over before. But it

is very useful to me
to see *where*, to a
mind like yours,
the argument is
unconvincing, & "does
not at all tend
to remove the difficulty".

I did not receive
your letter of the 23rd=
till last night. I
have been unusually
ill & busy (with
War Office business)
and they, my friends had deprived

me of my private
letters - Otherwise
I would not have
sent you the *tails*
of my "treatise," so
inconveniently near
to your departure.

If you are so
good as to write of
me again, I should
like to have one
more address from
you, in order to
be able to write
to you once more.

And then, as Frederic
the Great's General
said to God, "Grant
me this one thing,
and I promise
never to pray to you
any more" -

ever my dear Sir
Yours very gratefully
Florence Nightingale
I QUITE agree that
"the more the entrance
to the Medl= Profession
is widened, the more
chance of its being
reformed."

2/7/1 signed letter, 5ff, pen, black-edged? RP 2027 [6:403-05]

Private Feb 16/67
& *Confidential* {at angle}
{printed address:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

Sir

I am unwilling not to
make some immediate answer
to your kind note.

1. I think Mr. Hardy's Bill
different from Mr. Hardy's
speech.

2. *Imbeciles* proposed to be
provided for out of a "Common
Fund" are about 1800 - and
the costs are about equal to
all the Parishes. Therefore
there is no relief in putting
them on a common rate.

3. The fever cases to be
charged to the Common rate are
about 400.

4. The *real* subjects of such a Bill are some 6000 sick & 10000 Infirm. These it is proposed to charge to the Parishes as at present.

5. I do not see what conceivable use there is in these new Boards of Guardians for these classes -

The only way to save expence is to have one Board for the whole Metropolis - and to let this Board represent both rate-payers and Government.

Only one is necessary.

The measure, as it is, will increase the rating without any corresponding advantage to the sick poor of the Metropolis.

In all such matters, it only introduces want of uniformity, irregularity & inefficiency to work with more machinery than we require.

6. For the local poor there should be simply local government - without any ex-officio representatives on the Boards of Guardians. I fear that we shall all be disappointed in the working of the Bill.

You will have to consider it very carefully & discuss it very fully.

I am very unfit to write - for I have a bad Chest attack, which could not have come at a worse time - for we are overpowered with business.

But we are, of course, ~~so~~ extremely anxious about this Bill - and I have thought the best return I could make for your willingness to give all your powerful influence in this matter, was, just

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is, I think, our best card to play

As for the Bill: - I need not tell you that I expect nothing at all from it. I have too much confidence in the moral power of Bumbledom to suppose that he means to alter me of his traditions or one of his practices.

It is very odd, if Ld= Carnarvon, now that he is free of the Cabinet, does not stand up for the principle, to which he committed himself, viz. of a firm central administration, - when the Bill comes into the Ho: of Lords.

Much that was said in

the Ho: of C. on our side was, not reported,
as you will know if you
move there. [Of course, when
the Ho: goes into Committee,
this must often be the case.]
I think we brought up our
forces well, & fought our
battle stoutly - on all three
occasions - & should have
beat at last, if we had had
time.

It is a certainly great thing for
us that the eldest son of
the greatest proprietor in
London, who pays least Poor=
rates, & who will pay most,
if there is an uniform Sick
rate, should be on our side.

We shall secure the Training School
for Workhouse Infirmary
Nurses in London - & shall
probably train the first Staff
ourselves for the Workh: Infirmary -
to train others

One word about Mr. Hardy.
He fell, head foremost, & of
his own free will, among
thieves. There were none, or
at least he would have
none, to tell him the truth.
I am not telling secrets out
of school. For it is the
current report that he
gave a header into the
waters of Messrs. Fleming,
Corbett & Markham -
the state Mr. Corbett left
his Workhouses of the North
in is now well known.
Many months ago, I was
myself a party (if one can
be said to be a party to
what happened
300 miles off)
to a ridiculous scene where

the Guardians ~~left~~ laughed at
Mr. Corbett behind his back
for his wilful (or stupid)
blindness to their sins.
However, our cause is rather too
good an one to rest upon
any Poor-Law gossip.
I only wish we could get Mr.
Farnall back again.
We shall never cease to
agitate for our principle
(at convenient seasons)
till we get it: - viz.
to have one Central Committee
instead of a number -
& even this Central Committee
a paid executive Chairman
to take charge of all the
{printed address upside down:}
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W. Hospitals (& their
Officers,) into which sick,
chargeable to the rates, are put.

{black-edged paper}
But I will not waste
your time any longer. This
letter, as you will see,
is merely an echo of
yours - & written merely
to show how fully I
appreciate having
such a guide to lead public
opinion as yourself.

I will, if I can, & if I
have anything to say
worth your reading,
take advantage of your
invitation to write to
you "at any time". In
this letter there is nothing
you can make use of.

I look upon the
with=drawing of Mr. Farnall

from London as the
greatest misfortune that
has happened to our
cause.

Pray believe me

Sir

ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

{printed address upside down:}

35 South Street,

Park Lane,

London. W.

2/7/2 RP 2027 signed letter, 5ff, pen, black-edged paper [6:412-13]

Private {at angle} Feb 24/67

& Confidential

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Sir

I rather regret my
inability to write to you
before.

The fact is: - I have
been more than usually
busy & more than usually
ill.

But I will go at once
to the Second Reading of
the Metropolitan Poor Bill
i.e. the debate, as it
appeared to me.

All spoke (without
knowing it) against the

fundamental principle

of Mr. Hardy's Bill

(including Mr. Hardy
himself.)

Only every body was glad
that a Bill of any kind
was introduced.

Sir H. Verney's proposal
of a firm central
administration was the
only feasible thing.

This would, no doubt
have been acce

ded to,

had the House thoroughly
understood (which
it didn't) that the
P.L. Guardians should

have, in reality, nothing to
do, *qua Guardians*, with
sick

Any Bill for sick should
begin by rescuing sick
from all pauper -
administration whatever.

Mr. Villiers' statement that
there was no reason why
fever should be taken
from under the Gns=,
& other sick left,
admits of no reply.
[I thought Mr. Villiers' speech
very good & statesman
like - & constituting a
new era in P.L.
administration]
It is certain that all rates
for sickness should be
general & not local -

simply because the poorest
districts are the most
unhealthy - And every
shilling raised for sick
tends to throw more of
the struggling classes
(including small rate=payers)
on the Poor-rates

[I thought the two "Times"
articles vile.]

It is always perfectly easy
to decide who are proper
objects for Parish sick
relief, & who are not.

It is also easy to decide
what cases should be
sent to the Hospital, &
what not.

The question of sick poor

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is really one of administration
- *not* of Poor Law, or of
Gns= or of local rates.

This was shown by
Mr. Hardy himself &
others in the Debate -
[only they did not see it.]

There is no hope that,
under the proposed
system of Mr. Hardy, the
administration of the sick
will be much better
than under the present
system.

Practically, the Bill, as
it stands, will somewhat
improve for a time
the condition of the sick
poor - but it still
leaves them paupers under

Guardians - and the
result will not be
commensurate with the
large additional costs
which must be borne
by all the Parishes, poor
as well as rich.
The one good thing in the
Bill is the acknowledgment
of the principle that the
sick have a right to
better treatment than they
have hitherto received.
It is currently understood
that Mr. Hardy is in
such a "magnificent humour"
that he would accept any
proposed amendment to
his Bill.

Generally, I hear it said: -
Mr. Hardy's (first/speech
was so much better than
his Bill that, if his
intentions had been
carried out by a man
of first-rate administrative
capacity like Mr. Farnall,
the Bill would have
been at least one of
much promise. But,
carried out as they
were by a man
knowing nothing of
London P.L. working,
the result is: - an
idiotic Bill.

Particularly - even with
my sore Chest, I could
not help laughing at
Dr. Markham's visit to
St. Pancras.

The facts were no less
facts when he was there
before. The Patients
were just as much
put into dirty sheets -
the dirty clothes were
just as much tucked
under the beds - the
same one dirty old
woman was just as
much the only Night
Nurse - all the other
{printed address upside down:}

35 South Street,
Park Lane, abominations
London. W. including the
absence of every decency

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& convenience for the
sick - were just as
glaring when Dr. M.
was there before -

Only *then* they were not
to be unearthed.

Now, they were: - for the
sake of Mr. Hardy's ~~Bill~~
Small-pox Bill.

An old Matron, like me
is well up to all these
"dodges".

The undersigned hath
herself *unearthed*, or
unbedded five (also
four) dirty clothes,
tucked under the beds,
when Doctors proclaimed
it "all right".

I have not been an
old Nurse for 20 years
for nothing.

And then we are to be
told that sick are to
be left under Guardians.
in haste

I beg to remain
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Burn

2/8/B 1-14 Letters from Charles Pelham Villiers to Joseph Charles Parkinson journalist to get support for Poor Law reform, [1860's] {MG: we have copies of these letters but they have not been transcribed except for B10}

2/8/B10 letter on Reform Club embossed stationery

Tuesday

Private

My dear Sir

Do you know if
anybody is going
to do any thing
about Mr Hardy's
Bill-Sir H. Verney
has given notice
of amendment.

which, I presume
wd not be in=
=consistent with
clauses in the Bill
for full power
is {illeg taken to make?}
any use of them
(for the purposes of the sick)
Asylums that the
Board chooses--

& they are
to be (I suppose)
supported by
the Common Fund
He proposes
that well regulated
Hospitals for the sick poor sh be
maintained out
of this fund-
the medical people
will not I suppose

2/9 signed letter, 2ff, pen [8:330]

{printed 35 South Street, Oct 19/71
address:} Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir

Remembering how actively
you interested yourself in
the testimonial to Sir James
Simpson, I venture to think
that I may send you a copy
of my little book on Lying-in
Institutions, & that I may
beg for your criticism - You
cannot do me a greater
service than to criticize it.
For the little book is put
forth merely to collect
C.J.B. Williams Eq MD
&c &c

opinions.

If I might hope that
you would note on the margin
- with the first word you read
- if you are kind enough to
read at all - the wants,
omissions to be supplied -
the alterations, additions
required to be made - for
a future and (it is to be hoped)
better Edition, I should
trust to be able to bring out
something better worth

offering to you -

If you could lay your
hand on a letter to me
from Sir James Simpson
which I lent you (last
year, I think), I should be
rather glad to have it back.
But do not trouble yourself
to hunt for it -

in great press of business
and illness,

but always sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

{typewritten copy of F.N. INTRO. NOTES ON LYING-IN INST.}

inscribed To Dr. C.J.B. Williams this little book is offered by an old
friend and grateful patient Florence Nightingale *begging* for criticism
London Oct 10/71

2/10/1-8 Letters & envelopes to J. Richard Beste (2 also to his wife),
whose daughter was a nun known as Sister Mary Martha at the Convent of
Our Lady, Bermondsey {noted from catalogue:} not in FN hand

2/10/1 Letter from Sister Mary Martha, 12 Dec 1855, re informs parents
she has volunteered for the Crimea following F.N.'s request for 3 more
Nurses and asks for blessing, encloses a letter from the Bishop

2/10/2 Letter from Thomas Grant, Bishop of Southwark [1806-1870], 12
Dec 1855, Bermondsey, Lord Panmure has asked for three more Sisters of
Mercy from Bermondsey and Miss Nightingale writes that the Bermondsey
sister have been the main support of her undertaking; St Mary Helen,
the late superior is to be the head of the party and your daughter
earnestly to works of charity is willing to become one of the party
re asks Beste's blessing on his daughter's mission

2/10/3 Letter from Sister Mary Martha, Convent of Our Lady of Mercy to
Mr. Beste, received your packet of books

[14 Dec 1855], re note "Catherine & Dr. Grant to go to Scutari 14 Dec
1855", re preparations for expedition

2/10/4 Letter from William E. Nightingale, 15 Dec [1855] Embley,
offers to help relieve Mr. Beste's care, glad Sister Mary Martha "is
going at a time when the Hospital is called a Model & that she will
escape most of the Horrors or which we have heard so much"

2/10/5 envelope from daughter, 8 Jan 1856, Southampton, re note with
"Catherine 8 Jan 1856 starts for the Crimea"

2/10/6 Letter from Sister Mary Martha, 7 April 1856, General Detachment Hospital L.T.C. near Balaklava, re how she and others had come up with Miss Nightingale to take charge of two hospitals which are huts. It quite surprise me the other day to find that four months have passed since we left Bermondsey and since I have written to you for the little note to tell of our landing was nothing. This will I hope find you both satisfactory; The Sisters and I with some nurses have lately come up here with our dear Miss Nightingale to take charge of two hospitals of the Land Transport. The hospitals are huts and we have one built for ourselves and nurses here, and the other for nurses at the other H. a little distance across the hills.

This is a most beautiful place, the hills and rocks are so green, but the view coming up from Balaklava harbour is more illeg and green than anything we have seen even in America. It must I think be like Switzerland. Scutari itself is the beauty spot of the country, but the views seem small. There are patches of sea in every direction. Now you will be tired of romantic descriptions.

We have heard that peace is proclaimed but expect to be among the last in leaving the Crimea, as the poor sick must be cured and strengthened. You do not I am sure forget to pray for us, or our charge. Miss Nightingale is so extremely kind, she provides everything we desire for the men or ourselves, and indeed much more in the shape of comforts.

You will be sorry to hear that Rev Mother has had a severe attack of illness but she is now thank God recovering.

The hospital at Scutari is they say a model plan--it is so large, clean, and orderly. We have a large room for a chapel with Mass every day and twice on Sundays. The illeg every evening when they sing some hymns or litany. It is a great comfort to the men and to us. Msr O'Dwyer is the priest there at present. He knows you well and desired to be most kindly remembered to you both. Hope your chapel is going on well and your good priest in good health.

You will I know give my love to the boys when you write and to Anselm? Hoping he is persevering in his holy calling. This is the time of many birthdays as you must give all the good wishes proper and necessary to each and most of all to your own dear selves, for indeed I am grateful for all your love and kindness.

The weather in this place is most changeable. One day quite warm and the ground covered with snow next morning, and the four winds seem to try which can blow [??] harvest. Those hills are covered with huts and huts which in the distance look like haystacks. The Russians are encamped near. We are so happy out here, doing our daily work for our blessed Lord in these poor men and knowing and hearing of nothing besides we are fully and truly employed all day.

There are beautiful flowers coming out here on the hills.

Good bye my dearest parents, please, my love to all and believe me ever

your affectionate and happy child, Sr Mary Martha
I began this a good while ago as I had time to write.

2/10/7 Letter from Sidney Herbert, 3 April 1856, Wilton, re honour done F.N. and homage is also due to her associates;

Dear Sir, I have taken every opportunity of illeg, large sum to be paid to her associates. They are always spoken of in conjunction with her as I know it is to be... Mrs Herbert begs me to thank you for the kind remembrance of her and yourself ...

2/10/8 Letter from William E. Nightingale, 25 June [1856], re sends a letter from Beste's daughter and hopes for the return of the nurses soon

2/11 signed letter, 3ff, pen [see RP]

Private {at angle} Jan 28/67
{printed address:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

Sir

I have been so much occupied that I have been unable to answer your note of Jan 8, in reference to the enclosed.

But I referred the matter, immediately on receiving yours, to the proper quarter - And in Jan 21 I received the following answer: -

that the War Office does not admit the comparison with Civilian

Clerks - nor the argument
on the basis of pay of
Civilian Clerks for the
case of the N.C. Officer
Clerks -
that the W.O. took them,
intending to make a
cheaper arrangement
than that with Civilian
Clerks -
that the W.O. comparison,
in re the N.C. Officer Clerks, is
with the pay they give to
other Military Clerks -
& their salaries are
much higher than those of Military

Clerks, either at the
War Office or Horse Guards -
that, if they like to resign,
the War Office could
find numbers of
equally good men with
those who now hold
these appointments, to
succeed them

I do not see any use in
asking a question in
the House of Commons -
Of course the War
Minister would only
get up in his place &

repeat what has here
been stated.

We have fallen on a most
unfortunate movement
for any administrative
improvements whatever.
Nothing is thought of
but politics, either in
Cabinet or Ho: of Commons.
The Ho: of Commons would
be least likely of all
to entertain any
administrative questions
of this kind just now - as it is
thinking of nothing but
whether there is to be

a Reform Bill or not -
whether it is to turn out
Ministers or not -
And from next Tuesday
week, till the end of
the Session, there will
probably be nothing
else thought of or done.
Even the pressing Poor
Law & Recruiting
questions will be
made subordinate to
turning out or keeping
in a Ministry -
Please to consider this
note as entirely private
& for yourself alone.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
George Allsop Esq

Letter from Florence Nightingale to Miss Strutt [7:53-55]

Photocopy of ALS RP 2952 pen, postmarked Dec 23 1838 addressed to Miss Strutt, Bridge Hill, Belper, Derbyshire Boston 2/12, copy REP 2952

22 Place Vendôme Paris

Dec 18 [1838]

My dear Miss Strutt

A fine piece of Paris paper and the ambassador's bag encourage us to write which we were afraid of doing when the letter had such a long way to go. Here we are at Paris in very beautiful red silk satin rooms, at the corner of Place Vendôme opposite the famous Trajan column, at the top of which Napoleon has remounted in spite of the Bourbons who had pulled him down--Our Paris acquaintance is becoming numerous (towards the end of our stay here) and we are very merry--Today the King opens the Chambre des Députés, and the debates will be a great interest for Papa, which we hope will persuade him to stay a little longer. Louis Philippe has managed

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to disgust all parties, it seems-
that which helped him into the
throne more particularly-Even his own
ministers agree that he must yield in this
session in some things. The radicals talk
about revolutions but even they having a great fear
of such an one as -30, tolerate the king till
they can dismiss him without such danger-
No one however says a word in favour of
poor Louis Philippe who has an "esprit de procureur"
they say. He would make a capital
"notaire." At Madame Recamier's we see
M. de Châteaubriand, Lacretell & M. de
Noailles. She gives sittings where authors
read their M.SS one was very interesting,
Memoirs of the Revolution, where the reader
mentioned having met Châteaubriand's sister-
in-law going delirious to the guillotine
& a relation of the Duc de Noailles-
The French do not seem to mind rushing

into these recollections, for all these and
a great many more were read with the
relations present, though without mentioning
the names. Mm Recamier as she took posses-
sion of her little dark corner said that
she had chosen it that she might be
able to indulge the émotion which these
séances often gave her. We live a great
deal among the Italian exiles, Castillia,
Confalonieri, who is the most interesting man
we have known and so full of fun, one
would have thought that 15 years of history
were enough to have burnt all that out
of any one but an Italian. He does not
like large parties but when he is alone,
he is in high spirits. He went to the
Opera with us one night & enjoyed the
story like a child, making appropriate
remarks at the situations which in general

people are so tired of. Have you read Andryani's *Mémoires d'un Prisonnier d'Etat*, the style is odious, but the facts are very interesting, and Confalonieri, though he has quarrelled with Andryani for publishing all his secrets, says that it is all true. This treacherous amnesty goes on ill Metternich ~~haves~~ actually already refused all the "condamnato," those condemned to death, and the eternal delays in answering the petitions of the others, is making them mad- (one of the clauses of the amnesty, you know, was, that all the exiles were obliged to petition to re-enter.) Poor Count Porro, whom I think you know, is already refused, and Confalonieri does not mean to petition, only to be rejected, till he sees how matters turn out- The weather here is very bad, cold fog or rain, Paris is dull after Italy, there is so little to see in the way of churches or palaces- except the Madeleine, a splendid temple

built after the model of the Parthenon, which is just finished, larger than the Town Hall at Birmingham-But what they will make of the inside is the last thing which they have considered. It is ornamented like a theatre and the alters are most inconvenient for a Catholic church. Over the chief altar is an enormous fresco, representing the Apotheosis of --imagine who--Napoleon- My cousin Bonham Carter came in to us, to our great astonishment the day before yesterday from Cambridge. He has not been well but we hope that the change will do him good.

There are few balls yet, those at the Tuileries do not begin till after New Year's Day but what I care for much more is the Italian Opera, we go once a week, and I have put this object off till the end because I am afraid of stunning you if I begin about Grisi, Persiani & Tamburini. Persiani is said to be very much improved since she was in London, however that is, I think her Sonnambula is perfect and she is so much more careful than Grisi that it makes up for her lesser powers of voice-We have had the Donna del Lago, is not the music of that rather vulgar, the [illeg-fold] with a very good little débutant as the Adessa [?] in Ernesta Grisi e Giulietta's cousin. Don Giovanni several times-

but the Semiramide & the Nozze di Figaro we have been recasting in vain--and they are now [illeg] Donizetti's Robert Devereux which we heard in Italy and did not like at all. To-night we go to hear Duprez [?] in Guillaume Tell at the French Opera but what a difference there is in French and Italian singing--The

Italian Opera is very tiresome in giving the same thing over & over

again, always the Norma & the Somnabula-Pauline Garcia is here, Malibran's sister, giving concerts with De Berot, a very fine voice, they say, she has and a still finer execution on the piano-forte, but she is quite a girl. Lablache is grown so idle, he is quite provoking, provided he makes sundry queer noises which satisfy a Parisian audience, he thinks *that* is all that is necessary; poor man he has lost a son though lately which may account for it. But they are all much more careless, I think than in London, even Tamburini, and the Parisians have the oddest taste in their encores-I wish you were here to go to the Opera with us & to admire Persiani, as I'm sure you would, for she is so plain that I cannot make Mama & Papa admire her as she deserves-I am looking forward to hearing music with you next year in London. Lady Granville's parties are *so dull*, we met the D. of Devonshire at Geneva and he gave us an introduction, but she has given no concerts yet and the formality of her soirées & her beautiful rooms is appalling though she herself is very kindly & cordial in her manners.

Papa & Mama desire to be very kindly remembered to Mr. & Mrs. Strutt & hope that when we return, to find them as well as you could wish. We leave Paris in January and look forward to seeing you again in the summer, Parthe sends her best love & believe me, my dear Miss Strutt, your most affectionate & obliged Florence

Nightingale

I should not have ventured to have written all this nonsense to you if you had not been so kind as to ask us to write.

2/13/1 (RP 2718) signed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St

Park Lane W. Sept 27/84

Dear Mr. Butler

I am so glad to hear
from you: & I earnestly
pray that you may find
a good career in Lea in
the highest sense - patient,
energetic, seeing always
God's perfect image in
these sometimes tiresome
children.

Mrs. Butler I hope
will find the place suit
her health - I trust she is recovered

I am so very sorry that

I am not able to come to
Lea Hurst this year. I
am nursing my sister, Lady
Verney, tho' very much
requiring Nursing myself.
And that will prevent my
coming to Derbyshire. I
hope you like the place.

With regard to the school way:

I see my last Quarter's Acct= was:

Fees for John Snowball	1
Arthur "	1. 6
Bertha "	1. 6
Books for above	3. 10
Fees for James Turner	4
Matilda "	3
Books	2. 7
Do for F., A., & A Yeomans	4. 1

1. 1. 6

The two Gregory's I think were
never on my List at all -
At the same time if no one
pays for them, & if they are
the children of Widow Gregory.
I should be glad to do so.
The three Amatts I should be

VERY glad to pay for, if they
are the ones I mean,
the children of a *most*
industrious mother, (& alas!
a drunken father) Indeed
I did propose to pay for
them, but was told that
some one else did so -

I cannot think if asking
you to do this, now, but
should be very glad if
some day you could tell
me how all these children
are getting on at school

I enclose the amount
£1.4.2. Should it prove
a little incorrect, keep the
change till the next Qu.'s Acct=

[2]

Or charge me what is
deficient.

I should like very much
to hear from you any
particulars of what you
think of the School or
place -

God bless you:

Yours most faithfully
F. Nightingale

2/13/2 (RP 2718) signed letter, 6ff, pencil

10 South St. W.

Dec 27/84

Dear Mr. Butler

I am more than grieved
that you have such
difficulties to begin with -
& so much backward ground
which you ought never to
have had to make up
for others -

But you are not the
man to be cowed by
difficulties - Rather you
will find in them the
stepping-stones to success -

As St. Paul said, he
was glad & rejoiced in his
necessities, great & small,
because then he had the
strength of Almighty Love
at his back, & the spirit
of Christ rested on him.

I hope that Mrs. Butler's
health is now good or at
least very much better -

And I trust that little
Miss Hepworth, whom I
have seen, will do well
if she is under your &
Mrs. Butler's wing - She

is, I believe, devoted to her
work - but not to her lessons.
And I hope she will be a
'mother' to her Infants -
which a girl of 16 may be
& a grandmother of 60 may
not be.

[At St. Thomas' Hospital
when I have my Training School
for Nurses, tho' in general we
object to take Probationers
for their own sakes, under 23,
yet we find that for the
Children's Ward, the best
Head Nurse we ever had

was a lady of 21, just
Alice Hepworth's age -
if she did but lift up her
finger, all the children
would stop crying & be happy
And the best & most patient
Nurses the same.

So I have great hopes
of Miss Hepworth who
seems to love children,
& has been brought up in
so good a School.]

I have not been at Lea
Hurst for more than 2 years,
- & had alas! little knowledge
of the School since 1882 -

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I should like to know
when you have a moment's
leisure how it was settled
about the Card playing at the
Institute.

The re-arrangement of the
School Library books -
the small Museum -
the Foot Ball Club - &
the Lawn Tennis Club,

I am delighted to hear of.
If I can be of any use in
sending you Children's books,
or in subscribing a little to
the Clubs, pray command me

The Drawing that you
have taken up will be a
great improvement.

And Agriculture to be
taught, especially in the
country, I think one of
the greatest advantages
they can have.

Thank you for your
account of my poor little
dull children.

I am sure that you are
doing the very best that
can be done for all -

And Infinite Love will

give you as His Royal
Christmas gifts Love, Joy,
Peace, Long-Suffering,
Gentleness. -

I hope that Miss
Hepworth will give her
religious instruction by
word of mouth & not
from a book. what you
said is so important, viz.
that the religious instruction
should always be *talked*,
not read, & always by the Head Master. You find, no
doubt, that you can gain

the children's attention
to their religious instruction
& to the moral aspects,
without which the instruction
is of little use, as it
has never been gained
before -

If you want any Scriptural
pictures, please tell me.
I am sorry about the

Scriptural Exam: being
not satisfactory - but I
have always feared the
preparation for that was
given like a purely secular

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lesson. This I am sure it
will not be under you -
Your difficulties are great:
but what should we be
without difficulties? Donkeys.

The son of one of the
highest of the land once
said to a friend of mine
that he *must* go away
because of his difficulties.
'Go away?' said my friend
That is just the reason for
staying. What would our
life be worth if we had not

difficulties to overcome?

And he staid.

I beg to enclose the amount
of the School Fees (Xmas Qu)
with thanks for your care.

Pray be so good as to
tell my children that I
enquired after them &
that I hope better accounts
of them every Quarter -
I have generally paid
my Annual Subn= to the
School, which is, I think,
£5.5. to Mr. Wildgoose.
But I think I had better
send it to you -

With every possible
kind wish for your
Xmas & new Year
& many New Years
& the same to Mrs. Butler.
pray, believe me
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

I need not say I am at
all times glad to hear
from you.

2/14/3 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St
Park Lane W
New Year's Day 1885

Dear Mr. Butler

I wish you all the Father's
infinite riches in New Year's
blessings for you & your
work to-day -

And may we both be
ambitious, with St. Paul's
ambition, to press forward
to the prize of our high
calling -

I hope to hear from you
again, with many thanks
for your kind note, which

I received last night -

I now only seize the
opportunity of your being
in London to ask you to
take back with you
some books & tracts for
your Children's Library -
& some New Year's cards
for any infants or children
you please -

I give them joy of the
Master who will lead
them on towards that
high calling - with the

help of the Infinite Love -
& Strength -

I will write again -
My prayers are always
for you & your School

And pray believe me

ever yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Kind regards to Mrs. Butler
who I hope is getting strong

2/14/4 (RP 2718) signed letter, 4ff, pencil

Private {at angle} 10 South St
Park Lane W
Feb 4/85

Dear Mr. Butler

I am always thinking
how you are getting on
in your arduous post,
to which I am sure you
do full justice -

And how is Mrs. Butler?
- I was thankful that she
was better -

And does Miss Hepworth
get on well?

And does the attendance
improve?

I meant to ask you to
tell me how the daily
Religious instruction is taken
by the children - I did
so rejoice in what you
told me, that you thought
this ought always to be
given by the Master -
that the Pupil Teachers
had not experience or
authority enough to give it -
that it should be given
by word of mouth, & not

out of a book - illustrated

by accounts of real
temptations which
might befall the ~~stu~~
scholars in after life -

how you yourself
remembered still the
lessons thus given by
(?) Dr Kennedy - & when
the occasion did come
in after life, you, his
scholars, said each to
himself: 'that is the
occasion he warned us

against' - & were helped -

 All this & a great
deal more that you
told me I remember
with hope -

 rejoicing at the prospect
of the good that you
will do in the Strength
which is mightier than
we -

 at the race that is set
before you -

 while deeply feeling
the difficulties -

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 Our difficulty, which is
 very serious, is that
which the (wholly
unexpected) return of the
late Schoolmaster will,
I fear, occasion you -

 God grant that my
fears may be unfounded.

 Would that I could
help you!

 But I am sure that
your patience, of which
there will be much need,
& determination to keep

 from any sort of collision
with him, will carry thro the
good work. You will probably think
it well never even to
speak of him, I should
think.

 All I know of this
difficulty - & deeply feel
it. I should think it
a relief if you would
tell me in what way
you think you should
bear yourself to meet it -

I might possibly then
 be able to help -
With kindest regards to
 Mrs. Butler, & the
warmest prayers for
yourself & your work
 pray believe me
 ever yours sincerely
 Florence Nightingale
God bless you -
 Excuse pencil -
Please remember me kindly
to Miss Hepworth -
 Is there anything that I
could send you? P.T.O.

Any difficulty arising from
 the circumstance alludes to
can only be *for a time*.

We have the highest command
to 'overcome evil with good'
& the highest promise with
it

 All the support your
friends, - & these will
increase with every month -
can give you will be yours

 But the gossip of country
life is much worse than
that of London Life - And
this evil too must be 'overcome'
with good, & often with *Silence* FN

2/14/5 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pen

Feb 27/85

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

Dear Mr. Butler

Please be so good as to continue
my Subn= to the Institute for
Mrs. Shardlow, Mr. S. Crooks, as
well as for the two Sheldons & the
Sisters Allen.

I trust indeed that Lea School
is repaying your efforts.

Please give my kind regards
to Mrs. Butler & Miss Hepworth.

Excuse a short card: you
may be sure that ~~the~~ we are sending
out Nurses & stores on this bad,
Sad Souakim Expedition - but
are more overwhelmed by what
we don't do than by what we *do do*.

I think of Gordon not as
lying dead in fatal Khartoum
but as in rapture at the Immediate
Presence of Him he served so faithfully
yrs sincerely F. Nightingale

2/14/6 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

April 8/85

Dear Mr. Butler

I wish you every Easter
blessing on you & your work.
May it be the means of
'resurrection' to many - a
resurrection here, now, even
tho' slow & gradual; to the
'life of righteousness'!

We think a great deal of
that most unexpected trouble
& anxiety which is lurking
in Lea - But our Father
cares more for our salvation
from evil, even than we do

for ourselves & for each
other - He is fighting
for us -

I trust that Mrs. Butler
is resuming her usual health
- & the School attendance
improving - & that Miss
Hepworth is doing well - Pray
remember me kindly to her -

I am very sorry to have
been so long in sending what
is due for School Fee's Quarter
I have been very much overworked
with the War in Egypt
- sending out Nurses &c & other

things - I was obliged to
knock up entirely for a
few days - & am still.

We hope that the new
occupier of Lea Hurst may
be a good man in the
place.

I shall always be glad
to hear from you & now
more particularly.

May God bless you & your
work is the fervent prayer
of yours ever faithfully
F. Nightingale

2/14/7 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pencil

Ap 23/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Mr. Butler I feel so deeply
with you about the illness of the
darling little child. May God
preserve it to you yet is my
earnest prayer. Please let me
know how it goes with the child
- I trust this change to mild weather
may be beneficial - but above all
we trust in God - in His hands " it

"is well with the child."

Tell Mrs. Butler, please, how
much I feel for her -

I will write tomorrow - &
thankfully send my £1 (Subns=) for
the Institute.

May all go well with you
God bless you

ever faithfully yrs

F. Nightingale

2/14/8 (RP 2718) signed letter, 4ff, pencil

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
April 28/85

Dear Mr. Butler,

I think so much of you
& the darling little child.
The arms of our Heavenly Father
are round it. He never leaves
it. Its "angel" always sees
the face of our Father in
heaven -

When I wrote to you at
Easter, I did not know
of your resignation - It was
a heavy blow to me - But

I will only write - & with
the warmest sympathy -
of the matter *as it now*
stands - thanking you
for your determination,
at the request of the
Managers, to make a
further effort - while
keeping yourself free
to resign at any time
up to the end of this
School year, Sept. 1885.
I regret this last more
than I can say: I do not

feel that I ought to
tell you *how* sorry I
am, because it is you
& not I who must judge
what is best -

Let me give you the
thanks so richly deserved
by you - Let me hope
that the irritations which
you feel so deeply, caused
by ~~some~~ slothful, unhelpful
& obstinate [~~illeg~~] ways
of some people - not at all
only by the late master's

unjustifiable return -
may not fade away
from your mind but
become transfigured as
it were as our portion
& small share of
the Cross of our
Glorious Master which
the 'Penitent Thief' was
the first to understand
as showing Him to be
the King - as being
not the failure but the way
to the Kingdom of Him who is

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at once the glorious Lord
of all - & the humblest
being in the Universe -

It is a most difficult
pass for you - *most* difficult
But He who knew all
difficulty & all hardship
in His own person will
guide you - will not let
one sharp word pass your
lips - & will possibly
-but I dare not wish -
show you that thro' this

difficult pass lies
your future power in
the place -

I do fully recognize
the present position-
& the task you have
before you -

If you like to tell me
your difficulties - what
makes your life 'miserable'
- in detail - perhaps I
might be able to say
something more practical
But I do know so well

what kind of thing it
is - & the whole
burden that these ways
of the people put upon
you - Yet these may
all be changed, & mainly
by you, if you can
bring, as we doubt not
you do, the right spirit
to the task -

And what a glorious
task that is, worthy
of God's own heart!

We long to know how
you are getting on,
whether you are making
way, & whether you are
gaining heart.

God bless you - and
He will bless you.

You must feel sure that
all the Managers are
with you.

With kindest regards to
Mrs. Butler, & warmest sympathy
ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale
Does Dr. Dunn attend your baby?

2/14/9 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.
May 9/85

Dear Mr. Butler

I do rejoice that it has
pleased God to spare the
darling little child yet a
while longer to earth - I give
you joy & ~~its~~ her mother whose
good Nursing has been the
means - I trust that
she may yet grow to be
stronger. God's blessing on her.

Let us hope that this
is an omen that God will
yet prosper your future
usefulness in the village

& that it will grow to
promising strength &
dimensions

It has been dwarfed
at the beginning thro' no
fault of yours - You have
been as it were persecuted
for righteousness' sake -
It is to these God gives
the blessing - is it not?
the blessing of Almighty
Love -

I find it very difficult
to write just now - but

will answer your letter
more fully I hope
next week -

In the mean time, I
gladly send £1 - towards
your Boys' Cricket Club,
is it not? & a good set
of Cricketing apparatus -
which, you say, will cost
about 15/ or 16/ - I am
glad the boys have subscribed
a fourth. Tell them that
I think of them, both in
their games & their lessons -

& trust that they will
make hearty progress
in both - as beseems a
manly boy -

[I always think the five
"foolish Virgins" had no
harm in them - But God
is so averse to indifference
& 'happy-go-lucky s' -]

Keep the £1 for this
kind of what is wanted for
the boys -

God bless you all -

most truly yours

F. Nightingale

I shall like to know how your baby goes on.

2/14/10 (RP 2718) signed letter, 6ff, pencil

Private

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
May 15/85

Dear Mr. Butler

I hope the dear little
baby is still making
satisfactory progress -

To us, knowing what we
do of the difficulties of the
place - those that are
always, & those that have
come about unexpectedly -
it seems that for some
months to come you ought
(& may be content) to keep
quiet, working within the

School - not trying to be of
use outside it - & that
you ought perhaps even to
do as little as possible of
the things - necessary to
the proper working of the
School - to which the
people are unaccustomed
& to which they object:
(requiring them to purchase
books, for instance.)

As indeed you do -

You should, we fancy,

deal with one thing at a
time; say, first, with
regularity of attendance
& payment- which
is the ground work -

Then you know there
is the Managers' action
in reserve - & certainly
they will be better able
to appeal to the people
with effect, if something
has been gained without
the people having been
much aware of any change,
- & it can be shown that

this is so, & that much more might be gained if the people will do their part - What the Managers can do, good as it will be cannot change the people's hearts; but at any rate it is every thing to choose the right moment. and this, we think would be when you, avoiding friction & obvious interference as much as possible, had by your own good work obtained some good result.

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You will perhaps say, tho' I do not think you will; - 'how am I to keep up my courage & hopefulness while working in this way'; (leaving undone much of what you feel ought to be done - limiting your work within what you feel you could & ought, if it were possible, to be doing)?

To this I know you would answer that work has to be done with the tools suited to it; & here at

Lea patience & prudence
are wanted perhaps
more than activity at
this time.

You are quite young -
- if you can take heart
about the place, you will
feel it worth while to
carry on your work in
the way which in the
end will gain you
real influence & power
for good - even if it is
this slow & for a long
while unsatisfactory
way.

To us it does seem
that you may feel it to
be the right thing to do:
to try to win great
influence. You know
that the Managers will
help you as far as they
can - & that whatever
happens, they & we shall
endeavour that you shall
not suffer in practical
ways for what is in
no way fault of yours -
[For your family's sake
we quite own you
must think of this:]

If you can make up
your mind to do all
you can without
calling upon the parents
to do all they ought,
- *putting off* many things,
for the sake of prudence
- surely the position
will be tenable & will
surely mend by degrees
to be something better
than it would ever have
been, had not there been
this steep path to climb
For a young & energetic

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man like yourself, this
is indeed not the
easiest or brightest way -
but we can but believe that
it will answer best. And
you want to do good work,
& therefore may be willing
to "find out the way"
when it is *not* the
straightforward way
which you have been
used to.

And we so earnestly
pray God bless you -
& that He will turn the

'hearts of the disobedient
'to the wisdom of the just'.

And we feel so much
for your difficulties - & for
the great difficulty of
finding out - we who
know the circumstances
too little in detail - what
it is that you must not
attempt, & what you ought
not to leave undone, now
that the people are in
this bad way.

Direct advice we
cannot (& ought not to)
give.

But there is One whom
you know - perhaps better
than I know Him - who
will not only guide
but dwell in us -

With kindest regards to
Mrs. Butler & Miss Hepworth,
& every good wish for the
darling little children
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

2/14/11 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pen

June 27/85

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

Dear Mr. Butler

Many thanks for your letter. If there is anything I could do about these children of whom I was very glad to have your report, pray tell me.

I am so very happy that the attendance is improving, and prospect fair for the Examination.

If you come to London during the holidays, pray let me know that I may have a chance of seeing you. Your baby's recovery is delightful. And I hope Mrs. Butler, to whom my kind regards, please, is now on the road to full strength. It is lamentable that the dear little boy is not well yet

Please give my kind remembrances to Mrs. Hepworth & say that when she comes to London if she would let me know I would try to see her.

in haste

ever sincerely yours
with every kind of good wishes
F. Nightingale

I have seen
Mr. Clough

2/14/12 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
July 12/85

Dear Mr. Butler

By some housemaid's
mistake some of my letters
were mislaid - And I
telegraphed to Cromford for
your address - Last night
I telegraphed to you - but
did not receive any answer.

Would it be convenient to
you to come to me on
Wednesday at 5 -
[I find that I am engaged
on Monday.]
I should very much like to

see Mrs. Butler as you
propose; but am too ill
to see two persons at once.
If she could kindly come
here & let me see her for
a few minutes *after* I have
seen you I should be
most happy

I am so glad that she
& your children are well.

Pray believe me
sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

2/14/13 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.
July 24/85

Dear Mr. Butler

I give you joy with all
my heart, of your eminent
success in "Agriculture".
And I hope it will be a
good augury for the
Examination.' Indeed I doubt
not of its going off well.

I send the parcels of books
you are good enough to take
charge of - & hope I am
not presuming too much
on your kindness - There

are 4 books for *your*
1st Standard in the
parcel for *Miss Hepworth*.

I was very glad to make
Mrs. Butler's acquaintance.
You have my warmest wishes,
both of you, as I need not
say, for your perfect success
in the highest sense - & with
love to the children, believe me

ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

The parcel for Mrs. Holmes
 is not for any Mrs. Holmes who is
 mother to any of your school -
 children but for a
 Mrs. Holmes, wife to one of
 Mr. Wildgoose's overlookers,
 with one Invalid daughter
 living at home - such a nice
 woman!

And the parcel for Mrs.
 Barton is for an *old Widow*
 Barton - a charming &
 excellent woman -

both living in Holloway FN

2/14/14 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pen

Oct 6/85

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

Dear Mr Butler

I am very glad to hear from
 you & to know about the
 day of the Examn=, for which
 I wish you God speed, -
 & that the attendance has been
 regular. As the hymn says:
 "Thine is the cause: it is Thy work

I do:"
 & therefore it must triumph,
 if we do it in His spirit

State Boards	£2. 15. 6
Mmas= Qu: School Fees	1. 10. 7

4. 6. 1

In hand 13. 11

I enclose a Cheque for £5.

I am glad the State Boards are
useful.

Miss Hepworth, to whom please
give my kindest regards,
told me in London that she
wanted "pictures" for the School,
especially, I understood her,
Scripture pictures -
I asked her, if she could not
see you, & to consult Mrs.
Usherwood, & buy the pictures
in London, charging them to
me.

But I have heard nothing
of them.

If it has not been done,

could you manage this now?

that is, after the Examn=.

You must be very busy now

I hope you find Miss Dexter
helpful.

If reading books are
wanted, pray charge them
to me, as we agreed.

I trust Mrs. Butler, to
whom pray remember me
most kindly, & your little
boy, who says quite grand:
'I prefer the country': & baby
are well & getting strong.

When the Examn= is over,
I hope to have a longer
letter from you, telling me

what interests me so much
& I will write a longer
letter - But I will not
trouble you now - not
to lack of interest however.

With every kind of good
wishes, not only for the
Examn= but for all the future.

ever sincerely yours
I trust the Holloway Institute
prosper.

2/14/15 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W
Oct 24/85

Dear Mr. Butler

I bade you & the School
'God speed' with all my heart
on the day of the Examination
And I bid you 'God speed'
now it is over. We hope
to hear a good report;
but anyhow we know
that you have fought a
good fight -

I shall be very glad if
you will kindly have
mounted those of the

'Xtian Knowledge' Scripture
Prints which you found
that I gave & which
you say are what Miss
Hepworth wanted for her
School - & charge the
mounting or framing
to me - We hope Miss
Hepworth's children also
did well - & that
Miss Dexter has done
good service -

Pray give my kindest
remembrances to Mrs.
Butler, who, I trust, will
regain perfect health.

- & also to Miss Hepworth

God bless you & the work
& believe me

ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

We are most anxious to
hear of you -

Excuse pencil

I am much obliged to you for
your information about the

Snowballs - I am well aware
that many of our people
at Lea & Holloway earn in
weekly wage what almost
makes up the annual income
of many a curate or minister
of religion - yet accept
charity for their children's
education & in other ways -

But I am content to
do as you advise - I hope
the Snowballs
did well in F.N.
the Examn= -

2/14/16 (RP 2718) unsigned letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane
Nov. 11/85 W.
Dear Mr. Butler

I was delighted to
receive your letter with
the results of the Examn=,
showing that they were
as favourable as could
possibly be expected - &
that you felt satisfied
with your work.

We trust that the
regularity of the attendance
will improve- & I shall

be very glad that prizes
should be given, tho'
I think in general these
prizes do not catch the
black sheep, but only
the good sheep.

Mr. Arthur Clough will
be with you, I believe
the day you receive this.
And we shall hear from
him when he returns,
what you think of the
desirableness of keeping

Miss Dexter after Christmas
- whether you are sufficiently
hopeful about her work
to wish to keep her, in
which case Mrs. Godfrey
Lushington & I will have
her up to London & see her

I am so very glad that
Miss Hepworth's children
have done so well.

Pray tell her so, & give
her my kindest regards.

Thank you for the Table

of my scholars 'passes' -

Yes, please: - pray
"provide three sets of
"Reading Books" on my
account to "belong to the
"School" as the Inspector
recommends.

We shall be anxious
to hear from Mr. Clough
what is your opinion about
Miss Dexter - & also
about other things

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I write now only to give
you joy & ourselves joy
of your deserved success,
which we have no doubt
will be always increasing
I will write at greater
length, shortly;
pray believe me with
{letter cut off}

2/14/17 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St Dec 1/85

Dear Mr. Butler

I give you joy of the amount
of the grant, which must have been
the result of real honest work
& wise teaching: & which
I understand was secured
with somewhat fewer children
than in two previous high
grants.

I could have sung for joy.

Pray also tell Miss
Hepworth how we congratulate
her on her good work, - & the
progress of the infants' School

I cannot say that I am
sorry that Needle-work is
to be substituted (for the girls)
for Geography

Altogether, I am sure that
you have good reason to be
satisfied -

And may God bless you
& your work -

Thanks for your note
about the Institute's books.

I trust Mrs. Butler
is better & stronger: to whom
pray give my kind regards,
& also to Miss Hepworth, -
- & that your children are
well.

yours ever faithfully

F. Nightingale
Has Miss Hepworth
resumed the teaching of
maps to the infants
on the floor,
as in her old School?

Boston University

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2/14/18 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W.
Dec 23/85

Dear Mr. Butler

I am so delighted at
the success of the Scripture
Examn=: the more so because
you tell me that it was
not merely historical but
that the Inspector also
gave moral lessons to be
learnt from Scripture - I
give you joy

Thank you for the Acct-,
which I pay at once
tho' I have not time to
write to you to-day all I

would say.

Thank you also for
the Programme of the
Entertainmt- which I
was charmed with.

I was glad to see the
names of some of my
children as having
Prizes for attendance - I
went thro' all the names
with Miss Dexter whom
I liked very much

A happy Christmas to
you all & good New Year.
& many of them for the good
cause.

I sent you some books
for Institute by Miss
Dexter - about which
I will write more:
also: a number of Sanitary
tracts.

With kindest regards to
Mrs. Butler & Miss Hepworth
yours sincerely
F Nightingale
I will write again

Boston University

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2/15/19 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W.

April 1/86

Dear Mr Butler

I shall be glad to continue
paying the subscriptions of the
following to the Institute:

Mrs. Shardlow 5/ ~~illeg~~

Mr. Sam Crook 5/ ~~illeg~~

W. Sheldon 5/ -Pd

Sisters Allen 1/ -Pd

as previously please

Miss Dexter: I am very
sorry indeed that she has
not been well & that she
may be compelled to postpone

her Examn= I trust that

her health & the School
attendance may both
improve with the weather -

Thank you for your
account of my children -
It is a sad pity that the
two Snowballs are so
irregular.

I send a Cheque for £2,
if you will be good enough
to pay the Treasurer £1.6.4
& keep ~~the~~ in hand 13.8
for payment of
Institute Subns=
&c

I will write again - I was
about to write about the
"Sims" Religious Examination
& other things which
interest us both so much

With kind regards to Mrs.
Butler, Miss Hepworth &
Miss Dexter

sincerely yours

F Nightingale

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2/15/20 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W
July 10/86

Dear Mr. Butler

Thank you much for your
letter. I enclose Ch. for £2

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In hand----- 12 6

Yes: I hardly think it worth
while for Matilda Turner to
come to School at all, if she
~~comes~~ attends only "20" times
out of "99", as you inform me.
Please be so good as to say
"to her mother" what you think
right, from me -

I hope the other children are
doing well

I have not seen Mr. Clough
yet since he returned from
Lea - But he wrote to me:
and Mrs. Lushington sent
me the letters about poor
Grace Dexter - It is a
grievous disappointment
that, after your wish that
she should be engaged,
& after you had taken so
much pains in superintendg-
her, she should have been
found unable to command
the attention of & keep in
order her class -

Some time ago I wished very much to write to you to ask how she proved herself as a teacher. But I did not like to trouble you, having no 'official' claim in the School - nothing but the deepest interest. And I knew, if you had written of any failure to Mrs. Lushington, she would let me know -

I conclude you think that she has no calling to be a future teacher.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Butler who, I hope, with your children, is well - & to Miss Hepworth.

You have my warmest sympathy & fervent prayers that you may have the highest success with the children of this generation that they may really & truly be raised to be

Christian citizens -

God speed you all
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

2/15/21 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pen

July 13/86

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

Dear Mr. Butler

I shall be very glad to see you on Tuesday 20th at 5, if that will suit your convenience.

You do not give me your address in London -

ever faithfully yours
F Nightingale

2/15/22 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. July 17/86

Dear Mr. Butler

I shall be delighted for you
to bring your little Bertie
on Tuesday, if it will amuse
him to have his tea alone
in the Dining room, & look at
a picture-book, & see me for
a few minutes just before
you go away. But I am
only able to preserve any health
or power of business by seeing
only one person - And it is
many, many years since I
have been well enough to talk
with any one - a child or other
person being in the room

If you would like to come at 4.30
& have tea with him in the
Dining-room, & then see me
at 5, leaving him there
- but I am afraid it will be
very dull for him.

Did your mother ever
receive copies of that little
tract by Miss Marsh
about your Father?

sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

2/15/23 (RP 2718) signed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St. Sept 1/86

Dear Mr. Butler

Institute

I send the Catalogue containing a complete List of the books adopted by the Pure Litere Socy= which I have obtained from them.

I believe you are at liberty to mark at half price to the amount of £5 or £10 according as you raise £2.10 or £5 - & to return it to me for "recommendation" for a grant of the books

Would you in any case return me the Catalogue?

2. I have ordered the Ordnance Maps from Stanford. But Stanford reminds me that the 4 sheets referred to cannot be joined as one without 2 other sheets to form the centre of the map- And I have told him to do so - I hope this will not make the map too large for you?

He has also asked whether the face of the map is to be varnished And I have told him:

Yes.

C. I am very glad the Committee men are going to bring in each a member to the Institute - This is a good beginning: but every member ought to be a Missionary - & *is* in some Institutes - every member bringing in one or two or more of his

friends - *not* saying
'we are very comfortable
here - we had rather
have it to ourselves' -
But then those are
active Institutes with
active Managers - &
coffee & cake &c &c
Competing with the
public - house -
D. I am very glad you
are mooting the
Harmonium -
You do not say anything

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about the Terrestrial globe
which you were to order
for the School for me -
E. I hope more lads
will join the Institute -
Do not you consider 14
to 16 the dangerous age?
I wish you had a room
(& a Manager) for *them* -
- I am glad the age has
been lowered to 15.
I am so glad that the

children are working well
at School -
Good speed - God bless you
in greatest haste
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

2/15/24 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pen

Sept 8/86

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

Dear Mr. Butler

I am very glad that you & your
Staff are going to the "India &
Colonial" - It is most generous of
Mr. Wildgoose. But I am a little
alarmed, particularly for the ladies,
that you are to be (more than) 24
hours on foot. Pray let me provide
the Commissariat. And pray do
not stint yourselves. You will want
a good breakfast, dinner & tea &

supper at the Exhibition. They say
the food is very good there. But I
am afraid you will all be very tired
any how. My kind regards & good
wishes to all.

I am not in London, having come
down to my Sister at Claydon
(who is a great Invalid, tho' in some
respects she can do more than I can)
the day after I wrote to you.

All letters will be forwarded to me
from South St.

Wishing you the best of sights of that
famous Exhibition which I of course have not
seen ffully yrs F. Nightingale

Boston University

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2/15/25 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pen

Address Sept 16/86

Claydon Ho: ~~10, SOUTH STREET,~~ {printed address}

Winslow: Bucks ~~PARK LANE. W.~~

Dear Mr. Butler

I have been hoping to hear
from you whether Stanford's
Map which he tells me he
has sent is in perfect order
& is what you intended

Please let me have if only a
Post-Card by return of post.

How did you & your Staff

speed at the India & Colonial?

- were they very tired?

& what do I owe you for food?

God bless you

in haste

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

2/15/26 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Claydon Ho: Winslow: Bucks

Sept 17/86

Dear Mr. Butler

I sent you this morning a
Daily News &
Daily Telegraph

containing the particulars of
the Meeting at Aldershot
held for the "Gordon Boys' Home" -
They put the 'dangerous' age
at 14 - & keep the boys up to
18 - i.e. they admit them as
low as 14 & not above 16 -

All experience makes me
feel so anxious that boys
should be admitted to
Institutes as early as 14.

But then, as you say, you
must have a Manager who
can manage them, -

[I forget whether I mentioned
to you, before, this Meeting for
the Gordon Boys Home]

What do you think about
ages?

And how late do any
boys or girls stay with
you at School?

2 I hope the Map was
according to your wish -

The only way to make children
really understand Geography
is - is it not?

1. to draw their own School -
room on the floor
then to show them on a big
map the road from their
School to their home
then their district or village
on the Map
then their County
then England
then Europe
then the World

It is quite amazing how
young servant maids who
have perhaps been their 8
years at School -
have perhaps been proficient
(in words) in Geography -
& know no more what a
map (say) of the Missionary
Journeys of St. Paul
of his crossing over from
Asia to Europe
means, than the Ottoman
does
God bless your Map & your
work:

faithfully yrs F. Nightingale

2/15/27 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pen

Oct 8/86

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

Dear Mr. Butler

My best wishes are with
you for Monday's Examination
- with you all, yourself, infant
mistress, (I am so sorry she is going)
pupil teachers, children, all,
all - I bear you all in my
heart, & wish you all - not
forgetting the Managers, the

highest success in this Examn=,
not only for your welfare in
this, but in the future world.

My kind regards to Mrs. Butler.

I shall be most anxious to
know the result.

God bless you all -

yours ever faithfully

F. Nightingale

I send £5 in hand for Qu. schooling
Globe, Commissariat at Exhn - - but
don't expect you to write till after
Examn-, of course - Again, God bless you

2/15/28 (RP 2718) signed letter, 4ff, pencil

10 South St Dec 11/86

Dear Mr. Butler

I suppose you have the
Scripture Examn= over by this
time, & trust it has been
successful - successful, I mean,
in the highest sense, as
showing that the children are
obtaining such a practical
knowledge & feeling of
Scripture as will influence
radically their future lives.
Otherwise Scripture is only
another book of history,
poetry & geography, as it
is often taught.

I liked what you told me
of connecting moral tales &
examples with the precepts
of Scripture -

We should all be "stewards
"of its mysteries", & St. Paul s,
each in our small way.

God's arm is not shortened.
A schoolmaster above all
may have this sort of influence
with his scholars.

Pray God we all may -

I sent you 2 Vols of
Household Economy: one
Standard V. for the Girls'
Lending Library - the other,
the larger one, for the
Institute Lending Library -
And a day or two ago I
sent by Herbert Crooks to
the Institute a large Map
on a roller, just published
by Stanford, of little England
& her great colonies & possessions
I think it a very useful one
- & would send one to you
for the School if you like it

Also: I sent a paper facsimile
of Gordon's little sketch of
the route from Souakim to
Khartoum, to the Institute -
& would send one to the School
too, if you wish it - I dare
say you often tell children
of that great hero & Saint,
Gordon. We knew him -
I should be glad, if possible
to know before the end of the
year whether the Institute
means to accept the offer
of a £5 library - selecting

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its own books from the
Catalogue which I sent you
some time ago - from the
Pure Literature Socy= - As
Mr. Wildgoose kindly offered
to give £1, one would think
it cannot be very difficult
for them to raise £1.10 -
£2.10 being the requisite
sum to obtain the grant -
Could you let me know? You
will have to sign an Application Form
I am glad that you are coming
up to London for Xmas,
& shall hope to be able to

see you - Pray let me
know where you are in
London

Will you thank the teachers
& all kind friends for the
photographs kindly sent
me of you all & of the
buildings?

I was very much obliged
to you for the result of the
Inspector's Examn- to each
of my scholars. It gave me
great pleasure to see

that they were getting on
well.

God bless you -
With kind regards to Mrs.

Butler, believe me
faithfully yours

F. Nightingale
Herbert Crooks is at home
at his father's, Samuel
Crooks, for a time till
he gets another place. I
want him to belong to the
Institute, if for ever so short
a time. Let me pay for
him F.N.

2/16/29 (RP 2718) post card, 1f, pen

{printed text:} POST {Royal Arms} CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

{cancelled
stamp}

Mr. E. Butler
Lea School
Cromford
Derby

8/1/87

I trust that you all got home
safe & well. Please let me
have a post-card to tell me
that this is so: & how you
& Mrs. Butler are; & the children
sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

Jan 8/87

2/16/30 (RP 2718) signed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W.

April 7/87

Dear Mr. Butler

I was very glad to hear
from you - I enclose £2,
which, after paying the Quarterly
Acct=, will leave you
£1 " 5 in hand.

I am so very sorry that your
little boy Bertie is so far from
well I trust that he will
get better as spring advances

Yes, please: let me pay for
Sisters Allen, W. Sheldon, &
Mrs. Shardlow, as before,
for the Institute

I was glad to receive a
copy of the Report of the
Institute for 1886 -
especially as it now gives
- the *number* of members,
(hopes that it may be increased)
- the *number* of books
- " " issued
- " readers in year
- the age of admission -

But do not you think it
would be useful to tell
us more?

don't you think such
phrases as

"not lacking in attendance"
"invariably well attended"
"not a few"

should be severely
excluded from Reports -
&, instead, we should be
told
- the average number of daily
readers in the reading-room:
- the average daily number
in the Recreation-room
- the number of Cricket
members -
[It is currently said that
Reports, - & with a great deal
of truth, - tell us every
thing that we don't want to know
I have often been employed
in London in showing what
ought to be told]

Might we not, besides,
be told, what is the
"scientific periodical knowledge
"provided"?
- how many "periodicals"?
-what maps?
 &c &c &c
The last Para: but one I
rejoice at It is hopeful
I received a very flowery
letter from the Institute,
for which I beg to thank them
But I regretted that it
did not contain a single fact

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I am so glad that you
teach the little ones a bit
every day yourself
 & that Miss Barker is doing
well -
My kind regards to her
& to Mrs. Butler
May God bless your work!
 ever faithfully yours
 F Nightingale

2/16/31 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pen

April 9/87

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

Dear Mr. Butler

I send my best Easter greetings
to you & all yours - to your School
& your work both in School &
Institute.

With regard to the latter, pray
consider my letter to you asking
questions as to the Report as
quite private, between yourself &
me. You will, I doubt not, give
me some good hints. For I owe

them a letter & am about to
write to them.

Do you ever catch the Black

Sheep at the Institute?

What are the books they like best?

Again, God bless you -

I send a card for Bertie

ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

2/16/32 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pen

May 9/87

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

Dear Mr. Butler

I am very much obliged for
your long & most interesting letter,
which I will refer to by & bye
in a manner more worthy of it -

Now I will only say: Yes,
I shall be very glad for the much=
=tried Mrs. Amatt's sake to pay
Jemmy & Tommy's School fees -
But now would it not be a work

fit for the Institute & worthy of it
to try to reclaim that drunken
husband, to compete with the
Public house, & to enlist Amatt
as a member of the Institute? *That*
would be a triumph for it.

I hope you Pupil Teachers did
well at Derby

God bless you & your work
I am so glad Bertie is so much stronger
With kind regards to Mrs. Butler, sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Could you send me a copy of the new Catalogue of Institute
Library?

2/16/33 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

June 3/87

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

Dear Mr. Butler

I wish the Meat Tea all
possible success, & have pleasure
in sending £5.5, as I conclude
from its name that all
facilities for obtaining liquor
of any kind are to be
prevented.

We must look to Providence
& not to a pint of beer, as
I heard one say, to make
these things successful.

But as for a Jubilee .. we
must have something to
jubilate about, what do you

propose?

A lady-friend of mine,
who gives a Jubilee dinner
(without beer) to some
hundreds of men & their
wives - next estate
to what was my father's in
Hampshire - invited
in London singers to
volunteer - Fifteen, men &
women, immediately
volunteered. And they
are to have Solos, singing
in parts, Choruses &c &c
- all Sacred Music -

Is anything proposed by you?

{in pencil} About the *Institute*:
do you know Cox & Co's
"Anti-Burton" ("Haggerstone")
Bottled Beer: "Non=intoxicating"
It is drunk in London not only
in Working Men's Coffee rooms
but by ladies & gentlemen -
If you like to order some
(178 York Road
King's Cross - London)
on my account as an
experiment I should be
very glad -

I feel almost inclined to
say: for every Black Sheep
like poor Amatt & Adam Prince

that the Institute reclaims
& makes members of, I
will add £1.1 to our Subn=
They *must* have refreshment;
& this Beer might suit them

Success to you -

With kind regards

Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

I am going to send you & write
to you about some books
for the Institute

2/16/34 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St July 2/87

Dear Mr. Butler

I am so grieved for Mrs. Butler's illness - And you must have had an anxious & difficult time of it. But I am glad her sister is now with her. I earnestly hope that you will be able to go to the Sea-side

Excuse pencil

The Jubilee seems to have gone off well. But I agree with you that the "£70 or £80" might have been better spent.

About the Anti-Burton:
I think with the people, 2 d was "dear" for the bottle -
Would you kindly tell me some time what is the difference between the sum "you (the Institute) had to pay for "the "3 doz bottles", & the "3 doz". two pences?

I will then answer your question.

Of course I was unable to see anything of the Jubilee here myself. But the order kept by five millions

of people out for the day & night was wonderful & beautiful - And the Board School-children's fête in Hyde Park was charming.

I shall be very anxious to know how Mrs. Butler goes on -

And with kind regards to her, & rejoicing that "all is going on well at "School"

I am
sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

2/16/35 Telegram carbon, 8 July 1887, re Jubilee

2/16/36 (RP 2718) signed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St. W. Sept 3/87

Dear Mr. Butler

I am very much pleased indeed that you have so large a School to present for Examination - And you will have very busy work indeed to prepare them -

Success to you always, & to Miss Barker - always bearing in mind that not only bookish-ness but *life* is our object with our children

We note what you say about increased assistance.

When your Examn= is over, I will write to you about the Institute, & what you mentioned to me as to their wish for an Engineering paper or Engineering books - I have made enquiries - But such inventions & discoveries are made every day that many books are quite antiquated now, I am told -

I am very sorry & very glad about Mrs. Butler's health - sorry for that unfortunate Rheumatic attack & the weakness in the legs - & glad that she is now deriving benefit

I hope the Medical Electro treatment is doing her good

I will gladly, if you wish for Any American book on the subject, which you say is expensive, pay for it, if you will order it. But I think if you consulted Mr Cohen at Blackpool, the word of mouth is the best instructor.

You say Medical Electricity
is "in its infancy". Yes, but at all
the Hospitals where our
Nurses, trained at St. Thomas'.
Are employed. I believe the
Galvanic Battery is in use
for Medical purposes - And
the use of it is taught to our
Nurses as part of their
training in Medical Nursing.

I trust that your Battery
may be of great service to
Mrs. Butler, to whom my
kindest regards.

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Your Pump has done wonders -
I hope from the storms of
wind & rain we have that you &
Holloway will soon have your
wells & tanks filled -

Hoping to hear of a most
successful Examn=,

& with love to Bertie,
faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

2/16/37 (RP 2718) signed letter, 4ff, pencil

Oct 10/87

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

Dear Mr. Butler

Your Govt- Examination is now
over, & I trust happily over.
I give you joy, & shall hope
to hear news of it shortly.
May all the children have
done well & conscientiously!
And then we may leave the
result with God.

My kind regards to
your colleagues.

I hope the Drawing
Examination was also
satisfactory.

I am always anxious to
hear that, after the Annual
Inspection, what you so well
proposed as to having a
Class or Lessons on each of the pieces
of different *machinery* or
implements of the *Smedley
Mills*, with which the
children have been and
will be conversant all
their lives, without perhaps
ever observing anything enough to
describe it accurately, -
will be carried out.

Factory children learn

everything but about their
factory -

Agricultural children learn
everything but about
plants, trees, corn, birds, -
the things they see every
day of their lives.

I send you a leaflet,
which I printed for private
use, from a letter from my
niece, Mrs. Verney, to me:
she has given these
classes to children, poor
& rich, at her place in
Anglesea - She is on the

School Board there -
I know of no Botany book
which is about *plants* &
flowers= but only about
classification & hard names.

I have collected the
best Botany books which
come nearest to the point.

What do you think of,
next year, when the buds
of trees begin, - doing a little
with the children in the
way of my leaflet *viva voce*
not with a book

I wish you success -
When you write, please give me
news of the progress of my School
children

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I am very glad that you should have that book on Medical Electricity, as you wished for it; but must renew my caution: "Do not 'quack' with it" - Much more is known by the regular faculty about Medl- Electricity than you suppose - You have practised, I hope with success on Mrs. Butler for her Rheumatism - But then that was prescribed for you - I am so sorry to hear of her weakness - Would you not consult Dr. Dunn

or even Dr. Webb of Wirksworth for her?

I would rather have given you the fee for Dr. Webb than the American book -

The sea however is better than either -

Pray give her my kind regards

I enclose a Ch. for £2.5.4.; see your Acct- enclosed

You ask me to tell you, by "your last quarter's bill", if you are correct.

That is impossible - It is impossible for me to do your Acct- for you. I will explain why

In the mean time, I have
looked at my own general
Accts= & find
Mr. E. Butler July 2 1887
Ch. 12 school ch: Mids: Qu -
£2 £1.9.4.

[That wd leave
Balance 10.8]
But let us leave it as it is -
I will in future send the
Ch. for the Qu. exact, without
Balance.
Now for the cause of the impossibility.
For many years I have never
had an hour for friendship or
recreation- I do Governmt= work,
I am an Invalid. I do

Nurse Training=School work,
besides endless business
correspnde= And I have now
a friend seriously ill in the
house, taken ill suddenly here -
Enough of myself -
I trust the children are
making progress in what
is higher even than Government
Examinations & cannot be
tested by these. It is such
a temptation to make what
will tell in the Examn- *all*
in all -

With every good wish
faithfully yours
{printed address F. Nightingale
upside down:}
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
Excuse pencil. I can only write so -

typewritten enclosure {for above letter}, 2ff
"What are the Elements of Botany?" February, 1887
{with F.N.'s note:} Mr. Butler
from F.N.
Oct 1887

2/16/38 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W.

Dec 29/87

Dear Mr. Butler

Many happy & blessed returns
of the New Year to you & all your
flock -

I am grieved at the continuance
of Mrs. Butler's ill health - It is
indeed a trial -

Jan 2/88

God bless her -

I trust & hope that she will
return from Matlock very much
better - But if she is not
will you not send for Dr. Webb,
if Wirksworth? I would gladly
pay his fee -

Your account of the Scripture
Examination & your little
Sermonettes {MG: [sic]} is delightful to
me - May they bring forth
fruit! After all, it is fruit
we need, *fruit* we must
bring forth - "Nothing but leaves
"The Spirit grieves
- you know the hymn -
"How does it stand with me?
"am I *now* bringing forth fruit
"to God? for what we are *now*.
"will fix what we *shall* be when
"our Lord shall come x x x
"We are forming *now* for Eternity:
"settling down & consolidating in the

"great mould which ultimately
will determine our everlasting
state; fruitless *now*, we shall
be fruitless *then*"

That is Macduff:
it is a good motto for the New
Year.

Depend upon it, your flock
will remember what you say
to them about 'lost
'opportunities' in after life -
& such practical lessons.

I am sorry two of 'my'
children are leaving before
they are 'educated' -

Some of mine I am afraid
are unsatisfactory - Do they
attend regularly? You asked
me this once before? I do
think that parents who do
not send their children regularly
should have their children
paid for.

ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

I have been very ill - & am
not better - You must excuse a
scrawl - but with my
whole heart I pray for blessings
on Lea School. Remember me
kindly to Miss Barker. I think of
Bertie alone with you -

2/17/39 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W.

April 3/88

Dear Mr. Butler

I rejoice with you & her
that Mrs. Butler is so much
better - May she be
restored to perfect health.

Thanks for the Institute
Report, about which I
hope to write by & bye.

I cannot write more
now - for I am quite now
(& have been for some time)
laid aside by acute illness -
But I am always anxious

to hear about the School's
progress -

And I should like to know
how "my children" are
doing.

With kind regard to
Mrs. Butler

faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

2/17/40 (RP 2718) signed letter, 4ff, pen

(Lea &
Institute (Holloway)
Annual Report April 21/88
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Butler

I am prevented by illness
from saying all I could wish
but will now thank you for
the copies of the Annual Report
of the Lea & Holloway Institute
(one of which I gave to Mr.
Shore Smith) - And we send
our most heartfelt good
wishes for its success
Mr. Shore Smith and I would
venture to suggest that other
information might also be
given in the Report, as
I think we suggested last year.
- premising that the value

of a Report is not for the
members or contributors
alone - but for the
information of other Institutions
of a similar character, to
show them what to do
& what to avoid
as e.g.

1. at what age boys are
admitted?
what is the number of boys
who use the Institute?
have they a separate room?
do the older members
complain of their noise?
2. It would be interesting to
know

how many members are
from the *mills*?

How many *not* from the mills?

[We have been furnished from
other Institutes with a
list of the members -
occupation affixed to each
name -

It would give me great
pleasure to have *such* a
complete *List* of the members
of the Lea & Holloway Institute.

And I would gladly, if
desired, make some small
present to any one who
would kindly take the trouble
to make the List.

3. What quantity or number
of *teas, coffees* &c &c and *food*
were served in the year?
{in pencil:}to members? - to passers by?

It would add much to the
value of the Report if it
could say

I. What books are found to
be most popular (both of
those read in the Institute
& of those leant out to people
at their own houses.

And, approximately, how
many of the members use the
books, - & what proportion
of them are "youths"?

II.[The "Bill of fare" gives the
names of the newspapers -
but does not tell us which
of the 'dishes' are popular]

[2]

It would be very useful to
know which *newspapers*
& which *Magazines* are
found to be most read -
and which are most
popular among the *boys*?

III. As before said:

what *games* do the boys
like best?

What number of boys or
youths are there among the
members?

have they a separate room?
& is their noise complained
of by the elder members?

IV. Particulars of the quantity
of refreshments - & what
description of refreshments

are most popular would
also be useful - as above said

Cards- As there was much
discussion whether cards
should be allowed and
I think I sent you the
report of 80 Institutes
which sent their delegates
to a Conference at
Birmingham, which
did not object to Publishing
their experience as to
gambling results &c
the experience being that
only 3, I think, out of
the 80, permitted or
recommended Cards,

it would be useful if the
Lea & Holloway Institute
would now give us its own
experience.

Public Houses It would
be well if we could be told
in what degree the Institute
competes with the Public-house
& how far it is victorious
or defeated -

Does the Institute catch the
'black sheep'? - or only the
sober & steady men who
would be sober & steady
without it? do *they* try
to catch the 'black sheep?
does *each Member* bring in one

new member a year? or
do they selfishly like to have
it all to themselves?

I do not say that answers to these
last questions can be tabulated
& form part of the Report -
But perhaps the others could.

And I am sure that you will
agree with me that the Report
could give far more & more useful
information than it does -

I must add my friends of
the Institute to take this
letter, & especially those
four who were kind enough
to write to me last year, - as
a letter written to each himself,
in earnest of my deep
interest - & to believe me, in
sickness & anxiety ever their
faithful friend Florence Nightingale

seems bit at end missed, I input

3.

Private

We are talking about drink.

Now, there is a poor man called Adam Prince, whom I have told you about. He is now laid up at home with a bad knee, which he knows and says himself is the result of drink. And his doctor says so too. He is a quarryman.

Have any of your Institute men tried to get hold of him to win him to be steady and sober--to say he *shall not* be one of

the black sheep? Or have they "passed by on the other side," and left him to bad company and ruin and drink? and even said, He shall not be one of us.

What kind of "respectability" is this?

Well now, God has given them a chance.

He is laid up at his mother's, old Mrs

Lydia (Widow) Prince, in Holloway.

Can they do nothing for him now?

21/4/88

2/17/41 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 851

July 6/88

{printed address:}

10, South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.

Dear Mr. Butler

I am sorry to learn that you
are now decidedly on the move
from Lea School - but I suppose
I ought to be glad that you
have your desire to come to
London & have obtained a
post that suits you - I trust
that Mrs. Butler's health will
be better. Pray give her my
kind regards -

Thanks for your account of
my children - I suppose Willie
Amatt has got work & hope
he will do well. I hope
John Gregory's spirit will in time
sober down into resolute exertion.
Years ago he was a delightful
naughty child.

I will answer your letter
about the Institute soon.
Believe me, I am deeply
interested in it, and in
the efforts of the Committee
which I hope will have the
best success. Pray let me
know how I can assist them.

I have not yet received
the List, kindly promised, of
the members of the Institute,
with their occupations - nor
the other answers to my
questions which I ventured
to trouble them with -

I shall be so glad if they

enable me to make our
subscription what it used
to be -

Excuse a short letter now:

I am sorry to think this will
be almost the last to you
at Lea -

I hope your children are well
yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

2/18/1 small envelope addressed to Mr. Ebenezer Butler, with a penny stamp, and a London cancellation for Dec 18

2/18/2 large envelope addressed to Mr. Ebenezer Butler, with four and half penny postage, on back written Miss Florence Nightingale letters

2/18/3 Christmas card, 1f, pencil

Florence Nightingale to Lily Butler
{printed:} sends best wishes for
a very Happy Christmas
to.....

2/18/4 news item "Out and About" Column of the Fulham Chronicle, 1f, printed August 19, 1910 re: Mr. Butler, Lea School and FN

2/18/5 news item From the London Letter of the Daily News, 1f, printed August 25, 1910 re: "Miss Nightingale and the Boys"

2/18/6 typewritten and signed letter, Rosalind Nash to Mr. Ebenezer Butler, 1f 18 Dec 1911 re: letters to be read by the writer of F.N.'s biography

2/19 signed letter, 1f, pen RP 3338

General Hospital
Balaclava
April 18/56

Sir

Might I so far trespass upon your time as to request you to inform me whether George E. St. Clare, Lance Corporal, 6th Compy=, of the Regiment under your command, who landed in the Crimea with his Regiment, Dec 20/54 (but from whom his mother has not heard since that day,) is still living, & if so, where? - or if dead, where & when he died, & from what cause? The mother has made enquiries in vain.

With many apologies for thus troubling you, I have the honor to be

Sir
your obedt servt
Florence Nightingale

[added July 2000]

2/20/1 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP

Monday. July 12th 1830
Thames Bank

My dear sister

Aunt Mai gave me a packet of silks, which Dickons left for us, like Marianne's which I intended to keep like Marianne's, and give out in the same manner, tell me, when you write, if you like it. I am ready to divide them, if you don't Give my love to Clémence, and tell her, if you please, that I am not in the room where she established

me, but in a very small one, instead of the beautiful view of the Thames, a most dismal one of the black distillery, and, whenever I open my window, the nasty smell rushes in like a torrent. But, I like it pretty well, notwithstanding. There is a hole, through the wall close to my door, which communicates with the Bath-room, which is next the room where Freddy sleeps & he talks to me by there. Tell her also if you please, that I have washed myself all over, & feet in warm water since I came every night. I went up into the distillery to

the very tip top by ladders with Uncle Oc & Fred Saturday night. We walked along a great pipe. We have had a good deal of boating which I like very much. We see 3 steam-boats pass every day to the Diana, the Fly, and the Endeavour. My love to all of them except Miss [illeg] Wood. Give my love particularly to Hilary. Your affecte and only sister. Dear Pop, I think of you, pray let us love one another more than we have done. Mama wishes it particularly, it is the wil{1 of}

God, and it will comfort us in our trials through life. Good-bye.
{text upside down} Miss Nightingale
Fair-oak

2/20/2 incomplete letter, n.d., 1f, pen RP 3739 (iii)

Dear Lord Palmerston

If I may take
advantage of a
message sent me by
your kindness through
Sir Harry Verney, viz
that you would be
willing to see me
to day - & say that,
though I am ill
now & obliged to be
out of town, yet,

when I am able to
return, I shall
hope that you will
permit me to see
you?

2/20/3 initialled letter, 2ff, pen RP 3739 (iii) [8:468-69]

Hampstead NW

Dec 21/59

My dear Bertha

For heaven's sake don't
think x of going to Embley -
There may be a case of
small=pox arise from it
at Claydon during the
present century. One
never can tell. Think,
think what then would
be your feelings if you
had been the miserable
means of carrying the
infection now. Be

x Yellow Fever has not unfrequently been
known to break out in Jamaica from a person
in England having *thought* of the Colony (while in

advised.

Yours anxiously

F.N.

If I were you, I would
retire into Patagonia or
to a reef in the Red Sea
for a year or two.

Infection sometimes
dries up by that time.

But take the house &
your unhappy sister
with you -

As for Mr. Clough,

the neighbourhood of Typhus Fever). For
thought, like Infection, is imponderable -

Dr. Andrew Smith

he is to be burnt at
Smithfield by the
Public Health Act.
Perhaps you know this.
If so, don't tell his poor
wife at present -

F.N.

P.S.

I feel myself that I
have caught "it" - I fear
from a sketch of your
nephew which Hilary
made for me. It is
so like. It must be
that. Infection is so
insidious.

F.N.

P.P.S.

Be perpetually setting fire to

the Baby. The smoke
from his clothes will
go far to preserve him
from Infection -

F.N.

Boston University

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2/20/4 signed letter, 3ff, pen RP 3739 (iii)

30 Old Burlington St W
Dec 24/59

Messrs. Harrison

Please to send copies of my "Notes on Nursing:
What it is & what it is not" to the 44 persons
in the above List with the least possible delay -
And please to send me 12 copies to the above
address - Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Fowler

Salisbury

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41 Finchley New Road

N W

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Exmouth

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Mrs. Clive
Whitfield
Hereford

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2/20/5 signed letter, not F.N. hand, 1f, pen RP

23rd July 1863

Consent of Miss N.

To appointment
of Mr. E Marjoribanks
Junior
as member of Council

London 23rd July 1863

[12:127]

I herewith signify my consent
to the appointment of Mr. Edward
Majoribanks Junior as a
member of the Council of the
Nightingale Fund.

Florence Nightingale

[end 12:127]

2/20/6 statement of 2 engravings, 1f, pen {black-edged paper} RP

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

July 10/65

These two Engravings - one
from Mr. Cosse's fresco
in the House of Commons
of the Departure of the
Pilgrim Fathers from
Delft Haven - the other
from Mr. Lucy's of the
Arrival of the Pilgrim
Fathers in America -
are presented to the
Commissioners of Emigration
of New York for the new
Emigrant Hospital on

Ward's Island,
by Florence Nightingale
as a slight sign
of her deepest reverence
& her warmest sympathy
for the noble act, by
which they have so
magnificently provided
for - not their own Sick
but - those of the old
country.

2/20/7 signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper} RP 3739 (iii)

July 23/65
34 South Street, [printed address]
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir

M. Husson, Director of
the Assistance Publique at
Paris, is now in London
for the purpose of seeing
some of our Workhouses.
But I do not know how
he can be introduced
into these without your
kind aid.

Can you help him? He
will probably leave this
note upon you himself -
in haste

yours ever sincerely
H.B. Farnall Esq Florence Nightingale

2/20/8 signed letter, 3ff, pencil RP [8:869-70]

10 South St.

Feb 18/83

Dear Bertha This is a sad
anniversary to you - And
yet I cannot help giving you
joy - It is so glorious &
touching to think that he
lived on here as a bright
spirit when the body
was all but gone. Few or
none have had such a
privilege : to "entertain an
angel unawares" - *not*
"unawares" tho' -

You have ~~a~~ seen a soul
live on by its own livingness.
To be the true mother of

such a soul - is a great cross &
a great crown -

It gives an insight into
Immortality - He lives - he
cares - You are together
still

I thought that little
Doctor's letter the most
impressive thing I ever saw -

I do not know how to say
it. But - - I know how
a sword has pierced the
poor mother's heart - and
yet- She would not
change with any one -

Pardon that I ~~can~~ try to
say what no words can say.

Willie was so dear & touching
that day he was so good as
to come & see me. He was
quite still: but his voice
could hardly be heard. He
told me a great deal about
Arthur as out of the fulness
of his heart- but all so still:
he cannot be a common heart & mind.

I hope, dear Bertha, you
are better: it has been such
a long strain - and yet you
would not have lost a day of
it. And I hope dear
Urith is with you - It is
worth an education to her to be
so -
May God bless & comfort you

Love to William & Urith:
I hope he is well.
I think of the days when you
spent your 2nd & 3rd birthday
at Embley with Shore -
ever yrs affly
Aunt Florence
Parthe & Sir Harry came to
South St. yesterday -
She is certainly better 'in herself'
But we fear the real disease
has yet to run its [ill-eg]
painful course.
P. Has always said to me: "I
hope they know I *could* not
write". She has thought a great
deal about her god son -

[2]

His promise was so great
it seems cruel that it
should have been, as *men*
say, not shown to us in
the fruit & the completion.
But who can say that
it will not have as
much more glorious a
completion & ~~perfection~~
there than it could have
had here as we believe
perfection there surpasses
our poor puny failures
here -

F.N.

[the RP has env but no letter? RP 3739 (iii)]

2/20/9 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} RP 3739 (iii)

Feb 18/89

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, [8:870-71]
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Bertha

Your birth-day always
recalls to me - & not only
your birth-day - the darling
little child, the exquisite
little creature, with Shore
at Embley -

Alas! This is a sad
birth-day - the breaking
up of the home - I think
I feel most for Flossie,
whose real life has been
in fact spent there - &
who has made herself so

many ties there - and
for Blanche who has done
so much there, but who must
need some rest -
How I should like to know
 what occupied dearest
 Aunt Mai's thoughts
 during her latter years
 on those subjects which
 made the future to her
 almost as present
 as *the present*. Now
she knows, I believe -
 What [~~illeg~~] is her future
now? Is it possible to believe

that those aspirations are
 not carried out?
But I fear you have had
 sadder birth days, still
with that dear boy who
is gone too
God bless you, dear Bertha_
 I am always trying to
write to Flossie & to Blanche
Would you kindly give
them some message?
 May you all of you
have still some joyful
birth-days is the loving wish
of your affectionate
 Old Flo

2/20/10 signed letter, 1f, pencil [8:871]

 July 3 1900
 10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
Dearest Bertha, PARK LANE. W.
 I am delighted that
Willie & Grace liked
the mirror - Please
send me the Acct= or
tell me what you
have paid so kindly
 With love
 yours heartily
 Florence Nightingale

Boston University

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2/20/11 signed letter, 1f, pencil RP **[8:871]**

July 4 1900
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET
PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Bertha

Many thanks for your
kind note of yesterday.

I enclose cheque for
the glass & many, many
thanks for the trouble
you took in getting it
for me.

I had a nice little
note from the Bride

We love dear Urith:
She has been so good.

I

shall be very much
pleased to see you
next ~~[illeg]~~ Monday
at 5 or 5.30 as
kindly promised.

Your ever loving
old Flo

2/20/12 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 3739 (iii) **[8:868]**

Cromford Bridge

Friday

My dearest little Puff

I am very sorry to
hear that you have
had such a cold
but I hope it is all
right by this time -
I send you an account
from poor William -
very satisfactory I think
on the whole, I mean
as to his having done
all that could be done
to obtain information
& certainty - Uncle
Nicholson listened to
it with perfect calmness
but yesterday he &
Aunt Anne & Marianne

were to have come up to
town for their first
visit to Henry's rooms -
& they could not come -
their hearts had failed
them - My people are
going to Waverley at
their special request
on Monday or Tuesday.
(Tomorrow they go to
Combe) - I had felt such
terror at the way in
which the poor father
& mother ~~would~~ might possibly
take it that I can feel
nothing but relief just
now at their great
patience - I shall
go to them after I

leave here - I believe
we shall be here a
fortnight & I cannot
tell you how I enjoy it
being here with Aunt
Mai -

 You will, please, forward
the enclosed to Ardtornish
unless you hear from
Aunt Ju to the contrary -
Shore was here as you
know, till yesterday,
when he left us - I
thought him very nice
& satisfactory - except
that he caught me no
small birds for my owl.

 I think your mum is
very well - she has quite
got rid of her face ache
& is very happy here - &
dear Aunt Evans so nice

Do you ever write to Gertrude Passen? If you are ever happening to do so, will you mention that we know of a girl of 22, really an admirable person, I wish I could tell you the story of her life, who has been for 6 years governess in a clergy man's family, & who now wishes to go into a kindly German family as governess, for small salary, for the sake of learning German. She is an enterprising person with much character, I wish I had the quarter- & teaches well -

Dearest, I have not time for more - give my dear love to Bab when you see her & believe me
ever thy Flo

2/20/13 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} {letter in French
RP

le 23 Juillet
{printed address:} 34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

Monsieur

Je viens seulement il
y a un instant de
recevoir votre carte.
Je vous reprocherais que
vous ne m'avez pas
donné le plaisir de
vous servir, en me
faisant savoir d'avance
votre arrivé, ainsi que
je vous en avais prié
de grâce.

Probablement vous
avez déjà vos introductions
que vous désiriez.

Cependant je m'empresse
de vous en envoyer une,
à la personne qui,
plus que toute autre,
vous donnerait
l'entrée aux Maisons
de Travail (Work-houses)
de Londres - M. Farnall
J'espère bien qu'il sera
à Londres. C'est lui
qui est le premier
report' du *Poor Law Board*,
pour ainsi dire.

Je vous enverrai aussi

Dr. Sutherland, du
 War Office. Il vous
 fera voir, si vous en
 avez le temps, le nouvel
 Hôpital Militaire,
 le "Herbert Hospital,"
 à Woolwich. Il serait
 aussi un guide
 admirable pour les
 Hôpitaux Civils de
 Londres, ou' vous
n'avez pourtant pas
besoin d'introductions.
 Incertaine de votre

adresse à Londres, ou
 si cette lettre vous
 parviendra, et malade
 comme je le suis, je
n'ose ajouter que mes
sentiments les plus
empressés.

 Florence Nightingale
A Monsieur
 M. Armand Husson

2/20/14 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 3739 (iii) **[7:485-86]**

My dearest brat

The immediate occasion of this pen is purely commercial but I hope to follow it up with a more poetic line of business - It is to ask you to give Miss Gertrude Passon fl which we , (i.e. Mrs. Bracebridge & I), send to Madame Pertz at Berlin, to whom I hope Miss Passon will have the goodness to convey it. The said pound I will pay Aunt Mai when she comes here, as I hope she will, after Liverpool.

Will you further explain to Miss Passon that a parcel directed to Mrs. Bracebridge is come from Prague to Madam Pertz's - that - I have such examples of conscience about troubling Madame Pertz with

even a note, in her state of health, that I should be really grateful to Miss Passon to take this little matter in hand when she returns to Berlin - to open the parcel, find the bill therein, & send the money, (which I believe amounts to 12 florins = said £1) to the sender

Hieronymus Grohinann [?]

Kolorats Strasse 389

Prag

This can be done without difficulty in Prussian "*thaler*", by a "*Gold=brief*" at the Post Office. The parcel may be sent to England by any opportunity that offers - & left at your father's 6 Whitehall - for Mrs. Bracebridge. I hope Miss Passon will excuse the trouble I am giving her - Madame Passon was very kind to me at Berlin - & the recollection

of the mother's kindness seems to
be my plea for troubling the
daughter -

Well, my dear Puff, I am really
come home - but my difficulty
now is to believe that I have
ever been away - when I think of
the golden sand & purple rocks
of Istanbul & the wild and
utter solitude of Nubia, I feel
just as if I had been reading
Bruce's Travels, & not a bit
as if those places had ever
stood before the eyes of the
respectable clean-looking person,
who now sits in clothes upon
a chair. Athena, the owl, (who
now sits in a cage, though not
in clothes), at the window and
looks out from morning till
night, with ceaseless wonder,
either at the rain, or at the
green, or at some others equally

miraculous phenomena which
she considers purposely got up
for her benefit, seems of a
different opinion, & considers
this the most outlandish country
she ever saw - I hope I shall
have some day the pleasure of
introducing her personally to you,
& she will be so good as to live.
She made the greatest sensation
at Berlin, was examined as
to her similarity to the ancient
Athenian drachma, & gave
satisfaction -

Ever dearest Puff in haste

Your loving Flo

Lea Hurst Sept 4

Boston University

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2/21 Photograph of FN, 1f {with printed text below it}

London Stereoscopic Co., Ltd. ~~3 HANOVER SQUARE~~
LONDON, ~~W-1~~

2/22/4 signed letter, 2ff, pen **[8:776-77]**

1. Upper Harley St.
19 September 1854

Thank you a thousand times,
my dear Leonora, for so kindly
visiting my poor little boy -
I am now going to trespass
further on your goodness on his
behalf. It is very necessary
to keep an eye over him on
this account - the Hagemans,
with whom he is, never
write, apparently in order
that they may be able to
say that they receive nothing
with him, altho' they have
been repeatedly asked whether
they would like the child's
money paid in advance -
They boast to others of their generosity
towards the child. But no
letter has ever been obtained
about him by his friends

The {illeg.....} has been asked to call upon the child.

But the present difficulty is this - The unfortunate mother left 100 q in the hands of a Madame Schartow (which sum was given [~~illeg~~] the mother by *her* mother) for the use of the child. Mme Schartow wishes this small sum to be left in the bank for the child's future wants. But Mr. Hageman writes to her to ask her to deliver it to *him*, saying that the poor mother, Miss v. Raven had sent *him* the receipt & desired that *he* should have it. Mrs. Schartow writes to know what she is to do - give him the money or not. If it is given to him, the father of the child will hear of it, & stop paying

his modicum for the boy himself, & take possession of the money, as he has done previously of all poor - & Miss v. Raven saved for the boy - The Hagemans are quite sure of the child's little "pension" being paid by its grandmother & if the good of the child were at heart to them they would be glad of his poor little 100 q being in safe-keeping.

Do you think you could kindly call on the Hagemans, & see whether it is necessary that the sum should be given up? If they have a written order for it, I suppose that the demand cannot be refused

Otherwise, they have no right to anything but the child's little "pension" - And I think it would be desirable to shew them that the child has protectors & will be taken

away & placed elsewhere,
if they, make exorbitant
demands - If they shew a
written document, for the money,
there is no help for us -

Am I troubling you too
much? This can only be done
by those who are on the spot,
& I should be sorry to wrong
the Hagemans, altho' their conduct
has been so suspicious lately,
for they have been on the whole
kind to the child -

I have troubled you with
all these details, in order that
you might not be taken at a
disadvantage by Mr. Hageman -
I shall be indeed truly obliged
if you can do anything -

The cholera is very much
diminishing here - And the
rain is very much increasing -
The harvest has been splendid -
Your son is now at Combe Hurst -
Believe me, with kindest regards
to Dr Pertz. gratefully yours F. Nightingale

2/22/1 signed letter, 2ff, pen, to unnamed recipient

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
March 12/55

My dear Madam

Mr. Sabin gives me
hopes that you might be
induced to come out
here, if it were only for
six months, to superintend
one of these Hospitals.
His being here would
doubtless greatly influence
you - & the amount of
good you might do
would be another powerful
reason -

Koulalee Hospital is

now without a Superintendent
I have written to the
War Office for one, as well
as for eighteen Nurses -
Koulalee is five miles from
hence - But there might
be employment for a Lady
Superintendent here as
well if you would prefer it - I may be obliged
to go up to Balaklava, in
which case how glad I
should be to think of you
in my place here -

 If you should, upon
consideration, feel inclined

to come but for six months,
would you send in your
application to the War Office

 Believe me, dear Madam,

 very truly yours

 Florence Nightingale

I can hardly define the
work you would have to
do, other than that it
is the moral control of
Nurses & Sisters -

 I leave it to Mr. Sabin
to determine you -

 Will you, at the same
time, communicate with

the Honble Mrs. Herbert

 49 Belgrave Sq

& show her this letter? If
you decide upon considering
the subject -

2/22/6 letter not in F.N. hand, 2ff, pen, handwriting hard to read,
signed by FN, RP 6464, corr by LM at BL Sept 2005

Jan 3 1856
Scutari
Hospital

Dr Sir

I beg to offer you my
sincere thanks for the
8 first class & 2 second
class passages to England
authorised as I believe
by admiral [?] idea to
the Commandant of
Scutari not being
able to get that officer's
signature before you
sailed I wrote to the
Secretary at war to
sanction yr giving the

the passages should
you find it neces=
=sary to apply to
him

I have also to thank
you most sincerely
for your generous gift
of the Library of the
Candia which is
of great value
here - should
any difficulty
arise on this head

with your company
which you cld not [?]
anticipate
I trust you will
allow me to
reimburse to you
the value of it
whenever it may
suit to inform
me of the amount
yours very truly
Florence Nightingale
To -
Capt Field of the
Candia

2/22/1 signed letter, 1f, pen

30 Old Burlington St.
London
Dec 8/56

My dear Miss Tebbutt
I know heard with
most sincere sympathy of
the loss in your family -
After our sojourn in a
foreign land, in the midst
of sorrow & suffering,
the return to our families
was a moment never
to be forgotten - To find
that return clouded by
sickness & sorrow in
your home is a grievous
blow - indeed -

Words often seem very
poor & fail to express
what one desires to say
& especially in regard to
such an affliction as
yours. Let me, however,
assure you that my
thoughts have been
with you in your sorrow -
& that you have my
best wishes that life
may be blessed to you
in its griefs & in its joys.

Believe me
my dear Miss Tebbutt,
Yours with deep sympathy
Florence Nightingale

2/22/8 signed letter, 3ff, pen {black-edged paper}

115 Park St
Feb 4/64

Miss Nightingale presents
her compliments to
Miss Smith & begs to
inclose a cheque for
£30.4.9 - she will
be very much obliged
to Miss Smith to send
her the change -
She begs to say,
in answer to a
question put to her
thro' Mrs. Sutherland,
that it will be quite

impossible for her to
move at present -
that it is most probable
she will stay till Easter
or May - but her
own impression is
that she may remain
much longer, unless
she finds it too noisy
- and unless Mr.
Begbie can let the
house to better
advantage - when she
would be sorry not
to give him the
opportunity - She will
however be able to say soon
positively how long she would

wish to stay.

Miss Nightingale begs
to thank Miss Smith
for the care & trouble
she has taken for her.

She would like a
little variety in her
dinners. If, for example,
there is Fricandeau
at the Hotel, or
chicken à la Mayonnaise,
(Miss N. does not
know the names of
things) such variety
would be very
acceptable - also
that the vegetables
should be a little more done

if Miss Smith would
be good enough to
give orders to that
effect -

I have never met
with her equal in
devotion to nursing.

She has great
simplicity of character.

She has great
influence over Nurses
in her charge - and
at the same time
she is one who will
limit herself to her
own business - who
will stickle for no
dignities - & who
will never meddle

out of her own province
with matters, either
concerning the authority
of others or concerning
sectarianisms -

She is deeply
religious & has
strong good sense.

Good work, faithfully
done - & not interfering
in matters which
do not belong to her,
is, as I have said
her characteristic.

Believe me
ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

2/22 envelope stamped Ju 26 1856 addressed to Revd Father K.D. Best,
The Oratory, S.W. signed letter, 2ff, pen source

2/21/5

35 South Street, Feb 11/70 {printed address:}
Park Lane,
W.

Dear Sir

I thank you very much [6:544]
for your pamphlet: "Suggestions
for National Returns of Sickness".

It will do good.

I believe that when, many
years ago, it was proposed -
it was restricted to the Poor
Law Returns, because the
whole numbers, sick & well,
could be had.

But there is every reason
to believe, as I suppose you
will tell us, that among

the very poor not under
parishes, the Sick rate is
higher than among the
Parish poor.

Benefit Societies where the
numbers are obtainable
would afford data.

Otherwise the chief result
would be to deduce the
proportion of sick from
particular diseases to
the Total Sick -

Upon this however you, of
the General Register Office,
have of course much

better information than

I have as to what can be
obtained

With renewed thanks
believe me, dear Sir
ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale
James Lewis Esq

2/22 (RP 6538) signed letter, 2ff, pen

April 28/79
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Blanch

I am so rejoiced that Arthur
has won an Exhibition at
Trinity that it makes me
quite light hearted & happy.
Thank you for telling me:
I shall expect to hear of him
as a Senior Wrangler & a
'Senior' Classic as well:
Good speed go with him:
Please give him my love.
I give him joy & you too.
God bless him. It seems
like my old days come back.

I suppose he does not go up
till October. May I send
him Autotypes *then* to adorn
his rooms?

Where can I send the Illustrated
Edit. of Farrer's Life of Christ

for Flossy? It is here:

I did not get the big book
because it was a big book, for I
agree that it is less "likely to be
read," but because it is the
only edit. with illustrations.

Have you any one going down
to whom I could send it?

I am sorry to say Mary Bratby
has been ill again: & again
attended by Mr. Dunn.

Sam, as you know I dare say,
has passed the Entrance
Examn= for both Kings &
Trinity this Easter at Cambridge
They will choose King's, because
it is the hardest Entrance Examn,
& because they cannot get the
Tutor they wished for at Trinity,
Mr. Prior, who is full. And
Mr. Austen Leigh is friendly
& at King's. I hope that

Arthur & Sam will be great friends: but I rather wish that Sam could have been at the same College with Arthur. [I think Sam has a good deal of character: & he is so good to Barbarina] -

I hope Arthur is strong now:
my love to all: fare you very well:
Let me thank you for that nice letter from the Mrs. at Sheffield about Mary Barton
'as was':

ever yrs affly

F.N. (Aunt Florence)

I am very glad that Miss Machin is going to Embley.

2/22 signed letter, 2ff, pen

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

May 13/88

Dear General Higginson

Late last night I received your kind note. I shall be very glad to see you, as you kindly propose, on "Tuesday next, "the 15th", "at 3.30 p.m.", if you will be so good as to excuse my receiving you in my own room, which I have not yet been

able to leave in consequence of illness.

To know your views about a

"Matron for the Gordon Boys'

"Home", for which you have done & are doing so much, will be very pleasant to me - But I hope she is not for their "Infirmary" alone, but to keep them in health as well as nurse them in illness.

Pray believe me ever yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

2/23/A1 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP

Claydon Ho: Winslow: Bucks
Sept 12/85

Dear Arthur

Aunt Beatrice has been
very vigorous about the Lea
School- & we hope the
young lady of Robin Hood,
Grace Dexter from Nottingham,
will turn out well as a
help in the Mixed School -
We were sorry to lose your
Salome Robinson from
Bakewell- But the Gods
at Holloway were adverse-

Thank you for all your
help- which ("la
"reconnaissance") is a
"vif sentiment des bienfaits
"futurs" -
How will it go with your
personal School Board
career? I shall be so
glad to hear your experiences
I send you what I sent
Uncle Shore some weeks
ago the *Death-rate*
of *Lea & Holloway* - | He was
which we were talking about.|

pleased to find it so low
now- & never so high as
what he had supposed.
Your holiday has, I hope,
answered- And I trust
there will be a great
deal more of it later on -
I hope to return to 10
South St in a few days
& then to see you -
ever, dear Arthur,
your affect
Aunt Florence

2/23/A1a note, 2ff, pencil RP [6:570]

Death Rate

Lea & Holloway

Comparative Death-rate in Lea & Holloway & similar district

Death rate of Lea & Holloway}	<i>per 1000</i>
(average) for 12 years }	18. 11
Average for last 5 years	15. 66
(a) <i>Rate for 1884</i>	11. 17
Similar districts	15. 37

(a) *Note*

Last year's death-rate was very greatly
below that of similar districts.

Average rate for last *five* years practically
the same as in similar districts.

Typhoid Fever cause of former high rate.

viz. 2.74 per 1000 over similar districts

July 1885

2/23/A2 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP

Claydon

June 17/86

My dear Arthur

Thank you very much for
your kind note.

I am afraid I shall not lie
in London till Saturday. x But
what you say you will kindly
do at Lea is exactly, I think,
what is wanted - including taking Mr.
Butler's opinion of *Grace*
Dexter's teaching. I have had
a cheerful, tearful note from

x This House is not a House but
a Hospital. I will not take up
your time with describing it. I
hardly know how to leave them

her. She says she is now
quite well. I cannot nut
think she has great *moral*
capabilities as a future
Teacher. Has she technical
ones?

I admire your summary of
subjects for enquiry e.g.
à la Sims' "Theology"
"excessive" &c &c

versus
maps on the floor
religious=moral teaching by
word of mouth & little tales { 'tales' overtop an illeg}
&c &c &c
& above all by the moral interest &
example of the teachers.

Good speed, my dear

Arthur: and thank you for
going to Lea -

ever yours affly

Aunt Florence

Since I wrote this note, I have
received the enclosed from
Grace Dexter which is very
bad news- I should have
sent it to Aunt Beatrice
who doubtless knows it, but
that I really have not a
minute, & I was writing to
you - I am afraid it means
that they are not satisfied

with her teaching: *NOT*

that they will not give
the salary. For they know
that the dear Granny at
Embley, I believe, (and I
too,) would gladly give the
salary. It does go to
my heart that they keep
that poor Lucy Miers, &
dismiss Grace D., tho' I
know of course that the
cases are not parallel -
But it is the tone of the
School I am thinking of.

{ 'Embley' overtop an illeg}

2/23/A3 signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil RP 6725

Private {up diag} 17/7/88
10, South Street, {printed address}
Grosvenor Square. W.

My dear Arthur

I will most gladly see you
at 6.30 on Thursday. And I
write to Sam to dine with you -

But as I am sure you are "so very busy",
would you prefer Friday, or
Saturday, unless you are going
out of London, as I hope? or Monday
I would keep either open for
you. And I have a terrific [9:673]
interview on Thursday with an
Indian Sanitarian, who wants
to be on the re-organized Army
Sany= Comm:, but not more
than we want to have him -
for in 25 years in India we
have no one his equal for vigour,

experience, & knowledge of & influence

with natives. But the terrific
nature of the interview is: how
can we promise an appointment
which rests with TWO Secretaries
of State? My friend [end 9:673]
will be gone before 6. 30, for
he has to go back into the country.

And if I do not hear to
the contrary I will expect
you at 6.30 to *morrow* (Thursday)

You are doing wonders-
enlisting great men from the
best recruiting grounds
in numbers. Yes, indeed
it is extremely "worth while"

Mr. Airy's letter indicates a
great catch - a phoenix -
But would be not be one of
those whom Mr Wildgoose
"scarcely expects to stay" - such
an accomplished man? And
would not Botany, Cricket &
Carpentering &c be better for *us*
than Latin, Chemistry & Light?
But I don't know: he sounds
very taking -

You have got a supply & a
choice indeed.

Don't despise a "short man"
Most great men are short -
I like your account of him -
Out of door Games, I assure you, are an
essential part of a Schoolmaster's
classes

Don't fash yourself about
the Co-ops' List of Books -
They may wait. Many thanks -
I am interrupted
in haste
ever your loving

Aunt Florence
I hope Aunt Beatrice will
hear our prayer -
I have a good account this
morning from Flossie of
Grannie -

2/23/A4 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP

10 South St Aug 2/88

My dear friend

I have sent Burton back
his Testimonials- I *don't* "regret"
at all "having *him*", instead
of the 'gentleman' & the 'angel'-
I may regret not having them
all three, as one regrets that
one's window does not look
E., S., & W. all together at
once. But I am sure Burton
is, as you say, the best suited
to the place- And I hope he
will father all the village,
& train the 'mates' to rescue
the drunkards-

Your un-orthodoxy is intolerant

my dear friend. Why can't
you let him ask for 'prayer',
without "confounding" him?
You will set up a Spanish
Inquisition soon - the heterodoxy
is to become an inquisition -
indeed it is already- Tho'
I entirely agree that we are
all, almost all,- always,
almost always- 'lying' &
'posing'- I am sure I am -
yet I do assure you the poor
man is not a 'hypocrite'-
I thought him quite natural,

& no cant or phrases - &
on one occasion he showed
a good deal of feeling, tho'
no words-

No: I think you perfectly
successful, as you deserve -
For you have been a knight
errant in the cause -
We can't have the 'angel',
but we have Mrs. Burton
instead, who I am sure is
a very zealous & clever school mistress,
& very fond of her school children,
tho' she won't be a proselytizer
of parents -

I have been terribly lousy
with a Simla "Resolution"-
"confound" them - [I *must*
follow my model]. And I
am very repentant for not
having written before, knight
errant. But I could not -

I return 3 letters -
And I say God bless you,
without 'lying' or 'posing'-
hoping not to be had up
before the Inquisition. And
I wish I were always as
successful as you are
ever your affecte
Aunt Florence

2/23/A5 signed letter, 2ff, pen 2/23/5 RP [1:557-58]

June 13/89

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

Dearest Arthur You didn't
take me in on Wednesday.
Not do I deserve any credit
therefor. I know very well
what you are feeling - And
with joy & anxiety & all
my heart I wait & hope
for your perfect success.
I too cannot say: 'Them's
my sentiments'. But my
'sentiments' run strong &
deep for you & your ladye-
love- & are in great
suspense to know what
comes.
Thank you for telling me-
about this-

I have had so much
said & obscure business
since I say you ~~so~~ as not
to be able to write. But
all the more & not the less
I was thinking of & hoping
for you, if that would
do any good.

Won't you & Sam come
& dine here soon? & after
dinner you can enjoy a
shindy with Aunt Parthe,
who will trail, poor darling,
her coat tails, or you yours
- I don't know which - all
over Amerikay & green Erin

for you or her to tread
upon. Only don't let there
be any scalp wounds- for
we have enough of those
in Hospital after rainy
Bank Holidays -

Rosalind dined here on
Friday- but Sam went to
Embley - so on Saturday she
took to herself another
Nebuchadnezzar worse than
herself, on their way to
Ipswich, to eat grass with
her. I did my humble
best to collect grasses
for them, such as London
grows - mostly in M. Africa,
which come with the swallows

And they were pleased
to approve of my selection,
in spite of outraging the
Goddess of simplicity. But
of all the superstitions
grass is the greenest!

God bless you, my dear
Arthur. I have been
writing since 4 a.m. &
am idiotic & can't spell.
but all the more and
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

2/23/A6 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP [1:558-59]

10 South St June 20/89
Dearest Arthur

I don't believe that your
ideas are "distorted". But I
believe that this is a time of
great suspense to you, to me &
those who love you -

The 18th was Waterloo Day:
there are many private
Battles of Waterloo fought in
people's lives many a day,
of which the world knows
nothing - I have been & am (often beaten)
fighting them always_ The day
before yesterday two: one,

the fate of a Commission
started by Sidney Herbert
32 years ago on that very day
- the other the fate of ~~the~~ a
Matron of 130 Nurses. But
I fight on.
You remember what your father
said.
"O only source of all our light
& life
Whom as our truth, our strength,
we see & feel,
But whom the hours of *mortal*
moral strife
Alone aright reveal!"
Waterloo Days are good days
for that.

I think of you continually
But He thinks of you *always*.
God speed your suit!
Your father said: 'love is
fellow-service'-
ever, dear Arthur, yours
Aunt Florence
Why do you say Rosy S.S. is
of the feud, feudy? She
never was - *always* tried to
prevent it -

2/23/A7 signed letter, 1f, pencil {vert. on page} RP 6725 [1:559-60]

10 South St July 16/89
My dearest Arthur I am very sorry- grieved
indeed- I think the loss is hers- as
much as yours- But as an old fellow I
think the present finality better than a
correspondence dragging on across the
Atlantic, which is very wearing- I have
understood that she is so fond of her
country that she would not leave it now,
even for a visit- This does not make one

the less grieved & disturbed for you -

But you will bear it like a man -
I only had your note late last night-
Thank you for writing to me-

I hope very much you will go to Lea Hurst.
-Burton wants you badly -

Would you fix some day to dine here,
either with or without Sam - & let me
see you a little while before - perhaps
tomorrow. (Wednesday)

For I must not interfere with thy
mother & Flossie, who, I believe,
return ~~tomorro~~ Thursday -

or perhaps after they are gone.
God bless you -

ever your affectionate
Aunt Florence

2/23/B signed letter, 1f, pencil [1:559]

10 South St.

June 22/89

I think of you more than I can
say, my dear Thena.

Do you think it would be too
foolish to send with him one
red rosebud & a white rosebud
to bloom during the voyage?
red is for love-white for purity
& green for hope.

If you think it too silly, keep
them yourselves, please.
[An old sea captain friend of
mine, who rescued two of our
Nurses from a total wreck on
their way home across the Atlantic,
always took with him roses,
which kept fresh in a glass of
water with salt, all thro' the voyage.]

Ah laugh at me--a laugh
does good

God speed him & you all
Give my love to Mama &
Flossie

Aunt Florence

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mimeo "Reach Into Things Past - Tracking Down One of Miss Nightingale's Correspondents" re 6 letters to Miss Catherine Marsh, delivered at Nursing Archive Associates, Annual Meeting March 1972, published as "Letters to a Friend" in Nursing Times, 8 Nov 1973 {LU: no not have paper copy}

3/5/I 2a

mimeo of Abstract of Research Project, by Lois A. Monteiro, 2f
October 31, 1972 re: Response in Anger, An Unsent Letter to the Editor

3/5/I 2b

mimeo typescript of Response in Anger, An Unsent Letter to the Editor, 6ff

{some excerpts for the above article were taken from F.N.'s notes below, from undated, incomplete notes:}
incomplete notes, 3ff, pencil

That Nursing is an Art -

That training is necessary for this as for any other
Art

That there is no evidence that a "lady" acquires
this art with less training than any other woman
or than with less training than is needed for any
other Art.

That to restrict pay or the class of the labourers
is to act on the same arbitrary principle as a
Trades Union

That the true test of being able to serve God in this art
is not to be able to serve Him in it without pay
but to take the training which will command the
highest pay -

That this training should be offered accessible to all women
of any class, or any sect or church - without exception

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That the class from which Head Nurses as well as
superintendents are taken can no more be
restricted than the class from which any other
Artist is taken -

Will you say, all sculptors shall be taken from the
"lower middle class" -

That the difficulty at present is, not in offering
it as a profession to ladies, lest there should
not be sufficient ~~career~~ places for them - but in
finding sufficient persons to fill the places

That India & the Colonies, as well as Great Britain
are crying out for them - & that an immense field

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for nursing the sick poor at home, as well
as for Hospitals & Workhouse Infirmaries,
is gradually opening, which it will be
a work of scores of years to stock with
competent trained persons ~~serving for pay~~,
volunteering to serve God in his poor & sick for pay - whether
"ladies" or others

That, to serve according to *mercantile* principles
from the *religious* motive [I thank thee, Jew for
teaching me that word] is the highest service

3

[4]

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the service most according with the purpose
of God of which we are capable

sick street

expression

poor Jew brother rich &

poor Xtian offence " X

average

Governesses salaries consult of newspaper

Governesses' Institutes

from £20 to £50

Governess (superior) advertises for £50

If Sir it be an exception that ladies undertake education
without taste or talent for it, without any other

"call" or "qualification but that of poverty,

my experience lies among the exceptions - If the £50

salary be an exceptionally low salary for a Governess, my

experience lies about the exceptions -

Miss Garrett a Trades Union

restricting wages, work, classes -

3/6 xerox copy, 2ff, typewritten

24 March 1978 re: W. Michael Brooke-Taylor to Miss Palmer concerning
newly discovered box of Nightingale manuscripts and relics

3/6 list, 1f, typewritten

4 March 1978 re: forced open contents of unmarked, locked box found at
Town Hall Chambers Blackwell, Derbyshire with F.N.'s items

3/7 xerox copy of book, Florence Nightingale, A Contribution to the
Sanitary History of the British Army during the late war with Russia,
London, J.W. Parker, 1859 {LU: no not have printed copy}

3/8 six photographs, (1) St. Thomas' Hospital - View across the river, (2) the Chapel at St. Thomas' Hospital, (3) Nightingale Home - St. Thomas' Hospital, (4) Nightingale Home Garden - St. Thomas' Hospital, (5) Florence Nightingale's Carriage, (6) Houses of Parliament - Westminster {LU: do not have copies}

3/Boxes 4 & 5 Photocopies of original letters in Boxes 1 & 2 and some transcripts of letters [not complete] {LU: do not have copies}

Box 3 Envelope 1 has a 100+ report of FN: Subsidiary Notes as to the Introduction of Female Nursing into Military Hospitals in Peace and in War. London: Harrison 1858. {MG: we don't have a copy of this report}

3/9/2 typewritten copy transcribed from catalogue, 1f

Messrs Janson & Cobb

Gentlemen

April 1, 1901

Allow me to enclose the Codicil which I wish added to my Will.

Would you kindly draw it out for me.

I could see any one to [] at 5 o'clock to sign it.

If it should be on Wednesday or Thursday, I could see him at 3 o'clock

Would it possible for you to let me know?

Yours Faithfully,

Florence Nightingale

3/9/2 signed letter, 1f, pencil

April 19/1901

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

Messrs Jenson & Cobb

Gentlemen

Allow me to enclose a

Cheque for £200

(Two hundred Pounds)

towards the Four Hundred

(£400) you so kindly lent

me.

Pray let me thank you
for your continued kindness.

I received copies of Will &
Codicil quite safe this morning.

Thanking you for the same

I remain yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

WALTHAM TRAINING SCHOOL for NURSES COLLECTION

Waltham Training School for Nurses, unnumbered, letter typed in Notes on Nursing, 1f, pen

Sept 29/69

[12:183]

Madam

In reply to your letter,
I have requested Mrs.
Wardroper, our Training
Matron at St. Thomas',
to send you a Form of
Application (to be filled
up & returned to her-)
to supply you with the
Rules - & to let you know
whether she has at present
a vacancy.

It will be necessary to
have a personal interview
with her before being
Miss Tresidder

admitted as a candidate

I trust that you may
succeed in what you
desire -

Excuse pencil - from press
of work & failing strength -
& pray believe me

Madam

ever your faithful servt-

Florence Nightingale

I send a copy of my little
"Notes on Nursing" - of
which I beg your kind
acceptance

At Appendix p. 112 you
will find a very brief
sketch of the Training-School

[end 12:183]

WALTHAM TRAINING SCHOOL for NURSES COLLECTION Pkg #1 2/V/A
transcription from copy of framed letter, 1f, typewritten
[catalogued: 1895]

May 5/95 [13:517]

Dear Sir

May I thank you for your kind letter?

May I recommend you see Miss Crossland, "Home" Sister -- that is Mistress of Probationers-at St Thomas' Hospital. She has been with us 20 years, & would tell you more than any one else about our system of training Nurses. Please to make an appointment with her, if you wish to see her, & use my name.

If you should still wish to see me on business, that is to give or to received information on any point, I will try some afternoon

gladly to see you. But your kindness will, I am sure, excuse me for saying that I am always under the severe pressure of work & illness & have to see persons with long-standing claims upon me. Still I would make time if you have business with me. I have long cease to know what leisure is.

I thank you for your kindness in sending me your books, from which I have no doubt I shall receive much knowledge as from your conversation

Pray excuse pencil.

Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

I will write to Miss Crossland asking her to make an appointment with you if you desire it.

[end]

F.N.

Alfred Worcester Esq

M D

WALTHAM TRAINING SCHOOL for NURSES COLLECTION Pkg #1 2/V/A transcription from copy of framed letter, 1f, typewritten, corrected by Anna Louise Penner

London Dec 23/96 [13:522-23]

Dear Nurses

God bless you every one. And what does His blessing mean to us nurses Does it not mean that, as Nursing has to do with the body, which is the "temple" of the Holy Spirit-has to do with life and death, (not with books)-all our work in it must "begin, continue & end" in Him.

A good nurse must be a good woman.

A good woman is one who gives the *best of a woman*--intellectual, moral, practical, to her Patients--under the orders of a Doctor. not a Literary woman. More than one Doctor has said to me of a Nurse: "She knows as many words as I do: but she does not know how to make a Patient comfortable"

Books may do much--Classes more--Clinical Classes especially. You can learn much out of Lectures-as to the reason of what you are doing-- why you do this & not that-- But a Nurse is not a Lecturer. You may know all that & your Patients not be the better of you.

2. Let us never consider ourselves as finished Nurses. It takes 5 years to make a good Ward "Sister" (Head Nurse). We must be learning all our lives.

3. Besides, every year we know more of the great secrets of Nursing-- Also one conundrum has superceded another-- "Gentlemen," said a Professor of St. Thomas' Hospital, now dead, to his students, "Disinfectants are of the utmost importance-- they make such an abominable 'stink' as to compel you to open the window"

The A-Septic has superceded much. A great Doctor, a friend of mine, said: "Call it germs, bacillus or dirt, what you will-- the treatment is the same" i.e. cleanliness. The a-septic means absolute cleanliness.

4. Let us not treat Nursing as a sacrifice but as the great delight of life.

5. Would you offer less than a perfect Nursing to God?

6. Let us make Nursing less a matter of business & more of a calling

It is a noble calling, but we must *make* it so.

Do you agree that this is what His blessing means to us Nurses?

F.N.

Your beloved & admirable Superintendent asked me to write to you.

May we all take example by her!

F.N. [end 13:523]

5/18/1 RP signed letter, 3ff, pencil

June 11/85

My dear Arthur

I do think it very good
& very 'necessary' of you to go
to Lea Hurst -

But I am thinking of the
ways & means.

Of course the first thing
is to find out whether Mr
Wildgoose will be at home

The next: if you could
but have slept in Saturday
night *on the spot* - but I
am racking my brains where
you could put up comfortably

at Lea or Holloway- &
can think of no place.

As you say, I am afraid
R.W. would think it
"immoral" if you were to come
over by Rail from Derby
on *Sunday* morning - or
even drive over from Matlock, where
you could put up at the
"Old Bath" Hotel, where
Mr. Wass, one of the School
Managers, lives -

And where will you
lunch?

Mr. Wildgoose is 'service'-ing
all Sunday -

Could you go down to

Derby on Sunday - &
see him, going over from
Derby by Rail, & ordering
a waggonette to meet you at
Whatstandwell, on *Monday*
- of course making an
appointment with him?

Yeomans could give you
luncheon -

The plan of you appearing
to be in the neighbourhood

~~on~~ is the only plan

Could I see you
to morrow (Friday)
afternoon? I would
put off my other
appointment -

I do not understand
whether you can give us
till Tuesday at Lea ~~Hurs~~
ever your aff
Aunt Florence

5/18/2 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St
June 13/85

My dear Arthur

The enclosed was Mr-
Airy's address last *Christmas* -
[I have not heard since]-

Good speed attend you!
It is very good of you to go.
But I think your Mission
is important- to us
supremely so.

If you have a Waggonette
from Whatstandwell to Mr.
Wildgoose's, (which perhaps
I was wrong to suggest) do

[7:701]

make the "Cab Proprietor"
give you a closed vehicle
to return from Lea to Matlock
The Hills are cold & the
valleys are damp after
London at the end
of a hot day -
Good speed
Au revoir
ever your affte
Aunt Florence

I return Wildgoose's letter.
I hope you have heard from
him- to day- & from
Mr. Butler too.

Yeomans would give you
luncheon on Sunday, if you
could let him know-
But if Wildgoose does not
ask you, I would suggest
that you abide at Matlock
in the morning, if so it
pleases you - lunch there-
& go up our hills in the
afternoon. [You are then
supposed to have done your
religious duties.] returning, I

hope, to the "Old Bath" for
'vittles' at dinner- Every
body is at chapel in the
evening (or used to be) at
Holloway-
But you will see how the
land lies when you talk
to them- & much better
than I do. Pardon a fidget **[end 7:701]**

With your leave, I keep
Mr. Donne's letter for
refreshment till I see
you -

F.N.

5/18/3 signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil RP

Please, an answer

July 22/85

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

My dear Arthur

You may be sure that I have
thought again & again over
what you & I ~~have~~ were
talking about. viz. your
change of air - where to?
with whom? &c -

One cannot think that
the trip to Switzerland or
anywhere abroad, done as
you would do it, for a short
time would do good but
the contrary. And the
same with a yachting trip to
the Mediterranean or a voyage
to America- for a bad sailor

nothing can make one believe
that it is a Hygienic measure

You were speaking about
Sam. He is due at Embley
(probably with his father) in
September; when he adjourns
to Winchester for the Militia
training- He leaves Embley now
when Embley is vacated -
Stays, I believe, a little in
London with his father- [&
then follows his mother to
Arran - but you know they
are uncertain].

I should think he was available
for a trip to Cornwall, as you
proposed, or elsewhere, with
you, if you liked it, if settled
before he would otherwise ~~goes~~ to Arran -

[This is in reference to the
immediate short trip you
were thinking of taking].

But there is no doubt that
the common sense thing must be
for you to consult an
experienced Doctor what
is the best way for you to
get change of air? And as
you say you have no one in
London who has known you

for long & lately
(? or in Cambridge)
would you not go now x to Sir
Henry Acland at Oxford?
If you like it, I would
gladly give you a letter of
introduction to him, & have
an appointment made?

ever my dear Arthur

yours affly

Aunt Florence

x Sir Hy Acland is going away of
his holiday in August- so there is no
time to lose it you will be so very good
as to go & see him - in making an
appointment- I am busy to-day
tomorrow & Friday, but would gladly see you,
dear Arthur, before I go to Claydon on Tuesday.

5/18/4 signed letter, 1f, pencil RP **[1:557]**

10 South St.

Oct 12/85

My dear Arthur

I am still encompassed
round with 'wild bulls of
'Bashan', & fear I have
not a single day this
week free- Try me again

Thank you for what
you say about Sam - I
am so glad you try to
see him.

ever your affly

Aunt Florence

I had such a nice little

'wild' (not 'bull' but) cow-kin

on Saturday- a young
Irish lady who has
actually undertaken

900 beds of the Belfast
Workho: Infy= without
a single *trained* Nurse -

She told me a great
deal, alas! very
unsatisfactory, of the
enormous Union Schools- But I think these Schools are
And we call ourselves pretty nearly as bad
a civilized people!! every where.

You will have to look to this **[end 1:557]**

5/18/5 signed letter, 1f, pencil RP

So much obliged } July 13/86
for your going to Lea}

My dear Arthur

I particularly want to see
you, please- but hardly
know how to find a
vacant afternoon just now -
How long shall you be in
London? & shall you be
absent on Sundays?

I am afraid till after the middle
of next week I have scarcely
a moment.

Butler, of her School, will
be in London next Saturday.
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday -
(engaged till Saturday afternoon)
Aunt Florence

5/18/6 signed letter, 1f, pencil RP

Dear Arthur

Mr. Butler's address in London
till Saturday night's last
post

46 Stepney Green E

on Monday & Tuesday
133 Belsize Road
Abbey Road
Kilburn
N.W.

Many thanks for your visit.
I hope I did not make you
too late.

ever yours affly
Aunt Florence

July 15/86

5/18/7 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP

10 South St. July 25/86

My dear Arthur
You were so good as to say
you would like to know
the result of my talk with
Butler, of Lea School -

I send you my rough, very
rough notes -

Could you be so kind as
to return them tomorrow,
as I am writing to Aunt
Beatrice about the whole
concern- & must send her
these -

I believe that half
Grace Dexter's inefficiency
is owing to her having had no
guidance- to her intense
interests in things--to this reading
of Liberal speeches by the
midnight oil- [If ~~it~~ they were
Tory, of course it would be
worse!!] And no one to
give her system & a rule
of life!

If our Probationer Nurses
were left in this way, the
better & richer the soil, the

worse they would be. A
thousand thanks for you interest.

2. Could you be so good as
to tell me whether any
way has been made to
a List of the Sanitary &
Domestic Economy Text-books
used in Primary & Secondary
Schools & Training Colleges
- & also a list of such Sanitary
books as Teachers use to
help themselves in addition
to the Text-books used by
the girls

You were so very kind as
to say you would get me
these for Lady Dufferin's
Scheme

Thank you very much -
hastily but ever
your affecte
Aunt Florence

How are you?
did you see Butler?

5/18/8 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP 6725

10 South St. Aug 23/86
My dear Arthur

I cannot thank you enough [10:752]
for the books you have sent
me, all of which are now on
their way out to Lady Dufferin

[Please send me ~~in~~ your
Bill - not for the kind trouble
you have taken- that I cannot
repay- but for the books]

But My lady is head strong
& Irish- & expect every thing
to come by telegraph- She writes

to me that she has referred
the matter (of the "Manual"
for the "European Girls' Schools")
to the "Home Office"- I presume
the *Indian* "H.O." - that they
have authorized & desired
her to get many copies of each of & all the books
from England, & to offer
a "prize" for the best
compilation- a thing which
has failed in India as
often as it has been tried.

She sends me a List of
subjects, arranged by herself,

& desires me to send her the best books on them. I shall send her a great quantity of the National Ladies' Association Sanitary tracts- But I am afraid the thing is doomed if it is to be done by prizes. She says the thing is now "in the hands of the Govt=: the Inspectors of Schools have taken it up": & this is good. ~~"But~~ she is "to push it on".

The letter is a long one -
And I will not further discuss it I shall

send as many books as I can by next Friday's mail. [end 10:752]

ever, dear Arthur,
with very many thanks
your affte-

Aunt Florence

Do not hurry yourself- But anything that you could send me by next Friday would go by that mail -

I am afraid the Friday after I may not be in London -

5/18/9 signed letter, 2f, pencil RP

10 South St March 4/87
My dear Arthur

A thousand thanks for what you have done so kindly- I immediately, on receiving yours this morning, sent a letter by hand to Dr. Watt,

6 Charleville Road
West Kensington

S. W-

explaining - & urging him to keep or to make an appointment with Mr.

Arnold Forster- at Cassell's
when lo! my Irish-Indian
had rushed off to Scotland
to bid adieu to parents
- his wife's, I believe-
But, she writes to me that
he will be back to-day
or "some time tomorrow"
"about 9 or perhaps not
"till the afternoon" -
But "he *must* be back
"sometime tomorrow"
as people are going to
give him a farewell "dinner"
"on Saturday evening".

She hopes some other
"arrangement" may be made
with Mr. Arnold Forster-
but letters keep coming in
with "appointments" for Dr.
Watt, she says, "before Tuesday".

Dr. Watt will write, she
says, to me -

Pray crown your goodness
with keeping Mr. Arnold
Forster in good humour for
Dr Watt -

But how a gentleman with
"40000 specimens" to sort
& take with him, as he
told me, & "2 men & one young
"lady working at them under"
him, can find time for these even
short rail-way sprees to
Scotland I cannot tell

With very many thanks -
believe be ever affly yours
Aunt Florence

5/18/10 incomplete letter, 2ff, pencil RP 6725

10 South St March 7/87 **[13:53]**

My dear Arthur

I have been making enquiries in hopes of being useful to your 'née Alsop' at Embley, & am sorry that I can give you so little definite an answer -

I find that thy mother did ask Hy Bonham Carter some months ago about training for Mrs. 'née A.', hoping perhaps that she might be taken for a short training into St. Thomas'-Hy B.C. sent her the terms

of admission to Barthow's=, Guy's & the London - We have, I am sorry, no data upon which to form an opinion as to whether "private Nursing" as a profession is "overstocked"-

It depends upon Doctor's connection, we suppose; & Doctors would be the best advisers on the question.

Does Romsey as a centre afford any prospect of sufficient employment for a Nurse for the well-to-do?

Has she asked the Doctors
there? If no result
might she not enquire of
the Matron of Winchester
Hospl=, as to training there:
also: what demand there is
for their Nurses for "private"
Nursing; as we believe that
Hospital sends out Nurses.

Would the Doctors consider
any thing less than 12 months'
training sufficient to enable
them to recommend a
Nurse to their Patients?

[F.N. is afraid they *would*.
But it *isn't*.]

2. We should think that
the candidates for
"Matronships" of small
Hospls= ~~were~~ *are numerous*.

3. We think she might
have a better chance at
Romsey, if there were
scope for private Nursing,
than elsewhere as a
stranger -

N.B. A "Doctor's widow"
would command some
interest with the Profession

[end]

5/19/11 signed letter, 4ff, pen & pencil RP

May 25/88

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

My dear Arthur

Thank you so much for seeing
Butler, for your kind note, &
for coming yesterday.

Yes: I am afraid I do
think it "bad news". And I
am afraid Aunt Beatrice
will too.

You see Butler knows that
he had the post from her.
And we should always
have had a sort of moral
hold upon *him* -

Now that she has ceased
to be a Treasurer- which
is really a blow- we shall

not have the same choice of {'of' overtop if}

the new man - & we shall
have scarcely any hook to
hang a hold upon -

Messrs. Wildgoose & Yeomans
are both such busy men
that we shall not get much
correspondence out of them
now-

But we depend upon you -

You are our sheet anchor.

You have the official {large '?' in middle of paragraph}

authority- And you will
steer the new Board -

Yes: by all means "Mr. Airy,"

as you propose -

But you have of course

consulted Aunt Beatrice-

And would you & she
think it worth while to
see after the Assistant
Schoolmaster, somewhere
at Shepherd's Bush?, whom
she went to see, & both
she & I liked so much 4 years ago,-
tho' we decided for Butler,-
something against our
instincts, I think?

Without our dependence
upon you, I should feel
rather as if Lea ~~Hurst~~ School
were drifting away from
Aunt Beatrice & me -

From me is of much
less consequence- but I
don't see, tho' I would
gladly do it, how I could
hang myself as any acquaintance
on the new man -
& especially as regards
the 'Institute', the heel
of which I could always
bite thro' the Secretaryship
of the last two School Masters -
& thro' Butler's extraordinary
Reports. ["the language is
"very beautiful", as Uncle
Shore says]-

But I am ~~much~~ obliged
to 'motives' my thinking it

[2]

"bad news", not that I
want to make a rebellion!

On the contrary- All our
dependence is on you -

Can you come & see me
some afternoon next
week? & will you fix
one?

I have hardly been out of
my room yet- I was so
sorry not to see you yesterday
But I had some one with
me about the Gordon Boys'
Home, for which we are
finding a Matron -

I trust you will pursue
your most appropriate tricycling
exercises at Embley.

I have been asked by an
Aldershot General, who is
instituting physical
exercises, to talk to
you about the same
in Board Schools in
London- I meant
to have done this 3 months
ago-

Au revoir, dear Arthur,
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

I am glad you are
going to Oxford

5/19/12 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP

10 South St June 4/88 **[[16:484]]**
Monday

My dear Arthur

Dr. Shore Smith is
coming *to-day* to dinner at
7.30 - & hopes to find you
here to keep him company

Pray come -

If you can come *before* the
time & impart to me
of your plenty about

School-masters &c, I
believe I shall be at liberty,
& if so at liberty to be very
glad to see you.

If you cannot dine
to-day, pray say *when*
you can: & if that eminent
Doctor can be spared
from his practice, he will
come & meet you -

How is Granny?
I believe Sam will go down
to Embley on Friday, if
possible.

Don't vilify my character [hosp]
by saying that I would have
recommended poor Mrs. Axton
for Gordon Boys' Home Matron.

The woman I have recommended
was trained by us at St-
Thomas', has served 10 years
in our work in different
posts. I have taken
her character "confidentially"
from her authorities. I have
talked with her for 4 hours-
written for 5 or 6 hours more
about her to the Gordon Boys'
authorities, making conditions
& otherwise- & besides had
plans & criticized them of their
little Hospital. And with all

feel by no means confident -

That is the worst of it.

ever dear Arthur

your affte

Aunt Florence

[end]

5/19/13 {LU: includes last folio wh: need to check if still part of letter,
unable to locate paper copy 28.08.02 to check} RP

signed letter, 5ff, pencil

10 South St July 10/88

Lea School

My dear Arthur

I wrote to Mr. Wildgoose
on Friday & had his answer
to- day which I enclose-

I do not know exactly what
to think of it- It is not
strange that Butler has not
told either him or you that
he has got his Assistant
Master ship, if he *has* got it?
- you who got it for him- I am
sorry if I were the first to tell
Mr. Wildgoose _ But I wrote
to him as it *if* were a fact
he already knew by formal notice

I am glad that Mr. Wildgoose
is sorry that Butler is going -
& thinks he has done good
work besides the School.

Then with regard to not
wishing for a matter from
London, does he mean that
he does not wish *us* to look
out? or does he mean that
we are not to look out *in*
London?

When Aunt Beatrice (and I)
reviewed School Masters before,
two only, I *think*, were London=
made: one was from Penzance,
whom I liked very much: but

a man whom we did send
down, *not* London-made, I think,
did not make up his mind to
refuse the School, till after the
Penzance man had accepted a
post abroad. A fifth was
a Bradford man - a dreadful
engine- [The two London-made
were Butler & Norris.]
But you see we have to
wait for our "commission"
from the Board.
We don't know whether
"publican" will let us do it or
not. That is rather humiliating.

2 I have bad news from Mr.
Yeomans: he is unaffectedly
sorry that Mr. Wildgoose is
leaving: he says now In answer to my question: "I am
"afraid Mr. Wildgoose will
"not be able to continue on
"the School Board, ~~but if~~
"as he will not be a
"rate payer in the District {added vert. in left marg:} he need not be
"of the School- board, but if
"he can remain on, I shall
"only be too glad"-
My dear, what shall we do
with the publican - & Yeomans
always away on Surveying
business?
Then he speaks about Butler leaving

[2] [this part in RP]
the school, & adds: "my feeling
"is that we must have
"an *efficient* master if the
"salary is more than some of
"the Board think it should be".

That sounds ominous.

3. I am {'am' overtop did} glad at least that
Mr. Wildgoose is not going
for "a year hence".

I understood from you that Butler
"appeared before the Chelsea
"Managers" last Monday week
or to-day (Tuesday) last week
- not "Friday"

As for my "kind offer", I
said what you were so good
as to allow me to say about
your looking out - I deplored

"Mrs. G. Lushington" being at
Stokke - & I then said
I would look too, if he wished
it, *at those you selected*
before they were "submitted to
"the Board"- With great
servility & civility, I "*implied*"
that he "& publican" were
not to look out for themselves -
as you bade me.

But,
my dear Arthur, Aunt Beatrice
must see these men - I have
no discrimination - All I can do

is to take my cue from her,
& you, make them talk, &
then *report* to her & you

[I am glad if the Crich
Master has produced
"remarkable results"- For
Crich is a most wicked place.]
The Lea & Holloway people go &
drink at Crich, in order to sin
unseen

ever your affecte Aunt Florence
When will you & Sam come &
dine again? & we have a
talk?
and our Botany?

Can you recommend me books

for "a reference Library" for
"cooperators" which is going
to be started in London - &
lists of books to begin with are
being prepared- ~~one~~ chiefly on
"Political Economy", "social
questions" & "contemporary
"history & Govt=" &c &c "likely
to be useful to working men &
women".

They ask me particularly for
books on "India"}
& the Colonies} & "domestic
"matters &c &c - "likely to be
useful to w.m. & wo"men" -

I should be very grateful for
your help in a List -

F.N.

You never told me what you had spent for me

{text vert. on page} [RP]

I think I did not say how good an account

Burton gave of his Night School -

[We *had* a Night School at Holloway once which fell thro'

mainly I think on account of the Schoolmaster~~s~~
not making it interesting or attractive to boys
of that advanced age - & being altogether lax about it.]

Burton is almost enthusiastically devoted to his Night
School.

I think I would mention this to Wildgoose- (What say
you?) under heading 'Burton'

[N.B. Wildgoose's tendency has always been
toward making the "Institute" an *Educational* not amusing

{text vert. on page}

Institute- & he scoffs at refreshments {overtop an illeg} always

-*neither*, for any other reason that I know
except that he is not so vicious as I -
or so acquainted with viciousness as I.

I think Holloway wants refreshments & music & concert amusement *not*
Lectures -

I like your letter very much - my dear
Arthur- & think you leave loophole
enough for the other paragon

Do you think so? What do you
expect the *result* to be?

P.5 2nd Para:

Will Wildgoose resent being called
a "very rough" place?

{MG/LU: This might be at end of 5/19/13 - a 2nd p.2?}

[2]

I wish that Mr. Butler had
as a friend given us
notice of what was coming -
No doubt Mr. Wildgoose
has written to Aunt Beatrice
[I have heard only *this*.]
I would now, and gladly,
if her teaching is not
condemned, give say a
half year's salary to keep
her- But of course I must
not go against the Managers'
wishes.

Please give my love to Aunt

Beatrice & tell her why
I do not write to-day-
And please let somebody
be so good as to write
to me at 10 South St. &
say what I am to say
to G.D-

O ill-omened day!

F.N.

5/19/14 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP

10 South St July 17/88

My dear Arthur

Good speed to your efforts
in our cause: we are so very
grateful to you- And so are
Lea & Holloway: only perhaps
they do not know it- But
they will some day.

I send you Butler's last
letter, but only because you
asked for it. And it is
more genial than any I
ever had from him- Please
to return it -

Aunt Beatrice *will* come up

to see the result of your
harvest, my sower & reaper,
provided it is not between
the 25th? & 31st. [She has
told you when.] I am so glad
& relieved -

[I am involved in India
matters, owing to the great
change- which is the
reason I did not write
yesterday-]

You will let me know
when you come back- If
possible to you, I should
like to see you again before
~~you~~ we pass the awful review

of your recruits- You are
the best Recruiting Officer {'Officer' overtop an illeg}
I know -
I hope you found Grannie
comfortable: did you
thank Flossie for her note
to me? And I hope
~~you~~ Eton beat the "curate" & West
Wellow -
 in great haste
 ever your affte
 Aunt Florence
You never told me what you
paid for some books you
kindly got for me - The

Faunthorpes I sent, O
unbeliever, to Lady
Dufferin *more than*
two years ago with
a legion of others- But
 I am now trying to send to
her advanced Medical
books for her Libraries
before she leaves- If I
have ever "pointed a finger"
at her, 'me ne pento'
 'me ne pento,'
as the Neapolitan
Pulcinello says -
She has a great deal of
good 'go'- F.N.

5/19/15 {LU: includes last 2 folios wh: need to check if still part of letter,
unable to locate paper copy 28.08.02 to check} RP

signed letter, 4ff, pen

July 19/88

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

My dear & valiant General of Recruits

I think you have done wonders-
- I telegraphed to you this morning,
as you desired - - that I would
keep Monday afternoon free to
see your Sheffield man at any
time you liked, hoping that
Aunt Beatrice could find it
convenient to see him first-
And I hope that *I* may see
you first. It is very good to you to
take him in

With regard to your letter:

I quite agree with you "to give
"them, the Board, the two best to choose
"from"- & that "Aunt Beatrice" &
I "should see the three or four
"best". I don't think I can
manage more than one or at
most two a day. (Or I shall

be like Sidney Smith with
his confusion between the
'39 Nurses' & '9 Articles'.)

I think I ought to take all or
at least a large part of
their expences. I wish I
could take them in here - but
I can't.

I am sure you were wise to
leave the "religious point"
alone. But do you not think
that "the Board", tho' as a "Board"
it may not ask questions,
will find out through some of its
members at least what
our candidate's opinions are
& may accept or reject
accordingly.

I don't exactly know what
Butler has been at just now
to make a "kicking" desirable-
But as you felt the inclination
I am sure he deserved it, &
regret he did not get it.
I hope we shall not find that,
when Wildgoose is gone, &
Yeomans absent, the Board
require "kicking" all round.

Poor Bratby would be in
the 7th heaven to have you
at tea -

I am myself on my way to
Hanwell, chiefly owing to
Gordon Boys' Home Committee
& others. But I hope Schools
will not send you there yet,
as you prophecy, hard as you
work for us.

Will you come & dine here
on *Saturday* with Dr. Sam? {'Dr' overtop an illeg}
But perhaps I may see you
tomorrow (Friday) too.
ever your affecte
Aunt Florence
I will ~~send~~ return Wildgoose's nice
letter to *Onslow Houses*,
for fear this should not
reach you

{MG/LU: need to check, these folios we feel do not belong to this letter:}
{black-edged paper} 5/19

I think Burton was
honestly & anxiously trying
to rise above grant,
grant, grant, & do
something better. And
I want to help him
before he is degraded.
N.B. The Sims grant is an
actively demoralizing
process - substituting
facts & dates- that is
of course fictitious facts
& dates; - for the
'spirit & the truth'- that
is a raising influence

I do not like bothering
you just before you go
to America- & when you
are so much wanted at
home.

But if you could write
fixing an appointment without
inconvenience to yourself
to see me we might
settle something- If not,
let it stand over till you
come back-

I should be more at
liberty after 20th or 21st=
But you would I suppose
be gone.

My best love to those
at home- I hope that
are able to take pleasure
in life- I was so very
grateful for your mother{'s} {word goes off the page}
letter-

ever your affte
Aunt Florence

5/19/16 signed letter, 2ff pencil RP

10 South St July 23/88

|Burton|s|

My dear Arthur

I send you some notes
which please bring with you
this evening -

Very much I think both B.s
are to be liked -

We will have a little
dinner for you ready at 7.30
or 8, unless we hear to the
contrary -

About Wildgoose &
Churchmanship: they, the
Board, *must* find it out
viz- that Burton is a
Churchman, tho' moderate

& Mrs. Burton is more

Church-y than he -
as soon as ever he is
established, if appointed,
at Lea - And they *might*
then turn nasty -

{next 2 lines overflow into next folio:}

One rather dreads the concealment *and* the disclosure: *this* way.

We will talk it over - What do you say?

I send you Marsh's
nice letter- Please
bring it with you too.
ever your affte
Aunt Florence

I cannot write any more
notes of what Burton said,
now. But I have *illegible*
notes of my own- from which
I will write something more
if you want to report to Aunt
Beatrice & Grannie - How is
she?

5/19/17 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

11/6

My dear Arthur

I think the plan is
as you say to catch
Butler on the *Saturday*
even if "late"- for a talk-
just to see Wildgoose
on the *Saturday*
& sleep at Matlock-
I don't think it will then
look half as bad ~~for~~
(in their eyes) for you
to come over on Sunday
to see Wildgoose leisurely
if he will make an appointment

& Butler too- It is
not at all "out of the
"question to ask to see
"Mr W- on Sunday" -
If he makes you think
it is impossible for
him, then oh then could
you give him Monday
morning?

Of course ~~he~~ all must
depend on his making
appointments with you
& being at home

Yes, tomorrow (Friday)
please, at 5 -

F.N.

~~Tomor~~ Will you not
ask Wildgoose to
telegraph to you
tomorrow -

& let me telegraph,
after I have seen you,
for rooms at the
Old Bath on Saturday
night?

There are Excursionist{s}
at this season

11/6 [RP]

There will be a difficulty
of course about seeing
Mr. Butler on Monday-
You can only see *him* at
his dinner hour or *after*
school hours- on Monday,
unless you were to see
him on Saturday afternoon.
Otherwise it must be Sunday
for him
Could you go down on
SATURDAY morning, seeing
him & perhaps Mr
Wildgoose on Saturday
afternoon - always

supposing you can make
an appointment with
Mr. Wildgoose -
sleeping at the "Old Bath"
Matlock, on Saturday
night?

And I must think
about the luncheon

5/20/18 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

10 South St. Jan 24/89
Dearest Arthur

You were so good as
to call here yesterday-
But Aunt Louise was
with me - { 'me' overtop gone }

I want very much to
see you-

If you are not going to
Embley on Friday to morrow would
you come & dine here-
[& come *before* dinner) &
make Sam come too-

[Barbarina has measles,
as I dare say you know.
So, I think, he goes to the

Flat principally as Dr-]
I am afraid Tuesday was a
sadly trying day to all-
But how can I ever
believe that you "left"
HER in the grave? Your
Father used to say: 'Death
'is only going into the
'next room'-
I will not even say:
Requiescat in pace - Rather
resign "that earthly load
"Of death called life which
us from life doth sever'
Your loving Aunt Florence

How is your mother
& the girls? "Poor
young ones" -- 'scarce know how
'to bear it'- It is 'O an
'insupportable & touching loss'-

5/20/19 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper} RP [1:557]

Feb 24/89
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Arthur

Thanks very much for the
two pictures of youth & age,
so lovely- I have several
precious things to return to you

Grannie, I believe, went
on writing every morning
till within the last two years_
No doubt Mama has these
sheets. Will you not look
at them? They must tell something
Aunt Florence's deepest
sympathy is with you all.

5/20/20 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP

10 South St March 27/89

My dear Arthur

Very many thanks for what
you have done about Burton
& the specimens- 15/ is the
appropriate 'figure', if not more.
I will take care & extol, as
you bid me-

"Barford" is a National, & not a
(near Warwick) 'Board',

School as you suspected.
10 years at it have succeeded in
depriving my little house maid of
any power of words -

But I suppose this is not worse
than the case of those gentlemen-boys
who come out of a Public School
unable to read English aloud
intelligibly or to do a sum in
 arithmetic.

I gratefully return what
you so kindly left with me-

I should like to see the
Extracts again some time, if I
may- I have had no time to
copy them -

Success to your America!

Will you thank the mother
very much for her most
kind note?

Aunt Florence

5/20/21 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP

10 South St Aug 17/89

Dearest Arthur

No sooner were you gone
than I received a
(6 sheet) answer from Burton
at Lea School to my long
letter- a very good answer
indeed, I think, because it
agrees with you -

I do not like to send
it to you *to-day*, unless
you wish it- but next
week_ [I always think
of Granny's seeing these
letters.] I am sorry to say

there has been a drunken
brawl- O for a Resident
Gentleman magistrate there!
[I never remember such things]
Burton wants his Fossil
collection completed - (& he
deserves it)- the one you
kindly ordered. Will you
kindly manage this when
I see you?

Are you so good as to get
information for my General
about the best methods of
Adult Boys' Night Schools?
I have got some-

As to my telegraphing as
you proposed, I think it now
would be hardly judgmatical.
- As you said, there will be
plenty of time in September-
But if I have news ~~this~~
~~morning~~ *to-day* (I have none)

yet

I will send it to you-? At
the Council Office

ever yours Aunt Florence

5/20/22 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP

Oct. 17/89

My dear Arthur

I was so very glad to
see you & hope to see you
again next week to talk
over many things -

This was not one of
them about which it now
occurs to me to consult you-

You spoke to me once about
Herbert Crooks, son of old Crooks,
of Lea Hurst, whom I sent 10
or 12 years ago, as "improver"
to Clumber Gardens- Thence
he went to other Gardens - including

Ld Powys'- has now been 3
years at one in Nottinghamshire
which he left last week because
wages not high enough. He
wishes to emigrate to "Australia"
"or New Zealand - not, it appears,
because any friend there tells him
of an opening, but because
"friends" here (permiscuous)
tell him there is a demand for
"Gardeners" & "Agricultural
"Labourers" there -
And he asks me for advice.

But I have none to give-
I asked Uncle Shore who
discouraged the plan, but said

he would enquire-

Could you advise? Do not take trouble, unless you know about those parts -

I could not be responsible for him x, (tho' I have always kept up some intercourse with him & never heard any but good of him) Therefore I could not give or ask for letters of introduction for him to great people out there - or to little ones.

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

x Nor could I ask his several masters for characters of him and they would be only perfunctory -

5/20/23 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper} RP [1:560]

Aug 5/90

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

I shan't send you Burton's letter, my dear Arthur, if you call him a 'prig'-
He is a pedant. So am I.
But a prig is one who cannot believe in any thing above his own level -

Uncle shore who is severe says that, tho' a "schoolmaster all over", he (Barton) knows well how to tackle the flimsy smart young ladies, & that there is an *excellent* tone even between these & him.

You see Fanny Burton is at *Southlands*- My books

are gone to *White* lands

I am afraid they are
not one & the same ?
What shall I do?

Return me Mr. Burton
with your hints.

I go to Claydon tomorrow
Come too.

Louis goes as the
guardian of youth with
two Siamese prince lings
to Scotland for a month
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

5/20/24 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged paper RP 6725

Jan 12/94
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

My very dear Arthur

It will be a great privilege
to me to see your
"particular friend",-- tho'
it is rather a nervous
thing to see him without
knowing his name,- who
"is going out to India as
"Secretary (*Private* Secretary?)
"to Lord Elgin".

I could see him on
Sunday, Monday or Tuesday
if at 5.15, if he would
kindly let me know
which, if any, would be
convenient to him, as

soon as possible, as we
are rather overwhelmed
with work at this time

Would you kindly
telegraph both name
& *time*, & let me pay
the Telegram?

Of course not knowing
his name 'argues myself
'unknown'. But you see
there was such a running
for the post. And I cannot
read the newspapers.
Pardon an old fool.

And please insense

your "particular friend".

("name, name") that
the old woman has had
to keep her room for
nearly a year by her
Doctor's orders, that he
may not be scandalized.

I look forward to seeing
you or the lady of your
& my love soon
ever your affectionate

Aunt Florence

I will telegraph this
evening for your answer
about the welcome "Secretary"

F.N.

5/20/25 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper} RP 6725

Mr. Babington Smith } Jan 29/94
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Arthur I have
had a serious, good & [10:228-29]
as far as it can be, satisfactory
note from Mr. H.B. Smith,
posted at Modane -

This I have no doubt I
owe to you.

You were so good as to say
that you would "report" to
me the result of your interview
ever your loving

Aunt Florence
Mr. Smith & Lord Elgin are
gone out to a Herculean task
with so many new elements
in it.

May they prosper! & take the
great natives in, whom they
cannot do without- [end 10:229]

{archivist notes on back of folio re Babington Smith going to India as Secretary
to Viceroy Lord Elgin}

5/20/26 undated letter, re Mr. Burton, Mr. Grant and family matters {do not have
paper copy}

5/21/1 4ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, Monday evening [June 1885], re: the
likelihood of Butler 'staying', but if he does go, will give at least three
months' notice

5/21/2 1f, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 7 Nov 1885, re: an upcoming dinner, his
plans to arrive a half hour earlier than planned to read books in her dining
room, plans to go to Birmingham and possibly to Lea

5/21/3 5ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 10 July 1888, re: his letter to
Wildgoose and willingness to search for a suitable man in Sheffield, Birmingham,
Leicestershire & Derbyshire

5/22/4 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, Wednesday [June 1889], re: mentions that Sam and himself had too much for dinner, in a sense apologizes for talking 'rather horridly' about what he 'cares for most' for 'fear of running his tongue into sentiment'

5/22/5 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence 31 Oct 1889, re: Mr. Tuckwell and his son, the successful decision to raise funds for his son Maurice to attend College, has been in college since Aug 1888, anxious that he be able to stay til the end of the 'next summer'

{F.N. hand top of first folio:}

{up diag:} Please
return to
F.N.

5/22/6(a) 1f, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, [1885], 4 Onslow Houses SW, re: unable to see her 'this' week, Aunt Beatrice also thinks the Lea School is doing well and the new teacher being a windfall or godsend, has been admiring Board School and thinks Ld Salisbury mistaken in thoughts against them

3ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, Thursday [1885], re: has read 'her little book' and cried over it, the issue of poverty & slums schooling on the whole being good, Butler and his thoughts of his career being 'blasted by a false report', Butler still continuing to feel doubtful about staying

5/22/6(b) 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 10 Feb, 4 Onslow Houses, S.W., re: busy 'trying cases of starving widows and unemployed who fail to send their offspring to school', re other teaching matters

5/22/6(c) 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 27 May, 4 Onslow Houses, S.W., re: Mr Arnold Foster writing to Mr Watt 'that Cassells could not undertake to publish a Botany for Elementary Schools due insufficient number of children to take the subject

5/22/6(d) 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 4 June, re: is to enquire about the London Board Schools, is studying a book Sam has lent him titled 'Maine and Popular Government'

5/22/6(e) 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 11 June, re: plans to go to Midland towns and call on Butler and Wildgoose, wishes to know if she has any special instructions

5/22/6(f) 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 16 June, re: has seen Rosy S.S. that day at the Bonham Carters'

5/22/6(g) 4ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 20 Aug, re: having a nasty taste in his mouth, having problems with the way things were said or where not said, his thoughts re Aunt L and looking at a house, expands on his exquisite ride from Winchester to Romsey

5/22/6(h) 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 21 Aug, 4 Onslow Houses, S.W., re: will be glad to come at 6 to dine but wishes for only two dishes for dinner, has written to Woodlands the night before and has given the invitation

5/22/6(I) 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 9 Sept, 4 Onslow Houses, S.W., re: has ordered her additional geological specimens, refers to Aunt Louisa's unkind message

5/22/6(j) 4ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 14 Nov, Embley, re: Butler doing well and pleases with his inspection, Miss Dexter's capabilities as a teacher, shooting with Sam and Willy

5/22/6(k) 1f, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 13 Queens Gate Gardens, S.W., re: the 'accepting of the Anglican', feels more confident of Butler's success as compared to the Sheffield gentleman or the Birmingham angel

5/22/6(l)1f, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, re: 'how admirable! but what a maddening prig'

5/21 16 January 1888 to FN 1:492

Box 5 mis letter of Arthur Clough, on printed Embley Romsey stationery, Wednesday (16 Jan 1889 arch)

Dear Aunt Florence

I hope it will not last very long now. She lies with her eyes closed, coughing a good deal and finding it difficult to breathe. She has hardly spoken since Monday morning and could scarcely then make herself understood. They think however that she knows people a little when they speak to her, but she hardly opens her eyes.

Mr Taylor says she cannot live through the night. One can only wish that she had been spared the last few days: incessant restlessness and discomfort and choking.

They are all here.

You will have heard that I went off yesterday by an earlier train and so missed your books. They came however by this morning's post, but I am afraid they have now illeg given up reading to her, for the last day or two.

Your aff AHC

miscellaneous

21 April 1888

Private

We are talking about drink. Now, there is a poor man called Adam Prince, whom I have told you about. He is now laid up at home with a bad knee, which he knows and says himself is the result of drink. And his doctor says so too. He is a

quarryman.

Have any of your Institute men tried to get hold of him to win him to be steady and sober--to say he *shall not* be one of the black sheep? Or have they "passed by on the other side," and left him to bad company and ruin and drink? and even said, He shall *not* be one of us.

What kind of "respectability" is this?

Well now, God has given them a chance. He is laid up at his mother's, old Mrs Lydia (Widow) Prince, in Holloway. Can they do nothing for him now?

Box 2 folder 8 non-FN letters

2/2/1 letter of CP Villiers 39 Sloane St 11 July 1860 to J.C. Parkinson re gone to Paris to see relief; re Farnall; I heard from Farnall that you have gone to Paris and I am glad now to hear that you are returned. I shd be glad to hear your impressions respecting the Parisian system of relief. It is not understood here and is in some respects, as in the Telegraph system, misrepresented in Whitehall.... re right to relief; re hospitals, who is to manage them when brought in? I would back a Reform Bill passing before their new hospital bill, unless they are to propose ...

2/2/2 etc. hard to read letters to Parkinson

2/8/8 Villiers from Geneva 29 Sept 1867? Private to Parkinson, re his obliging letter and enclosure on arrival; one letter undated asks if anyone going to do anything about Hardy's Bill, H Verney has given notice of amendments

2/8/14 private 11 September 1886? I have not seen Mr Chadwick's article in Fraser. I judge however from the extract you have referred to in the article you re PL Board

Harvard Houghton i

Harvard Houghton I, microfilm, 1 item added by LM at Harvard

Envelope, 1f, pen

The Revd

F.W. Robertson

60 Montpellier Road

Brighton

incomplete letter, 1ff, pen

[4:446-47]

Protestant Sisters at Kaiserswerth. (Four are come to England.) The upper classes in Germany are gradually joining them - & they have experienced no difficulty from the absence of vows, but quite the contrary. I think there are now above 4000. The Protestant *Diaconesses* in Paris are of too recent foundation to judge by. Our Nursing Sisters in London are only a good system of servants, & do it merely for a maintenance - But the Age of Zeal (of Crusaders & Anchorites) is past - may not the age of Charity be at hand? & the life which crushes us into vanity & deceit, be exchanged for one where the heart shall be purified, so that it shall see God. Should you know of any similar attempt in America to make Protestant Sisters of Charity, I should be most thankful for any information. Our strength faileth us, because of our iniquity, but if God chooses to have it done, he will not want for instruments, he who chose a "barn door fowl to preach penitence to his apostle & admonished his prophet by an ass" [illeg]

We have had two months of incessant gaiety

[2]

from my Aunt, who has been in Rome,
though she thought her & her baby rather
delicate in appearance.

I heard a great deal that was interesting
in London this spring - & we shall probably
return there though I doubt whether my
father's tendencies towards his beloved Lea
Hurst will not embody themselves into a
very short stay & precipitate journey down,
unless Peel comes out with some VERY
astonishing new forgery just in that nick
of time. That worthy, like Pontius Pilate,
fearing a tumult among the people, is
carrying with unprincipled expedients
the {hitherto=by=him=deemed} = expedient
principles of Free Trade at a great rate

But I, who had rather read the London
Directory than the newspaper, am not the
person to come to for any useful information
whatever. Nevertheless, this is a grand
time we live in! I am so glad to be in
this age. I hope we shall all last to see
great discoveries, great increase of know-
ledge about the unexamined laws of the
connexion between Matter & Mind, which,

as Dr. Howe once said, have remained un-
sifted compared with the Laws of Matter.

I heard a great deal from M. Bunsen,
the Prussian minister about the German

Harvard H signed letter, 1f, pen

Memm=

Patrick Ronan gave me

August 18/55

the Sum of £2.0.0

to send to his father (by P.O. Order)

William Ronau

Parish of Borris

Kill Edmund Post Office

Co. Carlow

Ireland

This Sum the father has never
received -

Florence Nightingale

Scutari Feb 10/56

Harvard Houghton i

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{on back of letter in center} Recd - Feb 22

Harvard H signed letter, 2ff, pen

Feb 7/96

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

Dear Mr. Burton

I am delighted by
the prospect of your Annual
Children's performance
lasting for 3 days - For,
besides the great
improvement in regularity
of attendance, it is
such a good thing for
the children to find
amusement under the
eyes of their Master
& parents, instead
of lurking about out
of sight.

As for regularity

nothing can be done
that is of any worth
in any occupation or
pursuit without
regularity.

I send you my
contribution for your
preparations for the
Children's performance
& wish you every
success - You deserve it.

I have written to Mr.
Yeomans to send all
parents & old people
(who would like to go) in

good seats. But perhaps he
would rather put this in
your hands.

The Govt- grants are good to
hear of. And I hope you
will do as you propose
i.e. do something for the best
of the School with that
little sum I sent you
before -

Now comes my annual
Contribution to the
Institute £5.5 for
myself & Mrs. Shore
Nightingale - which from
a mistake has been
long in reaching you -
I believe

you are still its Secretary.

I thank you for your
two excellent articles
in the Teacher's Paper -
And we are all your
debtors for the great
& wise energies you
bestow on the School

God bless you &
them - the children -
yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale
Two Cheques enclosed

Harvard H incomplete text, 1f, pen

Believe me, dear Sir,
Yours truly
Florence Nightingale

Harvard H signed letter, 1f, pen {black edged paper} **[15:471]**

4, Cleveland Row. {printed address:}
S.W.

May 21/68

My dear Capt. Galton

We have got a
good deal written
about your Hospital
Libraries - But we
can't go any further
without a copy of
the Genl= Order, No=
823, dated Horse
Guards, 25 March
1863, regarding
Garrison & Regimental
Libraries.

[end]

Ever yours F Nightingale

Harvard H signed letter, stamped & postmarked, 1f, pen

[8:778]

{at an angle at right} 30 Old Burlington St .
London W.

Feb 26/58

My dear Madame Pertz

I am very glad that you wrote
to me about the poor child, whose
mother, poor soul! - I remember
perfectly well. She died at Harley St,
while I was Supt= there, & I fished
her out of one of the Public Hospitals.
I never told her story to any one else -
I am very much obliged to you
for having cared so well for the poor
child, & enclose £10, of which £2 {paper damage from seal
from my uncle, Mr. Sam Smith,
for the purposes you so kindly propose of
putting the child to Director Ranke's
Real Schule for 2 years.

Pray remember me to Dr. Pertz, if he
has not forgotten me & believe me ever
sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

letter direction:

via Ostend

A Madame

Madame Pertz

Behren Strasse 40

Berlin

Harvard H incomplete signed letter, 2ff, pen {text here sideways transcribed at end of letter} [to Julia Ward Howe] **[6:513]** **[1:720-21]**

Embley May 20

My dearest friend, I have been too busy or too lazy (which is the same thing) to write this last month to explain, that, the Shakespeare Mr. Mills took for me across the Atlantic, is for my little name sake, (you see what wonderful precocity I expect from your offspring) & that the bracelet of my hair which you were gracious enough to ask for, & I ungracious enough to forget, is for you- (You will receive it by another opportunity; it was not finished in time to go by Mr. Mills) It is a very little one: - I considering that there must be small room - upon your arm occupied by souvenirs which have a better claim than mine, - for another, & yet wishing for my own place there, be it ever so small, yet mine & irremoveable, I had the prudence to have a very tiny one made, - on the principle of that wise book, which explains the, to us otherwise unintelligible, "poverty of spirit" by telling us to use this world as not abusing it. Am I too presumptuous?

Dr. Howe's last letter gave me very great pleasure - the book, which he was kind enough to send me, had not arrived when I left London, owing to some delay in Wiley & Patnam's packages, but I shall have it when I return. Meanwhile I have seen & read another copy of it, & like it exceedingly. Has Dr. How seen a curious little Pamphlet by Reichenbach, translated by Dr. Gregory, and à propos to magnetism R. fancies that he has discovered a new Imponderable, & bearing too, as it does, upon Faraday's late discoveries in Electricity & Magnetism, it is very curious. Has Dr. Howe seen it, or may I send it him? The Fowlers have just been staying with us - they are talking of going to Paris, not to see Arago or Cuvier, but the idiots, & to Interlachen, to see the deaf, dumb & blind person there - & especially the Crétins. Nobody has any value now for Dr. Fowler, unless deprived of one sense at least, - & my star would be much more on the ascendant with him than it is, if I were deaf or dumb or blind or all three. The Bracebridges too have just left us, but you will hear all about them

from Mr. Mills. I have three friends, who are to me the apt representatives of the Soul, the Mind & the Heart, the first has one's more entire worship, the second one's more dazzled admiration, the third one's more lively sympathy - the first subdues one, the second bewitches one, the third interests one - but Mrs. B. is all three, the Human Trinity in one, & never do I see her without feeling that she is eyes to the blind, & feet to the lame. Many a plan, which disappointment has thinned off into a phantom in my mind, takes form & shape & fair reality, when touched by her Ithuriel's spear, for there is an Ithuriel's spear for good as well as for evil - & till that touch I never know whether my plans are mere shadows, which the removal of the light, which produced them, will send to their real home, the house of nothingness, or whether they are capable of being moulded into form. So many of our finest projects are only outlines on the wall, invisible without the candle which threw them for us. She is not the light, which originates plans in any one's mind, but she is the bright & true mirror, which reflects so faithfully

all & every impression brought to her by those desirous of the clearing glass of her sympathy.

How do your two little cherubim do? Though, as, upon consulting the "Hebrew Greek," we find Cherubim to mean knowing ones or Fulness of Knowledge, it may be doubted whether your cherub (big one or little one) according to strict etymology, is entitled to the term of a knowing one - Nature, who has provided all other animals with the talent of self preservation, cats with claws & us with thick skulls, allows these to indulge in all sorts of Saltatory Exhibitions, leaving to us the entire care of the Vital Spark during the same. They are perpetually throwing themselves off the eminence of a stool or a table into the arms of Providence, for I'm sure I don't know what else they trust to. I wonder if the day will come when I shall ever see them or you again - I am just having a seal=ring engraved with a kneeling woman & the words Ich warte, & round the ring, Ich waste - bis zum Tode, bis zur Ewigkeit which I think but too symbolical of my intercourse with you & yours.
Mrs. Crawford I have had good accounts of

{this text is seen at top of letter}
once
more
farewell
and with
all our
best re=
membrances,
I am
ever yours,
dear friends,
Florence Nightingale

autographed frontispiece, 1f, pen
yours very truly
Florence Nightingale
{woodcut (?) by} C. Cook
London, George Routledge & Co
497/10

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My dear Sir James Clark

I shall be too glad
to see you any time
today before 3 o'clock-
Or, if more convenient
to you, I would come
to you- Or, after eight
this evening, I shall
be at liberty.
yours faithfully
& gratefully
F. Nightingale
Sunday 8 A.M.

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London Ap 16 '67
Miss Corlett
St Enoch's Hall
Bells hill
Lanarkshire
N. 13

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pen

[14:253-54]

Castle Hospital
Balaclava
Oct 30/55

My dear Mrs. Sansom,

I am grieved, though not surprised, to hear that it is thought better for your health to go home - I would far rather have been at Scutari myself, when this decision was arrived at by your Medical attendant. I am particularly sorry not to see you again - But, as my return to Scutari may be delayed yet a little longer, I think it better for you not to put off your return home -

I have therefore taken a passage for you on board the "Cleopatra" - which will

leave this on Saturday - & be
at Scutari about Monday
next.

Mrs. Davis, who came out
with you, I am sending home
for the same reason as yourself.
And I am anxious that you
should take care of one another
home - But, should you not
be well enough when the
vessel arrives there will be
no necessity for you to go -

Mrs. Smith will be on
the look-out for the arrival
of the *Saturday's* vessel from
Balaclava - For another ship
is sometimes substituted at
the last moment - And it may
not therefore be the "Cleopatra" -

You have served the cause
faithfully & well - you have

been quite above all
impropriety of manner or
intemperance - And I have
already written home to the
War Office to say so - & to
recommend you for two
months' wages from the day
of your discharge - which I
shall make November 25 -
being about the time of your
arrival in England

I shall therefore owe you
£7.4.0 (being 8 weeks at
18/per week) from Sept 30/55
to Nov 25/55 which Mrs.
Smith will give you -

I was very sorry not to
see you again the day I
left Scutari - But the great
anxiety & miserable event

which you know of, so filled
my time those last days
that it was with difficulty
I could come to the house to
see you at all -

I hope that, on arriving
in England, you will write to
me - that, if it please God
I should return, I shall find
you in England safe & well -
& that the return home will
quite restore your health [?]

You may apply at
49 Belgrave Sq for
the gratuity - of two months? - **[end 14:254]**
Believe me,
dear Mrs. Sansom
truly yours
Florence Nightingale

signed note, lf, pen **[14:301]**

Would General Storks see
whether any employment can
be found for this poor
Italian refugee, by talking
with him a few minutes? **[end]**

Florence Nightingale
Scutari Jan 10/56

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} [14:428-29]

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
July 7/56

Dear Lord Stratford

In reference to the subject which your Excellency has desired me to reconsider, - viz - that of the distribution of the Sultan's gift among the Nurses, - I beg to say that I have farther to ask your commands as to whether the same plan should be pursued with respect to the Hospitals of *Koulali*, *Smyrna* & *Renkioi* as to those under my immediate superintendence & to the Naval Hospital at *Therapia* - namely, whether Instructions should be sent to the Superintendents of each Female Nursing Establishment

to give a list of the Ladies & Nurses who have been under their superintendence, in order that these who have participated in the work may participate in His Majesty the Sultan's bounty, according to the scale & in the mode which has now received Your Excellency's sanction.

Should it be less trouble to Your Excellency to communicate with me, on these details, trifling but tiresome, in person instead of in writing, I would wait upon you on any day & at any hour which you would appoint -

One of these details to be submitted to your Excellency's decision

will suggest itself as follows

There was an interregnum at the General Hospital at Balaclava - for some months - during which Mrs. Bridgeman superintended her Nuns at that Hospital. Lord Stratford may indeed remember their Establishment there during that period, since it was to him the Government at home expressed its disapprobation of the course pursued by Mrs. Bridgeman on that occasion, in withdrawing Nuns from under my superintendence at Scutari.

The question to be decided by Your Excellency will be whether Mrs. Bridgeman is to be considered as having been a recognised

Superintendent of Hospital Nursing at that time - During the rest of the war that Hospital War under my care.

As your Excellency has desired me to offer suggestions, I would farther submit to your Excellency that the Secretary of State for War should be requested to instruct the several Superintendents of Nurses, late in the Hospitals mentioned above, to forward Lists according to the plan approved by you -

[end 14:429]

I beg to remain

Dear Lord Stratford

your Excellency's faithful & grateful

Servt

Florence Nightingale

His Excellency

the Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe

Harvard, Countway i

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Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen [Sir John Liddell]

30 Old Burlington St.

W.

Jan 17/57

[16:246]

My dear Sir

I find that the only days I have at liberty next week are Tuesday or Wednesday, on either of which days I could remain the night at any Hotel near Haslar - returning to London the next day.

As I can hardly expect that, with your multifarious occupations,

you should happen to have the same days, at your command, I will ask you to give me one line of reply, when, in case of its being in the negative, we will try to make an appointment for the ensuing week -

[end 16:246]

Believe me to be

Dear Sir

most faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen

30. Old Burlington Street. {printed address:}
W.

March 28/61

Dear Sir

I have made a
very few literal corrections.

I think the type
& printing of this does
you great credit.

I should be
glad if you would
tell me what you
have decided upon
in the matter of
paper & calico cover.

I should be glad
to take a hundred
of the better calico=
covered one, if you
decide upon it.

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

Private {at angle} 32 South St W.

Dec 16/61

My dear Madam

Would you be so
good as to inform
me what you
are about to do
as to reprinting
my "Statistical"
paper with the
paper, a proof of
which you have
just sent me.

Or, if it is not to
be re=printed ~~to~~
would you be so good as

to send me proofs
of the Forms A,
B and C, referred
to in (& which
accompanied) my
"Social Science" paper.

Should the
Statistical paper
be reprinted, the
Forms A, B & C
will not be
necessary.

Either way
will necessitate
some re-casting
of my present proof.

I will have the
plans you speak
of, - referred to in
my paper, - reduced
as fast as possible.

But you could
not have chosen
a more unfortunate
time *for me* to enjoin
upon me haste in calling ~~upon me~~ for
my contribution.

The preparation
of your book does
not enable you,
I am aware, to
consult the convenience

of your contributors

But neither
does the preparation
of the troops for
Canada enable me
to consult the
convenience of your
book - Alas! that
it should be so!

Yours faithfully,
Florence Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} [14:1016]

32 South St.
Park Lane W
Jan 17/63

My dear Sir

I am often asked
for a Nurse & have
not one to recommend.
Now I can strongly
recommend this
Mrs. Logan. She
was one of my best
(Surgical) Nurses in
the Crimea. Now she
is neither young nor
strong. And therefore

cannot take heavy
nor temporary cases.
But for long and
suffering cases,
where constant
vigilance & kindness,
more than running
up & down stairs,
is required, I
scarcely know her
equal. She has
had three such
for periods of two
and three years

each, since she
returned with me
from the Crimea,
and her nursing
was beyond all
praise. It made
the comfort of the
invalid's life.

[end]

Yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen black-edged paper and envelope}

June 22/65

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

My dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge
with many thanks a
Cheque for £20.3.6, -
the amount of
subscriptions received
by you for the "Flinedner
Fund," - which I have
at once paid in to
the Central Fund.

And at the same
Revd=

James Davis &c &c

time I beg you will
accept the cordial
thanks of all Pastor
Flinedner's friends,
including myself,
for the kind trouble
you have taken
about this matter.

Believe me

My dear Sir

Your very faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

{envelope}

Wait

{Miss Nightingale - name not F.N. hand}

The Revd=

James Davis
Evangelical Alliance
7 Adam Street
Strand

Harvard, Countway i

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signed printed title page, 1f

Florence Nightingale

THE
Madras Irrigation and Canal
Company
REPORT
OF
PROCEEDINGS
AT THE
Thirty-first Ordinary General Meeting
OF STOCKHOLDERS,
HELD AT THE COMPANY'S OFFICES,
on Monday, November 30th, 1874
JAMES THOMSON, ESQ.,
IN THE CHAIR
Offices: - 24, COLEMAN STREET, LONDON, E.C.
(Removed from Queen Street Place.)

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen

Irrigation & Water Transit May 3/79
in India [red und]
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

To the Editor
of the London Illustrated News:
Sir

I beg to return the Proof:
I have "taken out twelve lines" as
you desired: & made a few, very
few press corrections.

I would see a Revise if you
wished. No doubt the corrections will be
carefully put in.

Please make any "alteration
of the date" you like. Only
it makes the P.S. at the end
a little awkward: as to date.

Pray believe me
your obed serv

Florence Nightingale

The second letter shall reach
you in a day or two. Would
you be so good as to let me see
a Proof of it, with the M.S.?

F.N.

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen

Oct 16/85

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

Dear Sir

I cannot tell you how
much obliged to you I am
for bringing me these reports
(from Souakim) & for so
kindly saying that you
will call on me some
afternoon to speak to me
on the subject -

[15:1016]

I find that I was
reckoning without my host
in appointing Tuesday.
Will you allow me to write
to you & ask for an

appointment that may

suit you? in a day or two.

[end]

Pray believe me

Your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

G. Fleetwood Wilson Eq

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

{printed: at angle}

Telegraph,

"Steeple" Claydon, Bucks. Sept 6/87

{printed address:} Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Mrs. Morey

Will you say to Mr. Morey
that I was sorry not to wish
him goodbye?

And I hope that you are
satisfied about his health -

And will you present each
of your little ones with my love
& one of these little bits of gold
- that is, in your keeping?

God bless you all

in haste

Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 4ff, pencil, copy LMA roll 5 H1/ST/NC5/3/34, in *Lancet*
9 Dec 1950 [8:62-63]

Private {at angle} Oct 17/87
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH LANE,
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Your wishes are law to
me. And your account of
the young lady of 18 who
wishes to devote herself as
a Nurse is so very interesting.

But have you thought
whether 18 is not too young,
both physically & morally?

There are sacred secrets
belonging to the sick which
18 could not & ought not to
be able to understand - And
there are secrets the very

reverse of sacred, the secrets of vice, about

Patients which their Nurse
must know if she is not
to be made a fool of: &
which one shrinks from
any young woman, gentle
or simple, knowing -

[Alas! the 'simple' know them
far too soon]

A gentlewoman, or gentle girl,
would either be shocked
& run away - Or she would
be hardened, which is the
worst evil of the two -

Then about the physical side
 - we do not take any one into
 our Training School at St.
 Thomas' Hospital under 23 -
 tho' I think we strive to make
 it a home where the mother
 of any girl need not object to seeing
 her ~~girl~~ daughter -
 Whatever you 'take out' of a
 woman in Nursing life
 before 23 or 24 you more than take
 out of her at the other end:
 indeed you may reckon
 two years for every one at this
 end that she loses at the other.

Even in Children's Hospitals
 I believe they take no
 'Probationers' under 20 -
 [It is true that the present
 Matron of St. Thomas', (just
 appointed), who was Matron
 of the great Edinburgh Infy=
 for 13 years, came to us
 before she was 20, & has
 been in the Service ever
 since. But the exception
 proves the rule - [This lady
 is a pearl of the finest water]
 And I think even *she* would
 have better health, had she
 entered later -

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We even prefer not admitting
gentlewomen earlier than
 26 or 27, for two reasons:
 one that gentlewomen are
 younger in *knowingness* than
 those who have had to rough
 it - the other that posts
 of Superintendence will be
 theirs if they persevere in the
 life x - & 24 is too young to
 Superintend.
 x i.e. after their year's probation

Having laid these things,
as an old Nurse & Trainer,
before you & Mrs. Richmond,
I will gladly see the young
lady whenever we can
make an appointment.

Pray do not think that
I cry down Hospital life -
To me it is the most
sacred, the holiest of all.
What is the highest character
worth but to use it for
those who have none?
What is holiness for but
to spend it for those who

are unholy - And the
lovely things one sees
among Patients, the
return of good feeling among
those who for years have
never heard a 'good word',
would alone make the
life a delightful one -

Pardon me for not having
answered your note before.
I have been so driven both
by work & illness since I
came back, that I have
scarcely had time to breathe,

& shall be - But in *November*

I hope to have a little more
time - & to make an appointment
to see your maiden fair.

May she run her noble
career in life is the earnest
wish of yours ever faithfully

Florence Nightingale

How can I thank you enough

for your picture of me; for
my sister is more than delighted
with it!! That is what genius
can do.

F.N.

W.B. Richmond Eq

{printed address: upside down}

10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

Oct 23/87

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

Dear Mrs. Robertson

I have been so very much
pressed that I have been
unable to write.

Is your Truss still not
satisfactory when "sitting
"or stooping"?

Mr. Makins writes:
that he is afraid that when
you sit or stoop "the upper
"border of the pad is
"borne upon by the
"abdominal wall, & the
"lower edge pressed down
"into the thigh.

He does not "think it would
"be easy to modify the
"pad so as to *altogether*
"prevent this; already
"it has been considerably
"narrowed.

He thinks your "best plan
"would be to come again
"to town if "you" find
"it unwearable".

And he "would be quite
"pleased to see you again.
"On Thursday, Friday & Saturday"
he is "at home the whole
"morning".

He "would like" you "however

"to give the truss a thorough
"trial first, as he "felt
"sure" you "would find
"it irksome"

He "wishes you to let him
know *in any case* how you
get on with it".

I earnestly hope that it will
be at last made comfortable.
And I trust you will come
here as before when you
come up to London about

your poor Truss -

Please thank Mr. Robertson
for his very kind letter - And
I was so glad to hear about
the Brotherhood Farm & the

labourers' better feeling. Sir

Harry likes it -

We have had sad work here,
{pencil starts} nearly all the week, rioting
& fighting in Trafalgar Sq.
& Hyde Park. The conduct of the
Police ~~was~~ above all praise,
temperate & firm. But they are
nearly worn out, patrolling -
We have a strong detachment
mounted & foot, at Grosvenor Gate.
And I feed them a little - So do others,
I believe - But it was a horrible
& degrading spectacle that we
can do nothing better with our
vagabonds & unemployed but
drive them about with our fists -

With kind regards to Mr. Robertson
ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

April 18/88

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

Dear Mr. Morey

I am sorry that I have not
sent you this money before
when you kindly got me the
things - Thank you very much -

I hope you think Sir Harry
better - & that he does what Sir
Andrew Clark told him - The
time he seems to me to want
something most is at noon -
And when he comes here at
twelve, I put on, a little
table beside him half a
glass of "old pale Sherry" (from
Sandeman's), a few very tender
Chicken & Tongue Sandwiches -

(if they are not quite tender,
he leaves them) - and two
or three rusks or biscuits -

I do not invite him to take
them - for if I did, he would
say he "never takes any thing
"between breakfast & lunch" -
But he does take them - And

several times I am sure
they have prevented faintness -

I do so hope you will be
able to manage that he shall
always have these put by
him at Claydon - at or about

12

I hope you are yourself
quite well -

faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

21/8/88

Dear Mr Morey

Pray do not send for
John Webb to do the broken
sash-line if the
carpenters are busy elsewhere.

And as for the great
brown sofa, if Lady Verney
will have it brought up
for herself, I always thought
it a relief to her -

But if it is to be brought
up for me, I had rather not
have it. I much prefer
sitting on a chair when she
is here - And I think she

likes the little sofa -

Yrs faithfully

F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen

Claydon: Oct 13/88

Dear Mr. Morey

I am obliged to go on Monday:
Would you be so kind as to
tell me the train which
leaves here *about 3 p.m.* &
reaches Euston " *4.30* ?

Ought I to write to *Euston*

for a Saloon Carriage with
conveniences for Invalid -
& door thro' to Servants Compartment
- and to be put in the *middle*
of the train at Bletchley
[they were exceedingly kind
about this at Bletchley when
I left Claydon last - I found

at Bletchley that orders had
been telegraphed there to put
us in the middle of the train.
And we went in to London
without the slightest oscillation]
Ought I to write to Euston
for a brougham & a private
'bus *there* to take us to
South St.?
Or could all this be done at this
Station here?
Would you, please, let me have
your Acct=?
yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen

Dec 8/88
{printed address:}
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Messrs. Mansell

Gentlemen

I am such a poor customer
now. But if you liked to
send me some Xmas &
New Year's cards, with
your accustomed courtesy,
- Angioletti, (there used
to be beautiful Angelet's heads
by Sant)- religious scenes or
texts - I prefer arabesques
or illuminated initials
to flowers - I should like
to choose amongst them -
a few birds or animals or merry

ones for children -
and little white books
with scenes of the Nativity -
- cherub's heads -
pretty things for poor people
But I do not like to
trouble you -

faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St Jan 31/89

Dear Mr. Morey

Thanks for letters &
instructive Diary

God speed Sir Andrew
Clark's judgement to-morrow.

I wish we might have
the making up of his
Prescriptions at Squire's.

I suppose Lady Verney
does not favour the idea
that, taking future
contingencies into consideration
Dr. Gray should meet Sir
Andrew Clark.

2 Does Sir Harry clean his
tongue two or three times
a day with a quill pen -
(with the *side* of course, not the
nib)- & then gargle his
throat or wash out his
mouth afterwards with
the Condyl's ozonised Water
in water?

or the tongue may be
cleaned with a semi circle
of a slice of lemon, drawn
along the tongue, which
takes off the foulness bodily,
if the Patient does not dislike
it.

[This cleaning the tongue
& washing out the mouth
(& nostrils too, if needful,
to be wiped out with Condyl) makes
all the difference in the
power of taking food -
which a coated tongue
prevents-]
I have sent to-day
6 "Orange Pippins" -
the same as you had before
("russets") &
6 "Newtown Pippins" -
May I know which are
best, or the Canada ones?
Shall I send some Pears for stewing?

You will easily guess
how eager I shall be for
a Telegram after Sir A.
Clark's visit -
You have been most
kind in writing &
telegraphing -
I am afraid Lady Verney
is suffering very much.
sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St Feb 3/89
Dear Mr. Morey

Thank you so very much
for the copy of Sir A. Clark's
scheme of treatment: [Squire
has sent me copies of Prescriptions]
- & for your Telegrams & Diary
& letters - most valuable -
most anxiously awaited -
I have seen Capt. Verney -
I sent a bottle last night
of Sandeman's best Brandy,
for fear Sir Harry should
be out of it - & some Canada
apples -

If you will telegraph to me
or write the numbers of the
medicines you want, I will
keep you supplied from
Squire's -

When a Patient is washed, or
if, please God, Sir Harry is able
by & bye to get up again,
I think he should always have
his flannelette shirt, or whatever
he has next his skin, ~~put on~~
changed, & the fresh dry one
made quite *hot* to put on -
This is rather difficult to
manage without fatiguing him -
But I have no doubt you do

manage it.

Not to change the flannel
shirt once or twice during the 24 hours
is to re-introduce the
perspiration into the system.
The one taken off may be
put to dry & air: if it is changed
twice during the 24 hours.

The best time to change it
is after the small washing
which is all the Patient can
bear -

Most gratefully do we
thank you for your care of
Sir Harry

Sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

If the
P.T.O.

If the Temperature goes up
in any marked degree
after post-time, I should be
very much obliged to you to
send me a Telegram by the
8 o'clock postman in the morning.

I don't want Sir Harry to
pay for all these Telegrams -
I will do so -

F.N.

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Feb 20/89

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

Dear Mr. Morey

Very many thanks for your
letters & Diaries - so instructive
& now so satisfactory.

No one but you, with your
infinite tact & perseverance,
could have made him eat.

Let us hope he may have
turned the corner -

I send some hints on
another sheet. But Mrs.
Broadhurst knows much better
than I.

Shall I send another pheasant?
Very ~~illeg~~ sick Patients who cannot

eat sometimes like the flavour
of Pheasant in their things -
It is not conducive to a good
meal to have sips of Brandy
& Seltzer *between* meals perhaps as the
expectoration gets better he
may be able to leave them off.
Brandy & Seltzer *with* a meal
help the taking food -

I think it wonderful what
you have done for him.

I am afraid Lady Verney
is very suffering.

ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

One prescription returned
The other Prescription shall be -
returned with thanks.

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper} Anne Gibson

Feb 20/89

[13:682]

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

Dear Miss Gibson

I was disappointed
that you did not redeem
your promise of letting me
see you when you were
last in London -

Now please that you
have ascended the throne
& are in charge, tell me
how it fares with you -
well, I hope - Every
thing you could kindly tell
would interest your ever
affly F. Nightingale

And God speed you!

[end]

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper}

March 1/89 [see also 47721 f157 which is rougher, and in pencil]

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

[8:872]

My dear Harry - No words
of mine can tell the
sympathy for such a sorrow.
Sibella must find in her
own grief how deep is our
feeling for you & for them,
the nearest to him who
is gone: a man so
grand & so graceful -
so good & so spiritual -
tried in life & in death
& not found wanting -
What a gap he leaves -
May it be that the home

be not broken up, which
 adds such a pang
 to the terrible blank
 left by death in our
 bodily life - not in our
 souls -

One feels so for the
 daughters- I hope the
 boy is better - And the
 poor wife?

My best love to you
 & yours

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 18/89

Dear Mr. Morey I am so glad you are going
 upon a little holiday, which I hope you &
 Mrs. Morey & your children will enjoy to the
 uttermost, after your anxious work with Sir Harry,
 which I believe, under God, saved his life.

I was very grateful to you for your letter
 about Mr. Savory, which enables me to press
 it on Sir Harry - tho' he did this time tell me
 what he said. I was going to write to you
 about this - but will not now - Thank you for your
 beautiful cowslips - God bless you. F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 25/89

Dear Mr. Morey

Thank you very much for your note -
 & for the May & hare-bells, half of which I sent
 to St. Thomas', who were greatly pleased.

Would you kindly see that Sir Harry has
 some food when he comes back from Parade?
 He has offered to come to me: but I am afraid
 it would be too late, & too near his lunch, for
 him to accept food here. He will do what you
 advise him. Sincerely yrs F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St July 23/89

Dear Mr. Morey

I have been sorry not to
see you, but cannot ask
you to come now you are
so busy.

Sir Harry has enjoyed
the Peptonized Cocoa here,
& said he should like it at
Claydon. I send a pot. It
is to be had at Verney Junction

I also send a pot of
Bovril for him, which is
as nourishing, & more palatable
than Valentine's. The *sediment*
should be taken *in* the fluid.

Like the other, it is a
restorative the same as
Brandy, & more nourishing,
- when he is faint -

Some day when you
have time, would you tell
me what I have often
wished *y* to ask you: -
do you think when the
night Nurse took Sir
Harry's temperature in
the mouth, that he did
not close the mouth?
This often happens when
the Patient breathes thro' the

nose with difficulty; and
would account for the very
low temperature when
she took it.

Would you be so kind as
to give the Coachman
10/ for me with my regards,
5/ " " to the Footman -
With the united thanks of
us all for your great
care of Sir Harry, & hoping
you will find Mrs. Morey &
your children well, believe me
yours sincerely F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen

[1:400]

May 3/90

Dear Mr. Morey

I hope you will be so
good as to let me have
a Telegram or at least
a Post card to say how
Lady Verney is this evening -
& by & bye to say
whether her Night Nurse
is come

God speed you

your sincerely

F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

[1:401]

May 7/90

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

Dear Mr. Morey

Thank you very much
for your letter and two
Telegrams - I was very
anxious to hear. I dare
say you will be kind enough
to write me another
note or two - & to tell me
when the Night Nurse arrives-

I enjoyed the primroses
& wild flowers which you
were so good as to send by
John Webb. And will you
kindly thank the Jackson

children for them?

Sir Harry is, I think,
even more busy than usual.
He is now at the opening of
the Military Exhn= by the
Pr. & Pss= of Wales. And the
streets are quite crowded -
towards the Embankment,
they say-

ever sincerely yours,
F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

June 5/90

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

Dear Mr. Morey

I am very glad that
Sir Harry will see Sir
James Paget, & very sorry
about the foot. [You know
what he did yesterday on
leaving here at 7 in a
pouring rain - with the
streets running with slush -
- he paid a visit in
Park Lane on his walk
home]

He talked of coming here
this morning at 12 - I shall
be so glad to see him: but

I hope he will not come
if it will be a risk. He
must not walk.

I will do what you say
about Miss Farrer. There
shall be no difficulty.

Thank you very much

[1:406]

about the 30 newspapers
for St. Thomas' Nurses-
- & for sending me one, the
only one I have had the
courage to read about *her*.
The 'In Memoriam' was beautiful

And thank you for not
forgetting Lizzie COLEMAN,
who valued it greatly.

I will take charge of the
distribution of the 30 for St. Thomas', if
you will give them to
Messenger - The Nurses will
be much touched- And I
will say, if I find that
there are not enough,
that you will kindly
send more. I will find
out those who interested
themselves in sending the
"wreath".

My dear sister & Sir
Harry looked upon you
as a faithful friend, as
well they might. And
I am sure Sir Harry's gift
was just the Sincere
gratitude from him & her
as to a faithful friend, so
trustworthy & kind.

And I hope you will
accept the same feeling
from me who always
say God bless you
& believe me

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper} [1:407]

June 10/90

10, SOUTH STREET,

Dear Mr. Morey PARK LANE. W. {printed address:}

I enquired about Lady
Verney's little debt to Miss
Farrer: & have paid
it. I do not think
this need go into the
Executor's accounts at all.
It has been done in the
most delicate way, thanks
to you. And Miss Farrer
thinks that my sister
herself commissioned
~~illeg~~ me to pay it.

Miss Crossland & the Nurses

will be delighted with the
copies of the newspaper,
so kindly sent.

If Sir Harry is very tired,
will he not have some
sleep before he comes to
me.

How is his foot?

Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

June 21/90

{printed address} 10, SOUTH STREET,

Dear Mr. Morey PARK LANE. W.

Your Telegram yesterday
was the greatest relief -

Mrs. Verney told me that
Sir Harry had seen Dr.
Benson, I suppose
professionally- You were
probably present- And if
you could tell us what
was Dr. Benson's opinion
& what his observations
on the foot, it would be a
great assistance to us -

With many thanks
ever yours sincerely F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} [1:407]

July 5/90

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Morey

I send acknowledgments
for your two cheques
with my earnest thanks
to all those who hold
my dear sister in
loving remembrance
and to yourself in
particular. Those wreaths
were a great pleasure
& comfort to me - [I
have paid the Acct=]

And please remember
me gratefully to all
who remember her
& me with her:

Mr. Croft gave me a full Surgical account
of Sir Harry, who has made more progress
under the unremitting care he has received
than Mr. Croft dared to hope. At the same
time Mr. Croft says : "Yet I am as anxious
"as a man in charge of a most valuable
"jewel". He says that *conditionally* upon
Sir Harry's taking care & rest, he hopes
to give him several liberties - [I fear Sir
Harry celebrated his improvement by
standing about with the Nurses]

I need hardly say how much we feel
our great debt of gratitude to you
for your incessant care of him.
I hope Sir Harry will not now be imprudent
Mr. Croft had much conversation with
you, I know. So I need not repeat what
he said.

With kind regards to Mrs. Morey,
pray believe me Yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale

I should like a word from you, please about things.

Does he see Dr. Benson? And does he take enough food?

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

12/7/90

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Morey

I was very much obliged
for your note last evening.
And I wrote at once to
Mr. Croft, & have had his
answer -

But still more glad
was I to have your
Telegram this morning,
saying that Sir Harry was
"not inclined" to come to
London at present" - It was
a great relief - I sent it
to Mr. Croft in haste

yours very sincerely

F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

Claydon Aug 16/90

{printed address:} ~~10, SOUTH STREET,~~

Dear Mr. Morey ~~PARK LANE. W.~~

Thank you very much
for your most lovely Roses -

Would you be kind
enough to give £1 to
Philip Tomes for his Fare &c
on Monday- But if he has
more expences charged to him,
I should like to pay them-

I earnestly wish him
success - I will write to
Mr. Croft, & the Sister of
Edward Ward, to which he
is going -

Sincerely yours

FN

Tomes should be very careful in

getting in & out of the
rail & the ~~Hansom~~ cab X not
to get jarred, or make
a long step too quickly
X F.N.
Perhaps he had better not
take a Hansom

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} [1:407-08]

Claydon 19/11/90

Dear Mr. Morey

I think it is usual under the circumstances
of this family that the livery servants should
be in mourning for 12 months. Perhaps Sir
Harry has some other reason for what he says.
But I do not see myself, as you say new
clothes are wanted, that this should be any
reason for their not being mourning - Perhaps
Sir Harry does not remember the month, tho'
I am sure he misses her every day of his
life. [I was surprised at his saying to me
he should not want any more black-edged paper

a month or two ago] He has not said
anything to me on the subject of the clothes
and I naturally should not speak to him,
unless he did -

I am very glad if the men's sleeping
accommodation about which he spoke to me
can be satisfactorily arranged.

Every day I have a good Telegram from
Mrs. Verney, tho' not quite such freedom from
pain as when she telegraphed "spirits riotous" -
But I am afraid it will be a tedious matter
yet
Mr. Fred's two are making a glorious convalescence

[3]

I am sorry to say Capt-
Verney finds Pau cold
& is gone on to Toulouse
Many thanks for the
splendid Chrysanthemum
Please tell the Gardener
how much I admire it
Yours Sincerely
F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

Dear Mr. Morey, Dec 29/90 {printed: at angle} Telegraph,
I have tried in vain to catch you Steeple Claydon, Bucks.
this last week to wish you & Mrs. Morey
& your children a happy Christmas & New
Year - & to send each of my little friends
a little Xmas card. God bless you all!

A great deal of our happiness with dear {printed sideways:}
Sir Harry I always think we owe to you. Claydon House,
Mrs. Lloyd Verney went directly she Winslow,
had my letter to the Stores, & ordered a flannel Bucks.
shirt according to directions; but alas! we
shall not have it till the end of *this* week-

Would you be so good as to keep one of
these £5 Cheques for the expences I
cause you -
& for the other give me if possible
4 half sovereigns, £1 in silver, & 2 sovereign
(to pay some small Xmas bills)?

I hope Sir Harry is pretty well - He is
wonderful to see.

Sincerely yrs
F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

{printed: at angle}

Telegraph,
Steeple Claydon, Bucks. Jan 9/91
{printed address:} Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Mr. Morey
I think we will say
3.4 train on Monday,
please.
Would you kindly change
this £20 Cheque for me,
please - perhaps a £5 note
£2 silver
& the rest in sovereigns
with as many half-sovereigns
as possible, please
Will this give you much
trouble?
yrs sincerely F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edge paper}

Claydon Sept 3/91
Dear Mr. Morey
Would you be so good
as to take to-day when
you go home, & lay upon
my sister's grave this
Cross. [You can take it out
of the box to carry it, if
more convenient, of course]
I believe the Gardener will
have made a wreath too.
I have been so very
anxious to see you to
know what you think
about Sir Harry - but I have
been so very poorly lately Sincerely yrs
F Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

Nov 10/91

{printed address:} Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Mr. Morey

Please be so good as
to get for me in London
the grapes that Sir

H. *will like* -

My man will also
send me some presently

I hope Sir H. will
not over tire himself -

But you will take
care of that

yrs sincerely

F Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

26/11/91

Dear Mr. Morey

I thank you for these
excellent Prescriptions -
I am so glad that Sir A.
Clark prescribes Whole
Bread -

Thank you too for the
beautiful Address -

Please post these two
letters in London.

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

10/12/91

Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Mr. Morey

I think what Sir
Harry did yesterday
in going to London
quite sufficient to
account for his state
our fears for him have
been but too well founded

Thank you very
much for your note -
Would it not be better
if he saw Dr. Benson

to-day? Mrs. Verney
thinks so too -

We shall all three be
better satisfied if he
comes - If you think
so, will you let Mrs.
Verney know?

yrs sincerely

F Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

11/12/91

Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Mr. Morey

I hope our Patient
is better to-night with
your kind care -

What is the temperature
tonight? And did you
mean to send for Dr.
Benson?

I think the fatigue &
exposure he underwent
in going to London the
day after his fatiguing
birth day must account

for the severe cramp &
weakness -
God bless him -
Don't trouble to
answer this in writing
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

12/12/91

Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,

Dear Mr. Morey Bucks.

I am sorry for the
inconvenience, which is of
course increased by the
necessity of taking more liquid
than solid - But the worst
part of it, namely the lying
in wet things will be
prevented by your care.

I hope his Tempe= is all,
right-now-& that he will
have a good night *now* -

We are afraid your
nights have been bad -
Perhaps you have heard
from Dr. Benson?

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper} [1:801]

Dec 23/91

{printed address:} Claydon House,
Winslow,

Dear Mr. Morey Bucks.

I hope to see you to-day
& ask more particularly how
Sir Harry is -

But I don't want to
interrupt your skating -

Could you be so very
kind as to have put up
for me this parcel for
Poona in India to
go via Brindisi by the
Friday mail - [I presume,
tho' it is Xmas Day, the
mail will go?]

There ought to be 70 copies.

[If there are more, I shall
be glad of the surplus-]

I must put in an Invoice
& direct the parcel_ on
white paper -

Ought it to be packed
with card board?

&
Thursday evening's post
is soon enough for the
Friday's mail - But
perhaps on Xmas Eve,
it ought to go by the
morning post??

On Thursday -

Apologizing for the
trouble I am giving you
sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

With a parcel

Mr. Morey

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

2/1/92

Dear Mr Morey

Would you be so good as to pay Mr.
Payne's Acct= which I am ashamed to
say has come in to me twice -

Many happy New Years to you &
yours.

Sir Harry's revival is a New Year's gift
to us. Thank God! yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper}

10 South St May 10/92

Dear Mr. Morey

It is wonderful the
improvement in your
patient - And we know
how great a debt we
owe you. And we are
so glad that Mrs. Davidson
is there.

I shall send, please
God, to morrow, Wednesday,
by the tea-train a Cross
& a wreath for my sister's
grave on the following
day. Perhaps, if Sir Harry
does not remember the
day, would it be well
not to remind him of it?

The things will be
addressed to him -
But will you be so good
as to unpack them?
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen

Chicago May 2/93
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

I have to acknowledge
your letter of April 29,
which I received yesterday.

May I ask you to be so
good as to procure from
the Printers & send to me
a copy of the revised
proof of my article

Pray believe me

Yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

{name too faint to read} Esq

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

Feb 7/94

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

Dear Mr. Morey

Thank you very much
for your news of Sir Harry.

I am very much
obliged for your paying
my Acct= Do I owe
you anything else?

I truly hope that
your daughter Edith's
health will be set
up, by the delightful
climate of Las Palmas.
It is a great anxiety
to have to part with
her so far: But, please

God, she will reward
the pains taken for
her - by a great
improvement.

There is the party
too going to Cairo -
I hope there will
not be these storms
for Harry Lloyd Verney
crossing the Bay of
Biscay -

Excuse a short note

& believe me

sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

I am glad you wrote
to Mr. Croft that
Sir Harry's foot was
so well.

F.N.

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

Claydon Jan 31/95

Dear Mr. Morey

I was so very glad to hear from
Lady Verney before she went to Seaford
how much better Edith was - I trust that
betterness continues -

I am very much obliged to you
for all the kind trouble you take for
me - I think I had better send you a
Cheque - & then you can send me your
Acct- at your leisure, if you ever have any.

You have helped Sir Edmund so
materially at the Lectures - And it has
given immense pleasure to the people

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper} [1:801-02]

Claydon Feb 28/95

Dear Mr. Morey,

Could you kindly
get me this Cheque
cashed by Friday or Sat.

£5 Bank note

£13 gold

£2 silver

20

But as I have only
sent it you at the
last moment, please
return it to me if
inconvenient to you
& tell me how to get
it cashed.

Please post this
letter for me in
London

Thanks for all you
have done for me -

I shall hope to see
you on your return -

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I have a book for
Edith

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Claydon March 7/95

Dear Mr. Morey

Thank you for your
letter & Acct-

I do not see my
debt for magazines to
Botolph Reading-room.

Please add that you your
Acct- Yes, please, I
should like of course to
go on with the Magazines
to Botolph, as long as
they like them, or to
order others if they like
them better -

2. I shall be very glad
to write Edith's name in
Atalanta, if you will
kindly return it to me.

3. Some 8 or 10 days
ago, I wrote by Mr.
Frederick's desire, to
order a reprint of the
Introduction (in small
8 vo=) to Mr. Fred's
"Bucks Sanitary Conference".
By his desire I ordered
500 copies - Sir Hy Acland

had asked me for 100

Hence the order - And
100 I could do with
myself - And Mr. Fred
wished for some -

I addressed the letter
according as Mr. F.
desired - I think it
was to

the Editors
of Bucks Advertiser
Aylesbury.

And I told him to

address the Acct- to me
here -

I have heard nothing

about it since - And
Sir H.A. wants his
copies

Do you know anything
about it? Don't trouble
if it does not come
in your way - I suppose
I ought to write to
Mr. Fred.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

[1:802]

10 South St Feb 24/96

Dear Mr. Morey

I am glad that you
intend leaving Edith at
Ventnor "til May". The
spring is the most trying
time for young girls with
delicate chests - And I
don't wonder that she
seems not to show "so much
"energy". Besides, the poor
darling, I dare say, finds
it rather dull without
her own family. Is she
allowed to walk on the
sea-shore? When I was

a girl, I remember we
could pick up kinds
of shells not common
on the English sea shore
in the I. of Wight -
the Buccinum & the
Mured (?) - But it is
very many years that
I have been obliged
to give up Conchology.

If you would tell
me what sorts of books
she would like to read,
& give me her address,
I should like to send
her a couple of books.

Thank you very much
for your kindness in
paying my bills. I send
£3 to keep you in hand.
And I beg that you will
accept the £5 for
Edith's expences.

I had a cheerful
letter from Sir E. & Lady
Verney at Biskra. Lady
Verney is sketching every
day. And they are so
amused with the strings
& caravans of stately
Arabs & all sorts of

camels & asses & horses.

~~But~~ they already
find the weather rather
hot - But it is the dryness which is so
healthy & delightful -

With kind regards
to Mrs. Morey

pray believe me
ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

I return the Receipts you
have kindly sent

You probably like to keep
your receipts. F.N.

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

July 28/96

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

Dear Mr. Morey

Thank you for your
note. I know now occupied you have
been about Sir Edmund;
but as he has now a
Night Nurse, & is I
trust better, I hope the
strain will not be so
great on Lady Verney
& yourself.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred left
for Switzerland on Sunday
night & would arrive

last night with the
two little girls.

But what I wanted
to write to you is this:
I have still a hankering
to send you a large book
for a Sports prize.
There is an excellent
Cassell's History of
England in 8 Vols:
illustrated, which I
dare say I could get

& send you in time
this week: tho' no
doubt there will be a
great scramble on
the Rail-roads.

Please say what you
like & please mention
how Sir Edmund is -

I thought Mr. & Mrs.
Frederick sadly
wanting a holiday
both of them - Miss
Gwendolen was much

better -
They always gave me
news of Sir Edmund
& Lady Verney
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

July 19/97

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

Dear Mr. Morey

We have been & are so
pressed that I have not
had time to answer your
letter - I wish the
Athletic Sports every
success - I hope you are
prospering at Verney
Junction - I enclose £5,
wishing it were more
Please keep £1 for yourself,
pay Mr. Milsom's Bills
which you are so good as
to pay, if due -& give
what you please to the

Athletics Sports
Two people have written
to me - one about the
erection of a bell at the
Cemetery, if I am not
mistaken - & one about
an American organ
at East Claydon Ch:
I could not give more
than 10/ to each - I
wish I could. And
probably the £5 won't
cover all this. Pray tell
me & I will send more

Excuse pencil - And pray
excuse my writing in
such haste. We are so
driven.

I hope you are well
& believe me
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

23/9

Dear Mr. Morey

Mrs. Verney was very anxious that Sir Harry should come back to luncheon here after opening the dinner at Steeple C. Then if he *will* go to the sports, drive to them with the Miss S. Rices after luncheon -

I should be very glad for him to have a small refectation at 12 in my room, if it will not tire him to come before the dinner.

He said he quite enjoyed his small refectation

at 12 yesterday -

Thank you for your beautiful roses

your sincerely

F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Sept 24

Dear Mr. Morey

Sir H. was very poorly & giddy yesterday in my room - [You were all at dinner, so could not be sent for]- But he lay down on my sofa - had Brandy & a rusk - & recovered. But he still seemed so poorly that I went *with* him out of my room, tho' I was not dressed, when he went away. Capt. Verney met him to my great relief, & as I thought understood the state of the case - I sent

messages & wrote notes, but somehow no one heard anything till I told Mrs. Verney x at 6- He went a walk with Capt. V. before lunch, when he ought to have been lying down, & I believe a ride after - But I knew nothing of all this till 6 -

I am afraid he is very poorly

He *would* read the newspaper to me - before this happened

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

x My note to her was brought back to me because no one could find her.

Ruby Innis

Upper Burnab

want Nurses

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

Oct 3

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

Dear Mr. Morey

I am very grieved about
Sir Harry, & am almost
glad he has sent for
Dr. Benson - I think we
must discontinue the night
draught for the present -
~~But~~ I shall be very
anxious to hear from you
what Dr. Benson says of him
I think Dr. B. should know
what fatigue Sir H. went
through at the "Tea" & "Service"
without a proper meal

yours sincerely F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

Oct 8

{printed address and text Claydon House,
at angle} Telegraph, Winslow,
Steeple Claydon. Bucks Bucks.

Dear Mr. Morey

I cannot think that the "hot
"drink" will interfere with
the "enclosed mixture" - But

I wish I knew what the
"enclosed mixture" is - You
see I don't - If a great
perspiration were to be
produced, it might
increase the "difficulty"
mentioned. Does Sir Harry
object to a "warm hip bath"?

sincerely yours F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

28/10

Dear Mr. Morey

If it is better for Sir Harry to have Mr. Croft at *home* (that is, at Mr. Calvert's), I hope you will be able to compass it. Sir Harry wants Mr. Croft to look at his *Truss* as well as at his foot - This is surely better done at home.

I am writing to Mr. Croft -
God bless all you do -

F. Nightingale

Harvard C incomplete signed letter, 1f, pen {part of letter missing}

Strength, if possible, which she has not now, to go for a last time for the summer to her old home, Lea Hurst in Derbyshire, which she craves after.

We have searched all over Hampstead for a house: in vain: & over Highgate partly. Nothing large enough is to be had so early in the year.

I venture to lay my difficulty before you
[We require *four bed-rooms* on the *first* floor: or at least three & a dressing room

for I am entirely a prisoner to a couch & a floor, I cannot otherwise be with my mother. It is indeed the sick in charge of the sick.]

I believe I may say that we are good tenants: with good servants: & "no children".

Pardon me this appeal: remember me most kindly to Mrs. Frewen Turner:

& believe me to be, dear Sir,

ever your faithful servt

Charles Frewen Esq Florence Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

Oct 23/87

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

Dear Mrs. Robertson

I have been so very much
pressed that I have been
unable to write.

Is your Truss still not
satisfactory when "sitting
"or stooping"?

Mr. Makins writes:
that he is afraid that when
you sit or stoop "the upper
"border of the pad is
"borne upon by the
"abdominal wall, & the
"lower edge pressed down
"into the thigh.

He does not "think it would
"be easy to modify the
"pad so as to *altogether*
"prevent this; already
"it has been considerably
"narrowed.

He thinks your "best plan
"would be to come again
"to town if "you" find
"it unwearable".

And he "would be quite
"pleased to see you again.
"On Thursday, Friday & Saturday"
he is "at home the whole
"morning".

He "would like" you "however

"to give the truss a thorough
"trial first, as he "felt
"sure" you "would find
"it irksome"

He "wishes you to let him
know *in any case* how you
get on with it".

I earnestly hope that it will
be at last made comfortable.
And I trust you will come
here as before when you
come up to London about
your poor Truss -

Please thank Mr. Robertson
for his very kind letter - And
I was so glad to hear about
the Brotherhood Farm & the

labourers' better feeling. Sir
Harry likes it -

We have had sad work here,
{pencil starts} nearly all the week, rioting
& fighting in Trafalgar Sq.
& Hyde Park. The conduct of the
Police ~~was~~ above all praise,
temperate & firm. But they are
nearly worn out, patrolling -
We have a strong detachment
mounted & foot, at Grosvenor Gate.
And I feed them a little - So do others,
I believe - But it was a horrible
& degrading spectacle that we
can do nothing better with our
vagabonds & unemployed but
drive them about with our fists -

With kind regards to Mr. Robertson
ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

Radcliffe College, paper copies

Radcliffe, signed letter, 3ff, pen

[8:24]

General Hospital Balaclava

May 12/56

I would have written sooner, had I had any opinion to give worth your having. But I have been 1 ½ years away from England, and I cannot therefore give any just judgement upon the state of opinion there now, relative to women undertaking Medicine & Surgery.

So far one can safely say that the first woman who undertakes it will have a hard struggle, & will probably fall the sacrifice, either in spirits or in pocket. - But pioneers must always be prepared to throw their bodies in the breach -

Rather would I ask that pioneer whether she has sufficient confidence in herself that she is the right one to initiate that cause,

which, sooner or later must find its way - She must have both natural talent and experience and undoubted-ly/ superiority

~~She must be~~
in her knowledge of Medicine & Surgery (and I would rather be inclined to wish that she might gain her experience elsewhere than in England). She must be entirely above all flirting or even desiring to marry, recollecting that to her, the Apostle of the cause, her cause must be all in all. She must be above all personal feelings, hopes & fears.

A mistake such as ignorance of her profession, using her profession for the sake of social advancement or feminine affection, would wreck that cause for fifty years.

Pray remember me most

affectionately to your Sister, whom I
shall never forget -- & believe me,
yours most truly, though I have
never had the pleasure of seeing
you

F. Nightingale

My time & thoughts are here so
more than taken up by almost
overwhelming labor that I have not
given a particle of either to the
consideration of any future scheme
for myself, nor have I been able
to do so - I thank you for your
interest & offer of help, most
sincerely in any future work of mine.

Radcliffe, signed letter, Blackwell Family Collection Box 5:70, 3ff, pen

May 6/71 7:00 a.m. **[8:480-81]**

Private

Dear Miss Blackwell

In reply to your note & question, I think, after much
consideration, that I hope you will adhere (in your

Examination) to the only practical matter:

viz. the cruelty of forced examinations -

{printed address, on side:}

35 South Street,

[Be a woman ever so vicious, she has inalienable
personal rights, which none but such idiots

Park Lane.

W.

as Social legislators would venture to interfere with.]

You kindly say that you wish me to answer only Yes
or No: but I do not like to answer No curtly to your
further suggestions without at least submitting my
reasons to your consideration, as follow: -

1. The Act should go. Government may get rid of its perplexity in a moment by ceasing to interfere beyond its function - For in going out of its way for any unwise purpose, it necessarily becomes & remains perplexed.

2. I am sorry to say the causes of Prostitution are perfectly well known. They can be dealt with *mainly* only by moral means.

In distinct cases of seduction, the man, not the woman, should bear all the weight.

All 'procuring' should be felony.

[The law, however, would meet only the minority of cases.]

3. It is impossible to make 'voluntary infection' a crime. It would extend to both sexes -- and the *animus* could never be proved.

4. Compulsory locking up under women is as bad as under men. The great bulk of the prostitute class are not accessible either for locking up.

5. The Police law at present allows the police to clear the streets - and known houses *can* be shut up.

The only suggestion that can be made is the old, old story

-- the one founded on human duty to the erring & diseased i.e. making provision by means of dispensaries & wards under the Poor Law for the treatment of all poor women who present themselves voluntarily -

-- taking means through the Police to inform the poor creatures of the provision made for them -

-- and then let Christian women take their share in

dealing with their fallen sisters in the way of gentleness & considerate charity.

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The Act has failed in India - At least it has produced no sensible effect - as you will see in the Annual Report of the Sanitary Commissioner with the Govt of India.

And in spite of Army Medical Dept, it will fail here -

I have written as soon as it was possible --

Excuse me & believe me

yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

Radcliffe, signed letter, Beecher Stowe Family Collection folder 253, with envelope, 11 ff, pen

Private London Aug 14/72 **[8:804-08]**
& *Confidential*

Dear Madam

I have to acknowledge your most kind & gracious letter of -- -- I dare not say how long ago -- & at the same time to ask your pardon for my apparent delay in replying -

I beseech you to believe that this has not been from negligence on my part - & to believe this as it were by "faith" & not by knowledge. For I will not weary you, nor take up your busy time & my own, by explaining how *it* arose -
1. by my being always overwhelmed with anxious
Mrs Beecher Stowe

business, from which in 19 years I have had but twice one week's holiday - & ~~by~~/ with ever-increasing illness which keeps me entirely a prisoner to my rooms - 2. by the circumstance that the particular subject on which you desire information, - viz. our Training School for Hospital Nurses, has been this year in a state of transition - owing to our being transferred to the new buildings of St Thomas' Hospitals where the enormous increase of our numbers of all kinds from beds (trebled) to Officers &

space has obliged us to
increase & re-organize our
Training Staff & arrangements.
We are not yet complete.
I had thought of merely writing
you a word of thanks & of
begging ~~for~~/your mercy till next
year when if I live (a
matter of great doubt) I
might give what you so kindly
ask - viz. some account of what
has been done for Nurse=training
generally - which would be
useful, you say, in "directing
attention" to it in America - &
which in your *hands* would
acquire a value it would
not have in mine - provided

I had time & strength to show
the *real wants* & practical
difficulties without
this all my information
would but be hurtful as you
so well & wisely know.
As you suppose, we are "overwhelmed"
with "applications" from Candidates
wishing to be admitted for
training - but whether of
the right sort is quite
another thing. We have
however, had far more of
the 'right sort' recently,
than ever in former years.
We have always twice as
many Probationers waiting to
come in than our whole

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number.

We are also "overwhelmed with applications" from authorities, foreign & home, from foreign Princesses, (yea from our own Committee which is very trying) asking us to admit persons for a *few months'* training, for a *few weeks'*, nay even for a *few days'*!!! This would entirely upset the Hospital without being in our opinion of any real use to the Candidates - And if we admitted, which we are more & more confirmed by experience in never doing, for *under a year's* training, the Hospital would be

inundated with amateur young London ladies, coming in merely for a "lark" or fancy. To prevent this, we are also obliged to be very rigorous in requiring an engagement that the person does mean to serve for at least 3 or 4 years after training.

[As you will readily suppose, the *other* London Hospitals take *our* rejected Candidates "for a few months'," a few weeks', a *few days'* training. And this serves very much to lower the *standard* of training.]

We have even applications from the United States.

Also: we have always far more applications from Institutions to furnish them with Nursing Staffs than we have persons of our own training to recommend. And Institutions have such a strange but rooted delusion that we keep Matrons & Nurses like bottles on a shelf always ready at a moment's notice that they appear almost incapable of being convinced that it can only be by accident that we have an accomplished "Lady Supt" & Staff ready to send by return of post. These are some of our practical difficulties.

The last is so great & incessant that I am obliged to be perpetually & personally on the watch to see that we do not recommend persons whom we do not *know* to be fully *recommend* = *able* & trained.

It is a specious & very enticing argument, & one often used to us that if we will not recommend 'one' for the appointment, *So and So* (whom we know to be worse) than any of ours, *will* be appointed.

[As in the Geneva Arbitration, a Newspaper correspondt told the Arbitrators that if they would not give news, he must "*invent*" some. So I often feel myself in the position

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of the Arbitrators - a Nursing Staff, a "false" Staff will be "invented," if I will not give one - But I am too old a bird to give in to this.]

Have we many Unas? No -

Not many are born:

We have one, for whom I thank God every day of her life, of whom I think that, with all Una's high moral & spiritual genius, she has more of the power of multiplying herself, - more system & faculty of organization.

After having done for a large new London Workhouse Infirmary what 'Una' did for

the Liverpool, she has now of her own accord sacrificed herself in offering herself for the comparatively unsatisfactory & far more drudging post of our Mistress of Probationers - the work of the new St Thomas' being quite too much for our Matron now, under whom she will act. It is about as pure a piece of (obscure) self-sacrifice {illeg} I know -

And we accept it -

because there are so few Unas.

We have however undertaken for ~~many~~/some Institutions & hope to do so for more -- their whole Nursing.

I ~~should~~ perhaps explain that, in order at once to strike at the root of the fatal error (which Agnes Jones was the very first pupil I ever had who really was in her own person the St Michael to fight), viz. that "ladies" can teach what they don't know themselves - that is, that "Lady Superintendts" of Hospitals, or other Institutions, can superintend or train Nurses unless they are *at least* as well grounded in, as thoroughly acquainted with the practical & theoretical details & doctrine of Nursing, - not only *how* it is to be done but *why* it is to be done *that* way & not another way - as those under their charge -

in order to oppose this error fatal to all progress in work I was obliged at the very outset to insist that the "ladies" who were of a calibre to be trained as Supts should receive as full a training in *Nursing* as the others.

[This does not include *scrubbing* & the like - which we do not require of *any* of our Nurses, & do not consider desirable for them to do. It includes what is on the List which I enclose *No 6 last page. of accompanying printed document].

But, as there is scarcely any truth without its lining of error, we found ourselves here liable to "fall over the horse"

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on the other side - - to wit - -

-- Englishwomen, *not* Scotch women,
of the class which becomes
domestic servants, or Hospital
Nurses, are very much less
well educated than the similar
class in the United States.

These women mixed up in the
same work with educated
women ("ladies") & not
feeling their own inferiority
become conceited - wh: is fatal to progress.

It is therefore necessary to have
all sorts of *General Improvemt*
Classes for these - & also
Devotional but familiar
Meetings. I mean conducted
by a woman & not by a Minister,

Bible=classes, interesting, not
formal, Prayer & Religious
Conversation with their
Mistress - Singing - Classes
& also e.g. a Weekly "Tea," not
expressly for religious purposes
&c &c &c. -

For Hospital Nurses require
more, & receive less, of these
helps than if they were,
as servants, in good domestic
families or if they were at
home.

There is some difficulty in
arranging all this; and a
Matron who only sees
after her Hospital, however
well, will find a grievous

deficiency in her Nurses & Probationers, if she has no organization, no one with a special facility, for doing this.

But good teachers of *children* are rare - Good Matrons of *Patients* in Hospitals are rarer - but the rarest of all are good teachers of *grown-up* women - not specially in Nursing (that is less rare) but in all moral & spiritual ~~qui~~ things.

And this I am obliged to explain, in order to shew that, tho' we are, as you suppose, "overwhelmed with

applications," we do not always get *the right sort*, tho' more than heretofore, thank God.

It is difficult ~~also~~ for me, -- especially in an old country where 'public life' for women is less developed, -- to give anecdotes about the living which *may* find their way into print. The best don't like it: the worst (or least *best*) are made more conceited by it.

E. g., had Agnes Jones been living, I never could have told anything about her in print. And I had the greatest difficulty in preventing her most private letters, many to myself, from getting into that "Life" of her.

I do not see Agnes Jones in that Life. It is not *her*.

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"And now what more shall I write?"

(as the poor Ranee of Kolhapore wrote to us after her son's death, the young Rajah's, - he had travelled in Europe for the improvement of his States, & had stayed at my brother-in-law's.) So she wrote in a sort of despair - a letter done up in a ~~{illeg}~~ brilliant silk red 'étui' embroidered with gold & great seals hanging down).
'What more shall I write?' I say too in a sort of despair -
I seem to have written a long letter to say *why I cannot* write - Because I would

not have you think other than the truth: how very much ~~±~~/we value your interest in our work -

I think that perhaps I could best show you some of our difficulties & some of our aspirations, if I ventured to send you a copy of a little address I made to this little flock which God seems to have put into my hands this year.

[I see them one by one, as much as I am able, to tea & talk - But I am not able to be present in their midst. I therefore wrote my words to them - And my

Committee had them lithographed.

You see, I promised our flock that you would send them Mr Henry Ward Beecher's "notice entire" - as you kindly promised, wh: we should value so much.

But it has not come.

I can write no more -

But, dear Madam, I must not conclude without begging you to put your own spirit into this melancholy scribble, written amid countless interruptions, begun at 5:00 o'clock in the morning that I might take time "by the fore lock" - written in pain & weakness --
Like old Richard Baxter, I complain that my "weakness

"takes up so much of my time"
& that 'all the pains' of all my "infirmities" are not "half so grievous" to me as the "unavoidable loss of my time which they occasion," wh: is quite true..

But the bribe you hold out that we "may be of use" to you "in organizing similar movements" makes me wish to do my poor little possible - Your hand must clothe the skeleton
And your heart must believe how much I am, dear Madam, ever your faithful servant, tho' unworthy,

Florence Nightingale

Harvard, Countway i

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Radcliffe, stamped, cancelled envelope

*Private United States
of America*

Mrs. Beecher Stowe
care of the Revd Henry Ward Beecher
Twin Mountain House ~~Brooklyn~~
White Mountains, New Hampshire
[not FN hand] ~~New York~~
Florence Nightingale
14/8/72

Harvard University, Pusey Library

unsigned copy of a letter, 2ff, pen, not FN hand

Scutari Hospital
Septbr 18th
1855

[14:232]

Dear Sir

I am very
sorry that a press of
business, has hitherto
prevented my thanking
you, as I wished to do,
for the interesting book
you have been so kind
as to send me -

It has been read

with particular interest
in this Hospital, & is
quite in request -
It is valuable to me
on that account, &
also because it is
always gratifying
to find that we have
friends who think
of us in America.

I am sorry to send

these brief thanks - but
the present state of
things in the Crimea
makes us more than
ordinarily busy.

[end 14:232]

