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A.1 Incomplete unsigned letter/draft/copy, pen Handwritten by FN to
Aunt Patty dated Nov. 28, 1845 [**1:536-38**]

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Embley, Nov 28th [1845]

{Written sideways in top left corner}: 1845 Gale's Death

I have just heard from Aunt Julia that you were to be found at Milan, dear Aunt Patty, and sit down directly to hope that you have not forgotten me. I have been leading a very busy life since you left us. Grandmama Shore's threatened paralytic stroke took me to Tapton in the summer till her perfect recovery -- at 87! then my little lad (Shore) spent the two months of his holidays with us, till October, and ~~during~~ till that time poor Gale had been rapidly sinking, but then tapping seemed to give her a new lease of life. She insisted accordingly upon coming here, and ten days afterwards she died, a hero as she had lived, sitting upright in her chair her last words being, "don't call the cook -- Hannah, go to your work." She sank to

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rest so gently that, though I held her hand, I could not tell the moment, when her gallant spirit sped its way on its noiseless journey, except that the hand lay so still in mine, which never before it failed to answer to, with such a warm hug. She fought the fight out, till overpowered by the material world, like a good *man* & true. & I believe her soul is now gone to animate the body of a moral Napoleon or a Mère Angélique. Nobody will ever know all she has been to us. She was so happy & happiness is so interesting. Deformed & a dwarf as she was, her great soul made her like a Titan & a Prometheus, & she did bring down fire from heaven, which warmed & lighted our house. Except for ourselves though, how can we have a regret that her Father has sent for her? I never saw a more beautiful expression in death. I have saved a

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bit of her hair for Ludwine of whom she was very fond. Pray tell Ludwine with my love, that I have had the pen in my hand a thousand times to write to her, but though it sounds very absurd for me to say I have no time, I really have written to nobody these three months. Scarcely even to Helen Richardson, whose increasing illness has alarmed her friends very much, but who is better now, I am glad to say. The last time I saw Mrs. Reeve was in your room. Ludwine wrote to me, which I was very much obliged to her for from Dover, but did not tell me where to write to, then. I hope I shall behave better in future. Poor Mrs. Gaskell! you will be much shocked to hear of her sudden death from apoplexy but Aunt Julia, who arrived at Thames House the very day after it, will tell you all the particulars. We have had the Stewart Mackenzies staying with us at Lea Hurst. Louisa, a most

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interesting & very pretty dark Oriental looking creature, with that sensitive trembling quivering under lip, which bodes such nervousness -- we struck up a great friendship with her. Madame Mère was exceedingly affectionate & full of enquiries about you all delighted to meet Uncle Sam. She looks handsome & queenly as ever. Keith & his wife & baby just come back to England. I think we are all in statu quo -- a charmed circle -- we gave *that* column in the Times no work -- & we seem destined to give no other column occupation either -- not even as among Rail road Committees. Our rail-road in Derbyshire is almost settled. & goes, I am afraid, through Bon "Wood." but as long as we have no station in ~~the~~ our back parlour, I think we have no right to complain. It goes behind Aunt Evans's, & will be, alas, a nuisance to the dear old lady. I will not pretend to tell you politics the

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American Corn Law, New Zealand questions will all be settled next spring, & everybody is in a stir about them. We should have put on half mourning for the potato losses, if we had not been engaged with graver questions. Beatrice, (the littlest Sam Smith) gets no better. Blanch, who has had a slight illness, Elinor & she are the party at Brighton with Miss Rankin. The eight Carters are at the eight points of the compass. Going round with the sun, Harry is at Cambridge (doing very well) Jack in London, Elinor at Brighton, Fan has just left us, Alf at Alresford, Hugh at Bristol, Hilary at Liverpool, with Aunt Ju, or rather now at Thames House. The Nicholsons have quite, I am afraid, given up their Rome plans, which is the *odder*, as William N. has no prospect of being ordered abroad yet,

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and would have gone with them. They are very gay -- went up to town for the amateur Performance of Messrs. Dickens, Jerrold & Co. for the benefit of the Sanatorium -- Aunt Jane is the only one, whom I cannot give a good account of children in the measles -- self very delicate. Miss Beevor going to be married to Ted Carter -- and, except for the three boys, who seem to make up to their mother for all troubles, (they are such living waters of happiness) -- she is rather out of spirits at having to leave their beloved Thames Bank for a house in Bedford Sq, where however they will be near the boys at the London University. Can I tell you of any marriages. At Margaret Arbwright's wedding with her cousin Vice Chancellor Wigram's eldest son, we were present. Charlotte Eyre is to be married to a Capt. Strange but

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these will not interest you. We are this moment come back from Dr. Jowler's where we have been spending the week, they as young & delightful as usual. We dined at the Palmerstons the other day to meet Horaga, who denies the whole story of his shaking the Queen of Spain into signing papers. for which he was obliged to fly -- but as Ld Palmerston says, Two years ago I remember Narvaez in exile at Gibraltar & Espartero *Regent* of Spain, next year Espartero in the *Regents Park*, & Narvaez Minister of Spain, & in a year or two Horaga will be back home & in place again. You will be sorry to hear of Frederic Stainforth's death, the John Thornton's son-in-law. Mrs. John will adopt all those children directly -- that is, Eliza's two she has adopted already. Lady Holland's death will interest you -- and her bequest of £1500 a year to Ld John Russell, most unjustly cutting

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out her already injured son Col Fox,
 injured I mean, by her having produced
 him before ~~sp?~~ shall his younger brother Lord Holland.
 We had a most kind letter from
 Miss Fanny Allen the other day, asking
 after you, & bearing wonderfully the loss
 at once of brother & sister, Baugh
 Allen & Mrs. Surtees. I am afraid
 this is rather a forlorn letter, but
 I seem to have nothing entertaining
 to tell you -- we have paid no visits
 for some time till this one. Parsons
 is going to marry poor Gale's niece
 & we have hardly a household therefore
 at present, and except Aunt
 Joanna, Jen & Alf for ten days --
 and Aunt Maria, who is coming to-
 morrow, we have been quiet at home
 for 6 weeks. How I wish you
 could go to Pisa & see my friend
 Caterina Ferrucci -- wife of the
 Professor Ferrucci there -- how delighted
 she would be to see you. She is a
 poetess & all, that goes with that. we
 {ends abruptly}

A.2 Signed letter from Nightingale to M. Mohl Pen Handwritten by
 Nightingale Dated June 13/59, 9084/10 **[5:81]**

30 Old Burlington St

London W

June 13/59

Dear M. Mohl

You will wonder at
 being bothered again
 so soon -- Do you
 remember the trouble
 I gave you about
 the Compte Moral
 Administratif &
 afterwards about the
 Hospital Forms. These
 latter are ~~mentioned~~ proposed
 at P. 2 (in a Note) of a

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little book of mine
called "Notes on Hospitals"
(which is only a
re-print, done not
by me but by Parker,
of some papers of mine)
I have mentioned
the French Hospitals
of Lariboisière &
Vincennes with so
much praise, tho'
not so much as
they deserve, that
Hospital reformers
in England have

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thought the Académie
Impériale de Médecine
(is that the name?)
might review it --
which review would
then be copied in
our Medical papers
& produce some
reform in our Hospitals.
Also that the note
at P. 2 might possibly
awaken attention to
Hospital Statistics.
Our Registrar General
means to ~~propose the~~
~~F-comp~~ draw up Forms

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according to that Note,
& propose them at the
next European Statistical
Congress which is to
be held in London --
Parker (the Publisher)
is going to send you
3 copies of the said
tiresome little book.
Don't you give yourself
trouble about it --
unless you are yourself
interested in the
subject & think it
will do good & above
all, unless you are
not too much overworked.
ever yours F Nightingale

A. 3 {missing-was not in my pile}

A.4 Initialed letter from Nightingale to her Mother Pen
Handwritten by Nightingale, Dated October 28/63 **[1:163-64]**

Oct 28/63

Dearest Mother

Thanks for the
magnificent game.

Please don't forget
the oat cake.

I am very sorry
about poor Wildgoose.
But I suppose it was
really a release --

Please to let Watson
send me a particular
personal description
of each of the six
kittens -- you said
two threes -- now you
say five, -- which is it?
& also whether any is

exactly like Pet -- Do
not put out any to
nurse. It will most
likely kill the poor
little thing -- certainly
spoil its coat. I
promise to send one
to Lydia from London.
Also say how they
are *known* to be
thorough breds. [Mine
turn out not to be so] --
NB It does not hurt ~~for~~
the kittens for Topsy
& Pet to suckle them
promiscuously. They
always do so.

ever dearest mum
your loving child

F. **[end 1:164]**

A.5 Initialed partial letter/draft/copy from Nightingale,
presumably to W.E. Nightingale, Pen, Handwritten by Nightingale

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phalans [?]~~--~~[illeg]. he is
so busy a man that
I think it quite
unlikely that he can
come -- but I thought
it worth while to
suggest it. ~~you see~~

 You see he
will not be able
to undertake the works
now, even if they would
give them him --

 I understand the
 Winchester folk -- say
we won't be led by
Rawlinson -- a Civil
Engineer, -- which
 means that they are

too stupid to follow him
 Rawlinson's reputation
as a Sanitary Engineer
being quite now the
first in England --
and his drainage &
sewerage works -- for
11 of the Northern
towns, being too well
known to need citing.

 But even if Winchester
will consent to be sewerred,
don't forget that no
drainage can ever
make that Infirmary
site tolerable for
sick. *It must be*
moved -- ever dear Pa
Your loving child F.

A.6 Initialled letter from Nightingale to Mr. Chadwick, Pen,
Handwritten by Nightingale, Dated Jan 5/63 9084/20

[Above Letterhead]
I hope you are better.

32, South Street, [printed address]
Grosvenor Square. W.

Jan 5/63

Dear Mr. Chadwick

Many thanks for
your kind letters and
for your "Address."

The Lancashire
distress must stand
first now in all
minds -- And therefore
I only mention two
of my own concerns
to you, now, in answer to
yours.

1. I have sent (to the
Athenaeum) a copy of
my Indian papers

(with woodcuts) for
you, & one for Mr.
Mill. Please
remember & remind
him (tho' it seems
impertinent to say
so to two such
distinguished officials)
that it *must* be
strictly confidential
till the Indian Blue
Book is laid on the
table of the Ho: of C.

2. It is really despair=
giving to see the

obstinate & interested
ignorance of the news=
papers, about St.
Thomas. One says "Of
course the brains of
a Hospl must be
the Medl Staff." *Of
course* it must be
a Dr. who writes, *Of
course*, if the Hospl
cook were writing, it
would be, "the brains
of a Hospl must
be the head=cook."
Or if a Nurse, "the
Matron." -- The real
truth being that the

"brains" are just in
the *collision* of all these
authorities, Medical,
Administrative, Nursing
Governing.

But I should like
to know what great
Sanitary improvement
Medl men would have
made, *by themselves?*
And the two worst
Hospls I know in
the world, Edinburgh
& Vienna, are exclusively
managed by these
"brains," the Medl Staff.
Yours ever F.N.

A.7 Signed letter from Nightingale to Mr. Chadwick, Pen,
Handwritten by Nightingale, Dated July 8/63, typed copy 45771 f28

4. Cleveland Row. [printed address]

S. W.

July 8/63}

Dear Mr. Chadwick

By dint of sending
three times a day to
the printers & almost
every half hour to
the lithographers, I
have got a few copies
of our India Army
Sanitary Report
before it is issued.

Can you do any
thing for us in the
way of *publicizing*

it? And, if so,
where shall I
send you a copy?

Ever yours

F. Nightingale

A.8 Incomplete initialled letter from Nightingale to Chadwick,
Pen, Handwritten by Nightingale, [arch: October 1863]

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India Sanitary question

I have sent a paper
on this ~~point~~ to the
Edinbro' Meeting. But
I am afraid it will
be read in the Sanitary
section.

I have answered
generally Sir C. Wood's
~~point~~ accusation about the
Statistics. He did not
say that our "69 per
1000" annual Death rate
was exaggerated. He
only said that it
vibrated round that
number in different

years. & that in some years, it was much less. This was in fact admitting it. And then he said war was the cause of the excess -- not from ~~I enclose~~ wounds -- but from disease -- which was, in fact, again admitting our statement, provided his averment were correct, which still has to be proved.

As you will see by a statement of

mine which I enclose.

Part of its substance, not all, is in my paper. But if you take a part in the discussion, which I hope you will, you may like to have these facts before you.

I have ceased to take in the Examiner because 1. it has done its little all to help to ruin St. Thomas' Hospital's chance of a good site 2. it never took any notice

of India Sanitary
matters till Saturday
week when, after
Crawford had been
much poked by M.
Mohl, he gave an
article reproducing
all the old fallacies,
which, if they were
true, the R. Commission
might as well not
have been.

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A.9 Signed letter from Nightingale to Messrs. Longman, Pen,
Handwritten by Nightingale, dated March 29/67

March 29/67
35 South Street, [printed address]
Park Lane,
London. W.

Messrs. Longman

Gentlemen

Please to send me
3 copies of my
"Notes on Hospitals" --
if by hand, please to
let the Messenger wait
for payment of Acct --
& oblige
Your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

{on facing page, written in another hand}:
Gift of Mrs. F. G. C. Wood.
1603-2055 Pedrell St.
Vancouver.
(July 15 '69)

A.10 Signed letter from FN to Mme Mohl, Pen, handwritten [8:569-71]

[1]
35 South Street, [printed address]
March 26/69
Park Lane,
W.

Dearest Madame Mohl

Yes: I *must* have the little cat with a cultivated mind, brought up in the purple. "Bring it up" for me, if you please, with every-accomplishment of singing & dancing, such as poor Mr. Tit had. Is it a lady or a gentleman? --
My Pa & ma are wonderfully well, thank you. He was here a short time ago, passing thro' from Lea Hurst.

No: you did not send me the 3rd Vol: of Lanfrey. Nor have I read it. I never get anything amusing or interesting for myself, except for my business. Do you know I am often 3 months saying to

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myself: `I *will* get such & such a book'. & never find a moment to do it in?

But I believe the principal thing I write for now is about Sir John Lawrence. I cannot conceive what your informant means by his "injustice towards natives." Because the one characteristic of his Government, acknowledged by all friends & foes -- has been: -- a certain persistent chivalry towards natives, especially peasant natives, which has often made him overlook the strict justice of a question, as e.g. in Land Tenure, -- his one absorbing idea being to raise the native -- just as there are some in England who, in

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their one absorbing idea, which is
to raise the pauper -- forget all
Political Economy.

I wrote a little "Note on Pauperism" **[5:149]**
in "Fraser's Magazine" for March
which I sent to M. Mohl -- [do
you know whether he ever
got it?] to shew that, to raise
the pauper was according to
the strictest rules of Political
Economy. I was only like the
drummer boy, going round, by
beat of drum, just to wake
people up. You must
sometimes trample on the
toes of Political Economists,
just to make them feel
whether they are standing on
firm ground. To do good
useful work in this world,
you must enlist the *interests*
of every body on your side.
Christian effort won't do --
You must shew well-directed

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worthiness that their interest is
to help you -- that it is cheaper
to go out of their way a little
to teach people to help themselves
than to give ~~their~~ money in
charity -- or in Poor Law to
offer paupers the Workhouse
or to let them die.

But to return to Sir J. Lawrence. [5:522-23]

He is come back -- & wrote me
one of his little letters, beautiful
in their stern simplicity & modesty
-- & is coming to see me.

You can ask Sir B. Frere about
him, if you like. But they are
two men, so unlike, yet each
so roundly perfect in his own
way, that they can never
understand each other -- never,
touch at any point -- not thro'
eternity. I love & admire
them both with all my mind
& with all my heart -- but
have long since given up the

{in right margin, written in
another hand}: quoted in Cook:

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slightest attempt to make
either understand the other.
But each is too much of a
man, too noble, too chivalrous,
to denigrate (dénigrer) the other.

As for Sir J. Lawrence's Governmt
 -- ~~tho~~ it had great faults -- the
 greatest of which was Caesarism
 -- & this without the slightest
 desire of popularity or power
 on his side. But he never
 could see that the Caesarism
 of Lord Dalhousie, which
 was necessary during the process
 of conquest, must be exchanged
 for quite another policy in
 organizing & administering
 for 200 millions of people in
 time of peace. He could not
 delegate power to the Local
 Governments. The centralization
 was something inconceivable.
 I knocked my head against
 it at every step. Sir J. Lawrence
 tried, with his indefatigable

industry & powers of government,
 to do all the business in his
 own room for a country bigger than Europe, of
 which Bengal is bigger & more
 populated than France.

But Peace hath higher tests of manhood than battle ever knew.
 --he has left his mark on India. Wherever superstition
 or ignorance or starvation or
 dirt or fever or famine, or
 the wild bold lawlessness of
 brave races, or the cringing
 slavishness of clever feeble
 races, was to be found -- there
 he has left his mark -- he
 has set India on a new track
 which -- may his successors follow!

"Knight of a better era
 Without reproach or fear
 laid I not well that Bayards
 And Sidneys still are here!"

You ask about the Sanitary
 affairs for the natives: the
 whole of our Sanitary work

for the last 3 years has been
for the natives.

The soldiers' Sanitary organization
is now complete -- And, tho'
of course it will be years
before the details are
worked up to it, still they
have nothing to do, since
we got our ten millions of £,
but to go on.

What grieves me is: that, in the
new Govt of India Bill, just
passed here, they have given
a powers to the Governor Genl,
(such as that of naming
natives to Govt appointments,
without making them pass
thro the English competitive
examination,) & other powers, which Sir John
Lawrence had been contending
for for years -- And to him
who knew the natives better
than any man on
this planet they did not
give these powers. And

they have given them to Lord
Mayo, who does not know
a Sikh from a Bengalee? **[end 5:523]**

You ask me the story, of my work,
dearie -- And I feel inclined
to answer, like Canning's
Knife-grinder: --
Story, God bless you! I have none to
tell Sir,
Only last night, a fighting at the
Chequers
he gets a hole in his head, his
hat & his breeches. That's just
like me. I have only to tell
how I have been fighting, &
broken my head, when you
ask after my work.
Don't suppose I have not more
to tell about Sir J. Lawrence. But
he is too big for a letter.
And my hand won't write any
more. ever yours
F. Nightingale

A.11 Signed letter from Nightingale to M. Mohl, Pen, Handwritten by Nightingale, dated Nov 21 69 at end of letter [7:328]

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

Dear M. Mohl

I wish I could give you, or even tell you, half the pleasure which your letter from Rome gave me. It is so interesting to me to look again into that old society of Rome thro' such much better eyes than mine. I confess I never enjoyed any time in my life so much as my time at Rome. And yet I can scarcely tell why.

It was too a time pregnant to me of all my future life -- for my intimacy with Sidney Herbert began there -- under the dear Bracebridges' wing. But I could not tell that at the time. Also, it was a time of

high political hopes, when we really thought that the Pope was to be the regenerator of Italian liberties & Catholic Liberties -- what fools we were!

That is a time which can never come again. It was before 1848- the winter of 1847-8. Also: I was quite mad about Basilican Churches then. What a long time ago it does seem.

But, as I cannot give you the pleasure in writing which you have given me, I must e'en do what I can. I am all in the Arithmetical line now. Lately, I have been making up our Returns in a popular form for one of the Cabinet Ministers

(we are obliged to be very
'popular' for them -- but hush!
my abject respect for Cabinet
Ministers prevails) --

I find that every year, taken [9:636-37]
upon the last 4 years for
which we have returns, 1864-7,
in the Home Army, there are
729 men alive every year
who would have been dead,
but for Sidney Herbert's
measures -- and 5184 men
always on active duty who
would have been "Constantly
Sick" in bed.

In the new Herbert Hospital
there are (unfortunately for
the Hospital) always about
400 Patients fewer than the
Hospital was built for. &
500 fewer than the 'requisition'
for sick accommodation was
made for.

mutatis mutandis, it is the same
in the other Hospitals (unluckily
for them.)

In India the difference is still
more striking.

Taken on the last 2 years, the
Death rate of Bombay.
(Civil, Military & Native)
is lower than that of London
-- the healthiest city of Europe.
And the Death-rate of Calcutta
is lower than that of Liverpool
or Manchester! taken also
on the last 2 years.

[We shall be ordered for
our healths to those
salubrious watering places,
Calcutta & Bombay.]

But this is not the greatest
victory.

The Municipal Commissioner
of Bombay writes that the

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"huddled native masses"

"clamorously invoke" the aid
of the "Health Department,"
if but one death from
Cholera or small pox occurs.
-- whereas formerly half of
them might be swept away
& the other half think it
'all right' -- now they attribute
these Deaths to "dirt, foul water
& the like" -- & openly declare
them "preventible."

No hope for future civilization
among the "masses" like this!

I wish our Privy Council were
as intelligent & progressive
as the "Bombay masses."

But it is not.

[end 9:637]

For all this we have principally
to thank Sir Bartle Frere,
both before & since his return.
And, for the general work,
Lord Lawrence. (Sir John)

Thus far had the hand of the Sluggard proceeded: And I thought it was scarcely worth sending -- when I saw a letter from Dr. Livingstone to Sir Bartle Frere It does not say much but what is in the Despatch to Lord Clarendon, but it interests one very much for the men. It is dated "Lake Bangweolo.

July 1868 [5:536-37]

He says that the chief sources of the Nile -- thirteen in all, he thinks -- five in one line of drainage -- five in another. & three in a third -- larger than the Isis at Oxford. & not including, 'burns'-- flowing into Lakes & larger Rivers rise between 10° and 12° South Latitude. & have hitherto been sought for very much too far to the North. He says he cannot yet speak positively of the parts West and N.N. West of

Tanganyika. He says he has been wandering about an elevated plateau, varying from 4000 to 6000 ft above the sea, covered with dense forest & cold, about 350 miles square, and south of Tanganyika. He describes the River Chambeze, not to be confounded with Zambesi forming 3 Lakes,^x & changing its name 3 times^{xx} in a course of 600 miles. He describes a very light coloured race, very friendly with strangers, with immense herds of cattle, the Basango (or Wasango of the Arabs) In all the confluents of the Chambeze there are hippopotamus, & he could always steer boldly on to where these beasts lay, sure of never finding less than 8 feet of water.

x Lakes Bangweolo, Nevero, Ulenga
xx Luapula, Lualaba

He describes the districts on the upland & their names -- most interesting to a philologist, I suppose -- the people put Ba instead of the initial syllable for country Lo or U. the Arabs use Wa instead of Ba. (Dr Livingstone's writing is almost illegible.)

He describes the Lakes, especially Lake Liemba (North & in the Baulubigu [?] country,) as most beautiful -- in a hollow with precipitous sides 2000 feet down richly wooded. Elephants, buffaloes & antelopes. Fish & hippopotami -- fishermen living on islands who cultivate besides, & rear goats. bright red clay schist rocks. This runs by a branch 2 miles wide he *thinks*, into Tanganyika -- but here alas! war prevented him from proceeding.

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He met a large party of Arab traders from Zanzibar, ~~friends of his~~, who had been attacked by the chief of Itawa Sir Bartle Frere had by his good offices with the Sultan supplied Dr. Livingstone with a letter (Seejed Majid's). He showed it the Arabs who supplied him at once with cloth, beads & provisions. He has been treated by all the Arabs with the greatest consideration & kindness. The Arabs saw that war meant shutting up the ivory market -- so peace was made but it took 3 1/2 months. They shut Dr. Livingstone up for safety in a village 4700 ft above the sea. Then he went some way West with them. He says

their mode of ivory & slave

trading is such a contrast to
that of the ruffians from
Kilwa & the Portuguese from
Tette?

Then the rains & inundations came
on -- which brought him to a
stand 13 days' march from
Tanganyika -- He describes
these inundations as like
those of the Nile -- the plunging
thro' water & black mud -- the
hundreds of frightfully smelling
bubbles -- then more deep flooded
rivers -- one, the Chungu, the scene
of Dr. Lourda's (?) death, the
only Portuguese of any scientific
acquirements. [He, Dr. Livingstone,
is coming back to Cazembe
during this.]

His attendants abscond.
He can carry nothing but the
veriest necessaries -- no paper.
And he wants to abscond too.

He is distressed at having left his proper mission work for the benefit of the people to be the servant of a few insane geographers -- but still thinks, if he can succeed the ~~laying~~ making the country ~~open~~ more known.

may do the natives more good than proper mission work. And he is still able to give them some little ~~instruction~~ knowledge.

He borrows a piece of paper from an Arab friend & sends this letter by the party going to the Coast thro' Usango.

He gives all sorts of directions to Sir B. Frere about a son whom he left at Glasgow University -- he begs him not to let the boy go the way of the other son who went off to the American Civil War & was never heard of again after Richmond -- he asks Miss Frere to write to his daughter Agnes,

as he has not the conscience
to ask his Arab friend for
another bit of paper.
He says Lord Palmerston asked
him what he could do to
serve him. And it never
once occurred to him
(Livingstone) that Lord P.
meant anything for himself.
So he asked Lord P. to open
the Portuguese ports in East
Africa to free trade.
He appeals to Sir B. Frere for the son
as having a family himself
"Agnes" is to tell "Tom" (the
son at Glasgow) not to go in
for examination. (for Civil
Service in India) till he is
well prepared & he may
take a year more for
education (in France & Germany)
Then he talks of the good time
coming yet for the natives. &
his aspirations for their benefit.

[4]

Lastly, he describes a tribe of
Troglodites in Kua, very black
& strong, outer angle of eyes
upwards -- excavations 30 miles
long -- made by a God, they say --
drawings of animals in them.
running stream thro' the whole
street.

It is an ill put-together letter -- not graphic
-- but very interesting. & full of simplicity.

But if Dr. Livingstone was at
the end of his paper, I am at
the end of my hand --

[end 5:537]

I have been immersed in
Drolesses, whom we are
sending off to the Military
Hospitals. preaching to
them for 4 hours a day &
expounding Regulations.
I never should have done
for Solomon, with a

multiplicity of wives. Do

you suppose that Ecclesiastes
or the Preacher preached
to his wives separately?--
But some of my Drolesses
are really very nice women.
One was out with Dr.
Livingstone & Bishop
Mackenzie on the Zambesi
Mission. One a woman
who would be distinguished
in any society, accidentally
read my little Article on
"Una". & wrote off to us the
same night offering to go
thro' our training (which she
did) & join us.

Please tell Madame Mohl,
whose letter I have had
since I began this -- that
I will write to her all the
news as soon as I have a

hand (including that of my
nephew, Capt. Verney, who had
a foot shot off out shooting,
had to have it amputated,
but is going on quite well.)
that I will write to Mrs. Dicey
to thank for the little cats,
who are charming.

Believe me, dear M. Mohl,
ever yours,
F. Nightingale

Nov 21/69

A.12 Initialed incomplete letter/draft/copy from Nightingale-no salutation, Pencil, Handwritten by Nightingale, dated 1870 or 1871

I see no ray of light in all this black darkness [15:758]

What our press has come to!! Our
present periodical literature written
in defence of Bismark & every thing
Prussian where the opposite facts
have to be worked in at any expence
of logic or ill-logic is revolting
from its reckless selfishness &
contemptible for its flippant shallowness.

Sometimes I am almost glad that I am a
prisoner to bed not to hear *more* people
talk in this way!

[end]

[1870 or 1871.]

{[1870 or 1871.]' written in another hand}

{the following is written in bottom corner of next folio on an angle by FN}:

I have ordered a copy of
our Annual *Sanitary* (Blue Book)
Indian Report, -- just out, --
to be sent you: as you
said you would
like to see it.

FN

A.13 Signed letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl, Pen,
Handwritten by Nightingale, dated April 18/70 [cat care]

35 South Street, [printed address]
March
Park Lane,
W.

Dearest Madame Mohl

How I have longed to write to
you. I was put into such a fright
by hearing (accidentally) that M. Mohl
had been ill that I took my
courage, desperate, in both fists
& sent to Lady William R.'s. She
was so very kind. (I shall love
her all my life for it). She sent
back your own letter to her by
my messenger without a moment's
delay & without a word. And
then she wrote in the evening to
explain. That is true consideration.

Ah my dear, my friend, how
I wished to write & remind you
of what you once said to me
that, where one had, as you had,
(you said & I know) the Central affection

all right, nothing else signified,
nothing ~~else~~ could shake you.
though having the "Central affection"
does not extinguish, it rather
enhances the other affections.

I have thought of you a great deal
-- your loss in the D. de Broglie --
in M. de Montalembert. (what
was the long illness of which he
died?)-- What a long time
M. d'Haussonville is in bringing
out the remaining Vols: of his "1er
"Empire" & "Eglise Romaine."
Is that coquetterie? There are
only 4 Vols out in England. My
poor lady is waiting for it impatiently
[I read it all in Revue 2 Mondes.]

Since Lady William R. relieved me, I have heard from M. Mohl himself. His letters are always welcome as flowers in spring. But *that* was doubly welcome -- as you may suppose.

Think of me as a poor woman, so overwhelmed with business -- which yet ought not to be overwhelming -- & with increasing illness that she feels all the more while able all the less to express it.....what you know, the invaluable value of M. Mohl's & your life ~~& work~~ -- so invaluable that I can only put as second what you both are to me.

April 18/70

Dearest friend. how long has this letter ~~has~~ been in my portfolio -- because it was not worth sending -- and I had no strength or time to write anything

to make it worth sending.

If you don't write to me, may your conscience be as a bed of thorns & your soul as a pillow of prickles. (tho' I am not usually vindictive) -- at least, not very.

Tit, Mufti & Topsy are well. Tit is the kit [1:759] you were so good as to bring last May. Mr. Muff (as the servants call him) & Topsy Mrs. Dicey brought in October. They are not so feeling as the Mr. Tit I once had from you, who, when I was crying for dear Hilary, used to put his arms round my neck. & he not 4 months old. But all cats, bless you, have much more sympathy & feeling than human beings have. Don't you remember X de Maistre, after telling the offers of service, the professions of affection his friends have made him (who now never come to help him or remember his existence) -- [oh my dear, how I have felt that!] adds: "Ma chère Rosine" [Rosine is his dog] "qu'il ne m'a jamais fait d'offres de service.

{continued on first page of letter, written sideways in margin is the conclusion of the letter}:

I hope your *book* is *going on* & going
on well.
ever yours
dear friend
F. Nightingale
(Flo)

A.14 Signed letter from FN to unknown, Pen, Handwritten **[8:573-74]**

1870
35 South Street, [printed address] May 7/70
Park Lane,
W.

Dearest friend

I must "seize the pen" -- or I never shall write at all. Every day of this week it has been on my mind to thank you for your great kindness upon the matter of Miss Jowett & the translating M. d'Haussonville's book. But Mr. Jowett won't authorize me to trouble you at all. [He distrusts his sister's powers perhaps a little -- he does not like to get you & M. Mohl into a troublesome negotiation with Levy -- he is none the less grateful to you. &c &c [I would have gladly paid any money to Lévy

there was to pay, if that had been all.] But he won't engage us in the business no how, perhaps as I think doubting whether any engagement might be fulfilled at this (his sister's) end. So you are to understand that he is none the less grateful to you (-- & to M. d'Haussonville, if the latter has been willing.) but gratefully declines.

But surely the articles published in the Revue des 2 Mondes came down to a later date than the 4 Vols. I read the Articles every word. They brought the story down to the time Pius VII

leaves France on his return to Rome. I only looked at the 4 Vols cursorily when I sent them to Miss Jowett -- but it appeared not to bring the story down to so far as the breaking up of the Napoleon Church Council at Paris. [But that may be my mistake.]

I will take care to ask particularly whether in the Diplomatic Service it is thought essential that an Ambassador should *not* know

the language of the country to which he is accredited.

Of one thing I am certain:--that it would be an essential improvement to the Government & Indian service of this country if all the officials did not know how to read & write. [Else we shall come to a dead lock] I should make it a condition, a sine quâ non in Civil Service Examinations, that the candidates should not know how to write, at least.

My hand is so bad that I am essentially in the condition of not knowing how to write, except in pencil. So I must stop. I shall look forward to seeing you this summer & also M. Mohl.

Please tell him so & thank him for his so kind & interesting letter

I have got the Articles, & some great ~~photo~~ lithographs, of the Sistine on purpose to read them properly *with* the pictures in consequence of your recommendations.

There's enthusiasm for you. (Montégut's on the 2 Mondes I mean)

[conclusion on the first page of the letter, written sideways]
God bless you, ever, dearest,

yours
F. Nightingale

A.15 Signed letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl, Pencil,
Handwritten by Nightingale, dated June 22/70 [8:574]

x

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

June 22/70

Dearest Madame Mohl

My father will be here
from *Friday till Monday*.
Could you not give him one
breakfast or one dinner
of your company -- more,
more, if you can -- But
the smallest mercy
thankfully received.

Saturday & Sunday

Breakfast 9.30 a.m.

Dinner 7. 0 p.m.

Ah poor me that can't

see you. If, like the Saints,
I ought to be thankful for
all my troubles, wearinesses,
fightings without & fears
within, I have a great
deal to be thankful for.

ever yours, my dearest,
your old

Flo.

A.16 Signed letter from Nightingale to Mme Mohl, Pencil,
Handwritten by Nightingale, dated June 25/70 [8:574]

June 25/70 x

Dearest Mme Mohl

I am glad you're come.
Why did you not bring your
niece Mlle Helmholtz? --

===

With regard to what you say
that I have "left you where
you were" about Miss Frere,
perhaps Mr. Jowett did
not bring me the right
message --

As Mr. Bright says:
"Every body asks me all kinds
of questions -- and my answers
are *masterly!*"

Try me again: write down

the right question. And
see if I don't give you
a "*masterly*" answer!

ever your

F.

Is M. Mohl coming to
England this year?

A.17 Signed letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl, Pencil, handwritten by Nightingale, dated July 16/70 [cat care]

35 South Street, [printed address] July 16/70

Park Lane,

W.

Dearest Madame Mohl

[1:759-60]

O that I should write to you. &
write only about a cat! & this
when empires are rushing to
their ruin!

I feel like poor Faraday: Be
gentle with your failing friend

But about the cat: --
you were so good as to leave
word with Temperance to-day
that you had "plenty of good
homes for the cats", if I had
any to spare!

Could you recommend me
a home for *Mr. Muff at once?*

He is quite too troublesome
to keep. And he is very
unhappy, poor fellow --
[And I have had quite too
much of policemen, &
printing Hand Bills, &
offering rewards, & paying
them, for lost or stolen
Tom Cats in London.]

He is very handsome, -- one of
yours, -- thoro'bred, very
good-natured, about 9 or 10
months old -- I am very
sorry to part with him.

ever yours, poor failing

F.

It The home for Mr. Muff must be somewhere
where they can let him
run about. Or he will
break away & be lost the
first night.

I could send him to
Embley. But they always
let my Tom Cats be shot or
trapped -- *not* by *our* keepers
-- a cruel death.

FN

A.18 Initialed letter from Nightingale to Mme Mohl, Pencil
Handwritten by Nightingale Dated July 20/70 [1:760]

x

35 South Street, July 20/70
Park Lane, [printed address]

W.

Dearest Mme Mohl

I have found a home
for Mr. Muff (cat) near
London -- & the lady comes
to fetch him in her carriage!

I hope *this* will come
in time to save your
writing to Miss Smith.

If she really wants a
cat, I can give her one
soon, a lady cat (one of yours)
& wait for an opportunity
to send it her.

For I suppose there *is*

danger this weather of
sending a cat by Rail
to be knocked about
on a platform by a
careless Guard -- & perhaps
go mad --

God bless you --
I should have liked to
have seen M. Mohl's
letters --

ever yours

F.N.

A.19 Initialled letter from FN to Mme Mohl, Pen Handwritten
[8:574-75]

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

My dearest Madame Mohl

You can't think what a
relief it was to me to
see this letter -- or *how*
good it was of you to
send it. Do send
any other. As for
feeling *pleasure* in any
thing, that is impossible.

You know I have a sort
of connection with the
Intendance at Paris --
I hear what tallies exactly
with M. Mohl's account:
pillage & dishonesty of it

beyond all description--
cause of the terrible failure
of everything in the
organization at the Army
-- stores, ammunition,
clothing, guns, *everything*
falling short.

false muster-rolls of
Battalions -- men returned
at 900 strong -- who

{ never were more than 500. [inserted from opp page]
{and this, my dear, is what would
{happen at *our* War Office if
{we were to go to War -- which
{God forbid -- except that ours
{is incapacity, not pillage --
{But Paris absolutely quiet.

I have not a minute. For
the last month I have been
writing war-business as long

as I could hold pen or pencil.

Never, never, if I live an
eternity, would I undertake
this kind of thing again.
not because it kills but
because it kills, body &
soul, *for nothing*.

Tell M. Mohl if he comes to

London in Sept. to go to
my house (address above).

35 S. St.

I have not a minute to answer
your last dear letter -- but
will by & bye -- only this,
I never had the letter
from you "offering to come".
But, my dear, I could
not see my dearest friend,
& chiefly *not* my *dearest*
friend for a month. Don't
you understand? --

I will write again. Please
write to me.

I never saw my mother
better in all her life.

ever yours F.

Lea Hurst

Matlock. Aug 16/70

money, even the smallest sums,
& send it (& these `Articles')
to 2 St. Martin's Place.
We are vehemently asked for
these things & for Surgeons
from both Belligerents. And
we are getting a little ship
shape -- have agents -- with
both sides & the Societies of
Berlin & Paris, who tell us
what they want. And we
transmit things direct to
these Societies -- who are working
splendidly & have direct
communications with all
the Seat of War Hospitals.

You will have seen us
advertised in "Times" & "Daily News."

O that I could go to the Seat
of War to work, instead of
all this writing, writing, writing!

Mme Henri Mallet, of Paris,

do you know her? -- has
written to me to "rédiger
quelques pages" of Règlement
for her Deaconesses &
Infirmières starting for the
frontière. And I have done
so.

So has the Crown Princess
of Prussia asked for nurses.

I enclose (but I don't think
it very well done) the "Notes"
of our Society.

Please let Miss Martin
make us known as much as
possible among people who
will work for us --

I could send ~~you~~ more
papers to her.

She does not know any
surgeons who would volunteer.
does she? -- We have sent out
12 -- to Metz -- & the Prussians -- &
another party starting -- ever yours FN.

{in right margin, on photocopy
written in another hand}:

Franco-Prussian
war
Requests from
Both Belligerent
& agents on both
sides

[end 8:576]

[2]

80 or 90 years in all Germany,
will you tell me how many
of these came out of Berlin?
Yet the higher civilization is
to be subjected to the lower.
And England is to rave about Prussia.
Of those two men, L. Napoleon
& Bismarck which is the worst?
Is it not Bismark? `the
blacker devil he' -- and
oh that we cannot say of
any man in either side --
`& the more angel he' -- The
world is darkened indeed --
We have sent Surgeons ~~at~~
~~their~~ to both Belligerents at
their earnest request. One of
our great London Surgeons
took out the party to Metz --
He says: "the Emperor has
not 10 days to live." But
I was told this with the
greatest secrecy.* (as we swear
in our Surgeons to give no
x and it may not be true.

[3]

information relating to either
combatant of any sort --
not to write to the newspapers
-- or to write at all except
to us to tell what is wanted).

I cannot help sending you
more papers of "Lists of
Articles" wanted in case
your nieces will work for us.
And, if they will send them
to their friends & get up
Women's Committees, (I will
send plenty more) to collect
these Articles & contributions
in money, even the smallest
sums? These Hospital
materials are asked for
urgently on both sides --
Enough cannot be sent.

There were 2 miles of dead &
wounded after one battle.
After another, (a "trifling
engagement") the Prussians had
40 000 dead & wounded.

[4]

Make these facts known.
Both sides call upon us for
help in sending them
Hospital supplies --
Let everything be sent to
the *Storekeepers*

2. *St. Martin's Place*
Trafalgar Square
London W. C.

And when all is done for the
Wounded, there remain the
starving wives & widows,
orphans & children & old
people.

I collect for the "Victoria Stiftung"
at Berlin. It is for these.
Port & sherry & Liely's essence of meat
are asked for for the Hospitals --
& money -- money -- money
I can think of nothing else
I am sure that God had better
bring the world to an end! --
yours, *how much* yours
F.

[end 8:577]

A.22 Partial letter from Nightingale--no salutation, Pen,
handwritten by Nightingale, dated Aug. 18/70 [8:577]

I continue to have the most
deplorable accounts of the
distress, terror & bewilderment,
tho' quite calm, & not fermenting,
of the provinces (France) --
[They write to me for plans
of ~~the~~ Field Hut Hospitals.]

The country people who
thro' the Sub-Prefectures had
given largely wine, corn,
horses, linen, &c. to the
Ministères (Intérieur & Guerre)
think, rightly or wrongly,
that their gifts are sold
by the Trésor for the general
purposes of the War & the
Govt -- They now keep their
gifts for their widows & orphans,
the destitute wives & children,
& any sick & wounded who
may be sent to them. There
are Ladies' Committees collecting

gifts -- & tendering help all over France &
Germany -- only *not*
with *us*.

F.N.

A.23 Signed letter from Nightingale to M. Mohl, Pen, Handwritten
by Nightingale, Dated August 31/70 [8:578-79]

Lea Hurst x
Matlock August 31/70

Dear M. Mohl

It is an unutterable relief
to hear that you are safe in
South St. What earthly good
to stop out a Siege & a
Revolution in Paris for a
sensible man?

I should never forgive
myself for that passage in
your letter to Mme Mohl
where you say that you will
have to run about London
looking for some "good
Samaritan" to take you in,
if I were not sure that
I had written to Madame
Mohl, begging & praying that

you would look upon

35 South St. as with its
door wide open whenever
you would come in.

As it is, it does not signify --
since, the Verneys being in
London, their house is
much less dull than mine.
But, please, I have written
to Mme Mohl that, if not --
at 32, you can always be
taken in at 35. (& she too --
as she knows.) But, as she
has played me false once,
I think it better to write to
you direct too.

I will write to my maids.

I will not speak about the
 War tho' I think of nothing else.
 To me who have seen &
 tasted of War & the horrors
 of it -- who have seen the
 men forming silently, silently,
 every night to go to the
 trenches (in the Crimean War),
 & felt for each party: 10
 or 20 will not come back --
 40 or 50 will only come
 back to be laid on the Hospital
~~boards~~ boards. & to think of *this*
 multiplied ten fold & a
 hundred fold in all its
 numbers & in all its horrors.
 Oh let no one think they
 can taste what war is from
 letters & from newspapers --
 they must have seen what it

is to conceive the unutterable
 misery, ghastliness, hideousness
 of the thing! -- And to me
 who have seen the poor Tartar
 women & children come down
 to the shore at Balaclava
 starving, not knowing where
 to go -- to think that now
 there are thousands & tens
 of thousands of civilized
 people like ourselves in
 that plight -- I say, like the
 D. de Broglie -- it is the end
 of the world! --

The only good thing I have
 heard is that you are out
 of Paris --

ever yours
 F. Nightingale

etxx

{`etxx' is written in another hand}

A.24 Signed letter from Nightingale to M. Mohl, Pen, Handwritten
by Nightingale, Dated Sept 9/70 [8:579-80]

Lea Hurst
Matlock
Dear M. Mohl

x
Sept 9/70

We are so very sorry to hear
of Mme Mohl being so poorly,
who was not thought well
when she was here. I was
in hopes she would have been
better when "the beast" was
"kicked out" -- (tho' little
vantage shall we gain
thereby -- it seems -- as John
of Gaunt said) -- ~~but~~ she
wrote to me she should "die"
if he were *not*. We trust
that she will soon be better.

I write by the orders of
my superiors, too glad to
execute them -- to beg & pray

that you will come here, when,
how, & as, it may be most
convenient (or least inconvenient)
to you. Pray don't disappoint
them. My father tells me
that he *has* asked you in
all manner of ways already --
so I say no more but just
to repeat: please don't grieve
them.

As for me, it was really a
comfort to me to read your
letter -- strange sort of comfort,
you will say! -- yes, but it *is* --
"il n'y a que la raison qui ne
fatigue pas à la longue" --
And I am ~~so~~ weary of unreason
-- the baseness & frivolity of the

English about this War -- the
frantic ambition of the
Prussians, their desire of
military despotism & their
real subserviency to Bismark,
not a bit different in effect from
(if you read for "Prussians") the
French, (& for "Bismarck") the beast
-- tho equally frantic imprévoyance
of the French, caring only for
joy at having sent away the
Emperor, & not thinking of
what they have to put in his stead.

Who was it who said: ah if I had
been God, I would not have made
the world! -- (I am much of
that mind myself.)

In all this unutterable woe & horror
of misery which closes round this
poor world now [the Guillotine

of the Great Revolution was
merciful compared to this]
when, as you say, the conditions
which Prussia *may* demand
-- urged by the popular clamour
which Bismark himself has
raised -- can but bring about
a disastrous universal European
war -- preceded by a disastrous
universal armed peace --
in this European convulsion
of misery -- to say nothing of how
the whole European civilization
(if such a word as *civilization*
is not as far off, as out of
place now as heaven would
be) would be altered by

Prussia's military preponderance
-- the baseness & frivolity of the
English -- in all excepting the
grabbing together of £100,000
& more for the Wounded.

(which is very fine --) our low mindedness
~~that~~ one of the meanest
features of the whole --
But, do you know, I had rather
be poor MacMahon than
our Secretary for War, Cardwell
You talk of 'Intendance' corruption,
short comings & mal practices?
-- Do you know *ours*? --

But I must stop --
Say 'God bless you' again --
that does me good --
And God bless you -- dear M. Mohl
ever yours
Flo

The more I hear, the more I admire
Germany & her unheard-of sacrifices,
the less I admire Prussia, who has
placed *herself* as a God on the Altar for

for them to adore -- & the more
I detest her free translation
of 'German nationality', which
she reads as: -- Prussian military
supremacy.

A.25 Initialled letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl, Pencil
Handwritten by Nightingale, Dated Sept 13/70 [8:589-81]

Lea Hurst
Matlock
Dearest Madame Mohl

x
Sept 13/70

Now you are a sensible person --
I have written to my maids to prepare the little
Drawing-room for your bed-room -- the bigger
for your sitting-room -- the bed-room (above
mine) for M. Mohl.

If you go up with only a day's notice, please
write to

Mrs. Legg
35 South Street
Park Lane
London W.

& announce yourself.

But, if there is time, please write to me -- & let
me give the order -- merely because I think I
can make you more comfortable.

The maids will ask you exactly for ~~their~~ your
orders, of course, when you are there.

And I think my little cook makes very good
beef-tea & soup &c.

How I wish I could recommend you a Doctor.
I could name to you, of course, a dozen "well known
for stomach complaints." but then I think
what you want is somebody who will see
to your every-day regimen & not give Medicine.
And that is just what English Drs. say they
do -- & just what they don't do --
And you would think they made you worse.

My dear -- there is nothing I wouldn't give life would be nothing to give -- to hasten a *possible* peace even by one moment -- Christ weeping over Jerusalem is nothing to this terror & great crowded misery of the march upon Paris -- Why, God Himself must be standing "weeping" before Paris -- But I assure you that our Government is not backward -- You know they are no friends of mine -- "Their tameness is shocking to me" But they are waiting to mediate--They will seize an opportunity. [Thiers is supposed to be in London *to-day* -- to treat.] No private person, no

Queen can do any thing. As for *her* being at Balmoral, as a mere matter of feeling, I think it is intolerable. But, if our Government can do anything, urge anything, mediate anything, as a Neutral Power, in consultation with Thiers [-- Ministers are responsible to Parliament, not to the Queen -- *our* Sovereign is nobody, in an affair of this kind --] depend upon it, they, the Ministers, will do what they ought, what they can, -- *with* the Queen, if there is time, -- without her, if there is not.

[I am writing to the Crown Princess *to-day*, (in answer to her letters & telegraphs,) & have said all I can -- But no Crown Princess, no Queen, no private person can do anything -- And if I had not been writing, I should not even have thought of her --]

Many thanks for Bart. St. Hilaire's most striking letter -- true to the letter. I will forward it, as desired.

The "Captain" is gone down -- with 500 men -- And Reginald Herbert, Sidney Herbert's boy -- (*my* boy, as they always called him) -- such a noble, gallant lad -- the very flower of the flock. -- a promise of Sir Philip Sidney -- is lost with her

His mother (Lady Herbert) lying dangerously
ill at Wilton -- *they cannot tell her.*

A little later would be better
for me to see M. Mohl here
(in answer to your question.)

But, if he *can* come, my time
will be his -- (for a few minutes) --
let him come when he *can* --

God bless you

ever yours

F.

A.26 Signed letter from Nightingale to M. Mohl, Pen, Handwritten

Dear M. Mohl

I write, because I promised to obtain
information for you (which I dare say
you have obtained already) as to where
Chloroform is wanted.

[15:740]

It is not at all wanted at Versailles,
but at Blois, Poitiers, Orleans, & Tours & all the
places about, where the 5000 wounded
of the battle of the Loire are lying, it
is lamentably wanted. Chloroform,
Surgical Instruments & Blankets are

almost wanting.

Our Society are, I believe, despatching them -- have already sent some.

But there will be room for all.

[They are performing operations with common Butchers' knives & without Chloroform -- near Orleans since 8th and 9th. We are told that anything may be sent either by St. Malo or Havre -- but that *it is no use sending any thing except with an Agent to take care of it & bring it to its destination.* [We have plenty of Agents now.]

However, I need not tell you this.

There will be more fighting very soon.

And the *Prussians* have, I am thankful to say, despatched half our Giant Ambulance (at Versailles) to Orleans.

2. I hope to send you to-day or tomorrow a copy of all the things & money sent to Germany to claim your kind promise about the Cologne Gazette & the Augsburg

Gazette.

[concluded on first page] 3. I am as usual up to my chin in harasses --

Will you come & see me on SUNDAY at 3 or at 4?

[end]

What is the situation for a cat you want filled?
ever yours

Flo.

Nov 17/70

7 a.m.

A.27 Signed letter from Nightingale to M. Mohl, Pencil,
Handwritten by Nightingale, Dated 23 Nov/70 at end of letter

Dear M Mohl

Here, at last, is the copy of the things
& cash we have sent to *German* side
from Sept 1 to Nov 12

[15:749]

which you were so good as to say you
would put in the *Cologne Gazette* --

This does not include, of course, what we
have been doing lately for the French Sick
prisoners *in Germany*. [We sent £5000 worth
of things last week alone
for them.]

I will write again.

I will send you another copy for *Augsburg*
Gazette, if you are so good as to wish it.

[end]

Yours ever

23 Nov/70

Flo

A.28 Signed Partial letter/draft/copy from Nightingale--no
salutation Pen, Handwritten by Nightingale, dated March 14/71

Very many thanks for sending me M. Mohl's
letter -- (returned inside.)

I shall feel very anxious to hear again, if
you are so good as to let me.

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[2. Don't forget to tell Miss Smith of Oxford
that she *must* give you back "Mrs. Tit"
(the cat) if you like to take her (the cat)
to Paris. And I will give you a kitten
as soon as I have one --

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3.] If you see Lady William Russell, could
you kindly ask Mr. Odo whether he
would be so good as to name some one
at Rome who would *receive & deliver*
letters from the nuns in London whom
he (Mr. Odo) once protected to a
Monsignor de Bése at Rome --
-- *I paying the postage*. [There is a new
Regulation at the Foreign Office, and a

very good one -- that no letters are
to be sent thro' the F.O. bag except
to diplomatic people.

But I don't ask anything of the
Foreign Office.]

These nuns were re-instated here in
their rights mainly by the instrumentality
at Rome of Mr. Odo Russell, this Monsignor de
Bési & the Portuguese Ambassador -- at Rome.
They the nuns say: their letters don't reach Mons:r
de Bési. & ask me to get them the
freedom of the F.O. bag. to Rome.

That I can't do --

But, if Mr. Odo Russell would kindly
name some one at Rome ~~to~~
under cover to whom I might
forward their letters *post-paid*
& who would deliver them to the Monsignor,
I should be truly obliged.

Excuse this trouble.

How much I think of Paris --
of your return -- of M. Mohl.

God bless you --
ever your old

Flo

Embley -- Romsey
March 171

A.29 Signed letter from FN to Mary Clarke Mohl, Pen, Handwritten
Ap 11/71 at end of letter, 9087/4 [8:582]

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

I was most thankful to see this letter
It has just come in (from Lady William. I suppose)
& after having read it 20 times, I return it
in haste with a rain of thanks.

O black Letter days in the Calendar --
but even the man "hid in the washerwoman's cart
makes them less appalling.

I had a letter yesterday from a lady at Versailles. She describes
the rage of the people against the Insurgés -- They would hardly
let her give a drink of water to an Insurgé mortally wounded
who was brought in. She says she cannot help feeling this

rage herself.

All her poor people whom she had re-established
in their old quarters, Meudon, Garches La Celle St. Cloud,
{continued from above line}
St. Cloud (the last at the village of Boulogne) driven
out again.

ever your
Flo.

Ap 11/71 4 p.m.

A.30 Signed letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl, Pen
Handwritten by Nightingale Dated April 27/71, 9087/5

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

April 27/71

Dearest Madame Mohl

I have had a long letter from M. Mohl --
the *last* date, the 22nd.

I don't know that I was ever so thankful to see
any one's letter in my life.

I will send it you. I would have sent
it you at once -- but that I think is most
likely you have one of the same or a later date.

No letter has reached me of his from you since his
of the 13th -- & *not* even the letter which you promised me
when you were last here -- Lady William, at my earnest
request, sent me one of his to her of the 17th -- Since when, nothing.
ever your old Flo.

A.31 Signed letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl, Pen,
Handwritten by Nightingale, Dated 4 May/71 at end of letter,
9087/7

Dearest Madame Mohl

I return your letter which I was most thankful
to see. It is the latest date of any I have seen.

How shall I send my letter (enclosed) to M. Mohl?
If thro' Mr. Odo Russell, will you send it? --
Keep my Messenger, if you like, to take it.
ever your old
Flo

I enclose 2 3d stamps for my letter
if it can go by post.

4 May/71

A.32 Signed letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl, Pen,
Handwritten by Nightingale, Dated May 11/71 at end of letter

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

[letter written sideways from letterhead]
Dearest Madame Mohl

I had last night a letter from M. Mohl,
dated 7th.

Shall I send it you? --
Or have you later? --
He does not appear to have received my letter --
ever your
old Flo

May 11/71

A.33 Letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl Pen Handwritten by
Nightingale Dated Sunday May 28/71, 9087/9 [8:583]

35 South Street, [printed address]
Park Lane, W. [written lengthwise along paper]
Sunday May 28/71

Dearest Madame Mohl

I have a letter from M. Mohl.
The last date in it is on *Thursday*.

It is written at different hours on Sunday, Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, as a sort of
Diary.

He records the burnings of the Tuileries &c --
on *Wednesday*. And when he finishes on *Thursday*,
says that "the town is entirely taken" -- & that he
only hears "a moderate cannonade" -- somewhere about
Bicêtre and at a distance.

So that I hope there was nothing more or worse
to be learnt or done when he wrote.

He says: "the streets are shut up with sentries" --
"to facilitate the arrestation of a few hundred ringleaders"

He hopes to "go to the Embassy tomorrow (Friday) to"
post his letter -- so that perhaps this letter was not
sent till Friday, in which case all the better --
it is later news of him. The streets must then
have been open to the Faubg. St. Honoré.

I would send you the letter at once, but I have
no doubt you have even later news.

I would not wish my worst enemy to pass such a week
as I have passed. I did not dare to send to you. For
terror is contagious. I had rather by far, far, have been
in Paris -- as I had rather have been *in the War from first to last*
=== myself.=====

I saw Mme de Stael (for your sake & in consequence of you & your
note) {continued from above line}
on Wednesday.

They had then heard of the burnings -- by telegram.

She did not cry. [But I thought there was death
in her face.] The young de Broglie, at Versailles, wounded
by an obus, was, they feared, in a desperate state --
And his father, the D. de Broglie, was gone to him.
-- I did not like to trouble her by sending to inquire.
But, if you see her, I should be so glad to know that
the young man was better --

Also, if they have any news of Mlle d'Haussonville.

God bless you -- & save Paris.

ever & always your

old Flo.

A.34 Signed letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl, Pen,
Handwritten by Nightingale, Dated May 31/71, 9087/10

35 South Street, May 31/71
Park Lane,
W. [printed address]

Dearest Madame Mohl

I cannot bear to think of not
seeing you again.

Friday is Indian day -- and I have
not a moment.

If you don't go back to Paris
till Monday -- *Sunday at 4*, if
that suits you, is my best time.
But rather than not see you
again, I would say any time --
to-morrow, Friday, any time.
to-morrow, Thursday, at 4 -- or
Saturday at 4 --

Or would you start *from here* any day
spending a few hours here first,
to look after your things &c?

I shall ask you to take 100 fr. to
la grande Julie as a souvenir for
me. I suppose 4 English sovereigns
is ~~a~~ the best present.

But won't you take English
sovereign for yourself? -- Will

you take 500£ or £100.

& -- more to come when you
want them?

You must give me a few
hours to get them.

That is why I write now.

O my dear, my dear, what is
this destruction come over Paris --
so far worse than she deserves? --

God bless you
yours ever & ever
Flo

Embley has *not* sent me back
my letter from M. Mohl --
2 posts gone --]

A.35 Signed letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl, Pen,
Handwritten by Nightingale, Dated 27 Nov/71, 9087/11 [1:760-61]

35 South Street, 27 Nov/71
Park Lane,
W. [printed address]

My dearest Madame Mohl

I am so sorry that you are ill
that I cannot help saying: take more
care. Health is easier lost than won.

After this oracular utterance, I
must proceed at once to cats: -- I
assure you that I feel so entirely
devoted to 'combler' the gap you
describe that my whole energies
are bent upon sending one to Paris
by somebody, even without the
glittering bait you hold out, that
of introducing the somebody to
society. I think a kit is
ready now to go. But I don't think
it ought to have ~~sent~~ gone before.
I am not quite sure yet which is
Miss. As to the colours, I think
in my letter to M. Mohl, I told you
what they were. None are "black",
& none are "black & white", which
you proscribe. But all, I am afraid,
are rather too dark for your taste.
All 3 are a dark ground, 2 with orange

coloured spots, & one with grey spots. as if it were in mourning. All have beautiful faces -- not one has any spot of white.

Mr. Muff, their Papa, is much lighter -- But Temperance says, quite gravely: `I am sure', m'm, that Mr. Muff would not like Paris' -- He is grown handsomer than ever, & is like two Muffs. But then you don't want a Tom.

[I did not hear that Emily Verney was to go to Malta *via Paris* till she was actually off. She would not have had time to go to 120 R. du B. But, had I known that she was going by Paris, I would have telegraphed to you to fetch the kit from her.

Same with Alice -- who is, I believe, now at Paris, with poor Elinor who will have, alas! to spend a winter at Cannes, they are afraid. But you probably know more about this than I do --]

If you hear of any body coming to Paris, I

will send the kit to *any* Station to meet its Chaperon or Escort. And *I* will be on the look-out for some one. ~~But~~ going -- But you know how off the stage I live. And now, having fully discussed the most important matter, I will descend, to what is quite frivolous.

Where is that book on the Gnostics by M. Mohl? -- I am so very sorry to hear about his knee -- but I hope, unlike the grandmother, in the Vicar of Wakefield who could not 'take up her pen', because she had 'sprained her ancle', I hope -- indeed I am sure -- that he has devoted that space of time to writing his long promised book on 'Religions' illustrated by the Gnostics'

Where is that formula on all Religions which he promised to write me in a letter some months back?

Not one line, not one word, not one bit or sup [drip?] have I had from him since he returned to Paris.

He has not even sent me Ida's address -- Frau von Schmidt. Zabierow -- is that her right name? --

he has not even sent me the address of Dr. Shrimpton at Paris? --

Ah my dear soul how little I am
able to write anything that is
worth an answer.

There was a Gymnotus sent over in a
bucket to Faraday for him to make
electrical experiments with. That
Gymnotus must have been a very
near relation of mine. And the
Royal Institution bothered it as
the Government Offices bother me.
But I have no protector as my
friend the Gymnote had -- whose
patron Humboldt, actually wrote,
at its request, I suppose, a letter saying that `il importe
surtout de ne pas trop tourmenter
l'animal' which `épouse's itself
by giving too many electrical
discharges -- O my dear! how many
electrical discharges do the Government
offices require of *this* `animal' -- &
there is no one to say to them `qu'il ne
faut pas trop tourmenter l'animal' --

You do not mention the poor
Tourgueneffs -- tho' M. de Tourgueneff
must have been dead when you wrote.
Pray say, how much I think of & feel
for them -- tho' how can one feel for another
in real grinding affliction? It is like feeling the

[continued on first page of letter, above the letterhead]
rack for another. from your failing friend

Flo

A.36 Incomplete, unsigned letter/draft/copy from FM to Mme Mohl, pen, Handwritten by Nightingale, July 30/72 [8:584-85]

Embley July 30/72
Romsey [blue pencil]

Dearest Madame Mohl

I write as soon as it is possible.
I like you to think of our dear old friend, Mr. Bracebridge, so much! I have told Mrs. Bracebridge that you do so. He & she have been the creators of my life. And when I think of him at Scutari; the only man in all England who would have lived (& submitted to) such a 'pigging' life -- without the absorbing interest ~~of the situation~~ & responsibility which it was to me I think "we ne'er shall look upon his like again".

"O insupportable & touching loss!" as Cassius says of Portia.

She wrote to me herself of it -- quite collectedly, tho' it is the break up of every thing to her. They were the same age: had been married near half a century: scarcely ever separated I should think a fortnight. She only says: that her "call will soon come".

But she could spare *him* better than he *her*.

I always felt that, if he had been left alone, he must have starved.

I do not at all know what she means to do. For her health she ought to leave Atherstone. But I shall not be surprised if she never does.

He had been unconscious for a week up to the day of his death -- then quite conscious, quite calm, quite cheerful, quite aware of the end--in the words of the Psalm:

"Tho' I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil. For Thou art with me".

He had genius. And when I think of Atherstone, of Athens, of all the places I have been in with them, of the immense influence they had in shaping my own life, -- more than earthly father & mother to me -- I cannot doubt that they leave behind them their mark on the century -- this century which has so little Ideal, at least in England.

As if a God had been abroad.

And left his impress on the world.

A.37 Initialed letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl, Pencil,
Handwritten by Nightingale
Dated Aug 4/72

Embley
Romsey Aug 4/72
Dearest Madame Mohl

--- ---Will you please write a few lines to
"those dear Mohls who I know loved
"him" (from Mrs. Bracebridge)
[I told her how you both loved him -- the only way to
please her now -- And I dare say you wrote too]

She says: "I left Atherstone for ever on
Tuesday" -- [I had not the least idea
of this. On account of her health, I am not sorry]
She is gone to Penmaen Mawr Hotel near Conway.
where her sister & a widowed niece are --
for the summer. Her nephew, Berdmore
Compton, brought her there "with a woman's
tenderness". [I am so thankful that there
is *somebody* to do this] She says she is "more
dead than alive" -- which I believe.

Will you send this to M. Mohl with my
dear love? I cannot write yet.
I send him some more newspaper Extracts about
Dr. Livingstone, unless you think he has better
newspapers.

Thanks for your letter.

Please give my respectful love to Mrs. Frewen
Turner, if she remembers me.

ever yours

F.N.

I will return M. Mohl's letter with thanks
tomorrow.

A.38 Initialled letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl, Pencil,
Handwritten by Nightingale, Dated Aug 11/72 [8:585]

Embley Aug 11/72

Romsey

Dearest Madame Mohl

Thanks for your letter.

I have *not* heard from M. Mohl.

I know I am in his debt. But he must
not count with me too exactly.

I am like old Richard Baxter who said:
that his weakness took up *so much of his*
time.

& that all the pains of all his infirmities were
not half so grievous to him (which is
quite true to me) as the *loss of his time*
which they occasioned --

I send more Livingstone.

[It is about the best pleasure I have that
that man is found -- no thanks to us!]

My tender love & thanks to Mrs. Frewen Turner
for her most kind message -- in her own
hand too. God bless you -- ever your loving

F.

"to you also her welcome advent
"is an epoch. W. I trust
"that we shall speedily hear
"of a day being fixed."

Of course you know all this:
but still one likes to hear
it.

I am immersed in a stream
of my Matrons & Nurses,
which takes away all my
strength; but is a thing
which must be done.

Do you remember Miss
Williams Wynn, (sister of
Mrs. Milnes Gaskell) who
died at Arcachon?

Her private correspondence".
she speaks of you in it --
has been privately printed
-- not published.

It was lent me by a friend
of hers, tho' a much younger
woman, & of mine: a Miss
Barclay, niece of Lord Zetland
who is dead. Miss Barclay is
now one of our trained Matrons
-- & has taken the Edinburgh
Infirmary -- a most uphill job --
for us.

It, the book, I mean -- not
the Infirmary, -- is very interesting.
But the Infirmary is interesting
too.

Do you remember Miss W.
Wynn's dog, Mohr, who died
before she died. Really one
of the most interesting parts
of her letters is her belief in
the immortality of animals,
who, she says -- which is quite my
own conviction -- have some
qualities so much higher than
we have --

I shall lend you the book
-- & keep it for that purpose --

But at present I can think
of nothing but M. Mohl.
I am with you in your
apartment.
And my hand refuses its Office
God speed you & cure him
ever your & his
old Flo.

A.40 Signed letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl, Pen,
Handwritten by Nightingale, Dated June 19/73, 9088/2 [8:585-86]

35 South St. x June 19/73
Park Lane W.

Dearest Madame Mohl

It makes me joyful, so that
I could sing a 'Te Deum', in the
midst of all my cares
that M. Mohl is again
'clothed' & on 'his right' knees
God bless him & you!

I am going to write to him
about his Shah who
entered London yesterday
with a splendid State
procession in a pouring rain
& a fog (June 18) so that I
could neither breathe nor see.

But I have not one
moment to-day. & only write

to sing an Ode
about M. Mohl
who is more worth than
many Shahs
& to thank you for writing
& to be glad that you
are coming.

Yes: I think Mr. Tit
must come. Else how
am I to raise up kittens
for you? --

I am very sorry Miss Eleanor
has to bring 'an Elephant' for
me. But I could at least
easily send for him to
Charing X, if I knew the
hour.

If M. Mohl does not come to England till July, & Lady William shd fail him, I hope he will come here. The Drawing-rooms are being fitted up for my mother -- who leaves on the last day of June -- and M. Mohl who I suppose ought not to go up-stairs shall sleep there.

[I never come out of my bed room now.]

ever your
old Flo

No: M. Mohl, you did not write "from your bed" before But you have written now.

And -- very thankful I am. What a very queer world this is we

live in -- if M. Reuter owns the 'Shah of Shahs' -- the 'Son of the Sun' -- It is as if Pickford owned the Pope.

The whole world & his wife here are on their knees to get Tickets for the Ball at Guild hall tomorrow night to the Shah. -- I was asked; & went on my knees too (in a letter) to that estimable functionary, the Lord Mayor, to get my Tickets transferred to a rising young Surgeon (& his wife) whom I have made Medical Instructor to my Nurse=School -- in which I succeeded.

No doubt that (not very) estimable functionary, the Shah, will have his mind improved by seeing how fine we can be at our '*Self-governing*' Centre!

The printed Cards of directions sent me as to how to get my Carriage within 100 miles of Guild/hall would have been enough for the German armies to surround Sedan!

A.41 Signed letter from Nightingale to M. Mohl, Pen, Handwritten
by Nightingale, Dated June 21/73, 9088/3 [8:586-87]

35 South St. June 21/73 +

Park Lane W.

My dear M. Mohl -- 10,000 thanks --
-- I was so very glad to receive
your letter this morning -- but
sorry that the poor knee
has been put to do what he
was not up to.

I cannot find a moment
to write to-day -- but will
write soon to your solitary
Highness -- & only write now
to say that my Messenger
(a Commissre in the Corps' dress)
shall be at the Charing +
Station on Monday to meet
the Tidal Train at 5 p.m.
Perhaps he may be able to
help Madame Mohl with
her luggage, unless she is
met from the Deanery.

At all events, he will be able
to relieve Miss Eleanor of
the cat, M. Tit.

I am so very sorry not to be able
to offer Miss Eleanor a bed here,
tho' I dare say she has plenty
of beds in London. I am immersed
in such a torrent of my Trained
Matrons & Nurses, going & coming,
to & fro Edinburgh & Dublin,
to & fro Watering-places for
their health, -- dining tea-ing, sleeping
-- sleeping by day as well as by night.

But that would not interfere
with you if you would come.
-- since I shall keep the Drawing
room bed rooms, after I
have fitted them up for my mother,
open for you.

I will write about 'metal more
attractive'-- something more
worthy of yours -- but am now
in great haste
ever yours gratefully
F. Nightingale

A.42 Signed letter from Nightingale to M. Mohl & Madame Mohl,
Pen, Handwritten by Nightingale, part in, 9088/6 [3:203-05]

Please address Embley x
35 South St. Romsey
Park Lane Feb 3/74
London W.

Dear M. Mohl & Madame Mohl,
Mrs. Bracebridge died on
Saturday morning at 1/4 past 5.
She had taken no notice since
Thursday at noon when she
tried to say something & failed.
She had been taken ill on the
Sunday before with difficulty of swallowing.

I tried to tell her of my
dear Father's death: I mean,
I sent her a letter by a friend.
Now I have no one to tell of
her death:

She was more than mother
to me: and oh that I could
not be a daughter to her in
her last sad days.

What should I have been

without her? And what would
many have been without her?
To one living with her as I did
once, she was unlike any other
human being: as unlike as a
picture of a sunny scene is to
the real light & warmth of
sunshine: or as this February
lamp we call our Sun is to her
own Sun of living light in Greece.
It is my last parting with my
past from all that is not
pain:
but to her it is all joy.
Hers was "faith": real
sympathy with God.
And *her* rising again:
but she would not have me say
this:
so I can only think of that Saturday

morning: after the suffering
darkness of her last sad
months: as of the first
time I saw: with her:
after a bad voyage:
[this is but a pale likeness of
her rising again: the "better
world" will be the better
for her: & heaven, I am sure
the happier when she is in it.]
the Sun spring out of Eastern seas:
not with the chill damp of
an English dawn: but
rejoicing like Apollo to run
his course.
Hers was "another dawn than ours".
But she is in her grave (to us)
-- and oh the difference to me.
In thought I always lived
with her in the days of her sorrows
I try to live with her now in ~~the~~
thought

in the days of her joys.
 I told her what you M. Mohl said to me
 once about her husband:
 that delighted her.
 Other people live together to
 make each other worse:
 she lived with all to make
 them better:
 and she was not like a
 chastened Christian saint:
 no more like that than Apollo:
 but she had qualities which
 no Greek God ever had: real
 humility: Excepting my dear
 Father, I never knew any so
 really humble. And with
 hers, the most active heart
 & mind, & buoyant soul
 that could well be conceived:
 was it not the more remarkable?

[2] [4]

Dr. Livingstone's death is
 confirmed: as you perhaps
 know. How sad -- not because
 he died out there -- but
 because he died 'ere he
 finished what he had set
 before him to do. *He* was a
 Missionary after your own heart: we have
 no such men now-a-days.

We are in the midst of [not in 3:204]
 the Dissolution: I can't say
 I care about it much: these
 men have played their game
 so ill: the Cabinet makes
 no secret ~~that~~ of the probability
 that they will have to resign
 as soon as or before the new Parliament
 meets. Sir Harry Verney
 & his son are both fighting
 good battles. Sir H.V. has lost his seat

8/2/74

The Bengal Famine is even worse
 than was expected.

I came down here to be with [3:204 resumes]
 my poor Mother. [I must go
 back to London in 2 or 3 weeks.]
 For me the place "all withered when
 my Father died."
 She wandered (much & painfully) --
 not mere memory=wanderings --
 when I first came.
 But now sometimes when we speak
 of him there comes a flash
 of divine happiness over her
 sensible old face:
 it is worth living to me to see.
 At first I thought her more
 altered than I could have supposed
 possible: not between what she
 was in *afternoons* 3 months ago:
 & what she is now: for when up
 & walking about she has long been
 confused in memory:
 but between the mornings when
 I sat by her in her bed & she used
 to show more mental & spiritual insight

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 than ever she did in all her life
~~last year & now~~
 on Saturday it was terrible:
 I thought: oh I am too late: the
 mind is gone:
 But Sunday morning: I was by her
 bed as soon as she spoke: she knew
 me at once: & began at once to speak
 of our loss. Then I said all that is so
 true about *him*: and when we
 repeated: To-day shalt thou be with
 me in Paradise: a sort of divine
 rapture gleamed in her: it is
 enough to have lived for to have seen it. She
 continually asks: when shall I go
 after him? -- She feels the loss
 the more, not the less, because
 it is like a fresh shock, a new
 blow to her every morning.
 To me it is different from what
 it is to any one else: I lie in the
 same rooms I did: not his: & I keep

expecting now as then to hear his voice & his step coming in to the rooms below:

Dear M. Mohl: you have never sent me your Theodike remarks: I care for them more than ever now: ever yours

F. Nightingale [end 3:205]

A.43 Signed letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl, Pen and pencil, Handwritten by Nightingale, Dated June 18/75 & additions dated June 25/75 at end of letter, 9088/10 [8:587-88]

Upper Norwood
June 18/75

Dearest Madame Mohl

I am glad & sorry to hear that you are at Hastings (St. Leonard's) -- sorry that you are alone: but you are always a host to yourself= of course you are finishing your book.

I am 'out of humanity's reach': in a red Villa like a Monster Lobster: a place which has no 'raison d'être' except the raison d'être of Lobsters or Crabs: viz. to go backwards: & to feed & be fed on: in charge

of my Mother. by Doctor's orders, as her only chance of recovering strength enough to see once more her old home (Lea Hurst) after which she cruelly craved.

Here she is happy: happy at least as compared with her miserable unhappiness in London.

Stranger vicissitudes than mine in life few men have had:

vicissitudes from slavery to power:
 & from power to slavery again:
 -- it does not seem like a 'vicissitude'
 a villa at Norwood: yet it is
 the strangest I yet have had.

It is the only time for 22
 years that my work has
 not been the first reason for
 deciding where I should live:
 & how I should live.

Here it is the last.

It is the caricature of a life:
 Dearest Madame Mohl: this
 letter begun, the moment I
 received yours, has been lying
 by me a week. If I try
 to finish it, I shall never send
 it.

We are here, & *Miss Irby* is
 with us (you ask where she
 is)

at Abbotsleigh

Church Road

Upper Norwood S. I.

We are so crowded that we
 cannot even ask a friend to
 sleep a great, great grievance: *Miss Irby* sleeps in the
 study: the Housekeeper in my
 room: & 3 Servants in lodgings.
 Please write, if you are so good

as to write, to *35 South St*:
 And if you could make use of
 that house when you are in
 London, I should be so glad.

I have had a charming letter
 from M. Mohl: but have
 no strength to answer it

Could you send him *this*?

God bless you: } ever your
 my dear, dear friend} old Flo
 June 25/75

A.44 Letter from Nightingale to Madame Mohl Pen Handwritten by
Nightingale Dated Sept 5/75, 9088/11 [8:588]

Lea Hurst
Cromford: Derby
Sept 5/75

Dearest Madame Mohl

I hope that you will make all the use
you can of 35 South St. -- you & M. Mohl --
when you go thro' London, if you wish
to stay in London. Only let me know
a day or two beforehand.

I have written to M. Mohl, asking
him to give me a night or two here.

It is very provoking that I should be
so 'tied & bound' here by the 'weight of my'
qy? 'sins', just when you are in England.

No cats, thank you.

I have written to M. Mohl the account of
the enlèvement by Miss Irby of her school
girls & school mistresses from Seraievo
to Belgrade: & asked him to send it to
you. She could not get a passport for
girls except upon a written promise
by her that she would bring these
valuable subjects of the Porte back again

God bless you

Please, my love to Mrs. Frewen Turner
& Miss Eleanor Martin.

ever your
old Flo.

A.45 Signed incomplete letter by FN--no salutation, Pen
Handwritten last sheet of letter, 9088/12 **[8:589]**

Dec 6/75 0

I know if I do not send this as
it is I shall never finish it.

I don't want to talk of my
misfortunes: but you kindly ask
what we are about.

I have had charge of my mother
since May 4.

She is now at 32 South St.

still under my charge. I here,
at 35, Shore & his wife, &
Miss Irby staying with me.

Shore & his wife have taken a
large house at 30 ~~50~~ York Place:

& (MOST kindly) take in my
{`MOST' is actually triple-underlined}
mother for 6 months.

They are the only people (except
Miss Irby) who have shown my
Mother *personal* persevering
kindness since her widowhood.

God bless them for it! My Mother's
is like a resurrection under
Shore's care & love.

We hope the house will be ready

in a week.
I am like a person who cannot
breathe.

God bless you, dearest, best
of friend.

M. Mohl: *get well*.

I send you one of Miss Irby's
maps/papers to amuse you.

I would tell you much about
Bosnia: but M. Mohl knows
more than I do. Also: much
about the Indian Accountant=Genl's Irrigation
Accts: which have been sent to me -- to overhaul.

God bless you again:
ever your
old Flo

A.46 Letter from Nightingale--no salutation, Pen, Handwritten by
Nightingale, Dated 1871 [8:582]

As for German unity: --
if Prussians (of all ranks) are now in the
process of developing into Germans,
who are, as a body, civilized & human
beings -- then even this
great earthquake & hurricane of misery
may have been worth while --
(tho' I myself should prefer annihilation)
But, if German unity means: Germany (of
all ranks) developing into Prussia,
upon my honour I think I had rather
be the "Captain", with my dear boy in her "Tu Marcellus eris"
lying 200 fathoms deep off the Coast of Spain

Lord have mercy upon us his poor children --
who have all turned out murderers & robbers
& villains!

ever yours
Florence Nightingale

I sent your Cinchona note to
Parthe. She is here

v
[not FN hand]
très [illeg] seul
tout sur ce [illeg]

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references to suggestions for thought

Dear M. Mohl: you have never sent me your Theodike remarks: I care for them more than ever now. [at end of letter 3 February 1874, Embley to M & Mme Mohl on Mrs Bracebridge's death] in Woodward

and a reference to comments by both Mill and Jowett

A.47 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO MADAME MOHL, JANUARY 20, 1877, PEN, 9088/13 **[1:763]**

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Jan 20/77

Dearest Madame Mohl

This is solely about *cats*:
The Tom kitten with a 'pretty face', which you said you would like (your own descendant) when you were here has been scrupulously set apart for you. He has now, I think, the longest hair I ever saw: is most affectionate & very clean: I was in hopes that you would have let me know any opportunity

by which he could have been sent to you at Paris: (as you did not summon him to go ~~by~~ with yourself).

Could you let me know whether you still wish to have him: his name is Biz: & whether there will soon be a safe opportunity of *some one going to Paris* who would *carefully take him to you*:

I should think he would be greatly admired even in Paris: {If he stops here, he
{*will be stolen or lost*:

dearest friend, no more to-day:
ever your old Flo

A.48 Signed LETTER FROM FN TO MADAME MOHL, JULY 6, 1877, PEN, 9088/15
[re Le livre des rois par Abou Ikasum Firdousi, traduit et commenté par
J. Mohl. Publié par Mme Mohl 7v. Paris; 1876-1878

THE LETTER BEGINS:

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
July 6/77
6. a.m.

Dearest Madame Mohl

Your troubles about the Article
are as grievous to me as to you.

I do not know "the bookseller's address" who
sells the Schah Nameh in London:

I did not know there was any.

I have been casting about: & can only repeat
*I did not know there was one. Did you
appoint any?*

I have always ordered my copies -- & I have
had 3 -- *thro' a London bookseller* from Paris
(in order to make it known in London:) I ordered

mine thro' Mr. John Day

16 Mount St.

(but any other London bookseller would do
as well)

If you would give me *Mr. Palmer's address*
I would to save you trouble order
a copy from Paris thro' Mr. Day
to be sent him.

Will you not come *here on Monday*
with your niece Elinor who you said
was coming ~~with~~ to go with you to Paris,
pick up the cat here, & *stay here till*
you start for Paris?

My mother went to Lea Hurst yesterday.

I must follow her to-day, to-morrow or Monday
but I am immersed in terrible Indian
business (famines & drainage) & in Nurse
business: & before I close this I shall
hear that one of our Matrons is dead &

I have to see her Assistant & I hope successor.

It is such a grief to me that I cannot see you
again: your heart & mine are in his grave:
or rather he is not dead but more alive
than we. And we shall all be alive

together in God. Fare you very well.

I send your old friend, *Mrs. Legg*, who will

keep this house, that you may tell her
that you will come *here on Monday*:
God bless you:
ever your old
Flo

A.49 PARTIAL DRAFT/LETTER/COPY FROM FN to Mary Clarke Mohl, NO SALUTATION,
SEPTEMBER 14, 1877 PEN, 9088/17 [8:589-90]

Address 35 South St.
Park Lane
London W.
Sept 14/77

My heart -- and a very sad heart it is -- is always with you, dearest friend
--

with you & with him who is gone before us --
You say truly that no one loved him -- or I believe
understood him -- more than I. And my thoughts
of him strengthen every hour.

Thanks for sending me that old letter:
how I wish I had more. Indeed I think of you as having
lived with two such men as M. Mohl & M. Fauriel. But what a glorious
life to have known two such men. And how few have it.

You ask what I am doing:
My mind is full of the dying Indian children,
starved & lying by the roadside dead or torn
by dogs -- by hundreds of thousands -- from
conditions which have been made *for* them --
in this hideous Famine: there has been no

calamity like it for a century:

We can manufacture any Death-rate we please for English children who certainly can do nothing to make their own conditions -- & what is worse still we can manufacture a 'rate' of brutal savages: as we do in London But nowhere do we see this terrible law as in India: where the people are the poorest in the world, the most industrious in the world, & yet are wholly dependent on Government & Government works.

At this time when England is -- really almost for the first time -- thinking powerfully about India, we must seize the opportunity.

The Governor of Madras (the Duke of Buckingham) & the Indian Secretary of State (Lord Salisbury) have been *proprio motu* in correspondence with me about Irrigation & Water Transit: & about Madras Drainage, which has been pending for 20 years. But, tho' people wait to drain & to water, they do not wait to die.

John Bright made a powerful speech at Manchester yesterday upon water for produce *and* for transit.

But some one should now get up an agitation, (as Mr. Gladstone did for Bulgaria), in all this country for India which shall say to the Government: 'You shall': If we had given them water we should not now have to be giving them bread!

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A.51 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO MADAME MOHL, JULY 18, 1878, PEN, 9088/21
[8:590-91]

35 South St. +
Park Lane W.
July 18/78

Dearest ever dearest Madame Mohl

It is true that you have not written: but
you & he are ever present with me.

I think the apartment au 3ème is ever
before me just as much as if I were in it.

God bless you always.

Yes, indeed: his letters did contain deep truths.

Aunt Jenny, Uncle Pc's widow, has gone to
join him. She longed to go. She wrote to me twice
not many days before she died as clear as ever.

I bless God that I have ever known M. Mohl
tho' I find it hard to bear life without him: how

much more must you!

India work has occupied me exceedingly lately:
especially the question of the frightful
indebtedness -- question did I say? -- I mean
heart rending reality -- of the Indian,
& chiefly the Deccan peasantry: &
their slavery, *actual slavery* to the money-
lenders. And we are ~~actually~~ undertaking
new & huge territories -- we who have been
able so little to make India what she should
be -- it takes away my breath -- we are
undertaking Mesopotamia, Asia Minor
& occupying Cyprus.

The opening words of the Treaty are:

`in the name of the omnipotent God' --
how I like those words. The miseries of
this world are so dreadful that if one did
not believe in the Father Almighty, one
must pray for annihilation.

I must go to Lea Hurst in a few days
to take charge of my Mother: she is gone
there already under the convoy of good
Shore. And again there must be some
reason in the counsels of the Father Almighty
for taking me away from my work without
a single day's rest for this exhausting charge.
I have not had one day's rest since my

Father died 4 1/2 years ago.
But God can do the work without me
I will write again:
under severe stress of business &
illness ever dearest friend
your old Flo.
Miss Irby is still at Knin with 12000 starving
Bosnian fugitives dependent upon her: in Dalmatia.

A.52 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO MADAME MOHL, JUNE 8, 1880, PENCIL, black-edged
paper, 9088/24 **[8:594]**

8/6/80

Dearest Madame Mohl
I can scarcely raise my
head from the pillow --
And I am overwhelmed
with business. I was
going to write to you --
Saturday at 5 --
would that suit you?

I ought to lie quite
quiet for a week
And I have not had
one day --]
ever & ever your
old Flo

A.53 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO LOUISA, JULY 25, 1880, PEN

10 S. St.
July 25/80

Dearest Louisa I am so
glad that you are
going to Lea Hurst on
Thursday, as Miss Rabe
tells me.

And is *Shore* going
too?

If not, perhaps he
will come *here*. We
shall be so glad to have
him.

In case your servants
are going to Lea Hurst
tomorrow, you may be
glad to know where they
can find the things.

I enclose List:

How I should like to
see you all, all before
you go: but I am so
pressed. Perhaps on
Monday or Wednesday
in the afternoon I
might have a peep of
you, dearest Louisa.
God bless you all:

ever yours

Aunt Florence

I am so very anxious
to hear anything about
Thames Bank.
My love to dearest Rosy,
who, I hear, goes
tomorrow: Aunt
Florence is so sorry
not to see her before
she goes. But I
have Matrons, Matrons
today & every day.

F.N.

I have a cushion & 2 Table
covers for the Drawing-room
to send *with* you when
you go.

A. 54 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO C.B.N. DUNN ESQ., PEN AND PENCIL [6:629-30]

No 2

4/4/87

My dear Sir

I am very much obliged to
you for your letter & Acct.
I am greatly concerned to hear
your report of poor Jane Allison.
Please keep your eye upon her:
I know you will. I trust you
do not think that she will have
to be removed. A sort of *very light*
charwoman's place would be,
I suppose, the best thing for her.
If Miss Julia Smith goes to
Lea Hurst this spring, I will
ask her to take her on.
In the meantime, if you approve
& could kindly arrange with
any one like Mrs. Luke Alsop
to employ her & bear with her

out of charity. I would gladly pay the charwoman's wages for Jane [I am always in dread lest she should end her days in the Asylum.] People will hardly bear with her.

You know of course that that man, Cotterell, removed his poor little daughter, Patty, from that good place you & Mrs. Swann found for her. Mr. Wildgoose most kindly refused, at my request, to take her on at the Mill. And the man has put her to some Mill near Bonsal. I understand that this bad man complained that Mr. Wildgoose gave him hard & ill-paid work, as a reason

for taking away Patty -- whereas I know for a fact that Mr. Wildgoose, in order not to turn him off, tried him at any work he could or would do & paid him well for bad work. They are a woful family. Is the little girl Platts come home? I am afraid Jane Allison is waiting & reckoning for when Mr. & Mrs. Shore Smith may come to Lea Hurst. I am obliged to leave off: so will only enclose a note written before yours arrived. Why does not Mrs. Thompson drink Cocoatina as you ordered. Mrs. Bratby has a fresh supply

to dispense.

[end 6:630]

ever faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
CBN Dunn, Eq

A.55 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH, JUNE 7, 1881, PENCIL with envelope and cancelled stamp: **[1:544]**

Miss Rosalind Shore Smith
30 York Place
Portman Sq
W.
7/6/81

7/6/81

Dearest Rosy,

If you write to Sarajevo,
please *not* to mention what
I told you about the
possibility of Miss Irby
going to Ragusa for a week.
- nor to any one.

- I do not know why it
should be a secret. But I
find it *is*.

I earnestly hope Miss Irby
will soon be better --

Please let me know if you
hear.

Do you know *how long* she
HAD BEEN IN bed?

2.I want to adorn Barbarina's

garden. But this is a bad
time of year.

Could we any how get her a
Geranium & Rosetree, &
"plant them out" in her
garden?

Next year, if she is there, we
must begin betimes, &
give her bulbs & cuttings.

When ought hyacinths & tulip bulbs to be
put in the ground?

ever dearest your

loving

Aunt Florence

A.56 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO MME MOHL, PEN [3:205-06] [8:594-95]

June 30/81
6. a.m.
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

Dearest, ever dearest Madame Mohl

I *always* remember you. I
"think of" you *always*. There is
no danger of my "forgetting" you,
if it were only for this, that
I think of *him*. And how
can you two be apart in
my mind? He is living:
I never think of him as *dead*:
he is making the infinite
progress in God which he
did so long for on earth.
God is everywhere: and in God
he is nearer to us than he
was when on earth. It is
only of the soul's *system of relations*
~~which the soul has~~ that
we can say: It is *here*: It is

there:

I was thinking of him -- in
God -- & of you -- [what
people call: praying] in
the night particularly,
even more than usual,
just before your letter came.

I am not worthy to meet him
again: perhaps he would
not know me with my
body off. Because he
thought better of me than
I deserved.

But he would not have been
happy without you here.
~~earth~~ Why should you
think he will be ~~in the~~
hereafter?

future? He has taken
up ~~another system of relations~~ the hereafter,
& is waiting for you.
You two will pursue greater
objects, a wider sphere
together hereafter.

At least I don't think his
objects could be greater: but
he will pursue them in the
'Glorious liberty of the children
of God.' Here he was so
chafed by the 'limits': so
vexed by the narrowness.
He wished so to write a
history of religions: or as
I should call it, a history
of God -- that is, of what
we have found out about
God. That was what
all his study of Oriental
languages & of discoveries of

M.S.S. & remains had
been for, he told me. And he
used to say: "but we
don't know enough".
Now he knows: Now he enjoys.
Now he is ever gaining fresh
knowledge. You would
not grudge it him.
Hereafter you will be with
him.

Yes: I cannot remember
the time when I have
not longed for death.
After Sidney Herbert's death
& Clough's in 1861, 20
years ago, for years & years
I used to watch for death
as no sick man ever watched
for the morning.

It is strange that now

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that I am bereft of all,
I crave for it less. I want
to do a little work a little
better before I die. But I
have no guide to help me
but God in doing anything.

Yes, dear friend, I do
feel how you must long to
die & be with him & with
God, where he is.

But I don't think at all
that your interests are all
"individual". You have great
& wide sympathies & large
interests.

O indeed I love you,
love you dearly -- Forty
years & more have I
loved you.

You speak of Ida: would [not in 3:206]
you not go to her for the

summer? dear Ida
give her my love.

[You ask where Beatrice is:
they have taken a cottage
in Savernake Forest.

But she may be at Embley
now. If you write to her

Mrs. Godfrey Lushington
Embley
Romsey

it will be forwarded.

Bertha Coltman has a
sick son: a most interesting
boy of 19 with a heavenly
face. She has left London
& taken a house at Westgate
near Margate for 6 months
for him to be by the sea.]

I am as usual (you kindly ask) & more than usual immersed in business every day far beyond my strength. India: *trained* Nurses, &c People don't know how weak I am.

Yesterday we opened the New Marylebone Infirmary for pauper Patients (760 beds.) We nurse it with our trained Nurses, thank God. I have each of these women to see for 3 or 4 hours alone before she begins work.

Surely, dearest Madame [in 3:206] Mohl, if you come to London, I shall hope to see you.

God bless you ever:
always yours & *his*
F. Nightingale

A.57 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO MADAME MOHL, NOVEMBER 2, 1881, PEN AND PENCIL

Lea Hurst
Cromford: Derby
Nov 2/81

Dearest ever dearest Mme Mohl
How can I ever forget you?
I stand in the Rue Du Bac
120 now at this moment
as much as if I were really
there in the body with
him & you -- nay, I think,
much more.

Yes, yes, we shall all be
friends & "acquaintances"
as you say in that other
world where we shall be
after such much worthier
objects than here -- objects
which will satisfy even
him who was, as it seemed
to me, always in search of God

(oh how I miss him!
second only to you)
in search of God in
every thing deep, as philosophy,
in every thing loving & kind,
as the genius of friendship
that he was, as you would
say, in every thing
perfect -- ah not to be
found here -- in administration
-- how far, how far from it --
but above all in the
history of God. The
Persian Shah-Nameh did
not satisfy him. He
wanted to read the history
of God in all the traces
of the ancient religions.
Now he is doing it -- but in

how far, far more perfect
a way. Do you know
my heart leaps for joy when
I think of his joy in action
now -- tho' not a day passes
that I do not feel I have
lost in him my last, best
friend. O yes, you will
see him again: how can
it be otherwise when he
loved you so.

It does me good to think
of it.

You know I think the love
between him & you is like
the ark which passed
thro' the river Jordan,
without wetting a fringe,
sweeping back all the rushing
waters of difficulties & of
trials, & enabling them

to pass through the dark flooded river on dry land
 to the beautiful country
 O how much greater miracles
 there are now than then. And how
 ridiculous & even stupid &
 even hateful are the
 miracles (so called) of the
 Old Testament compared
 with the real miracles
 which God works now.

Yes, we will meet next
 year either in this world
 or another.

Always overworked by
 work beyond me -- that
 is the worst -- but ever
 & always

your old Flo.

[contd in pencil]

What is death but a laying down
 of the system of our physical relations
 here to resume it elsewhere? O what

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joy to some to lay them down
 & go to better errands by
 & bye -- what joy to him
 who has them already!
 but what joy to him to
 see you again

But oh if I may say so
 don't let any bitter feeling
 towards *others* come
 between you & him who
 never had *any* bitter
 feelings. True love
 overcomes these things.

He overcame. FN

Address me in *London*. **A58 A59?**

A.60 UNSIGNED DRAFT about Mme Mohl -- NO SALUTATION, MARCH 3, 1886 DARK PENCIL
[8:600-01] 9089/17

[About March 3/86]

And to you who knew her, how
 She had ~~not had~~ never a grain breath or half a breath of
~~"acting"~~ "posing" or of "edifying" in her
 presentation of herself -- not
 even where ~~such~~ it would have
 been almost desirable -- such like
 words when they came are pregnant -- they
 meant what they said -- ~~They gave~~
~~a key to herself.~~

For the same reason, no one
 ever had such influence in
 forming others' characters as Mme.
 Mohl, except M Mohl, because
 her influence ~~wa~~ came from
 what she was --
 & there was not a point that was hollow
 in her whole conformation

Mother Mohl was always undressed -- naked
 in full view. A little clothing
 wd have been decent. She was
 always `au naturel' -- but refinement.

Both M & Mme so intangible like spirits
 you can't write their memoirs.

like great actors (they never acted)
 they leave nothing fixed behind
 But they formed characters

like Savonarola
 Siege of Khartoum 1884 can alone be
 likened to Siege of Florence 1530
 highest Truth not pain but joy --
 impossible to put the *highest*
 Truth into memoirs of theirs -- never
 painful

M. Mohl, the greatest lover of Truth
 that is why he wrote so little -- there was so
 much more to be known

[illeg] [7:344]

Did I tell you how
much her stay in Venice
interested her in the cause
of Italian freedom?

I suppose it must have
been during this journey
and that that part of
the diary -- which she
would have valued most --
is lost.

She told me how
refugees came & asked
to be taken out of
Venice on their carriage
& they did help some
to escape in this way.
Her feeling about Italian

freedom was without the
critical caution
of her other political views
but they seemed to reappear
in her admiration of
Cavour rather than
Mazzini or Garibaldi
which she often expressed
to me.

A. 61 LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH DECEMBER 30, 1886 PEN [1:546-47]

10 South St. Dec 30/86
Dearest Rosy

I am afraid 'Mama' is
pretty bad. It was so
kind of her to call here
on Tuesday: but I am afraid
it was not good for her --
And now the weather is worse
I dare not ask any of you
to come out to-day.

But if you, dear soul,
could come to me tomorrow
at 5 or any day after
that you could fix --
And I hope now, weather

permitting, to see you all --
as my heart is longing for
you.

And please if Papa is
coming or Louis or Sam,
remember the `neat
`double-bedded room'
here.

My love to Barbarina,
and a Barbados stamp.
She has a cold too, I fear.
I have not heard from
her yet about the pocket
book -- And for you,

darling, do you want a
Pocket-book, with Almanac,
only not ruled,
or a simple note-book?
The Old Year is passing
away: May every
blessing, dearest, that
God can give be yours
in the New Year -- a
path to follow, an object
of great worth, health
& sympathy -- a daily
supply from Him who *is*
Love --

Aunt Florence's heart
yearns after your
happiness -- But *His*
heart, the Eternal
Father's, yearns yet more **[end 1:547]**

A.62 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH, JULY 25, 1888 PEN [5:196]

July 25/88
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

Dearest Rosalind,

Nothing but time has been
wanting to me to write down
what generally, if I am asked,
I give e.g. to S. Africa
India
&c &c.

I now enclose a little list
& hope to send another --
Good speed to your "reference
"Library for co-operators".
May I send them some books
some day?

I hope I am not too late.

A thousand thanks for beautiful
yellow lilies, white roses &
maidenhair fern I received from

Brighton. I doubt ~~it~~ they came from
you & Barbarina, from whom
I had a charming letter.

Would she if she is
coming thro' London on her
way to Maswood sleep here?

Sam thrives in wisdom &
knowledge & interest -- & in
stature (mental & physical) day
by day -- but *not* in *rosiness* --
He dines here tonight & goes
to Embley tomorrow, I am
happy to say.

I was going to write to Mamma
to thank her for dear letters
& lovely flowers -- & ask if
Barbarina would sleep here
on her way --
but if I have not time,
give her my great love.

What do you say to
Match-girls' strike?
Could they have `co-operated'?
Men Trades Unionists have
interfered with good effect;
Bryant & May's Co, hearing
them with courtesy & kindness
& accepting some things as not

previously known to them --
& girls have resumed work,
I understand, on terms agreed
on by themselves & the men
Trades' Unionists.

Success, my Rosy, to all
your good undertakings --
Love to Papa

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

Have you been `co-operating'
in furrin parts in England?

A.63 DRAFT/LETTER/COPY FROM FN -- NO SALUTATION, OCTOBER 7, 1888, PENCIL,
presumably to T.G. Hewlett

PRIVATE Claydon Ho: Winslow: Buck
Oct 7/88

My dear Sir

I wrote immediately to ask [10:202]
your question (I am as
anxious as yourself that every
thing should be done that *can*
be done) as to what you
might be "permitted" to say to
Sir James Peile -- & put
on the Envelope "Immediate
"Please forward".

Scarcely any one seems in London
yet to *stay*. They seem to come up two
or three times a week for work
I scarcely hope for an answer

before Tuesday.

2. I think you might certainly
"apply to Dr. Sutherland for a
"certificate". But he is so
infirm & suffering now that
he intends to answer & often
does not. Perhaps he
will dictate it to Mrs. Sutherland
at all events he should be
"applied to".

[Some months ago, he wrote me
a letter, to be used officially,
if I found occasion, recommending
you as his successor in the
Army San: Comm: -- But *that*
has not been re-organized
yet!]

His address is

Oakleigh

Alleyn Park

Dulwich

London S.E.

3. Certainly: I would also
"write to Sir H. Acland" --
But he has gone a voyage
to New York (& back) for his
health. He will be back on
the 23RD. He was here
last month & much better --
& intends setting to his work
again at Oxford courageously.

4. Yes: I will try & "write something"
for you (I *could* not say
enough) if you think it will
be of the least use ~~to~~ with Mr.
"Ritchie" -- tho' I think it presuming.

Yes, indeed: I wish the
Village Conservancy Bill
could be submitted to you
in the Draft -- Could you
not ask Sir R. West yourself,
or ask Sir J. Peile to ask him?
It is mere common sense -- no
favour -- Pray believe me
how kind of you to offer.

[end 10:202]

A.64 Signed LETTER FROM FN TO T.G. HEWLETT ESQ., DECEMBER 20, 1888, TYPED WITH ADDITIONS MADE IN PEN, 9090/19

4.

10 South Street
Park Lane
20th. Dec. 1888

My dear Sir

I do rejoice and bless God that your Doctor gives such an entirely favourable account of you. I now send you the names which you ask for of the Army Sanitary Comm- members:

Major General Sir Redvers Buller
(Quarter-Master General; ex-officio President)

Sir Douglas Galton

Dr. Sutherland

Colonel Locock. R.E.
(Deputy Inspector General of Fortifications)

Colonel Yule
(Member of the Council of India)

Sir J. Fayrer
(President of the Indian Medical Board)

Sir Robert Rawlinson
(late of the Local Government Board)

Surgeon General Reade
(Army Medical Dept.)

Secretary

J.J. Frederick

(Office: Inspector Gen. of Fortification Division
War Office)

I received your letter late last night and I took counsel upon it this morning. I am told that it is "quite useless" for you to call on any Member of the above at the War Office, except Sir Redvers Buller.

If you desire to call on the most likely person to help you, let it be Sir Ralph Thompson. You know he is Permanent Under-secretary at the War Office. He would be the most likely person to be able to do something.

AS regards Ahmedabad, I am told no reference to the Commission would be of any service now as it is in abeyance. By the Secretary of State for War's or rather by Sir Ralph Thompson's instructions to the secretary Mr. Frederick, it does not meet now; ~~but~~ I am trying to have the India Office urged to do what you propose about Ahmedabad.

Would you kindly send me your address when you ~~move~~ go to Harrow? You have not forgotten that the Army Sanitary Comm: is *not* re-constituted; but great efforts are being made to bring this about. The result is in the hands of God.

May God bless you: in haste
 ever faithfully yours
 F. Nightingale

Excuse my scrawls
T.G. Hewlett Esq.

A. 65 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO T.G. HEWLETT ESQ., DECEMBER 25, 1888, PEN

10 South St. Xmas Day
 1888

My dear Sir

May I give you & Mrs. Hewlett joy & ourselves joy that your daughter's engagement is such a happy one as to please you all.

And may the choicest Christmas blessings rest upon you all & for the New Year too.

Some day I hope to present my loving compliments to the bride
 Meanwhile let me be
 ever your & their faithful friend
 Florence Nightingale

T.G. Hewlett Esq.

P. Turn Over

[nothing over leaf]

A.66 LETTER FROM FN -- NO SALUTATION, DECEMBER 26, 1888, PEN [corrected from 20/12/88] 9090/23

Strictly Private 26/12/88 *Ahmedabad*

I have written to a member of the **[10:212-13]**
India Office about Ahmedabad.

(without mentioning Col. Ducat's name.)

& will ask him to ask the question
Col. Ducat so wisely proposes: `who is
`to be the Engineer appointed?" &c &c &c
[It is a matter of amazing importance
not only to Ahmedabad but to all
Western India.]

But my friend of the India Office
answers (to my written letter) that he
"knows nothing" of Ahmedabad, nor of
the "local engineer", nor of "Runchorelal
-- that he must get his information
from the I.O., as he could not "take up
"a side without personal knowledge"
&c &c

I have written to two persons without
success for papers about Ahmedabad
sewerage & water supply.

without success.

|| "The shortest course" is for me to
|| ask you & Col. Ducat to lend them
|| to me as soon as possible -- & for
|| me to send them to my I.O. friend,
|| so I am told.

Will you be so good? & also
to ask Col. Ducat to be so good?

We shall then get one step
forward in this matter, I hope.

*Strictly Private**Army Sanitary Comm:*

I have asked Sir Douglas Galton to give you a letter of introduction to Sir Ralph Thompson.

But he says that you do not need one; -- that you should send in your card -- & that in your interest he had better not be mixed up YET with your application.

(in which you & I shall both think he is right.)

2. You will not have forgotten that you & Sir J. Fayrer are rather at cross purposes when he speaks to you of "Dr. Sutherland's successor". Sir J. Fayrer has said, he "hopes the "Army San: Comm: will cease". [I believe he makes no secret of this: but you must not quote me -- of course] In that case you see the War Office

will have nothing to do with "Dr. Sutherland's successor" at the India Office. You are perfectly right to take any measures you think well. I only wish to remind you of what has passed several times between us two already.

The matter of the *Army Sanitary Comm:* is still being actively considered -- not hung up -- at the War Office. The I.O. has not yet received any answer from the W.O. But neither is the question ~~he~~ of the re-organization of *Army Sanitary Comm:* hung up at the Ind. Off.

A proposal has been or will be mooted from a member of the I.O. that there shall be "not two Commissions but two reporting members of the Comm: -- one for India & one for Imperial forces -- (that is, if the Army San: Comm: is to have all the Home & Colonial business. As well as the India business which has constituted lately its main work.) But all this is, of course, *strictly Private*. I only wish that you should know all that is going on {CONTINUATION OF LINE ABOVE}.

[end 10:213]

A.67 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO T.G. HEWLETT, JANUARY 24, 1889, PEN 9090/25

Dictated [WRITTEN DIAGONALLY IN THE TOP LEFT HAND CORNER]

10. South Street

Park Lane

24th. Jan. 1889.

My dear Sir

I was very much obliged to you for your two successive letters giving me important information, both about the threatened curtailment of the Sanitary department in Bombay, and yet more about the Army Sanitary Commission.

[9:683-84]

I will write further about these; in the meantime, may I ask you what news you have

of the Famine, or the scarcity, said to be impending in India?

Yours faithfully

[WRITTEN BY FN:]

F Nightingale

Private

Have you any news of the result of your letter to Sir Ralph Thompson at the W.O.? I should like very much to see a copy of it, as you kindly offer.

Strictly Private

I have this bad news from the
 I.O. "Two points I wished
 "to get the S. of S. to notice
 "in writing to India -- I
 "found it not practicable,
 "as there was no basis
 "for his action -- viz. the
 "Ahmedabad scheme, & the
 "Bombay rebuke of Mr. Hewlett.
 "The S. of S. must not do evil
 "that good may come, &
 "it would be evil if he
 "did (which he would not)
 "intervene where no
 "report from India gave
 "him constitutional ground,
 "& where it would be manifest

[end 9:684]

A.68 SIGNED partial LETTER FROM FN TO T.G. HEWLETT, JANUARY 25, 1889, PEN

the fore-going

All this is *Strictly Private*

 4. Is there any use in my
 writing to Mr. Runchorelal
 at Ahmedabad again? (*not*
 to tell him that the I.O. will do nothing)
 P.S. It is said that a Parsee
 Doctor at Ahmedabad
 prompts all his letters --
 -- not that this at all
 affects the matter --
 5. Would you kindly
 look out for the Bombay
 Govt Gazette which
 will shortly publish

the (approved) Bill on
 "Bombay Village Sanitation"
 & give me notice of the
 No?
 You will probably also
 see it in native papers.
 Will you kindly tell
 me?

F.N.

[A SECOND UNSIGNED LETTER IS WRITTEN:]

Dearest Rosy

Thanks very many for your
valuable pamphlet "English
Labour".

& for what is coming.

I send you Longfellow,
but ~~Longfellow~~ are your
Kensington Commères at
all worthy of it?

The highest success to you
all at Embley, in every sense
of the word, is Aunt Florence's
loving wish.

[end 5:799]

A.70 Rough pencil DRAFT LETTER FROM FN TO SIR HENRY YULE, DECEMBER 16, 1889,
DARK PENCIL [3:212-13]

Dec 16/89

My dear Sir Henry Yule

I only heard this morning of your increased
illness, so sad & grievous to all your friends who love
& ~~revere~~ honour you with the tenderest respect almost more
than any man. And of that number I trust that
you reckon me. It is a grief we cannot speak
~~not to be spoken~~ of -- & yet not grief when a ~~good~~
one like you/
man "resigns that earthly load
"Of death called life that us from life doth sever"
& passes into the Immediate Presence of
Almighty Truth & Love -- We must not think of ourselves
but of you

I pray Him whose blessings are only limited by His Love which is Infinite to speak heart to heart to His faithful servant whose own career on earth has been a following of the highest life. I know what are the depression & suffering of body & mind are in long illness ~~is~~ -- by you so patiently borne -- Would that I could do anything in the least degree to mitigate these for a friend thro' long years so esteemed, so loved, & who has done such great things for us! But that is denied me. And I fear you are not able to see your many, many friends who would so love to see you -- But you can say: And yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. May *He* bless you -- & *He will* bless you. He does bless you -- He speaks to you in these -- He speaks in many ways to us: in success, in failure, in inspiration to do His work -- but in none more directly & lovingly than in pain & weakness -- Our weakness is *His* strength -- While sorrowing for our loss which however much expected always comes as a heavy blow at
wish
last I bid/wish you a joyful Christmas there where Glory to God in the highest & good will

towards man is understood to be one & the same -- understood
that the glory of God is His Goodness. There
where "joy shall rush upon you as a flood"

honoured
revered

Farewell, dear friend: fare you very very well.

Or rather I bid you not farewell but meet you
then, in the ~~Presence~~ everlasting arms of Almighty Goodness as far as I
can in my poor state where

I would fain have seen you once more -- But
this is a happiness I must resign -- And I will not
dwell to you now on how we shall miss you.

[3:213 ends]

Mr. Stanhope spoke to me so affectionately of you the
other day not knowing that you were worse in health
We don't know what we shall do

without you.

A.71 UNSIGNED incomplete LETTER FROM FN TO Rosalind Shore Smith PEN, copy 9091/1
[5:197-98]

Private [WRITTEN DIAGONALLY ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE PAGE]

May 9/90
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

My very dear young woman

The Co-operative anxieties
are very grievous &
disappointing. But the thing
is that disappointment is
often growth -- & failure
victory. Don't you remember
the old Easter carol?

I am so old-fashioned
& never having been at
Girton where I suppose
you learnt Arithmetic. I
am trying to learn too & to
understand that

Co-operative Congress + 2 1/2 weeks
= 2 months rest for health --
But I fail being old --
Now 2 months rest is the time
that working young women
ought to have every year
-- not a bit too much -- to
keep them in working health.
And two months is after
all soon past. It is a
bad arrangement that we
~~you~~ can't do any thing
without -- ~~your~~ body -- But,
after all, it *is*. We can't
alter it.

[end 5:198]

A.72 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO AN OLD FRIEND, MAY 13, 1893, PEN Mrs Sutherland,
typed copy in 45758 ff320-22 **1:549-50** [**8:606-07**]

May 13/93
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

Dearest ever dearest old friend

I was so glad to hear from
you. So often I think of you,
& hope that you are happy,
you who have so done
your duties in love.

And thank you for
remembering your old friend's
poor old birth-day & your
dear kind note.

I am glad if you are able
to go to your sister's & to
Edinburgh.

You say you like to hear
of our "family events".

You know perhaps that
Rosalind, Shore's elder
daughter, married last June
a man, Mr. Nash, who has
every thing to recommend him
except money. They have
taken a small house at
12/ a week to the East
of the East of London -- where
they are enormously busy --
Workshops -- visiting all sorts of
trades -- & writing about
them. They travel all over
Scotland, England, & are
now in Ireland on the
same quest. They telegraphed
to me from *Donegal* on
my birth-day. If Rosalind
had but health! They

were married at Embley.

Shore was very ill in [1:518-19]
June in London, & quite
unable to go to the marriage.
He has never recovered
that illness, tho' a great
deal better; but he still has
a Trained Nurse -- & Sam,
the elder boy, who is a Doctor,
still lives temporarily with
them to take care of him medically. They are now at
Embley till they can let the
place -- Shore's wife & Barbara
are, of course, included in
"they". They describe the
place as being most beautiful

Lea Hurst continues let. [end 1:519]

Arthur Clough was [1:560]
married the other day to
a delightful person,
Miss Freshfield, daughter
of the Traveller. I hope
they have every prospect
of happiness. His mother
was delighted with the
marriage. I have always
seen a great deal of Arthur.

But I have not seen him
since his marriage engagement.
For my Doctor has strictly
forbidden my seeing any
body I could help. [end 1:560]
For the last 4 1/2 months
(you kindly ask after me)
I have been almost entirely

[2]

confined to bed -- & sometimes
hardly able to move.

But I am better.

I saw Sir Harry Verney the
other day. He is in his
92nd year. But he
came up to town like
a young 'un. I ~~think~~ am sure
he enjoys life. His
buoyancy is as great
as ever.

I venture to send you
a Report of what we
did at Claydon last
year. It is not a
sinecure being at
Claydon.

And now dearest dearest
old friend, thank you
again & again for all
you have ever done for
me, & for our faithful
friendship -- never
changeable -- never forgotten
ever yours

F. Nightingale

Our Sanitary & Nursing
affairs are *up & down*.
Princess Christian's scheme
for the Registration of
Nurses is a great
misfortune.

People call the decline
of life a going *down*
hill. But surely it is
a going *UP* on the
contrary.
I had forgotten to mention
Sanitation in India. I
think it *is* making progress,
tho' slow. But it is
such a large subject.
Chicago -- At their request
I have written a paper
on Health-Nursing &
Sick Nursing -- But

eyes & hands are
failing me now.
The Empress Frederick,
full of cleverness, came
to see me. She is
very pathetic -- such a
great career manquée.
The Shore Smiths have
taken the name of
Nightingale.

A.73 UNSIGNED PARTIAL LETTER FROM FN TO VAUGHAN NASH, DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 1894
DARK PENCIL, [Goldie has a letter Sept 10] see draft letter, 45795 ff202-03 and
earlier draft ff197-201

V.N. Sept 11/94

With regard to the all important
question of funds, this is the way
it is managed in the Village
Unions in the Madras Presy
see RS 556/94

No 8 of 1894

have heard

I do not know anything
at present of the funds for the Bengal
experiment. The Zemindary
system of course alters
every thing there.

T.O.

IV. There is one curious as you know [10:]
difficulty to be noted
which separates Indian affairs
from English.

In Bombay Presy especially
all the dirty work, the
removal of refuse, cattle dung
& human is done by
the lower castes, (the higher
castes, especially the Brahmin
will not touch it) the Mhars
& the Mangs & an even
lower caste, the only one
which will remove human
excretion --

~~We The B~~

They were paid by lands

appropriated to them -- by
a handful levich [?] *in kind* from
each householder who gave it
gladly -- all managed by the
Village itself.

The British Raj thought it
in his passion for centralization,
was doing a very fine thing
in abolishing all this which
has never been ~~destroyed~~ restored.
The lower castes have gone
away -- into the jungle or
elsewhere & cannot be
recalled --

The villagers must pay
persons of low caste to
do these jobs -- so that
it can hardly be said
now with entire truth that

the villagers could do
all these things for themselves

A.74 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH, PEN AND PENCIL [1:550]
Mrs S.N. ill at Boulogne

Oct 9/95
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

Dearest Rosalind

I need not, indeed I
cannot tell you, how
grieved I am.

But I do so very
much wish that you
would have a Nurse
to help you. There are
very nice French nurses,
tho' I know none now.

Say "God bless you
from my heart to hers
& say that the throat
does require so much
rest when the larynx
is affected. I ask it

[contd in pencil] as a favour from
her dear self.

It is unfortunate
that Sam is away --
He is worth 20 Nurses.
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

A.75 UNSIGNED DRAFT/LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH, DATED JANUARY 1, 1896,
PENCIL **[end 5:550]**

I wish you all,
including L.V.N. Esq.
the happiest year in
your lives

1/1/96
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

Dearest Rosalind

Thank you so much
for your letter. The mother
says that Barbara will
be so good as to visit
me this week -- but alas
for me, I am quite
hors de combat. I
am not even allowed
to talk or leave my bed
But I do hope to see you
both before long.
I am glad that L.V. Nash
Esq. likes his OSS, whose

head & neck strongly
 resembles the Duke
 of Wellington's horse
 Copenhagen who, without
 food or water carried
 his master for 10 hours
 thro' the Battle of
 Waterloo, & when they
 returned to their
 miserable head quarters,
 frolicked about &
 kicked his heels in
 the air, as he had
 not English enough
 to express his joyful

ecstasy that he had
 won the battle -- How
 much cleverer animals
 are than we are!
 But I consider that
 L.V. Nash, Esq. is not
 a man of business --
 tho' well grounded by
 his excellent father in
 the English language
 he did not send me my
 Bill for his coverlet before
 & I believe his arithmetic
 is wrong, for I know it
 can't be only 12/.

Further, I wish to be
 recommended a *book*
 for Miss *Barbara*.

I do not wish the
 Views of the People on
 Social Economics" earlier
 than Sennacherib

or on Hygiene & Nursing"
 earlier than King John

or what Music stool
 was used by St. George

But a book I must
 have - ----

Please tell B. that I am
 delighted with the birth of St
 Anne, & the baby is washed in

a way that is a lesson to us.

A.76 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH, DATED JANUARY 6, 1896, PENCIL
with envelope:
with some flowers
A verbal answer, please-
Mrs Nash
7 The Mount
Hampstead
6/1/96

A happy New}
Year to all}

Jan 6/96
10, SOUTH STREET, [printed address]
PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Rosalind

Woodington has
imparted to me the
Baby's views on the
Cab Catastrophe

I hope you are all
all right. And I send
up Messenger in order
to save you the trouble
of writing note or Telegram

[It is so dark in London
you have no idea.]

I do hope you are all
right & that I am not
troubling you -- ever your loving
Aunt Florence

A.77 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO VAUGHAN NASH, AUGUST 28, 1896, PENCIL 9091/20

Aug. 28/96
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

My dear Vaughan

I am much struck by
your fears of East London
cisterns & by your kind
wish to see me --

I am so distracted till
after Tuesday when, among
other things, Miss Crossland,
the real foundress of
our School for Nurses,
leaves us, that I will
ask you whether *Wednesday*
or *Thursday* next would
do for you.

Sir Douglas Galton, the

great authority* -- will
not be attainable by me
~~till~~ during Sept 1 -- 4 or 5,
because he too is
distracted in the "Provinces".

With best love to
Rosalind

ever your affectionate

F. Nightingale

x I do not think he had
heard of the nefarious Cistern
doings

A.78 INITIALLED LETTER FROM FN TO VAUGHAN NASH, SEPTEMBER 10, 1896, DARK PENCIL similar to 45795 ff197-201, but it has date 10/9/94 and wording a bit different

10/9/96 [10/9/94 I think on Wellcome] [10:384-86]

My dear Vaughan -- if I may call you so -- I am sorry to say that there is no one now in London to whom I could ~~introduce~~ "refer" you "who might "help you" to give a clear & accurate account of what "is being attempted (in Bengal) -- in the Chronicle

I am afraid you will think that what I am going to say is more a historical than such an account as you desire It is a long story. see 45795 f201, 204, etc

For some years there have been Village Unions in Madras Presy -- which have succeeded admirably -- but

not quite according to our ideas which obtained some time before the *Bombay* Village Sanitation Act -- ~~which~~ This however became almost a ~~sa~~ dead letter for want of funds. Funds which were supposed to be for the Sanitation of villages, being applied by local or District Councils for making roads for the great officials -- e.g. the road to Mahabradhur [?] [Mahabhalisar?] for the Governor of Bombay. [These are the things which make all natives of India suspicious of the British Raj].

One of our next moves was what you will read at Appendix B Frere -- p.p. 6 & 7 of the pamphlet enclosed.

I have received thro' the I.O. a great many answers from the Govt of India & thro' the G. of India from the Provincial Govts to this -- and the matter is still progressing.

All this is of course STRICTLY *private* for yourself alone

~~see~~ at p. 38 you will see what the object of the Village Sanitary work even to be -- & what as far as I

yet know (but I am to receive fresh reports) those of the Village *Unions* -- whose funds are clubbed together see p.5 (2)

The Lt Governor of Bengal long resisted Village Unions on the ground that the supervision would be so expensive -- But he appears to have yielded now, only in the notice which appeared, ~~it~~ they seem to be for "ROADS as well as Sanitation" besides what appears in the cutting you are so good as to send me

[2]

10/9/96

We have already got our
"Resolution" from the
Budapest Congress -- ~~and~~
approving the ends -- And this
always helps us with
Govt.

But we *must not*
oppose them -- if we want
to win--

This is a thing which
the Englishman so little
understands.

In the Ho. of C. here
we pit H.M.'s opposition
against H.M.'s Govt
& vice versa -- We try
to throw out H.M.'s Govt

if we believe *that* will
do us any good.

In India there is *only*
H.M.'s Govt -- H.M.'s opposition
does not exist -- in the
sense it does here. The
native Press is vicious
(*and* useless) enough
because it can only abuse --
It has nothing to propose.
And here the "India"

in London
published here continually
forgets this -- It deals
in headings in later
capitals "Blunders of the

British Govt" which
is simply mischievous,
(as you will understand)
& nothing else.
We praise the S. of S.
For India & the Viceroys
(G.G.'s) for everything we
can praise them for
-- & we don't quarrel
with them -- And we get
something while the others
get nothing -- They are
simply a reductio ad
absurdum.

I am afraid I have helped you very little if at all -- I could show you a great many papers -- but you have no time to read them. Perhaps we may resume this subject when you & I have more leisure. *It will last* longer than \mp we shall -- I conclude that now we are to lose you in the D C. for a few weeks after this week -- (which I am very glad of) & that therefore you are in a hurry to do this.

But whatever you do, you will kindly not drag me

[3]

10/9/96

~~into it~~ -- or write anything where I may be detected or will any influence I may have will be gone.

I may say that so far from this being an "experiment in Local Self Govt L.S.G. has been

roses

bursting out like flowers -- in June all over India ever since Ld Ripon's Govt. He was the author of it all -- his attempt to substitute for low paid corrupt petty official who English

are *our* representatives in
India decent villagers --
But [Qy p.a.?] of [etc?] the
work still remains to be
done -- India is a bigger ~~than~~
~~England~~ place -- almost as big
as the IO [?].

I do not anticipate that
our Village Councils will
have much to learn from
India -- The circumstances
are not only different
-- they are often poles
asunder --

Please remember
never to betray me

What I am afraid of is --
Reaction --
Parly action is so remote
from any native ideas.

F.N.

[end 10:386]

A.79 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO VAUGHAN NASH, DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 1896, 9091/22
PENCIL

with envelope:

Vaughan Nash Esq

7 The Mount

Hampstead

N.W.

12/9/96

Sept. 12/96
10, SOUTH STREET, [printed address]
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mr. Vaughan

I duly sent the D. ~~Chron~~
Chronicle of which you were
so good as to send me
two copies with the
Medical Officers' Views
(which I thought excellent)
to Sir Douglas Galton
with a letter.

Once only has he sent
me a little bit of a note,
showing his willingness --
But no more, unless he
has written to you -- I gave

him your name --

I am afraid he is going
to the British Assocn. at
Liverpool on Tuesday if
not on Monday, & has
had every hour this week
occupied -- I fear I shall
not hear from him till
after the Brit. Assocn --
I suppose he is very
much interested in the
Kelvin papers too.

Don't think that I have

not done all I could --

But the time after the
Ho: is up, is the time that
all the "fools" as well as
all the wise men are
about -- & all "meeting" -- like
Turks & Armenians

I hope Mrs. Rosalind
& my Lord Jackanapes
are well

ever yrs affectly
F. Nightingale

A.80 INITIALLED LETTER FROM FN TO VAUGHAN NASH, PENCIL WITH ENVELOPE 9091/23
[1:551]

By express messenger
ask particularly how Mrs Vaughan
Nash & the baby are
but don't ask them to write
22/9/96

Sept 24/96
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

My dear Mr. Vaughan

I am so grateful to
you for writing to me.
And I trust that all is
going on right to-day --
And because it is
probable that Little Boy
~~may~~ ~~have~~s expensive
tastes in dress & in milk,
I offer as his birth day
present ~~a fi-pun-note~~,
a sordid ten-pun-note
I mean -- Doubtless

he keeps accounts.

I offer to his dear
mother tenderest love

Her little room looks
South, I hope, & receives
the Sun -- that Sun
which no one can buy,
not even with a ten-pun-
note.

And I am sure you are

a capital Nurse &
keep her in a delightful

(not a morose) stillness.

Your affectionate

F.N.

[end 1:551]

A.81 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO MR. VAUGHAN NASH, PEN 9091/24

Cisterns }
Water-supply } Oct. 12/96
E. end } 10, SOUTH STREET,
 PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

My dear Mr. Vaughan

I have had, Sir
Douglas Galton's answer
since Sept.28. But we
have been so driven by
business.

His answer not very
satisfactory

"No DOUBT the *constant*
supply is the *preferable*
supply, but it *must* be
always on. Otherwise
some receptacles are
necessary

"WE have never had it
in Chester Street.

"Have you?

["In sanitation as in most
things in *this* life we must
often do what is most
expedient, not what is
really best."] "Have you?"

To this I answered
we have it -- & wrote Oct 4/96
an explanation & asked
advice

He answered, after some
delay, doubting whether
the "*constant supply*" was
on "*day & night*" &
strongly recommending
supply *direct from main*
to *sinks* but *not* to
filter Abolish filter
& drink direct from
main, which is the best

filter -- Filter often
spoils your water --
in which I concur.
I can often taste from
the *filtered* water what
decidedly wants filtering --
[I would *gladly* send you
this part of the
corresponde, if it would
be of any use to your
East Enders]

apologizing for my delay
which cannot be
apologized for -- otherwise
than by necessity

My compliments to the
large young gentleman
& best love to their dear
Mama -- also to Mr.

Louis Vaughan --

ever yours

F. Nightingale

A.82 UNSIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH, DARK PENCIL with envelope:
Mrs Vaughan Nash 9091/26
7 The Mount
Hampstead
N.W.
7/1/97

10 S. St. 7/1/97
Private [WRITTEN DIAGONALLY]
Dearest Rosalind

[10:871]

I am so sorry not to
be able to see you
tomorrow. We are
immersed in business --

But I am afraid
also that your questions
could not be answered
by a Yes or a No -- And
I should like to make
further enquiries
1. The harm done in
some former Famines
which has made the
Death-rate higher seems

to have been that,
tempted by the Relief Funds
raised for them, they
have left their Villages --
But on the other hand
I don't know how this
can be prevented if
there are Relief Works
as now -- I am told
the Govt organization
is very good -- & carried out
in earnest

2. Of course I need not
tell you that the success in sending
out a Commissioner to
enquire depends entirely

on who the Commissioner is.
People think they can
gain a knowledge of India
in 6 months which they
could not do in 6 years.
And at this moment I
do not remember a
single successful instance
[Ld G. Hamilton has been
terribly misinformed. But
he likes to do a good
thing IN PRIVATE as I
am a personal witness.]
3. Yes, indeed, it would
be a great thing if larger
reforms could be hung

on the evidence of a
competent Famine Mission.
But it takes 25 years
to understand one Province

I should like to enquire
more about all these things
And if you will allow
me, I will let you know,
& perhaps you could
come next week. I am
so sorry to put you off.
My compliments to the
Princelet & Mr. Christopher
& their dear father -- in haste
ever your loving Aunt F.
I think competent people believe
there will be much misery
before next harvest. The Ryot is worse off than he was. [end 10:871]
{NOTE: RYOT = INDIAN PEASANT}

A.83 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH, dated JANUARY 11, 1897,
DARK PENCIL, with envelope, stamped cancelled 5 Jan 97:

Mrs Vaughan Nash 9091/27

7 The Mount

Hampstead

NW

11/1/97

10 S. St. 11/1/97

Dearest Rosalind

I have `consulted' on [10:872]
your 3 questions, but
probably you know all I
have to say already:

(1) Ld G. Hamilton has now
given way & the Mansion
House Fund will now be
started, as you see.

(2) It would be an excellent
thing if the *Daily Chronicle*
would send out a "Commissioner"
"with Camera & Weighing
"Machine" (this is what I
am told) "to report on the

Famine." The question
has been discussed -- has it
not? with Mr. Massingham
and he is not unfavourable
to the idea -- As of course
you know, if true, the man
he has in his eye is Mr.
Morgan Browne, the former
Secretary to "India" & to
the Society at 84 Palace
Chambers, -- who has quite
"a genius for figures &
"accuracy" & would make
an excellent & fearless
Commissioner (the man who

wrote the articles in the D.C.)
he has been a good deal in
India

(3) [I rather mistook your
2ND question -- for I thought
you wanted a man to go
into the poverty of the
peasantry & its causes
& the action upon it of
the Civil Courts & c & c]
Your 3rd question is most
important -- for the Famine
is only the *symptom* &
what we want to get at
is the *cause* of the disease

The disease is the excessive
poverty of the people
(& no reserve of food)
which makes them die in
hundreds of thousands
from the failure of one
harvest.

We thought Mr. Caine's
speech at the Congress
most injudicious -- but
the cause of the poverty
undoubtedly is that the
expenditure of India is
beyond her means.

This is what should
be argued & put before

[2] 11/1/97 cont'd
Parliament^x -- not a Congress.

The first step towards
a remedy is to get the
Ho. of C. to realize & fulfil
its responsibilities in this
matter, & one of the ways
of getting it to do this
would be, would it not?
by appointing each year a
Select Committee to examine
& report on the "Indian

{x The officials, instead of [inserted]
{getting light & knowledge
{from the people, angrily
{resent all attempts to show
{~~them~~ the truth to themselves

"Budget". [end 10:]

I am afraid you will
think me a broken reed
But you will know
I wish you all success
& joy.

ever your loving
Aunt Florence

A. 84 SIGNED LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH, DARK PENCIL 9091/28 [5:324-25]

10 S. St. Jan 17/97

Dearest Rosalind [10:872]

Thank you much
for your kind letter,
which was a relief to
my mind.

I had not time to
add how pitiable it is
that we who are so
zealously trying to do
the Ryots good, & are
so proud of our law,
peace & protection,
so little understand the
Ryots. Our boasted

Civil Courts even do the
Ryot harm by interfering
between him & the
moneylender --

Rice won't bury.

But the Ryot used to
have immense stores
of *Millet* under ground
which tided him over
a bad harvest. Now
this all drifts away
to the best market in
the moneylender's hands
which grab it by virtue

of the Civil Courts'
finding.

I rejoice in the prospect [10:]
of a Select Committee
to discuss the Indian
Budget & to show how
heavily our big Army
weighs upon the native
But Lord Ripon's policy
was worth 30,000 men
to us, (as one by no means
a partisan of Ld R.†
once said to me).
No enemy could ever
get in if the great

Agricultural population
were contented --
You may decrease the
Army if, you *increase*
Lord Ripon's policy --
The people trusted him,
because they knew that
his policy e.g. substituting
for the corrupt grinding ill-paid
petty official the
respectable villager,
was carried on not
because he was afraid
of them but because
he sympathized with
them - They knew that

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he had not been able to
do all he wished-
They have a wonderful
scent for a real friend-
We are always stigmatising
their ignorance-but
we do nothing to enlighten
it. Mr Manomohun Ghose
told me himself (he was
a Bengalee) that in
Bengal the average native
implicitly believed that
all the taxes went straight
into the Queen's apron
pocket-He went
about explaining &

lecturing to them himself
on the elements of British
Govt.- When his business
made this impossible,
he paid men to go about
& lecture (in the Vernacular)
on the same subject.

The loss of him is
quite irreparable--He
knew both the English
& the natives & was
quite impartial
[I believe you knew
him--I knew both him
& his delightful wife-
He was not his brother,

Mr Lalmohun Ghose,
who learnt his speeches
by heart & declaimed
them to you while burning
his fingers in your
coffee-pot.]
My moral is if the
Select Committee-when
appointed would go also
into these kinds of things,
difficult as it will be!
[I don't like "India"--
It is so rude]
It is said that the chasm
separating English &

natives is widening
instead of disappearing- **[end 5:325]**
I feel I am writing
so disjointedly--Do
tell the Princelet to
educate me- **[end 10:872]**
My love to him & Mr
Christopher-
Is Barbara with
you?
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

A.85 INITIALLED LETTER FROM FN TO MR. VAUGHAN NASH DATED APRIL 24, 1897, DARK PENCIL with envelope, stamped cancelled April 24 97: 9091/30

Vaughan Nash Esq

7 The Mount

Hampstead

N.W.

24/4/97

Private [WRITTEN DIAGONALLY]

April 24/97

10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

My dear adversary, comrade
& "learned friend"

[15:580]

You cannot tell how it
irks me to decline an
invitation from you of all
people. [I have had
many e.g. from Miss Freeman,
Mrs. Chant & others]

And one cannot disengage
oneself from the classic
ghosts of one's youth who
all invite & beckon one on,
nor even from the War of
Independence.

But alas! one knows
Greeks & Cretans, so
different now --

You know, of course,
as well as, perhaps better
than me, the arguments
on the opposite side to your
own -- to which I, unfortu-
nately for me, adhere.
I will not therefore detain
you or waste your own
time, or mine, with
detailing them.

What I say now is
meant not for arguments

Private {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY}
but only for remarks --
The women Nurses sent to
Greece & Crete were the
most disorganized, untrained
females that could be found.
They will either get our
trained Nursing into disgrace
or what is worse still, be
considered as the heroines
of our production, its types.

2. The retiring American
Ambassador said to me:
You Europeans have not the
least idea of what an
European war would be now,
with your Long-range guns
carrying 6 miles, your Maxims

& Gatlings, & above all
your Iron clads which on
a fine day in peace can
sink *by mistake* one of
their own fleet.

[end 15:580]

Again I say, I can
hardly forgive myself --
you may forgive me but I
cannot -- for not joining
you, you whom I esteem
& love -- Your letter to me
last night was quite a
shock to me

ever yours & Rosalind's
affectionately

F.N.

A.86 LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH, dated JANUARY 31, 1898, DARK PENCIL

Jan 31/98
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

Dearest Rosalind

May I send you two
little angels which were
to have reached you on
New Year's Day? But I
sent them to be framed
& the man was so long
in doing them that I
growled & grunted, but he
answered that he had so
much to do that I ought to
be thankful to get them
at all.

No: he did not quite

say that -- but I had
to give in & retire
meekly with my tail
between my legs

I hope you are all in
the highest state of
prosperity

ever your loving
Aunt Florence

A.87 LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH DATED May 25, 1898, DARK PENCIL with envelope, stamped, cancelled My 25 98 [vol 5]

Mrs Vaughan Nash
or Vaughan Nash Esq
42 Well Walk
Hampstead
N.W.
25/5/98

May 25/98
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

Dearest Rosalind
or dear Vaughan

To get just a retrospective
glance (without comment)
of 10 or 12 of the greatest
measures for which we
have to thank Mr. Gladstone
& him alone
Surely this would
have been a better
tribute than the feeble
violent 'enthusiasms'
with which we have
been deluged

[5:476]

To recapitulate some of
his great deeds would
have been worth the doing
People talk of they
know now what.

[Where is Sam?]
And on Saturday the
Public Funeral
and then the Whitsuntide
holidays. And when
they are over, where
will Mr. Gladstone be
in our minds & what
he has *done*?

I am not going to
moralize --
ever yours
FN

[end 5:476]

A.88 LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH, dark pencil DATED December 20, 1898 with envelope, no stamp [1:551]

Mrs Vaughan Nash
42 Well Walk
Hampstead
20/12/98

Dec 20/98
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

Dearest

Please admit
a horse for little Louis
& a
white woolly dog for
Christopher
and our dearest love &
blessings for Christmas
for all
from your loving
Aunt Florence

A.89 LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH DATED August 22, 1899, DARK PENCIL with envelope, no stamp [1:551-52]

with a grouse

To enquire

Mrs Nash
Well Walk
Hampstead
Aug. 299 [in another hand]

Aug 22/99
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. [printed address]

Dearest

I am sorry that
Christopher has been
"feverish". I hope he has
not been exciting
himself with the Dreyfus
affair.

[N.B. The French call
us 'islanders'. I should
like to see any other
nation which will put
itself in a fever about

foreign affairs] It is
not a good plan.

Please come at 5.30
to-morrow (Wednesday)
if quite convenient to
you

ever yours

Aunt Florence

May I send you one
grouse, just come
from Scotland. Mr
Christopher does not
eat grouse I believe

[end 1:552]

A.90 UNDATED LETTER FROM FN -- NO SALUTATION, PEN

Dear I am afraid
I am quite incapable
of going today or
tomorrow -- perhaps
Monday or Tuesday.
I shall be very glad
of your carriage, if
I can't get my own
And I will send
you word. Perhaps
I may take Dr.
Sutherland to see it
he being Sanitary.
But he is not here

now -- very many
thanks --

ever yours

F.

Your rose tree is
quite a triumph

A.91 LETTER FROM FN -- NO SALUTATION PEN

I have no words: perhaps you would like to see what Mr. Jowett, the Oxford Professor of Greek wrote to me of him:

"He was the most satisfactory of scholars, because he was a great deal more than a scholar; & besides his vast learning had a penetrating insight into human affairs.

x x x

"In criticism x x he had the greatest of all critical faculties: the faculty of being right. x x What he said you felt was weighty & true & based upon great knowledge.

"So great & valuable men pass away:

"Are there others to take their place ? -- x x

"(he was entirely above the jealousy & personality of scholars: & condemned strongly a recent example of that sort of thing)"

A.92 UNSIGNED PARTIAL LETTER FROM FN TO ROSALIND NASH, black-edged DATED December 25, PENCIL [1:544]

Xmas Day

Dearest Rosy

Aunt Florence's best love
to you & Sam & all,
for this & every Xmas.

How is Mama?

& how is Uncle Burrowes?

Mr. Haywood, the
Schoolmaster, is here
till Monday.

Great love to all, dearest
souls -- & thanks for
water lilies.

Aunt F.

I found Plumer Ward's Vol.
about the Norton ghost at
Lea Hurst in the study after

you were gone, & have
it here.

The Shore who married
the Norton ghost's sister,
Urith Offley, was Mr.
Shore, (afterwards of
"Meersbrook") a noble old
man, my great uncle,
the eldest brother of
my Grandfather Shore.
-- noble in mien, in
character & every thing
I will tell you a great
deal about him some
day. Urith Offley brought
him Norton which he
gave up to his eldest son,
Sam, & retired to Meersbrook **[end 1:544]**

My debt to Mama for `Dante' (Mr. Wichstanley)
5/ makes up the `in hand' you have.
So nothing is due to me of change.

ADDENDUM TO A. LETTER FROM FN TO FELLOW NURSES JANUARY 1, 1878
PEN [COVERING PAGE:] not FN hand, stylized handwriting; seems same as in RP 6858

(Private)

New Year's Day 1878.

Letter FROM MISS NIGHTINGALE

New Year's Day 1878.

7. a.m.

My very dear Matron, dear 'Home' Sister,
dear friends & fellow Nurses all.

I give you joy this blessed New Year of your
charge & joy to all who are in your charge.

May our New Years be many, "happy &
glorious." May your 'shadows never be less'.

Dear comrades let this be really a New Year.

A Year of deliverances from all our faults
& mistakes: [and, if you knew me, you
would know that I need deliverance perhaps
more than any one of you, perhaps more
than all of you put together: But I don't
mean to give in: I mean to reform,

please God Almighty, yet: sick old woman
as I am: then the promise may

be made good even to me that I may
be able even "to glory in my infirmities" --

the almost incredible promise that
Christ, that God Himself will "work in
us".] Let this be a year of pulling our
Patients through -- a year of work such as

[1]

angels might envy: a year of blessings
for the sick, of blessings for their Nurses --
the "acceptable year of the Lord" -- for us
all.

Dear Probationers, tho', as I hope you know, you
are always with me & always present in my
thoughts: I have not thanked you yet for
your very kind `round robin' to me of last
May: Thank you again & again, both you
who are still with us & you who have already
entered on your appointed work to run the
(Nursing) race which has been set before you
All hail to that promise, -- dear, we may believe
to God, -- to strive each & all to keep up &
to raise the standard of this Training-School
& of Nursing in general, wherever you are.

Now hail to the Conqueror,
O praise to the Lord.
Our life is His Spirit,
Our strength is His word.

So only can He "work in us"
And plenty of Case papers this year, please
plenty of proofs that you are interested in
your Patients.

And oh remember, please, that each one of those
Patients -- is a `temple of God' Let us not
shame Him in His temple: that each
one of those "little ones" has an angel which

`beholds the face of our Father in heaven.'
Let no bad news of us & our doings with each
be brought to our Father. He has given every one
of us a post. Let Him find every one of us in it:
true to every one of His creatures, as He is
Himself true to Him.

Every one of us, pray God we remember that!
God does not look at us in masses: He
looks at each least little woman as if she
were the only one in the world.

Wycliffe, the great Reformer, said that all
(Training) systems, all forms, all rules &
Regulations the whole outward & established
Institution & System in short [which some
of us -- it is whispered, throw in the teeth of some
others of us: but I don't believe it.]
was good only in as far as each person was
good herself or himself. It was worth
nothing, without: Without, all fell to the ground
[Wycliffe need not have come to tell us this
Yet there are many in the world who have
not learnt it yet.]

I knew a woman who said (& who did it too:) "Be
heroic" in your *every day's* work: your *every*
day's prayers & resolutions. If you can't
work up to them quite all at once, at least
you can a little nearer & nearer every day.

We talk of `rules'.

This was her `rule'

It was the rule of her life.

And if a heroine is one who does great things
for the sake of others -- [no conceit, all humility

in it: if she thinks herself a heroine, she is none]
& if any woman may be a heroine in small
things & in daily life -- just as much or almost
more than in great things & on grand occasions,
surely any Nurse, who has to do every day &
to do & to do for others, any Nurse may be a
heroine.

God expects each one of us Nurses to be "a heroine"
that is, to do & be her very best in herself --
in her common work with others -- her common work
in the `Home', her common work in the Hospital
saving Patients' strength & health & perhaps
lives: -- her common work with the others --
Wardmaids & all, in doing *their* best --
Then, if she does her very best, intending &
striving to make it better & better every day,
till God raises it to the perfect work, we
well may say: that Nurse is a hero in
her daily work.

And let us each New Year `take stock' as
it were of ourselves: Always bring your Nursing
to the bar of your own conscience, rather more
when Head Nurse, & Doctors are not by to judge
it: rather more when you are Head Nurses
yourselves: I in my old age do this: do it
all your lives: do it with all your might; to day
tomorrow & every Year, if you would be good
Nurses -- A good Nurse will test her Nursing
& learn something to the last day of her Nursing
life.

Let us each New Year `take stock' of our own selves

in this way too: "am I keeping up to the motives that led me to choose this work? or do I look upon it merely as a thing to be got through? Do I still think it a work to which I was called by God Himself? And am I daily pressing forward more & more to do the daily task *for the good of others* not for habit, self or self's glory -- not merely because others are doing it & we *must* do it like creatures in harness

"Be not like dumb driven cattle:

Be a hero in the strife"

always remembering that we are forwarding the work when we do it for the work's sake, for others' sake, for God's sake. As sharers in a common work, helping one another -- and hindering the work when we do it each for her own little sake, like a `dog in the manger', or hanging together in little selfish `parties'.

To do one's day's work as a part of God's great plan: to be about one's own & one's Father's business -- I give you joy that as Nurses we can always be about our `Father's business' in our own -- what can any one do more? what ought any one to do less?

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Stick together & to your Matron & to your
Home Sister like a bundle of faggots: you
know the fable.

No pains will be spared to make the
Trained Nurses of Britain worthy

You spare no pains to answer to the pains.
Wish well to every other Trained & Training Nurse
in the world. O what a good thing is
friendly rivalry!

If you stand still, I should wish that every
other School should pass you:
not that every other School should stand
still to let you go ahead.

But stick together like a bundle of faggots.
And to do this I will tell you a rule
in a Society or Company I know:

[do you know what that word comes from?
it comes from the old Roman custom of a
'company' of soldiers under one Commander
And what were those soldiers not able to
do? they would hold a post till the
last man of them had died at it -- each
man forgetting himself, each man standing
by the others No man saying, 'oh this is hard --

These were the men who conquered the world.
And not alone among the Romans were such
men to be found. Who shall say so?
We have our own men, of whom it was written =

"Forward the Light Brigade:

O the brave charge they made!"

And I say: Forward the Light Brigade of
St. Thomas: God will back you,
if you look to Him, against any "charge"
of any day. He loves a brave woman --
a magnanimous heart.]

I will tell you the rule of the Company or
Society I spoke of:

Each to read to herself once a week the verses
about 'Charity' in the famous Chapter of
Corinthians, and 3 or 4 times a day
each just to think to herself: "Am I doing
like 'Charity'? -- if not, I am a tinkling cymbal
rather than a Nurse" --

Now, dear comrades, will you make a bargain
with me: I will do this till next New Year,
(if I live so long: for I am very ill) if you will
I will send you the Chapter illuminated, if I may.

In past days, the most that was done for a
Nurse was to expect from her: -- obedience:
she was just told what had to be done
& ordered to go & do it. Now the utmost pains

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are taken to show her *why* it has to be done
& *how* it is to be done -- [Ought it not to be
much easier now to have the *spirit* of obedience?]

This is what is called Training.

Training which is given her & experience
which she must give herself every day of her
life -- (*not* the experience which practises
the blunders of our predecessors --) & which
her training shows her how to give herself,
go to make the good Nurse.

But what must we say of the trained
Nurse who is not obedient & tries to
teach the Doctors?

Let your experience case its light *before*
so as to give light to the path you have to
tread now: & not only to the path behind:
which as St. Paul says we must leave behind
That is a melancholy sort of experience.

And don't use your 'training' like an
Irish 'shillelagh', to cudgel other people
with. That is *no* 'training', is it?

Will you excuse an old, old Hospital Nurse
like me who lived before training was so
much as thought of for telling the most
dangerous flaws in Trained Nurses when they
enter upon their appointed places?

"Be watchful, be vigilant,

Danger may be

At an hour when all seemeth

securest to thee.

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One is: complaining -- as if nothing were
good enough for us.

The other: conceit.

Complain? what business have we to complain?

is that brave? is that making a `brave
charge'? It is so cowardly to complain.

`Who complains, sins': is a proverb --

Harry the Fifth, before he fought & won
the battle of Agincourt with but a
handful of half starved men, bade any
man who thought it `hard' & did not want
to rough it: to go home.

"his passport shall be made

And crowns of convoy put into his purse"

"I would not die in that man's company,

Who fears his fellowship to die with me":

I would not nurse in that one's company

Who fears her fellowship to nurse with me --

Trained Nurses talk sometimes about being
Pioneers: & yet the first trouble or trial
we have, or the first discomfort, or the first
check to our vanity, we say "O this is not
what I was used to": or, "this is not what I
expected". [Are we not afraid that God
may one day say: this is not what He
expected of us.] Or: we never did so: this
is not my place. Or: this is "putting upon" me
Or: this is what I don't like --

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Call these women Pioneers: they are not
fit to be the baggage-guard -- are they?
Their talk is all rant & cant: & we are only
sounding brass, & we talk it.

[see Note]

Conceit: is that brave? -- did we ever know
a really brave man conceited?

Any conceit is the result not of training
but of want of capacity for being trained.

And when a Trained Nurse is conceited,
she shows herself untrained.

A really great man who lived long, long ago,
one of the first of Trainers both of Mission-
aries & of Nurses: [his Nurses still number
some 20000. I have worked with them myself.]
used to say to his Trainers: `You will not
win them by saying fine things':

[And I add you will not win them by saying *hard* things:]
`perhaps they know more than we do:'

Note.

What would I give to be able to leave my
rooms & my present life & be a Hospital
Nurse again, under our Matron? --

I promise you she should find me neither
complaining nor conceited --

But I perceive that in saying this I am doing
what I said we should not.

So I say: Forward, forward, Comrades: You must go forward for me

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[yes there may be many Nurses, not of us, who know more than we do:]

`or perhaps we can tell them nothing that they have not heard or read before' a hundred times."

but it is *what they SEE that trains them.*

O dear Nurses all, by all means -- let us mind what we say -- but still more let us mind what we do -- let other Nurses only `see' in us what they had better do themselves, & never what they had better avoid. What we wish *them* to do let them see *us* do. Let our Patients, so sharp to see, only see in us, like in Nurses & Probationers, what will do them good to see.

Show that you have "been with Jesus" every day, don't be afraid either of seeming "unlearned & ignorant" [I feel every day of my life, tho' perhaps I number as many years of experience as you do of life. how ignorant & unlearned I am]. Do you remember what it says in Acts about Peter's & John's wonderful influence -- & all because of this that, tho' they were "unlearned & ignorant", people could see that they "had been with Jesus"?

[The best trained Nurse is "unlearned & ignorant."]

Show then that you have "been with Jesus" every morning & night.

There is a great temptation in a community of Probationers to be in a hurry [God is never in a hurry:] to scratch the ground & not dig deep: to do surface-work: like sticking in cut flowers, instead of growing flowers & fruit too from the seed or root Strike your roots deep, rather than spread your branches too far.

Be every day more & more real, honest, thorough Nurses in your Nursing work -- O fie to a careless Nurse, when life or death depends upon it.

And I will whisper in your ears a little secret: how uncommonly glad I should have been to have had our Home Sister's classes in my young days!

We are on our trial, dear friends: I can tell you that: we are on our trial again after 17 years -- whether we win or not depends upon you Trial is the only thing to prove if we are worth any thing. I hail it: Let us take care not to be left behind -- But, if we deserve it I for one shall say I am glad we are left behind.

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And now, Forward the Light Brigade of
St. Thomas': all over the country.
(not heavy in hand with complaints
& conceit & self-seeking: *that we won't be*)
And don't let us be like the chorus at the play which cries
'Forward, forward,' every two minutes: & never stirs a step.
May we all be able to say, at the next
New Year, may God be able to say
at our First New Year in His eternity:
 O the brave charge was made!
May we all be soldiers of God, able to
'endure hardness' & to give to others
softness!
 your affectionate servant
 (and mother I fain would be)
 Florence Nightingale
The Survivors of the Light Brigade in the Charge of
Balaclava have lately sent me their names bound in
a book.
May all our names be found written in God's book
as His own faithful Nurses.
 F.N.

Box B [has some bits in FN hand]

Miscellaneous envelopes to Miss Shore Smith (10, South Street,) S. Smith Esq Lea Hurst from Mrs Shaw Stewart, Miss Rosalind Shore Smith 42 Albert Hall Mansions, with Aunt Florence's great love 2/4/88, Mr Shore Smith 30 York Place Portman Sq (Magyar Kir Posta foreign stamp, and stamp paid London), W Shore Smith or Mrs Shore Smith cancelled from Cromford 10/8/76, Mr Shore Smith (stamp Magyar Kir Posta) and envelope:

Pioneer Ext. returned

Many thanks for your letter-
So thankful that you are better.

I am under such a pressure of business
that I can only now send what
you ask for.

F.N.

T.G. Hewlett Esq
9/11/88

pencil on envelope, no stamp

To enquire

Miss Shore Smith

15 F Jubilee Dwellings

Waterloo Road

9/9/90

S. Smith Esq

Lea Hurst

Matlock

env that goes with 46865 f25, 10 eggs, To enquire. Miss Rosalind Shore Smith
42 Albert Hall Mansions
with Aunt Florence's
great love
2/4/88

stamped envelope W. Shore Smith, Cromford
or Mrs Shore Smith
30 York Place
Portman Square
London W.
10/8/76

FN hand pencil note

Dr Haller (Vienna)

"We are growing old, dearest, but
to strive & to work for the
common best shall never
cease to be the 'devise' of my
life.

Remember sometimes
your truly affecte friend
Kl. Haller

Woodward B. Letters, a selection of letters to FN

B.3 to FN from Mary Carpenter 5 March 1871 Bristol, black-edged

B.4 to FN from Mary Carpenter 14 March, black-edged

B.5 Signed letter with envelope from Mary Carpenter requesting interview for Babu Sasipada Banergee and wife. July 15 1871 black-edged. Red Lodge House

B.6 letter to FN from Lord Sandhurst (Wm Rose Mansfield) C in C in India 1865-70, 8.6.71, heard from HV, wants to call on Saturday next 4:00 p.m.

B.7 letter to FN from B. Frere from Porthwanot, Crickbowel, S. Wales, direct to India Office Aug 4 1871

B.8 Signed letter from Baron Napier [arch says Ettrick] to F.N. Sept 1/71, Fern Hill Ootacamund, [probably 9030/66 dated 1 August 1871]

My dear Miss Nightingale, It is a great while since I had the honor of addressing you and I beg you will not believe that my silence infers any want of respect & regard for you or any relaxation of interest in the matters that belong to your domain.

Since I wrote to you, perhaps nearly two years ago, there has been a cold gale of economy passing over the land which has blighted some good projects. I do not complain of economy. It was really necessary. There had been too much expenditure and sometimes mistaken expenditure. It was necessary to pull up. Naturally in reaction of this sort injustice is done to the cause & the objects over which extravagance has occurred. Such injustice we have seen in India. but patience & silence rectify many things and it is our duty to do what we can with reduced means.

Although gradually carried into execution... public health, remedial agency...form of grants in aid ...The result of this will be a rapid development of minor sanitary works and of provincial [?] dispensaries.

As a matter of fact there is generally a great improvement, I think, in the hospitals in ? & country==three medical missions, American & English are doing excellent work with govt assistance. The special hospital for European & East Indian women & children begins...a civilized appearance. The native infirmary & hospital ?? ...has been almost entirely rebuilt by private subscription, and

? The leper hospital is completed and rendered much more agreeable to its inmates, the lunatic asylum is finished. The projected establishment for the education of nurses has been ? by the denial of funds by the Govt of India but a class of nurses has been instituted in the general hospital, the candidates being taken from the women entertained as pupils at the lying-in hosp, and native women are being educated as midwives

The projected establishment for the education of nurses has broken down by the denial of funds by the govt. of India but a class of nurses has been instituted in the General Hospital, the candidates being taken for the women entertained as pupils at the lying-in hospital, and native women are being educated as Midwives at the Medical Mission at Arcot with govt. assistance, under Dr Scudder.

The water supply scheme for Madras will supply it, first flow in January next. The reservoirs are made, the channels are ready, only the iron pipes for street distribution are not in place yet.

I send as a contribution to your sanitary Library the handbook for the use of our nurses which has just been printed under the orders of Dr Balfour, the Inspector general.

Lady Napier begs to be recalled kindly to your memory and I remain
ever yours truly

Napier

I may add that the works of a little water supply scheme for the sanatoria are just finished and that I ...water to the depth of 8 ft. clear...re lake.

B.9 on War Office embossed stationery from J. Sutherland 3 10 1871, returns Lord Napier's letter. They appear to be doing something but Madras is a long way behind Calcutta. Say to him that at first sight you felt alarmed at their plan for bringing water into Madras by open channels because of the difficulty of keeping natives away from them. You take it for granted however that their Engineers have taken every precaution for protecting these channels otherwise the last state of Madras will be worse than the first. Re Ootacammund, you may safely say that the station will never be safe from epidemics until the influx of sewage into the lake is rendered impossible.

This is all I think. I have written to ...I have also returned Miss Lees to them for printing. You would see by the Times the other day that Clarkes drainage is to be extended over all Calcutta. It will be an enormous boon.

B.10 letter to FN from Frere from India Office Oct 9 1871

B.11 Signed letter from J.A. Froude

5 Onslow Gardens

S.W.

March 23 [1873]

Dear Miss Nightingale

I have the very greatest
pleasure in accepting your
"article." I have had nothing
more interesting and nothing

more likely to be useful for many years.

I trust you will allow it to
appear under your own name.

gratefully & faithfully yours

J.A. Froude

B.12 letter to FN from Lord Derby FO, Mar 12 1874 from Ld Derby

B.13 letter to FN from Lawrence, 26 Queens Gate W. 12 May 1874, thanks for
papers on sanitary arrs in India, wd like to call

B.14 Signed letter by Lord Derby to F.N. from F.O. with envelope
which has in FN hand [orange pencil]

re Dr Cuningham:

Vienna cholera Conference

Please return

to [Derby: Miss Nightingale

35. South Street.

Park Lane

Derby

F.O. May 13.1874

Dear Miss Nightingale,

All I know about the
conference on cholera,
(or rather, as it was put to
me, on epidemics generally,
is that a proposal to Lond
on has been addressed to
F.O. by the Austrian
government, which is stated
to be anxious on the subject.

I here referred the matter
to the department most

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immediately concerned, and
await the answer.
I don't imagine that the
choice of a representative,
if one is sent, will rest
with me, and I will
take care that your
recommendation of Dr.
Cunningham is not lost
sight of. This is all I
can do, and it is done very
willingly.

Believe me
always

Most sincerely yours Derby

B.15 letter to FN from crown princess of Prussia, Aug 7 1874

B.16 letter to FN from crown princess of Prussia, Sandown? Aug 14 1874, thanks
for letter and for writing to Chadwick

B.17 letter to FN from Frere, India Office Feb 2 1877

B.18 letter to FN from B Frere 7 Feb 1877

B.19 letter to FN from B Frere from Wimbledon re Indian famine, Feb 21 1877

B.20 letter to FN from J. Butler Br Cont and General Fed for the Abol of Govt
reg of Prost 28 Feb 1877

B.21 Mary Carpenter to FN from Red Lodge House, Bristol

B.22 letter to FN from Andrew Clark re Nurse Owen arch: Mar 1877; undated [19
March 1877] note; I shall be glad to see Nurse Owen tomorrow Tuesday morning
about half past nine. I am concerned to find that the report of her is still so
unsatisfactory.; another note: Dear Miss Nightingale, I am exceedingly sorry to
say that Nurse Owen has contracted considerable congestion of the middle of the
back part of the right lung & that the congestion is not of a good kind. I
recommend strongly that she should be immediately sent to the sea side and that
she should be under the surveillance of a good doctor, whose attention should
be called to the lung....St Leonards or Bournemouth wd do very well. 30/3/77
(Tuesday)

B.23 letter of Clark to FN 18 March 1877, Nurse Owen [out of order] I saw & examined your probationer Nurse Owen who has discharged her duty to Sir Harry with exceptional intelligence, with watchfulness, judgment and an unassuming quiet and orderly kindness which merits much praise. She is delicate by inheritance on the side of the chest, but she has no disease of the lungs or of any other organs & I see no reason why with due care as to diet air & exercise she shd not continue her work & maintain her health. Her present symptoms arise from a cold & from indigestion of the large bowel, colonic indigestion as I call it.

Owen ought to have a little exercise on foot daily, to avoid strong tea & to drink little tea of any strength, to eat plenty of simple wholesome food with little or no stimulants, to sleep warmly & to treat every cold as a serious thing. I shd like to see her again in a fortnight when she may want a little further help. As she will have left Sir Harry then she may come here any morning before one.... re HV, fever gone, const strength returning and damage done to left lung already largely repaired, every prospect of a speedy restoration to health.

B.24 letter to FN from Jos. Butler re cda June 5 1877

B.25 letter to FN from Jos. Butler July 1 1877

B.26 letter to FN from Frere from Govt House Capetown, looks beautiful, is unhealthy, Woodward B.26

B.27 letter to FN from Monier Williams July 21 1877, black-edged, re her article on irrigation and water transit in India, in Illus L News, thanks for sending it

B.28 letter to FN from Henry Fawcett July 25 1877, copy 9030/29, re support of irrigation, from The Lawn, S. Lambeth Rd. obliged for sending valuable letter on irrigation works in India, govt has decided to appoint a select committee next session to inquire into the question of public works in India, and I hope...definite conclusion will be arrived at as to the best means of promoting irrigation in India.

B.29 Signed letter from Sir Charles Trevelyan

July 27.77

My dear Miss Nightingale

After all you have done to promote the efficiency of Hospital management it seems presumptuous to ask your support for a movement the object of which is to make a comprehensive reform of medical relief- At present the medical treatment of the mass of our people is not only very imperfect and inefficient but ~~it~~ is so arranged as literally to educate them to mendicant and dependent habits-But, instead of writing to you at length, I will

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ask you to read the first paper of the accompanying collection which has been generally accepted as a correct statement of the present position of the question--so much so that, while many high authorities have endorsed it, no voice or pen so far as I am aware, has been raised against it. I also send the last Edinburgh Review which contains an article on the subject by Dr Fairlie Clarke.

I do not ask for a speedy answer, but shall be
be greatly obliged by
your reading these papers,
and assisting us, at your
leisure, by the opinion
and advice which you
are so well qualified
to give--

With every best
wish believe me
my dear Miss Nightingale
very sincerely yours
C Trevelyan
Do not trouble yourself
to return the 'Edinburgh'--

B.30 Signed letter from C.H. Spurgeon [3:501-02]

Nightingale Lane
Clapham

Dear Madam,

I do not know how to
account for the delay but your
esteemed letter of 30 *ultimo*,
has only just come under my
notice. It would seem to
have undergone circuitous
transmission. I consider it
a great honour to have recd
a note from you & will give
the subject my best thoughts.

I think that from my
church there shd come quite
a little army of recruits for
ye holy war. I shall mention

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the matter and endeavour to
stir up the sister's pure minds
by way of remembrance.

Rest assured that to me
in common with all my
countrymen your name is
very fragrant. The peace
of God be ever with you.

Yours truly
C.H. Spurgeon

B.31 letter to FN from duke of Buckingham 31 July 1877 re letter in *Ill News* from Govt House Madras, Buckingham

B.32 letter Aug 5/77, from 13 Cornwall Gardens, S.W. to FN, I had to thank you for copy of your letter on Irrigation & need not say that I read it as I read everything that comes from you with great interest & respect. The general advantages of Irrigation I entirely acknowledge & they are most illeg put by you. At the same time I confess I can always illeg of the reports and proceedings of the Madras Irrigation illeg and their Secretary. There are sometimes between them & the Govt in what.... yours very faithfully George Campbell

B.33 letter to FN from Norman Chevers, 32 Tavistock Rd. Westbourne Park W. Nov 13 1877 re St Thomas'

B.34 Signed letter from Octavia Hill to FN, pen

Dear Miss Nightingale,

I hope you have ere now received the official receipt of our treasurer Mr [Mrs?] Sheen for your kind donation to the fund for the little orphans. --But I must write myself & thank you for it individually--Each among the large number who know her must feel that they held their own special place with the noble friend who is gone from among them, how deeply I felt this few if any can ever know. That magnificent grasp of the noblest spirit is wh life can be conceived, or action planned, that sympathy with utter unselfishness; that sweetness that never failed, & generosity that knew no bound are not so much lost for their memory remains to us for ever; but the response to the

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best imaginations we cld reach. ~~That~~ Her
never exhausted tenderness, the voice we
never may hear, the words that never
may strengthen us again, the love, the
trust, that may not utter themselves
any more in mortal voice so dear &
so familiar leave a gap, a blank,
a desolateness wh may not be filled
here.--One can only hope to be bettered
by all memories ~~of the several things~~
& to know that all that is eternal--
all that is that is good is safe for us
somewhere when we shall have past through
the waves of this troubled life.--

I had not known you knew her
so well.--I am
yours truly

Octavia Hill
14 Nottingham Place W.
Nov 29th/77.

B.35 Signed letter from Lord Lawrence to FN dictated to his wife H. Lawrence 28 Dec 1877

asks her to receive Mr Prinsep. "Entre Nous he is *not* a good man of business, tho of excellent ability a first rate linguist & full of

sympathy with the natives of India."

B.36 Signed letter from Sir James Paget

[printed address] 1, Harewood Place,
Hanover Square,

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Jany 10.1878

Dear Miss Nightingale

Let me have some pleasure in a railway journey by writing to thank you for the good wishes and good pheasants which you sent me this morning. My health, thank God, is as good as you could reasonably wist it; and it is rather for quiet's sake then for need that I begin to wish that my work would grow less--It is nearly as constant as yours, and, of course,

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when I am tired of it, I easily forget that I am working in strength, you in weakness--Then, second thoughts bring shame and I only wish that I could do more good for less pay.

Believe me, with earnest hopes that this New Year my bring you great happiness, sincerely your's

James Paget

B.37 letter to FN from James Paget 1 Harewood Place, Hanover Sq

B.38 [archivist: Rev. Augustin Brooke, Stopford Ct.]

Signed letter from Stopford A. Brooke (list says 1832-1916)
Jan.28 78 [date corrected]
1 Manchester Sq. W.

Dear Madam.
I have received from you a cheque
for 25.0.0 for the Russian
Sick & Wounded Fund. I send you
many thanks for it, and I pray
heartily the same wise & tender
prayers which you have put into
words I shall remember.
I am with sincere respect
faithfully yrs
Stopford A. Brooke

B.39 Signed letter from H. Lawrence, on behalf of Lord Lawrence

B.40 letter to FN from Lawrence 1 Feb 1878

28th May 1878 before arranging visit wants "he wishes you to understand that Mr. P, among his many good qualities is not a strong supporter of the interests of the Ryots, that is of the Cultivators, as opposed to those of the Proprietors of land, & this being the case, it is possible he may not find favor in your eyes. [so allows for interview to be cancelled]

B.41 letter to FN from India Office from Ld George Hamilton

B.42 letter to FN from Louis Mallet India Office 28 Feb 1878

B.43 on back of signed letter from Louis Mallet, India Office stationery, are FN pencil notes

Enhancement of rent questions
Ho of C. P.W. Comm:
Mr Prinsep: Punjab
Sir A.C.
Col. Fife Sind & Bombay
Rundall

B.44 letter to FN from Monier Williams, Merton Lea Oxford June 27 1878 on religious life of India householders for Contemp Review

B.45 letter to FN from James Caird July 3 1878

B.46 letter to FN from James Knowles July 26 1878

B.47 Signed letter, embossed something, St James's Square, by Sir James Caird, F.N. underlining in orange pencil

Aug 7.78

Dear Miss Nightingale

I received the "Good Words" & "19th Century" which you so kindly sent to me--both of which I had previously looked into. Having them now beside me I shall peruse them with some care.

I have had an interview with *Mr. Routledge the Paper Maker* who was one of the first to use *Esparto* for that purpose in this country. He told me that the *Shamtitz* [?] introduced from the Houses of the Mediterranean (it grows like our [illeg Bent?] on the sandhills) was now about 200,000 Tons yearly & had now reached its maximum. A better paper he says can be made from *Bamboo fibre*, in proof of which he sent me a

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pamphlet printed on Paper made from *Bamboo*. He thinks this will become a profitable export from *India* & give profitable return & employment to the people engaged about it.

A beginning must be made in such a business - and until its success has been proved by a *paying example* in the country there would be little chance of the *native money lenders* putting their capital into it. But in course of time that desirable result may come about They will take their money where they can, in the safest & easiest way, get a good return. But it is certainly the duty of Govt. to discourage their extortion.

[F.N. blue 2.]

Mr Rendel the Engineer gave evidence before the Commons committee to show the great saving that had been already made, & might a still greater extent be made, by the *substitution of equally competent* & much more pliable Engine drivers & [illeg] natives for the Europeans, at first considered indispensable. The *natives can* be got at the rate of *10 for 1 European*. If fuel can be had as cheap as coal in England the traffic comes by these means be carried. Still more cheaply, but even with expensive fuel the India railways seem likely to give a better & more increasing returns than English railways. As soon as this becomes evident there will be plenty of *English capital forthcoming* without any guarantee.

[FN blue 3] As to want of skill on the part of the Indian peasant-I have a letter from Colonel Tutchle who has several years

experience in *Mysore*, where he originate a *Horticultural Society*, and he tells me that he was surprised at the skill & intelligence displayed by the *native gardeners*, and he has no fear of their incapacity, but great hopes from their intelligence.

[FN blue 4] As to the Mont de Piete I shall certainly not forget to enquire. We must not wholly condemn the money lenders. They have formed an integral part of the system of agriculture in Asia for a long time back--long before we had anything to do with India--and it may be prudent to try to reform that system without eradicating an important factor in it until we are certain we can do without their help. If *native gentlemen* would start a *cooperator Bank* there would be indeed a *useful rivalry to the Sowkar*, but nobody prevents them--Why dont they do it?

I confess to great doubt of the expediency of enlarging one Govt machinery even in that direction. If a plan cannot be devised

by which *private enterprise* could be brought in aid of Govt. officialism I should have [illeg] have more life of it—we have given up in Bengal the right of property to the Zemindars, but I do not know that, in return for that, we have obtained *their cooperation like that of English country gentlemen in the management of their districts.*

I have not seen the "observations" you allude to by the Govt. of India or the duties of the Famine Comms. I have had a copy of the Commission queries sent to me.

You must not think of coming to Town in order to see me. If you are in Town at any rate I shall be glad to call. But Otherwise you must kindly write to me any thing else that occurs

to you for my guidance. I fear very greatly that I shall come short of your expectation. but I am resolved to do my best to obtain some insight that may be useful to the vast population now united with us under the sovereignty of the Queen.

With kind regards, believe me
dear Miss Nightingale
yours very sincerely
James Caird

I leave London about *Oct 1.* & Brindisi by the mail of Oct. 8, reaching Bombay 25 Oct.

B.48 Napier & Ettrick to FN Aug 7 1878?

B.49 M. Monteagle to FN Aug 18 1878?

B.50 Cranbrook to FN Aug 13 1878

B.51 Derby to FN Sept 27 1878

B.52 James Paget to FN Dec 3 1878

B.53 Lawrence to FN 13 Jany 1879

B.54 Lawrence to FN 27 Jan 1879

B.55 Louise, Karlsruhe to FN Feb 23 1879 [grand duchess] It is a long time since I have been able to write to you. Although thoughts have often wandered near you, and the wish illeg often illeg so known about your work and about your own dear self, so precious t me.

As to our work, in which you always used to take such kind interest, it has been scarcely interrupted, though not greatly improved, but still we have been going on successfully. Our nurses are about one hundred, we have even more applications from persons wishing to be trained than formerly.

This is indeed a little progress. But a great many do not persevere, some from ill health, some from want of real love for their work, some from a reluctance to fulfill the rather difficult duties of their task. Ill have a great number of nurses at work in proportion to the number of those who have gone through trainingship. Still we must be thankful and hopeful and never leave off going on steadily and quickly, thanking God for each blessing and each progress.

We have at present trusted to our care nine hospitals, in different parts of our country. I believe the greatest difficulty is still, and will still be for some time, of not finding enough thoroughly good head nurses, or ladies superintendents for direction of hospitals, illeg we regret that so very illeg persons from better classes of society apply for trainingship.

Last not least, the difficulty of implanting in the hearts of our nurses the higher principles, which ought to be the life giving source of their useful activity, I think that these obstacles are of a kind, not easily to be remedied, they are all enemies, we know them, but how to conquer them? May I hope, to hear one day, illeg you have undertaken in England some new brand of activity and whether your experiences have been illeg You know and I need not repeat what your dear name and your blessed example means for me, how it gives encouragement, how it helps me in time of difficulty.

May I ask you to remember me kindly to Sir H Verney. If ear your health is not a good one, may God grant you strength to continue as a blessing for us all. None of use will ever get over the loss of Princess Alice!

I must apologize for this letter, my eyes are illeg weak and oblige me to recur to dictation. God bless you!

Ever yours affectionately

Louise

B.56 Lawrence to FN 23 June 1879

B.57 Baron Roggenbach To FN 8 July Tuesday [1879]

B.58 Baron Roggenbach to FN 9 July 1879

B.59 and 60 Elizabeth Bunsen to FN re duchess of Baden visit Aug 3 1879, from Abbey Lodge

B.60 Louise to FN from Aug 12 1879

B.61 Louise re FN (no B.60?, only one letter here)

B.62 Louisa to Dearest Florence, Thames Bank: "At Thames Bank yesterday. The foreman said to Shore "& it is running" So they opened the door! There was no more noise than there is in this room." (Shore sd to me) I thought you said "it was running.... Shore said he thought of *Norwood*....Ravensbourne, Scaland, Barbara is at Ravensbourne
Ever your LSS

B.63 Anna Helmholtz to FN June 16 1879

B.64 Samuel Atkins to FN from Birmingham 9 March 1887

B.65 Signed letter dictated to old friend, own shaky signature [Yule]

...."I praise God for the privilege of
having known you I am sunk very
low in strength, and cannot write

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with my own hand, so use that of
one of my oldest and dearest friends.

God bless and keep you to the
end, as you have been for so many
years, a pillar in Christs kingdom
of love, and of this state of England
ever with the deepest affection
and veneration

your faithful servant

H Yule

B.66 Rosalind Nash to FN re *Daily Chronicle* article 26 Sept 1892

I am sending you by this post a *Daily Chronicle* with a review (or the first part of one) which we have written on the book about industrial health which I mentioned to you. It came out earlier than we expected without our seeing proofs, or I should have ...

B.67 Rosalind or Vaughan Nash to FN, Lord Ripon 1 Oct 1892

B.68 Rosalind to FN 15 Jan 1893

B.69 Vaughan Nash to FN May 28 1898. I send you the two last articles from the *Chronicle* as I think they are more on the lines you have in your mind than some of the other lucubrations which have been appearing. The cant and the phrases have been very sickening and depressing for. Mr G. was really a great man and a simple one at heart. I have had two days in Hawarden & the proofs of his unworldliness and of his fine human but dignified relations with the people of the place are everywhere. I liked the way in which the village tailor made his

clothes, the cobbler his boots & the carpenter his coffin and the general estimate of the place on his career, not as a politician, as to which side of his career they knew little, though the speech again was remembered, but as "the old gentleman" who lived there.

the scene in the study when the village people were passing through to see him lying there in his red Oxford robes was beautiful, and the face in death was illeg & indomitable conveying an impression of vast moral force much more than of repose. Even the school children came through to see him. They were not at all frightened or perturbed.

The simplicity of all the arrangements was striking & touching & it seemed cruel that the change had to be made to London.

With love
your affectionate
Vaughan Nash

B.70 Vaughan Nash to FN 18 June 1898, just going off on a bicycle ride when her wheelbarrow and pony, delivered to Christopher in garden, cat, Rosalind had to go to address Holloway women on virtues of co-operation, and later attend annual conf of Women's Literature Guild, at Derby, Christopher is a savage but can say "Halloo oo Auntie Fowince for my pony"

[items added by LM August 31 2004] to a few in; these are all photocopies not originals

C.1 from Brahan Castle June 3 1813 to Mafra from Frances Smith

C.2 with folded env from Harlow, Miss Smith, to Miss Smith Tewkesbury. letter has Brahan Castle July 26th 1813,

C.3 Leopold von Ranke invited to Embley by WEN Oct 1843, & Mary Clarke (see Cooke 1:86) and re Hester Tutt, re Ld Palmerston by same hand

C.4 incomplete

C.5 Jan 4 72 to Sir Harry from J. Stansfeld: Pray tell Miss Nightingale that I "will begin" & that I will do as near what she proposes as I can. I entirely concur. I have left a copy of her notes.

C.6 Signed letter to Lady Verney by Delane Jan 27

I am very much pleased if I have contributed in any degree to alleviate Sir Harry's natural disappointment at his defeat. That I should also have given comfort to Miss Nightingale is an additional and unlooked for justification to your faithful servant

John T. Delane

C.7 letter of W.B. Richmond to HV re date for portrait. 9 Sept 1886

C.8 Calcutta 18 July 1873 stylized letter

C.9 F. Lees letter to FN from Metro and Nat Nursing Assoc March 20 1878

C.10 letter of F.L.P. Lely (or F.S.P.) To Mr Nash from Ahmedabad, Aug 31 1900 re meeting of Legislative council, and in press ... "will you please convey the grateful thanks of all of us to Miss Nightingale for her most kind and liberal gift. All the private funds I can get now I am spending on the distribution in their village homes of Swiss milk and mellin [?] to the weakly children. You will have been rejoiced to hear that the magic rain has come and the land is green again with crops.

C.11 from Sandringham, Norfolk, Rodolfo re King and FN not writing directly 3 Dec 1907

C.12 Dec 4 1907 E.F. Bosanquet to Mr Nightingale, re a call re Sir Douglas Dawson, re Tupper

C.13 8.XII.07 Dawson to E.F. Bosanquet, from Medmenham Abbey

C.14 Aimée Dawson from Medmenham to Madam writing for husband Douglas Dawson, thanks for photo Mr SN sent

C.15, 16 notes of E.F. Bosanquet

C.17 letter 4 Nov 1927 Rosalind Nash at Cannon Lodge, Hampstead, to Brig Gen Sir Douglas Dawson re Strachey

C.18 Rosalind Nash to Sir re Strachey on Dr Arnold Woodward C.18

C.19 from DNB, Sidney Lee, editor to Sir re FN

C.20 letter of F.M. ? Sargeant to Mrs Nash 26/10/13 re FN, monument to FN finished, tomorrow begins to put in position in cloister of S. Croce

C.21 E.T. Cook, 59, Portman Mansions, to Mrs Nash, "Dec 15 1912; good of her to be willing to go through second batch of Life, has permission to use royal archives; "I am rather puzzled at there being among our papers so few of F.N.'s letters to Sidney Herbert. Were they not sent to the executor by Lord Stanmore? There are some extracts in his "memoir of S.H." from letters of [illeg] 1857, which I do not find among our Papers. And one can by no means assume that his extracts give a fair account. He is very spiteful."

C.22 E.T. Cook to Mrs Nash, thanks for care in reading MS, sends India

C.23 E.T. Cook to Nash May 21 1913

C.24 E.T. Cook incomplete, undated (seems same)

C.25 letter of S.G. Payne, Photographic artists, has copyright of photo of FN, to Nash June 9 1913

C.26 letter of Hardy Summers, cousin of Mary Taylor, taking care of Mill correspondence 23 Feb 1914 requests permission to publish letters to FN by JSM

C.27 letter of E.T. Cook to Shore Nightingale 27 July 1914, re more nurses question, thanks for copies of letter

C.28 15 July 1916 letter of Joan Bonham Carter to Rosy Nash, sends

C.29 letter of L.B. Kinnear, keeper, British Museum (Natural History), 29 Nov 1946, thanks for sending photo of owl, *Athena noctua*, common in Europe, not British Isles before intro in Kent and Northants, common about Athens, on old Greek coins. Why the owl sacred to Athene an open question, but she goddess of night; soup made from its eggs when moon waning as a cure for falling sickness

C.30 letter to dearest Rosie, unsigned June 1st, from something Priory, seems to be from a grandda of SH and EH, went to Wilton, found boxes of corr of SH, her corr with Lord Stanmore and letters of her own, half a doz letters from FN to her after SH's death. "Lord S. seems to have laboured under great difficulties & could but extract Sidney Herbert's letters to Miss Nightingale from hers. She appeared to be very ill & feeble...."

C.31 letter of Gwen Compton Bracebridge, Morley Rectory, Derby to Lady Stephen, re mother in law sent her her letter re FN, from cleaning out cupboards at Atherstone, Mrs B's art, sketchbooks, lamp from Florence, and dried grass, grass from field of Inkermann, "one of her most cherished possessions was a bunch of grass, picked off the field of Inkermann, watered by my men's blood" (in Cook), lamp ordinary field lantern used by soldiers, like a Chinese lantern, not Grecian, da starting nursing training at Guy's

C.32 Ralph Verney, Claydon, to Mr Russell 5 March 1965 re letters of FN, "don't keep them for me if you have another customer"

Claydon House
Bletchley
Bucks

telephone
Steeple Claydon 297

Dear Mr Russell
Many thanks for your
letter of yesterday. I will come in
& have a look at the Nightingale
letters next time I have a free hour
in London. But don't keep them
for me if you have another customer.
Yours sincerely
Ralph Verney

Folder of copies of material not in Woodward, not numbered

copy of letter not purchased and returned (but copy kept!) [12:708]
[possibly Peter Pincoffs?]

Hampstead NW
Oct 8/61

My dear Sir

I should have
been too glad that you
should have translated
my little "Notes on
Nursing" with additions
of your own- but that
the eldest daughter of
my old friend, the
late Bunsen, applied
for permission to
translate as soon as
the book came out
in English. And her
[written up left side] yours sincerely F. Nightingale

German translation has
already appeared,
(Brockhaus, Leipzig.)
It has also been
translated into Italian
by Clara Novello's
sister- And I have
granted the permission
of French translation
to a Frenchwoman,
Mme de Stael. But
it has not yet
appeared. I was
not sorry that a book,
addressed so exclusively
to women, should be
done by women-

[end 12:708]

Lord John Russell
has entered into an
agreement to protect
our Crimean graves.
I hope it will be
successful.

[14:1013]

[end 14:1013]

Did you see Pastor
Fliedner's Deaconess
in Syria? At Beyrout,
Sidon, & two other
places, I believe-
I have obtained for
them a grant from
our Syrian Asylums
Fund of £200, which
I hope will be renewed
annually. But it
ought to have been more.

They do so much good
with so little money.

I wish you could
do something at
Manchester about
the Infirmary, which
I grieve to hear they
are enlarging. That
ill=placed, ill=constructed,
ill=ventilated Infirmary
will be fatal to the sick,
if its already overgrown
bulk is added to.

How much better to
sell it for a workhouse.

They have also abandoned
the admirable project
of having a convalescent

Branch Hospital *out of* the town **[end 16:628]**

[16:628]

copy of letter at Army Museum Halifax Citadel Woodward unnumbered

July 4/85

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

[15:999]

My dear Sir

I cannot thank you enough
for your great kindness in
taking so much trouble about
the copies of my little "Life
of Gordon" for the "wounded
"invalids returned from
Egypt." I was so very
much pleased to have the
names of the recipients
written by themselves
which you were so good as
to send me.

Some more copies would
be thankfully at your

service, if you thought that
more men would like them,
either sick or wounded
from Egypt.

[end]

Pray excuse my delay
in thanking your kindness-
my old excuse, illness &
business.

And pray believe me
ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale
Professor Longmore

copy, from Dept of History, McGill University

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
April 1/78

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your kind note of information & for what you have done for Widow Gregory, 'poor old body.' I have written to Mr Yeomans today that he may attend to your orders for her. [12:327-28]

Tho' your little Patient, Andrew Lee, (the lateral Spinal Curvature) in the Children's Ward St. Thomas' Hospital, has wonderfully improved yet the Surgeons seem to think a final cure very doubtful. He was kept entirely on his back at first in Plaster of Paris splints. But is now allowed to run about a little. He is

twice the boy he was.

But I saw Mr. Croft, the Visiting Surgeon under whose charge he is; he was very anxious to get the child ~~him~~ out of London to some sea side or Convalescent Home, for he still wants excessive care. He said that he thought the child might outgrow the Curvature in a few years, but that he would always be weak in the legs. More or less of a cripple:

The child has always been perfectly happy & contented.

None of our ~~the~~ places, Margate, or even our own "sister's," Miss Hawthorn's surgical Children's Home at Beckenham would take in the child: he was too young & required too much Nursing.

So I have persuaded the Ascot Convalescent Home under the charge of the Devonport Sisters, who were out with me in the Crimea. And they kindly receive him. I know he will be well nursed & well off there.

And perhaps he may even yet get well poor little man & strong [?]

I enclose a Cheque for £13.17.6 with many thanks & pray believe me

[end 12:328]

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Eq

letter property of Patty Penwill, copy Woodward unnumbered, note, with enveloped
stamped Miss Caulfield
Herbert Hospital
Shooter's Hill
Kent
1/10/85

July 13/86
[printed address] 10, South Street
Park Lane W.

My dear Miss Caulfield

I shall be so glad to see you
again & talk over Herbert
Hospital matters with you

The first vacant time I
have is Wednesday 21st, at 5
Will that come into your category
of "early next week"? If it
is inconvenient to you, pray

tell me & will try to make
an earlier day.

I am so sorry to be so pressed
just now.

Good speed to you always
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

another letter on same Penwill paper, note, Woodward unnumbered

Sept. 24/85
[printed address] 10, South Street
Park Lane W.

My dear Madam

Might I remind you of your
very kind promise to give me
a visit when it is convenient
for you to come into London
for an afternoon?

Would you be so good as
to fix any afternoon *after*
Thursday that would suit you

about 5 o'clock? Or is that
too late for you at this time
of the year?

Perhaps you could kindly give
me the choice of two or three
afternoons.

ever faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
Miss Caulfield

copy of note, Woodward unnumbered

Pioneer Ext returned

Many thanks for your letter
So thankful that you are better.
I am under such a pressure of business
that I can only now send what
you ask for.

F.N.
T.G. Hewlett Eq
9/11/88

and undated note
I have ordered a copy of
our Annual *Sanitary* (Blue Book)
Indian Report, just out,
to be sent you; as you
said you would
like to see it
F.N.

University of Toronto, Thomas Fisher Rare Books, paper copies

U of Toronto signed letter, 4ff, pencil

Lea Hurst Aug 21/73

Matlock

Private

My dear friend Miss Machin

[12:286-87]

I was wearying to hear from
you, tho' I had had good
accounts of you -

Thank God that you are
going on so well!

With regard to the "Home"
duty: ('Mistress of Probationers',
as I should call the post:
but do not call it so:)

- I am almost afraid to write
about it, because ~~I~~ my
hopes were so dashed to the
ground about a previous
lady that now I dare hardly

hope. It seems almost too
good to be true. But as
God put it into your heart to
think of it without any
doing of mine, so He will
bring it to pass, if it is His
Will.

As to what Mrs. Wardroper said: -
she told me herself that
she had "offered it to you" -
but that you "did not feel
inclined towards it."
(something to that effect)
- I should not like her to think
that any conversation with
me had altered your mind.
And besides it would not
be true.

She will make a little
difficulty when you speak
to her. But in her heart she
will only be too much
rejoiced to have you at last:
she is very fond of you -
[I know of course who the
"other lady" is. She is no
competition for you -]
There is such a field, & such
a need in that poor 'Home'.
There is such a work to be done
for God, such an influence to
be obtained by any lady
who knew how to take it
up - any large-hearted woman
who could not only allow for

the different characters of
those - of whose education
her "training" in the "Home"
must form so large a part, -
but seek for the ideal in
each which God has made,
differing in each, for each
to attain -

- I have seen women - & quite
as much *Nurses* as *Ladies*, -
come in to our "Home" with
the highest aspirations &
religious motives - And,
because they did not find
what women need so much
in a Hospital, - far more
than in a family or in
domestic employments - the

-2-

supporting & raising influence
in the "Home" - they fell
off - And because they did
not find the good they
sought, thought there was
no good.

It is such a very rare
character - far rarer than
that of the Mistress of Schools
of Matron of Hospitals -
to find: viz. that of the
women who can "mother" &
train other women - often
older than herself -

I am writing in haste, because
I want to catch you before
you leave Hollingbourne -

Write to me from Bristol,
& tell me when you will
come here - Open arms await you.

You will tell me how your
David gets on in "Leopold":
& how the 'scapula' case is -

Also: how you have fared
with dear 'Matron' -

I feel a little uneasy too
as to how Miss Williams is -

I was kept in London by some
rather painful & harassing
business - I mention this
because your David thought
it was illness caused by
anxiety for you - I was very

anxious about you, but
when you looked so beautiful
& began "making bone", -
for which you shall have a
Medal from the next
'International Exhibition', -
anxiety changed into
admiration -

God bless you, my dear
friend. God guide us all -
in haste

ever yours overflowingly
Florence Nightingale

[end 12:287]

U of T signed dedication, 1f, pen

Offered to our dear

[12:299]

Miss Machin

by (I would say her warmest admirer
but she would not let me:)

by one who offers up daily thanks

to the Almighty Father

for having called her to the

Training of women

to help Christ in the care of His sick:

- & daily & nightly prayers

that she may live to see of

"the travail of her soul."

Florence Nightingale

London August 12 1874

It is 21 years to-day since God made me *retire* into
public life. May He further the work in His own

way! We are His servants: He is not our

servant. Let us only seek what *is His way!* [end 12:299]

U of T signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged

35 S. St.

[16:810]

Aug 26/74

5 a.m.

My dear Miss Machin

I do most solemnly say

don't commit yourself to Montreal on any

such understanding as this: 'that, if your demands

'are within reason, they are ready to do everything &c.'

Have the *plans* of what they consent to do sent ~~home~~/here to you: (I will

show them to the War Office): if they are what

WE think 'within reason', then & not

till then consider their proposal for

yourself & Nurses.

I will not write to Mr. Bonham Carter without
your leave: but I do most emphatically

say that, in your interest & in that

of the Nurses, I consider it our duty

to decline letting them have our Nurses

till we see *what improvements in*

accommodation & construction they

propose to make *in black & white:*

i.e. in PLANS

I am quite sure that Mrs. Wardroper &
he are of the same opinion:
& I charge you to let Mr. B.C. see this note,
before any interview takes place between
him & your Vice-Pt
no time for more
God speed you -
yours ever
F. Nightingale

When I see what Sanitary arrangements they propose ~~doing~~/as feasible in a
much
severer climate like Russia, I think it
simply impossible to let Nurses go to that Montreal
Hospital till we know what they will do to improve it. **[end]**

U of T signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil, black-edged

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Nov 30/74

My dear friend

How earnestly I join with you in
praying to-day for His Kingdom to come,
"especially in India". How much does
that imply! the poor Ryot ground down
to a state almost worse than slavery: for
he is never but only just above Famine.
I am sure that you too pray - not for my
work in India but - that God's work may be

[10:400]

done in India whether by me or not [end 10:400]

I wonder whether the Morning Star ever
Sings for joy now

We must pray indeed that the labourers [10:400]
may be sent forth to the harvest:

not only for India & the Missions
but for our own particular work - [end 10:400]

And often beginning to pray "a great while
before day", because I sleep so badly, "the Spirit"
in my "Solitary place" seems praying.

"with groanings that cannot be uttered".
that His Kingdom may come: for indeed it
is very slow in coming.

And also, dear friend, I give thanks "for the
gift bestowed upon" you in this part of
His work.

I hope to see you soon -

God bless you & ["I have most need of blessing"]
ever yours

F.N.

U of T unsigned, incomplete letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

35 South St.

April 14/75

[16:811]

My dear Miss Machin

I think you know full well, (almost as well
as I do myself), how near my heart
lies a good new *Model* Hospital at Montreal
for you: & that I need not repeat
what I have already said full often
that I desire & am anxious to look
over any plans: & to obtain for you
the best opinions in England on them.

But I do not quite know what "Advice"
I can give now that would be of use -
All general conditions needful I have stated
many times in print. Any particular
specification offered by me for that
particular piece of ground (tho', in
looking over the plans, an accurate
Groundplan is of course a first
essential to enable one to come to a
correct judgment) could only end
in disappointment & failure. They must
draw their plans: we revise them.

You enquire for an Architect: I have
always declined to recommend Architects.

But the man whose work I
thoroughly knew to be good at the
War Office & who afterwards set
up as an Architect for himself was

Alex: Graham Esq
Carlton Chambers
4 Regent St.

You did not enclose the letter
you proposed:

but anyway I do not see that I can
say more than repeat what I
have so often said & ever felt
that I rejoice beyond anything of
the prospect of a ~~good~~/Model Hospital for
Montreal which must be new: & that nothing that
I can do to be of any use shall
be wanting -

[end 16:811]

2ff, April 21, 1875, 4, Elm Court, Temple. E.C. to H.B.C from W. Whiteford re changes to be made at Montreal

Dear Sir, With renewed thanks from myself and on behalf of my Montreal friend Mr P Redpath I return herewith your very clear statement wh Miss Machin and I find to include all the requirements.

If you will kindly procure Capt Galton's invaluable suggestions as soon as compatible with his and your convenience you will, if possible increase the value of the service you are rendering Montreal and it may be the dominion, as the desired plan--fortified by the authority of Miss Nightingale and of Capt Galton may enable Mr Redpath to prevent the adoption of a less complete plan by the Board of Mgt in May or June.

Miss Machin delights me with the information that Miss n herself evinces interest in the scheme, suggests an architect (Mr A Graham, 4 Regent St.), wishes *now* [HBC: No] to see the ground plan and even to revise the architect's plan when sufficiently advanced.

I do not know that Miss Nightingale was aware when she wrote Miss Machin that we were to have your help and Capt Galton's and as she only mentions Mr Graham incidentally, and 'faute du meilleur' she would probably leave that point to Capt G's experience to suggest.

I know the enthusiastic gratitude with which the Canadians at the connection of Miss N's name with the endeavour to extend to the dominion the system with wh she has blessed other portions of the world.

Yours faithfully, W Whiteford

U of T signed letter, 4ff, pen

Montreal Hospital 35 South St.
(5 Enclosures) May 1/75

[13:532-33]

My dear Miss Machin

I only received Capt. Galton's 'opinion'
& the plans & papers this morning.

I hasten to transmit them to you -
I cannot say my opinion is just like his,
for it is, like the famous portrait, *more
like than the original:*

I have annexed my opinion:

& a small explanation on Mr. Whiteford's letter.

*Old Plans
Plan of site
Letters
Memo from Capt Galton*

*Probably Mr. Whiteford may find it
more convenient to let a plan be
made by an Architect: & for us
then to make any suggestions upon
it.*

This I tried very strongly to impress
at first: & Mr. Bonham Carter &
Capt. Galton have ~~illeg~~/expressed the same opinion

I cannot say how strongly I desire that Montreal
may be *the Model Hospital*: nor how deeply

I am yours Florence Nightingale

[As Capt Galton & I worked together for some
12 years at the W.O., that is till he left it,
it seems rather curious to put us as it
were in antagonism]

{written between in pencil}

I hope that you
have returned
& safely & 'all right'
from convoying your
friend: & that the Nurse
has no more anxiety
about her Patient

Mr. Whiteford's letter:

N.B. there must be some mistake:

F.N. wrote the converse of what he says: namely that she could not undertake to suggest a plan for their Ground: & that even if she could it would be most undesirable that she should take that responsibility of theirs: that they should themselves select an Architect giving him the ground plan of the best site that could be acquired: & that he should make their plans : for that site: that she would then, if desired, carefully make upon said Architect's plans the best

suggestions in her power.

They desired her to recommend an Architect: she declined: but at their request mentioned the address of Mr. A. Graham, whose Hospital work had been known for years to Capt. Galton & herself at the W.O.

Either Mr. Graham or Mr. T.H. Wyatt would be a competent Hospital architect.

Capt. Galton is the expert whose advice together with that of others F.N. promised to obtain.

[end 13:533]

F.N.

1f, 8 May, 1875, Carlton Chambers, 4 Regent St., from A. Graham to FN asking for an appointment to discuss hospital plans

Dear Madam, I have been instructed by Mr Whiteford to prepare some plans for a proposed new hospital at Montreal and shall have much pleasure in calling upon you and conferring with you on the subject on Tuesday next at any hour in the afternoon that may suit your convenience. Yours faithfully, Alex. Graham

U of T signed letter, 2ff, pen

Answd Lea Hurst
July 29/75 Cromford: Derby
via Belgium July 25/75

Most certainly, dear Miss

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Machin, I shall claim
your kind promise to
spend the remainder of
your time in { Britain
 { England,

between us here &
Edinburgh [if you do
go to Edinburgh-)

I am glad that Nurse Taylor
goes *with* you: if you do go.
She seems to me to look upon it
as a sort of mission to
'take care' of you -

But I am sorry that
 I have not seen the three
 other Nurses since it was decided. I don't know
 how I shall see them now,
 unless I could make
 room for them here, on
 their way to Liverpool,
 for a night or two, if
 they sail from Liverpool.

The Revd George Palmer,
 also of Kensington (I
 know nothing of him)
 succeeds Mr. Maclagan,
 at St. Mary's Newington -

O that he may have
 something of Mr. Maclagan's
 mantle! But I think
 changing Pastors is
 something like changing
 husbands -

I have not time or
 strength to say more
 except my most affectionate
 & reverential love to my
 dear Madame de Bunsen:
 & my kindest remembrances
 to any who remember me:

[end 13:533]

& I am ever yours
 Florence Nightingale

U of T signed dedications, 3ff, pen & pencil

For

my dear Friend
 Miss Machin
 in remembrance of
 &
 in gratitude for
 a common work.
 Florence Nightingale
 Lea Hurst
 Aug 24/75

{printed title:}

The
 Practice of Medicine
 Vol. I
 seventh edition

Miss Machin
with Florence Nightingale's
love
Aug 24/75

{printed title:}

The
Practice of Medicine
Vol. II
seventh edition

Offered to

our very dear "Sister"
Miss Machin
earnestly rejoicing in her success
& wishing her more & more
'unto the perfect day':

{printed title:}

~~The
Practice of Medicine
Vol. I
seventh edition~~
by
Florence Nightingale
London July 1876

U of T unsigned letter, 2ff, pen

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
April 5/76

My dear friend Miss Machin

If I were to write to you as often as I think of you,
I should always be writing. But what with increasing
illness & increasing business - ~~illeg~~/some of which I can
only accept ~~with~~ by saying 'It is the Lord':), life is a
terrible scramble to me - But I will not put
off any longer writing at least a few words -
Because tho' I know generally that yours is a
success & that you are doing much good I
feel so very anxious. I want to know, I long
to know that first there is a definite prospect

[13:536-37]

of 'the' new Hospital: that the site is purchased: that Mr. Graham's plans or something like them are adopted. I am afraid that this is not yet done, because I think you know that it would give me so much pleasure, you do not like to tell me that it is *not*. [Your letter, promised in the one which contained the Cheque: for which many thanks: I was not expecting it so soon: has never come.] On the other hand, Miss Blower says, not to me: that *your* "word is Law": (-as it ought to be, F.N.-) So that revives my hopes: & I hope, my dear Law=giver, you put forth your wise Laws -

But while looking into the future I am not at all indifferent to the present: you must have many difficulties in it: I know your Nurses are faithful: but how are you getting on with forming new Nurses, training Probationers? - & do they our Nurses understand training? - under you -

Also, are you making improvements in the, excuse me, old 'beast' of a Hospital?

Do not accuse me of thinking that Rome can be built in a day. I am too old for that - But I have the greatest faith in your 'star'. This is the end of the second quarter since you left us: & I am longing to know *where* you are - & if all are well.

Mr. Bonham Carter would much have liked if you: & if also your Board of Management (by whatever name it is called): would have written him a few lines by way of Report of what is *done* & what is *intended* - at the end of 1875. He is somewhat in hopes that some communication may be coming to him written at the end of the first Quarter of this year: tho' even so it will be almost too late to put in his Annual Report.

And I own I am anxious for it too: I think some public acknowledgement here of what you are doing is desirable: & might possibly also help on the building of your new Hospital. { Always enlist public opinion. [end]

U of T unsigned letter, 4ff, pen

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
May 4/76

[13:537-38]

My dear friend Miss Machin

Your troubles are continually before me:
but also your successes.

How you have fought for Martha Rice's
life! but perhaps even while I write this,
she has been summoned home.

God's will be done - the Will of Infinite
Wisdom & Goodness, - in all things!

[But we seem to have always our own
private lights, by which we wish to guide Him.]

You may be sure that I lost not a day,
either with Matron or with Miss Crossland,,
in agitating about your 4 Nurses:

You see the question resolves itself into
three: who are fit to go:

who are willing to go:

whom Matron will ~~spare~~/give to go:

[Hodgson whom you wished for will not
go: she has "mothers" (2 or 3?)

I wish we could have given you those whom
you know: & have *trained*: but that is impossible:

1. follows the List of those whom Miss

Crossland & I think most FIT: ~~for you:~~

Cross: very dependable

(Matron will give her):

if she will go:

Masters very purpose-like: excellent:

(Matron will give her: if she will go.)

Miss Acton 25: splendid worker: when she

is put to the work she likes:

[These are
the only *three* of my List
who will have completed

their year at end of
June.]

- behaves like a spoilt child under

'Sisters' she does not much respect:

- cleverest of all our Lady Probrs:

- gave me the best account of both

the Ward= & Home=work I have ever had:

- naughty little girl if put to work she

does not like: - capable of enthusiastic

attachments: were she to take one for

you, you could do *any* thing with her:
- I *believe* she would go to Canada:
(she has no "mothers":)
I *believe* Matron would give her:

Webb: most excellent & admirable:
I *believe* she would go to Canada:

Rodgers: *the* one for the *Private Wards:* a girl
of high principle
but is only *7 months old:*
(*Webb & Rodgers* really the *highest*
women on my List)

Rodgers: I do not think Matron would let her go:

Jull: more presentable than any of the 4:
but not working as they from the highest motives:
(a little like Sealy.) only *6 months old:*

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Miss Rye: splendid Nurse to go to Canada:
but only came to us in *January:*

You will understand, dear friend, that
you must not mention what I say to
Mrs. Wardroper: that with *her* of
course lies the choice, as it ought to do:
that some of these Nurses have been sounded:
& some, Matron has been sounded about:

but that I thought, even before any thing
is concluded, you ought to know how your
negociation is going on; you ought to be enabled

to put a name to your Meditation:
Possibly Matron may be writing to you by to-
day's post:
May God guide the choice!

Would *Cross & }
Masters } do for the "two Night Nurses?
Miss Acton & for the "Public Ward"?
Webb for the "Private Wards"?*

I think ~~you know~~ Miss Acton might say a rough
& disagreeable word both to Private Patients
& to Doctors.

She has *immensely* improved under Miss
Crossland: & she knows it" & is candid &
grateful.

You cannot think with what ~~grateful feelings~~Our Father to/gratitude
to our Father I acknowledge the different
feelings with which I think of our
Nurses going to you: & to some of our
Matrons to whom we used to send Nurses in the colonies & elsewhere
['Of those Thou hast given me I have not lost one!

I know you will be able to say -]
You know that our dear, dear Madame
Bunsen died on the Sunday after Easter Day
- short illness & painless - in her 86th year.
With her & her husband I had an intimacy
such as is given to few: not ended, scarcely interrupted
by death: & she gave us you:

May God be with us all!

Believe me ever, dear friend,
yours

& if Martha Rice still }
lives, say that I say: } F. Nightingale
God bless her: & let HER }
say: God bless me. } with kindest remembrances to
Miss Blower: & our Nurses [end 13:538]

U of T signed letter, 4ff, pen

Address: 35 S. St. W. Oct 22/77
6 a.m.

[13:539-41]

Dearest friend Miss Machin

'Let not your heart be troubled': was not
Christ's life on earth to all human appearance
on the day of his death a failure?
And shall we have any right to say that ours
is?

And Oh how much more I want this
preaching to me than you do!

You ask "advice": advice is worth so
little at this distance: tho' Mr. Bonham Carter

& I have consulted over & over again:
& Mr. Bonham C. & Mr. Redpath.
Dearest: I have known what it is to

have to begin my life over again from
the beginning ~~not once but many times~~
~~in my life~~ as if I had been ~~another person~~
somebody else. And this not once
but five or six times in my life.

I can understand.

So can our Master. We serve not a
Committee but the Lord.

We did not enter upon this life, thinking it
would be an easy one, but rather thinking
to throw our bodies in the breach. happy
they whose sacrifice is accepted & who
are not left idle servants!

What I should ~~do~~/decide, I believe, if it were I,
would be:

however much & firmly I contemplated leaving,
to do nothing hastily: to fix no day for
leaving: to leave time & to put no spoke in the way
of my friends & the friends of the Hospital
doing something to bring about an
independent enquiry into the management
of the Hospital. i.e. before the time is fixed
or before the time expires for the termination
of your engagement.

I know how little this "advice" amounts to:
But under the circumstances as far as
we can understand them there does
not appear to be *room* for action on
your part: there appears to be no
room for your demanding any sort
of enquiry *as no charge* is made against
you. If however your friends
were to call for such an enquiry independently,
you would be placed in a much more satisfactory
position before leaving.

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I know that Mr. B.C. has written this to you more fully: & therefore I merely say it quite shortly.

I cannot fancy your remaining: but - endure: at least a little longer.

With regard to the Nurses, I can only say what I said before: but I cannot say too strongly/~~but~~ unless they remain *with you*, we should *much prefer* their *coming home*, tho' we should certainly not *insist* on their doing so. If they do come home, I would

certainly pay their passage money back, if our Committee did not.

I cannot contemplate for a moment their remaining *without you* at Montreal Hospital.

I grieve with you more than I can say, knowing what you have lost in your good young friend. And yet I never can help rejoicing when one more brother is safe in a higher service with Our Father in heaven: in whom, because Our Father is with us, & he is with Him, he is (in a sense) with us still.

But that does not save us from mourning: it only says that we are "blessed" in our "mourning". My best love to Miss Blower: my truest regards &

sympathy to Nurses Styring & Wilton:
& to Nurses Cross & Webb.

If love were heavy, I must charter an A1 steamer -
with love to yourself: ever yours in God's name

[end]

F. Nightingale

U of T signed letter, 3f, pen

Address

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Nov 7/77

[13:541-42]

My dearest friend Miss Machin

It is terrible to me this
Montreal disaster: & what
you are going thro'. But
never mind the Lord will
bear it for us.

I have just had your letter
of the 26th. I have written
to consult Mr. Bonham Carter.

I shall think of you - but
when do I not think of you? -
on the 14th. I think you
were quite right merely to
send in a on-committing
answer to the Commee.

Before you receive this,
much will be settled - and oh
how I shall long to know *what!*

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So I will not trouble with
speculations or advice which
may be useless.

Let us, like St. Paul, when *he*
was a "prisoner of the Lord" send
up not a prisoner's cry but
a glad cry of faith in God's love:
if we can. For 'when I am weak
then am I strong': *God's* strength
does not fail.

We are all feeling with you
& praying with you.

Let us follow as nearly as we
can in the steps of the saints
of old: cast down, but not
forsaken: perplexed, but not in
despair.

If this had happened at St.
Thomas', we could not have
felt it more.

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Thank Nurse Styring & Nurse Wilson for me
for being so cheery: & give them my kindest
regards & to Nurse Cross & Nurse Webb -
And my best love to Miss Blower, dear soul -
O how I reel for that good Dr. Cline's death -
& for this second case of Diphtheria - originating
as I believe in that disastrous building.

And how I regret the unfortunate successor
for you.

But do not be cast down: Christ has nowhere
said that His followers shall be without the
Cross; but that He will be with us always.

Think how you set us up in the Home at St.
Thomas'. We always look upon you as its creator.

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You have created much at Montreal.

Now perhaps God will send you to create
somewhere else.

I have had heavier falls than this:
But I scramble up: Or rather: God says,
'Have I ever left you or forsaken you?
Why not trust me now?'

Do you know it is 23 years today since
I was in the thick of receiving the sick &
wounded from the Battle of Inkermann:
& with scarcely anything to do it with:

I should despair, if God were not there:
Now kiss me across the Atlantic: God holds
our hands together -

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This is not business: I
must catch this mail.
I will write by Saturday's mail,
after having consulted
Mr. B.C. on business -
I hope Mr. Redpath will be
arrived by the time you have
this: &/or rather in time for the 14th.
God speed: if I were a
Saint of old I should
give us joy of these trials -
ever yours

[end 13:542]

F. Nightingale

U of T unsigned letter, 3ff, pen

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Dec 13/77

My very dear friend

[13:543]

I was very, very thankful to have your letter
& Miss Annie Machin's: for which please
give her a thousand heartfelt thanks.

I had not even hoped that you would get
thro' this terrible trial without feeling it severely
in body: & therefore your letter rather
relieved than frightened my anxious soul.
I thought you might have a serious Fever,
or something of that kind: And now I
almost hope that this letter may find you
gone on a convalescent trip: but I shall

be very eager to hear again.

I cannot wonder that you feel now as if you
could not stay longer than "6 months" in
a place connected with so much suffering
& injustice to you: & I do not feel as if
I even wished to say a word to persuade
you. So truly I am sure that you & God
are the only judges. My impression is
that your authority in the cause of good
work will be stronger now than it ever
would have been without this "Enquiry":
just as steel tempered by the fire is strengthened
& indeed would scarcely be steel without.

I am certain that one is far stronger for having
had obstacles to surmount & rocks to
stand in one's straight course than if
there had been no obstacles & no rocks.

The "Enquiry" has been to the ~~personal~~/in every respect credit of
your personal work.

One thing I am very sure of from letters I
have seen: that the Nurses who are worthy
to look up to you do look up to you
more & feel more bound to give their
whole souls & hearts to you & your work
than they could have been otherwise by
any way whatever other than by this fiery trial.

I am more sorry than I can say that Nurse Sealy has behaved so badly.

It is like Savonarola's monks who when he was sentenced to be burnt alive made their peace with the Pope.

But thank God you are not sentenced to be burnt alive: but on the contrary the fire has only lit up your work to shew better, like the 'light set on a hill'.

You have a great work to do: I trust to God entirely to say where & how it is best to do it.

And I think all your present business is really to try & get well, thoroughly well:

[end 13:543]

U of T signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

Most 35 South St.
Private Park Lane W.
 May 2/78
 6 a.m.

[13:544]

My dearest friend

You have more than once told me that, should there be War, you would wish to volunteer for it.

There is but too much fear that we may be at War - which may God ~~illig~~/forbid - even *in a few days*.

If you were to come to England, there would ~~m~~ probably be an opening for good work - not only for you but for all your Staff (who have resigned with you) - under you.

I am not at liberty to say more: and

I must ask you to say nothing about this to any one at present, hard as that obligation is.

And if you telegraph to telegraph to me alone.

I have not spoken about it or written to any living woman, except yourself.

But I may mention that I write this with Mr. Bonham Carter's knowledge & sanction. & that I have had an application from the official quarter "in the event of War".

I may have to telegraph to you.

Indeed, should the contingency happen, there will not be time for you to finish your 3 months' notice at Montreal.

This would, in all probability, not preclude your taking the 'Johns Hopkins' afterwards if you wished it: or there is every likelihood of some ~~thing~~/Hospital turning up in ~~England~~/London: & the more so, for your having done War Service.

Dearest, I am only afraid of events being too much for your health. Pray try to preserve it. I feel as if I had not told you enough how much your trials are mine. It is not far away but near, very near, in my heart that I feel your trials. Only do not let them shatter the body, shatter the mind I know they will not.

In the event of your accepting War Service, Miss Blower & your faithful four would be invaluable to you as a nucleus under you; but many more would be wanted: & all are to be *trained* women.

I must again repeat that I write quite *confidentially*. Dearest, we meet in God's heart: & in His heart I leave you. To Him I commit myself & you who are far dearer.

[end 13:544]

Please thank Nurse Styring for her excellent letter: & tell her I will write. (they all wish to stick to you:) & give my love to those four & to Miss Blower: that is, unless you prefer *not* to telling ~~ing~~ them that you have heard from me:

Fare you very well. yrs ever

F. Nightingale

U of T signed letter, 4ff, pen

35 South St.
Private Park Lane W.
June 27/78
6 a.m.

My dearest friend Miss Machin [13:74-76]
My heart is full of you & all this St. Bartholomew's
matter: I duly received yours & communicated
immediately with Sir Sydney Waterlow.
[He is not in London; I sent my letter by hand
but if I have any answer before the mail
starts, you shall have it.]
I told him exactly what you
said as far as
regards your own wishes & intentions, &
about taking as a "trial post" *Night Supt's* in preference to
Sister's post, [in which I think you are very
wise. But I did not know how you might be
able to stand the night work.]

As to the date of your coming, I asked that, if possible, you might have till the end of August before arriving here.

[I do not at all anticipate that I shall have to telegraph to you, as you ask, to come before.] But of course if I have you will receive this later than my Telegram.]

2. I also said that Miss Blower, (I did not mention her name) would be *most* eligible as Sister; & mentioned her experience.

that it was possible there might be one other to be proposed as Sister: [I did not mention any name.]

I thought it might be Nurse Styring or we might find some lady trained by us.

3. I reminded him of some kind expressions he used in conversation with me as to wishing us to find some trained & experienced lady to go in *at the same time* as the future trained Lady Supt, if appointed, as her Assistant: ~~from~~ I had previously mentioned "David" to him: but I ~~said~~/added that she was almost engaged to Lincoln Hospital, without giving the names.

4. I further wrote that there might be 3 women for "Nurses" if desired, & conditions as to pay &c satisfactory: (I mentioned no names:)

that we quite concurred with him Sir S. Waterlow that it was not expedient to appoint other than ladies to vacant Sisterships: [N.B. if so Styring & Wilson, one or both would not be eligible. [Mr. Bonham Carter, ~~bid~~ the

only person with whom I have communicated on this St. Bartholomew's matter, except with the St. B.'s Treasurer) bids
me add to

you that he "hopes these 4 women are not coming
" home in the expectation that they are
" to become *Sisters* at St. Bartholomew's, or
" even *necessarily* to join a Staff under Miss
" Machin. I wrote to her, Miss Machin, that, if they
" came, there would be no difficulty in
" finding them employment."

He adds that "if Miss Machin had a
"very strong opinion eventually that either,
"Styring or Wilson were suited for Sister, that would be
"another thing."] Webb & Cross certainly would not.

I am very glad *for their own sakes* if

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they have made up their minds not to stay behind you. They would either have lost their way, or been utterly crushed without you.

5. Mr. Bonham Carter bade me add to Sir S. Waterlow as to ~~her~~ your taking Sister's or Night Supt's post, probably *the latter* would be best.

- [I *had* written to Sir S.W. that he would recognise your wisdom in choosing the Night Supt's post] - "tho' to have done both would be a still better preparation:" Mr. B.C. made me write -

Of course it would: & yet I almost hope they will not "try" you too far.

[I have no copy of my letter: but this was the gist of it.

6. I also added that we might have some ladies (trained) from St. Thomas' to recommend as Sister before the end of the year.

[I said that the four Nurses might remain another month after you at Montreal until their new Staff arrives.]

I always say to Sir S. Waterlow that *I* tell him of the possibilities that have occurred to me of finding suitable candidates for *him* to make acquaintance with, & further enquiry about; as it will be so

much

better for the future lady Supt for him to think her *his* & not ours.

- She will have difficulties: & *he* must drag her through. I told him what you said about valuing his counsel.

I say nothing of Montreal troubles: but think of you, as always, in these latter days of June when you are leaving them.

And now, dearest, I keep impressing upon myself that *I can't* do *God's work* better than he can, as I seem to think by being so anxious: & recommending to Him you & St. B.'s, whom I know he loves better than I do:

You have not given me your address: so I address this to Mrs. Simpson's. Please thank her much for her kind letter: & beg her to excuse me from writing my thanks this mail, for I am always under such severe 'stress of weather'.

Give my love to Miss Blower: & remember me most kindly to the Nurses, if they are going to leave.

in haste dear heart ever yours F. Nightingale [end 13:76]

U of T unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged

Lea Hurst
Cromford: Derby
Aug 21/78

My dearest friend 9 a.m.
Thank God you are safe:

[Your note from Merville I have this moment received: it only reached London yesterday: just as I was writing to you from here.]

Thank God you are safe & well -
You say you leave Liverpool on *Thursday*
(You know we did not expect you there till

Wednesday; I have been counting the days till
I should hear you were safe.]

where are you bound next? to London?
*would you come here? or rather WHEN will
you come here?*

[We are very full now: the Shore Smith children &c]
but if we cannot 'put you up' as we should
like you will take the will for the
deed - - & oh how welcome you will
be! We *can always* take you in
And I shall trust to see you *again* for

another visit more comfortably: before you
settle down -

If you *must* go to London on *Thursday*,
[I am so sorry to hear of your 'serious charge',
& you so delicate: Heywood Smith
~~is~~ a good man:] *will you come BACK here?*
Where are you going to in London?

(I wish I could offer you my house. but
all the drains are up -)

I *must* write to you before you see Sir
Sydney Waterlow, if I do not see you - And

I must write to Sir Sydney Waterlow, (asking him when he can see you) at once.

[Dearest, if expence is a difficulty, let me have the pleasure - you know we are such old friends - if you *must* go to London on *Thursday* of paying your fare *back* here for a flying visit *if you will come next week.* & *after that more comfortably.*]

Pardon/~~in~~ great haste (to catch the morning post)
ever yours F. Nightingale

How strange you must have thought it not to hear from me on your arrival. & I have been counting the days:

U of T initialed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

Lea Hurst
Cromford: Derby

My dear friend Miss Machin Sept 7/78

I was looking anxiously for your letter about St. Bartholomew's.

[13:77-78]

To jump at once to your main question: I should do as you propose: viz. say to Sir Sydney who has asked you to communicate with him that we hardly feel justified in promising these Sisters until we know whether he is prepared to introduce the trained supervision?

But you will have seen *Mr. Bonham Carter* before this: & he will have given his judgment.

I should be exceedingly sorry if the negotiation with St. B.'s were allowed to go by default.

You say: "I *fear* the Nurses would not like going there." *before* you.

- I HOPE they would not.

Was nothing at all said by Sir S.W. about wishing you to be *Night Supt* as a preparation?

2. Yes: I knew that the 'London' might want a new Matron:

Mr. B.C. & I discussed it together.

[They have not applied to us, as Sir S. Waterlow did].

Mr. B.C. is the cautious man & very much against it.

I should like it, because there are as many Accidents in the London as in all the other Hospls together.

But, besides that we have absolutely no Matron to propose, (a very strong reason) 'London' is poor & struggling, St. B.'s is rich, St. B.'s has a Treasurer who wishes for reform.

& in some measure knows what is wanted, 'London' is immoral & does not know it.

But *IF* St. B's falls thro', then is the time to think of 'London'.

It would be madness of us to undertake *both*: at present.

Love to dear 'Home Sister'.

I shall be *MOST* anxious to hear from you again. in greatest haste to save morning post

& from Mr. B.C. ever yrs

Please write. F.N.

God speed the work.

U of T initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Lea Hurst

Oct 12/78

I know you think it 'all joy' that you can help dear 'David' - You were quite right to go.

I *had* heard: your letter great relief - rather appalled at the idea *not* of your nursing 'David' but of you who were the one to need rest & to be rested, during your much too brief holiday, going to do Matron's work. *Mind you don't overdo.* you are bound not, for God's sake & for all our sakes.

I do hope our Nurses are behaving well - specially Curling -

And I do hope they will give David help in the shape of Steward's help.

Do not tire yourself with all these wretched worries - so much worse than the real work, the great divine work for our fellow creatures -

- in haste to save the morning post

- will write again

thanks so much for writing: I was very uneasy.

God bless you both again
& again
ever yrs
my very dear friend
F.N.

U of T initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

Saturday morning

Oct 19/78 Lea Hurst

Dearest Miss Machin

Your omitted scrap dated Thursday evening 17th (Lincoln post-mark Oct 18) has this moment only arrived.

Tho' I am afraid too late for your purpose - I write a hurried word to catch the morning post.

I know the 'Operating Theatre' Ward at [13:78]
St. B.'s is exceptionally difficult, because the Sister has to attend *all* the Operations: (a very bad plan, I think: but we certainly shall not be able to alter St. B.) - At St. Mary's

it is the same thing; & the Nurse (our Trained Nurse, because the Sister was not 'up to' it) really *attended* ALL the Operations; tho' the Sister stood by -

The account to me sounded rather formidable: in more respects than one - And St. Mary's has only about 2 sevenths of *St. B.'s* Surgical beds.

I think it of the greatest importance that as we *have* yielded the point of Nurse Styring going before you you should fill up these important Sister ships as far as possible with your own *tried* people, *provided* you & Miss Blower think, (of which I cannot be the least judge), that she would suit a post which I am sure she can never "glory in", but which she may & probably would fill better than any one else: - she has no doubt had "Operating Theatre" experience at Montreal, - remembering this that St. B.'s is a 'crack' Surgical Hospital. As a gentlewoman, we know she is all that can be desired for the post.

I almost doubt whether you will like to remove her ~~as~~ to be your Assistant so very soon And this is a great objection to my mind. But

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again ~~from~~ the seizing upon vacant (important)
 Sisterships for your own *tried* people
 seems to me essential IF you go -
 Does ~~not~~ Sir S.W. say nothing to you about
 your own Supcy?
 My best love to Miss Blower. I am looking
 forward to seeing her in London [I wish
 it might have been here] before Xmas -
 And my best blessing on her both at Lincoln
 & at St. B.'s: so happy she is with you -
 I feel very anxious to hear Dr. Murchison's opinion
 of dear 'David'.

[N.B. At St. Mary's there are 3 *small* Operating
 Wards (besides the large one): where 'bad' cases
 are 'popped in' after the Operation - adjoining
 the Operating Theatre - under the care of
 the same Ward Nursing Staff. The rushing
 about after these *small serious* Wards by the
 Nurse was to me appalling.

I believe this is *not* the case at St. B.'s?]
 God speed St. B.'s: in great haste
 F.N.

[end 13:78]

U of T initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

[13:79-80]

10 South St Park Lane W
 Dec 7/78

My very dear friend

I have just rejoiced to find from Sir Sydney Waterlow
 that you are not expected to begin your duties at
 big St. Bartholomew's till January 1. & tho' I
 doubt not you have heard from him, I still write
 to tell you what he says; that he has
 'arranged that the present Matron shall hold Office
 '& attend to her duties until the last day of the year.
 '-it will not therefore be necessary for Miss Machin
 'to commence actual work until January 1 -
 'She will however be required to attend our House

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'Committee on Thursday next, when I hope she will
'be formally elected under the authority delegated by
'the Court to the Committee.
'I shall also be glad of an opportunity of seeing her
'subsequently (perhaps a few days afterwards) in
'order that I may discuss & settle with her several
'points which will affect her personal comfort when
'in residence, & her relations to the Sisters & other
'Members of the female Staff. I have also to
'settle with her the course to be taken in appointing
'an Assistant Matron' -

It is a very kind note.

[end 13:80]

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I earnestly trust that 'David'
is well - She will have
given you my messages -
She will be thankful that
you will have till the end
of the year.

I was rather disappointed
not to hear from you in answer
to my last week's letter: to
know that you were satisfied.

God bless my Jonathan &
David for ever & ever & the
work.

F.N.

U of T signed letter, 2ff, pencil

{printed address:] 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
Dec 9/78

My dear friend Miss Machin

I had an old friend coming to
see me tomorrow (who I fear
is living her last) But I have
put her off, as you wish to see me
tomorrow -

And I would ask you to
come & see me at 5, if that
will suit you; only, as you
are going to Ravensbourne, will
it not fatigue you too much
to go & come back on Wednesday?

Will you not see me at 4 or at
3, & go to Ravensbourne afterwards
the same Tuesday afternoon from here?

Please tell me which is the
most convenient to you; & will

you have a little luncheon

here first at 2 or 2.30?

If you could send me the

letter you have to write
which you wish me to see, I
could condense the whole
power of me upon it, if I were
to see it beforehand, - better -

I will send a Messenger
to morrow to St. T.'s about 12,
to ask your will about the
hour. & also to bring the letter
if you wish it.

Here is another weighty matter.
Mrs. Clough asks you to dine
on Thursday evening: & has
asked Dr. Moore to meet you:
but now she fancies you had
rather not; & asks my opinion.
Had you not better meet him, unless

it will fatigue you?

God bless you

yrs ever

F. Nightingale

U of T initialed letter, 8ff, pencil

19/2/79

My very dear Miss Machin

I think of you & your work daily & I will not put off another day just writing a few words of what you & I have talked over together in answer to yours; tho' I cannot write a full answer now. [I have been making up a heavy load of arrears of Indian work: ever since & even before I saw you. And they are nothing like done yet.]

1 I will take the easiest question first: that of [13:80-83]

"changing Nurses from day to night every 2 months."

I think you & I talked this over thoroughly both at Lea Hurst, (when I read to Her Majesty this "custom of St. B's" off my list). & here - And I was rather going to ask of you what you thought of it now that you have been at St. B's some 6 or 7 weeks:

The reasons *against* it are very obvious:
 - the reasons *for* it are, as experience shows, that *Night Nurses* who come on night duty young, & are a whole year at least on night duty, are apt to get *slovenly* both in *Nursing & character*, - or at least *not* to improve in their profession, *not* to go a head - they do not learn or wish to learn the new things: especially where they have *no Classes* no particular care, 'mothering' or superintendence over *themselves* other than from the Night Supt. - - - from never seeing the Visiting Staff or being brushed up in any way by 'public

opinion' or the publicity & 'drive' & 'go' of a great Hospital by day -

Also: it seems to be a recognised thing that, if there are 2 Nurses, 1 good & 1 *not so good*, the 1 *not so good* is to go to the *night* work. whereas, it would seem that (where the Wards have 'Sisters') the *better* Nurse ought to go to the *night work*: certainly the more experience should: should she not? -

Where, as at Edinburgh, the Day Nurse is Head Nurse (& there is *no* Sister) it would be of course impossible to "change Nurses from day to night".

It is also true that the Day Nurse (where there is *no* Sister) requires a certain *ward management* over & above being a good Nurse, which is less required by a Night Nurse, tho' it must not be altogether wanting.

This is what you & I talked together about: was it not? But I was now going to ask Her Majesty what her actual experience is on this point. [I have never been in a Hospital where the Nurses were changed from day to night.] I expect that we shall learn a great deal from St. B.'s.

2. I now come to the more difficult question:
that "*about the year's training*".

And this, I think, also you & I talked much
about both at Lea Hurst & here.

a. St. B.'s plan of giving a year's training
to *any body without any engagement* is just
St. B. training for *other Hospitals* - & not for
itself -

But I do not see how giving "*2 years' training*"
unless the 2nd year involves *some responsibility*
partaking of this nature: 1 year's training
2nd year: 1 " engagement
improves it.

And I should entirely deprecate any plan
involving giving *half* a training to people
who will pay. That is saying, is it not?
- suppose us for a moment speaking of *Midwives*
- 'such & such a course is necessary to make a
Midwife: but you are welcome to be half a
Midwife, if you like it: & to damage your
Patients ~~h~~ to the extent of *one half*: And we
will give your "*half a certificate*" - that is to say,
you shall be able *half* to do your duty as a
Midwife': Or, 'you Nurses shall be "certified"
to *half nurse* your Patients.'

b. I deprecate the system of *giving "certificates" altogether* for that & many other reasons -

Register, but do not give "certificates".
As much as possible, keep it thus that you
are to be *written to* for the *characters* of
people you have trained -

*O the mischief that is done by this being
neglected! do not you think so? - "Certificates" are
generally not worth the paper they are written on. A noble place
To return like St. Bart.'s ought not to give in to this sham.*

c. I quite agree. *the year's Training* never gives
the *character*: they Probrs are as it were on
parade - to show well - they have no responsibility
they are *on trial*: everything is done for them:
[They *don't* want to deceive us: but it is a
matter of pride to *show them well.*]

It is not till you are well on in the 2nd year
that you can really judge of them: see them
in undress. When they are *on their own
responsibility*, their tempers & characters come
out: you see what they really are -
Don't judge of them till the 2nd year:

But I do not see, *IF the 2nd year* is to be
merely a prolongation of the first, that it is
any more of a trial or a 'probation' or a
training than the first.

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The *rational* of training is, is it not? for a *second year* - especially for ladies or those who are intended for *superintendence* or for training others, - ~~is~~ to give them a probation - in the second year - in some *post of responsibility* where yet they have not the *full* responsibility - ~~either~~ both as temporary Sisters - and as having their turns in the *Linenry, Night Superintendence, "Home"* & taking Classes, as *Assistant Supts x &c*

This is what I have always longed for in St. T.'s - but *never* to have more book learning, or a higher course of Lectures, (as has been proposed) *That* she might as well get at a Women's College, might she not? *not* a Hospital. We are even planning to have one *always in training* for a year as *Asst Supt* at Edinburgh

d. Lastly, I think *the authorities* should clearly lay down, - first in their own minds & then in their *Regulations*: *what they consider the essentials of a course*: - & stick to them *all or none*: NOT to leave it optional too ~~poor~~/ignorant applicants who MUST know less than the *authorities* whether they will take or leave parts of the course.

In our *Midwifery School* we had more applications from people who wanted to take "*half our course*", or less than half, than we had pupils altogether. But we steadily *refused* every one. (in the left margin)

x Do not you remember when you started for Montreal you & me having some talk about *this* & you promising to write me a plan for this very thing?

If you want 2 years, & it is MOST desirable,
what should you think of the Edinburgh plan?

- 2 years' engagement, of which 1 of training
(the 2nd year) I, in which every
one must accept,
(ladies & all,) -
even Night Nursing
if it is offered -

what ever post is offered them -

e.

And I add, this second year must include

Classes & improvement & Lectures -

But then I should have all,- Sister, Day Nurses,
& especially Night Nurses, - attend Classes,
- at least in the first year after their year's
training.

This is the substance, I think, of what
you & I talked over together -

And now I would ask Your Majesty to
give the benefit of your experience: when you
wrote, I think, you had only been at St. B.'s 3 weeks:

I expect to learn much from St. B.'s.

3. About the memorial to dear Pss Alice,
I could not, indeed I could not, dearest Miss
Machin, ~~take~~/be repaid the money. I do not believe
that 1 in 20 of our people lays by any thing -
Many have relations to help - Many, I know,
have to be helped by me. Nurses too are
extravagant in dress: more shame for them!

The utmost I could take was what I said
- a shilling from each of the ladies who saw her: -
towards the expence.

4. I long to hear of you: tho' I know you are
dropping into your place delightfully.

My kindest regards to Miss Blower & Sister
Harley: I am looking forward to seeing them

I long to know how Sister Abernethy answers.

5. Might I venture to say to Your Majesty that

I would not at first "present any scheme
"cut & dry" to the "Treasurer" - I would talk it
all over with him first: & if you will with me.

6. Dear 'Home Sister' writes as if she were
getting rather out of sorts Do you think she
wants a rest & holiday in fresh air?

N.B. 1 I see no kind of objection to taking "paying" Probationers: but then, having moneys should not be an entrance to *half* a course? They/Paying Probrs should be in all respects like the others: should not they?

In some religious orders, independent fortune is a qualification Surely it is none?

N.B. 2 Again Nursing=*training* is quite a different thing from Education=*training* -

A girl leaving school leaves it for family life; whether she can do *half as much* or twice as much is *not* a matter of *life or death*.

A Nurse leaving Training=*School* has the *life or death of others* in her hands. She has *no* right to ~~half a cou~~ do anything *by halves*.

N.B. 3 I do not see how you can "decline to train for others" Without an engagement, the Probrs *will* go, if they *will*, whether you will or no. I quite agree: train them ~~forever~~ *for yourselves*:

And now, dear friend, God be with you & your work; as I pray nightly &/and daily: not nightly or daily

I am quite tired: & so are you - I have had to send in a whole paper on *Indian Famine Mortality* both to India Off & War Off - the second went in this mornng

19/2/79

F.N.

[end 13:83]

Vancouver General Hospital, School of Nursing, paper copies, also in Wellcome 9083/15

signed letter, 1f, pen

Scutari
Bk Hospl
1/3/56

Dear Sir

You have not performed your part of the treaty in obtaining Sir W. Codrington's authority to send Nurses to the Karani Hospital, without which, as you are well aware, I can do nothing.

I have written this to Mrs. Cox - I am quite ready to send the number required & keep these prepared -

Also, I wrote to Mr. Egan - that, if you would send me word what warm clothing you required for the ~~Transport~~ men on board Transport Ships, I would send it - Perhaps he forgot to deliver the message -

With many thanks
for your kind note
I remain dear Sir
yours truly
Florence Nightingale

signed letter, 1f, pen, not in FN hand, but signed by FN

V.G.H. #10

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
Jany 24th 1856

Dear Madam,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a Package of old Linen, for Bandages for the Soldiers & to thank you for the

kind messages contained in the letter which accompanied it to those who are assisting me here, & for your good wishes to myself.
{the following in FN's hand?}

I beg to remain
dear Madam
Yours very truly
Florence Nightingale

memorial, 1f, pen

To
Mrs. Truelove
this record of a truly great man
who left his impress
for good
upon so many, many young minds
& consciences
& who is an old admiration of hers
is affectionately offered
by
Florence Nightingale
Hampstead 1861

signed letter, 2ff, pen

VGH #1

Lea Hurst
Aug 24/77

My dear Sir

I hope that you will allow me to pay whatever is due from *Hitchcock*. I promised the poor man this for my Father's sake a few days ago when he thought himself dying. And please be so good as to attend him now till his death *as one of ours*.

Emma Collins: Scullery-maid

I wished to have had a few words with you about this girl: the more so, as I am sure if the housekeeper was present during your interview, *she answered for the girl*.

[I always learn a thing or two even in my old age
Emma Collins came in March to the household in York Place, where Horton is housekeeper
Emma/~~she~~ is said then to have been in strong health with a ~~large~~ good appetite & regular in the Monthly function.

She has had now for 5 months the Monthly period every fortnight, as I understand. And I am told has never been able to take her meals well since she came to ~~them~~/York Place: & has constant head-ache.

I expect a great deal from your treatment
[She is as good & willing a girl as ever was born:]
& I hope you will kindly prescribe her *diet*

But it must be considered whether when we leave here she should return to her place:

yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

VGH #8

Jan 7 1882

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

My dear Sir

Thank you very much for
your 3 letters about the
people whom I am so
much interested in

I was very sorry indeed
to hear of *Hannah Allen's*
accident. But I am sure
that you will be good to the
old lady: & kindly give to her
a message from me - & to me
further news of her, & ask
Ann Allen to write to me -

Adam Prince I wish I
could hear were steadier. I hope
his poor mother is as well as usual
my kindest regards to her. Would you
C.B.N. Dunn Esq

kindly tell her to write to me?

- I am not so much surprised
to hear your
opinion of *S. Broomhead's*
dietary as I might be -
thinking, as I do that there is
something of the same nature
about the mother (as about
many, many others that I
know.) But this is not a
reason, I am sure you will
think, for helping & advising
them *less*, but for helping
& influencing them *more* -
they are both such good people
If you thought right to send
S. Broomhead to some *seaside*
place for 2 or 3 weeks, I
would gladly help in it.

Lizzie Holmes I am afraid
is in a very poor state -
Would you kindly see to her?

I hope old *Mrs. Brown* will
soon be better - She is a
character -

Pray remember me kindly
to every one whom you are so
good as to visit on my
Account.

Is anything being done
about the *Coffee-room* at
Whatstandwell?

I hope you are quite free
from any 'throat'. Pray excuse
pencil & my not having written before.
I have had severe cold & cough -

I am obliged to send this
off in haste, for I am
unwilling to delay it beyond
to-day

Wishing you & *Mrs. Dunn*
from the bottom of my heart
every good & perfect gift
for the New Year & many,
many of them - for a
blessing to the country -

pray believe me

ever yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Rose Limb is, I hope, going
to her place at Derby in
3 or 4 weeks. I trust *Mrs. Swan*,
to whom my kind regards, will see
to this: And I will help in the
outfit. How is *Rose*?

{from the top of p.1}

Is *Jane Allison* well?

I believe she is *staying* at
Mrs. Luke Allsop's.

signed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil
{postmarked London S.W. 7 Ap 22 85}

VGH #9

April 22/85

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

My dear Arthur

I am very sorry that your kind visit to Lea Hurst is put off. But as there is now no hurry as you say, & I am terribly war-busy & nurse=for=war-busy this week, - I think, as I am particularly anxious to hear what you say about the School matter with *all* my ears, I will ask you to fix

some day *after* Friday, when I have a "First Lieutenant" coming about stores - indeed I am afraid I must say *after* ~~W~~ Monday - when I may have the pleasure of seeing you:

ever your affte
Aunt Florence

{envelope, not in FN's hand}
Arthur Clough Esq
4 Onslow Houses
Onslow Square
S.W.

signed letter, 5ff, pen & pencil

VGH #6

Whatstandwell

Proposed Coffee room { Feb 8/82
 {printed address:} { 10, South Street,
 { Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

I have most unwillingly
 delayed my answer to yours
 of Feb 2 with Miss Hurt's
 enclosure.

I had to consult Mr. Shore
 Smith & Sir Harry Verney.
 And I am terribly overworked.

We hail as you may
 suppose ~~the~~/any effort to begin
 a Coffee-room, & quite agree
 that it should be begun on
 a small scale.

Mr. S. Smith desires me
 to ask what will be the
 "regular rent" for the houses
 which "Mr. Hurt would charge."

{f missing}

Holloway Institute but
 that he was lost his wife
 might be very useful in
 this: possibly either
 as Secretary - or even as
 Manager if a woman
 could be found to do the
 woman's work -

The best managed Coffee house
 in London I know is
 managed by two women,
 sisters, of whom one is
 waitress- they have
 plenty of influence over
 a very rough lot.

[I would premise: let the
 coffee be good. "If you want to
 see a bad cup of Coffee, m'm,
 go to the Coffee-Palaces."]

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The plan proposed was
for Messrs. Cowlishan & Sims
to pay their workmen in the Coffee Shop,
on alternate weeks
It would be most desirable
to keep them to this.
You proposed to set up a
Savings Bank there on pay
nights with a promise
of 5 p.c. interest. I wish
this might be tried.

[The opinion among the
Holloway magnates was:
that this interest would
be no attraction to the men
against the fear that if
Messrs. Cowlishan & Sims
knew they were saving, their

wages would inevitably
be lowered.
that as to Mr. Sims, their
fear would *certainly* be
~~right~~/correct - & as to Mr. Cowlishan,
probably
that Cowlishan & Sims are
underselling one another
& on the watch to lower
their wages.
"The place might be made
"to *pay expences*: but this
"entirely depends on the
"Manager": Mr. S. Smith thinks.
Would you say to the Miss Hurts
how truly I rejoice in their
plan & sympathize with
all their efforts?

Lastly, Sir Harry Verney asks whether the D. of Devonshire's agent who, Mr. Shore Smith thinks, lives at Ashbourne, would do anything: or whether there is an intelligent foreman who would.

You cannot think my letter more unsatisfactory than I do myself -

I see it is quite impossible that you can undertake the general ~~management~~/organization. And yet without some gentleman who will do this, I cannot see how it will ~~answer~~/be properly started.

Also: In all those Coffee rooms which have really answered & attracted the men that I have

known, there has always been some lady too who has gone in ~~in the~~/on occasional evenings, & entertained the men. Or there has been a manager capable of getting up little entertainments.

I do not see how I can say any more till we know what the rent is to be & what kind of an Estimate for putting the place in readiness - (not for "alterations")

God speed the attempt: for it is much needed -

You must tell Adam Prince {printed address, upside down:} 10, South Street,

Park Lane. W. & others that you expect them to be the first Members.

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If you would be so very
good as to let me know
what Mrs. Swan has paid
for Rose Limb's outfit
that I may pay her - - -
- - - -

At this time of year I
am so overworked with
Trained Matrons & Nurses,
& with Indian subjects
that I can scarcely breathe
But I am none the less
interested in Lea Hurst
& Whatstandwell matters - I hope Mrs.
Bratley is not worse:

ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Partial letter

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With regard to the others, I
would not wish to discontinue
the Medical attendance
altogether - & of course
make no difference for the
Qu. now almost at an end -
- nor for the Qu. ending
Lady Day, if you find, as
is natural, much winter
illness.

But I should be glad if
you would consider & kindly
point out if any of these
cases are of an urgent
character -

As I have not been able
to visit Lea Hurst for two
years, & see but little

prospect of being able to
do so at present, which
is very sad to me, all
personal enquiry is out of
the question - &, as I
mentioned above, scarcely
anything is told me, or reaches
me of Medical report.

I would ask you in your
great kindness to revise
the List of regular assistance
I send & say whether any
is to be discontinued or increased from
time to time - but also
I should be glad if you
would in your great kindness

from time to time mention
any cases which come
under your notice where
some assistance in the
way of food or clothing is
clearly to be recommended.

I am much afraid of doing
more harm than good
by making this sort of gifts
without repeated personal
enquiry -

I am obliged to stop.

Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Archives of Ontario, Toronto

August 2/84
10, South Street,
Park Lane W.

Sir

I am going to leave home
for a short time.

Would you be so good as
to come & look at my
drawing-room floors, which
you have already done a
time or two, & see
what you would recommend
doing to them now?

If you could come
Monday (that is the day
you recieve this) in the
early afternoon, I should be
glad.

Mr. Thomas

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The floors, I am sorry to
say, *always* have a close,
musty smell, as if they
wanted washing. Whether
it is our fault I cannot say.

I understood that you
were to be so good as to
come & look at them
every 6 or 8 weeks.

Above all, I want freshness,
I remain, Sir,

your faithful servt.

Florence Nightingale
(als) env. Mr Thomas
Floor Stainer & Polisher
4 Cadogan Cottages
Pont St.

S.W.

2/8/84

July 20/85
10, South Street,
Park Lane W.
Mr. Thomas

Sir
Would you be so good as to
beeswax & turpentine
& do what is necessary to
the worn portions of my
Drawing-room floor. There
is not time to do the whole,
as I shall be away but a
short time.

Would you kindly come
& look at it tomorrow,
& arrange with Mr. Vare's
workmen who are going to
wash the Ceiling when it
shall be done. But all must
be completed within 3 weeks &
the smell gone
Yr obedt. Servt.
Florence Nightingale (als)
env Mr. G.W. Thomas
4 Cadogan Cottages
Pont St.
S.W. 27/4/86 [but letter says 85]
Miss Florence Nightingale

May 28. 1900

My dear children

You have called me
your Mother=chief,
it is an honour to me
& a great honour, to call
you my children

Always keep up the
honour of this
honourable profession.
I thank you-may I say
our Heavenly Father
thanks you *for what you do!*

"Lift high the royal banner
"It shall not suffer loss"
the royal banner of
nursing. It should gain
through every one of you.
It *has* gained through
you immensely.

The old Romans were
in some respects I think
superior to us. But they
had no idea of being
good to the sick and weak. That

came in with
Christianity. Christ
was the author of our
profession. We honour
Christ when we are
good Nurses. We
dishonour Him when
we are bad or careless
Nurses. We dishonour
Him when we do not
do our best to relieve
suffering-even in the
meanest creature.
Kindness to sick man,

woman & child came
in with Christ. They
used to be left on the
banks of the great
rivers to starve or
drown themselves.
Lepers were kept apart.
The nation did not try
to avert or to cure
leprosy. There have
been lepers in *England*.
Now it is a thing almost
if not quite unknown.

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There have been great,
I may say, discoveries
in *Nursing*;
A very remarkable Doctor,
a great friend of mine,
now dead, introduced
new ideas about
Consumption, which
might then be called the
curse of England.
His own wife was
what is called "consumptive"
i.e. she had tubercular
disease in her lungs.
He said to her: "now
"you have to choose: either

"you must spend the
"next 6 months in your
"room. Or you must garden
"every day:" [they had a
wretched little garden at
the end of a street]
"You must dig-get
"your feet wet every day"
She chose the latter-
became the hardiest of
women & lived to be old.

The change in the
treatment of Pneumonia-
disease of the lungs-
is complete. I myself

saw a Doctor take up a child sufferer, which seemed as if it could hardly breathe-carry it to the window, open the window at the top, & hold it up there. The nurse positively yelled with horror. He only said: "When my Patient can breathe but little air, I like that little good." The child recovered & lived to old age.

Nursing is become a profession. Trained Nursing no longer an object but a fact. But, oh, if *home Nursing* could become an every day fact here in this big city of London, the biggest in the world, in an island the samllest inhabited island in the world. But here in London in feeding-a most important branch of it -if you ask a mother who has perhaps brought you a sick

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"child to "look at": "what
 "have you given it to eat?"
 She answers triumphantly:
 "O, it has the same as we
 have"(!) Yes, often including
 the gin. And a city
 where milk, & good milk,
 is now easier to get
 than in the country.
 For all farmers send
 their milk to London
 or the great cities.

A sick child has been
 sent to Hosptial (and
 recovered). You ask what
 it had: 'O, they gave it
 'nothing-nothing'-

It is true they gave it
 nothing but milk-
 Milk is 'nothing'. Milk
 the most nourishing of
 all things. Sick men
 have recovered & lived
 upon milk.

"My soul doth magnify
 the Lord: & my spirit
 hath rejoiced in God
 my Saviour."

The 19th Century (there was
 a tradition) was to be the
 century of Woman. How
 true that Legendary

prophecy has been!
Woman was the home drudge,
Now she is the teacher.
Let her not forfeit it
by being the arrogant-
the "equal with men"
She does not forfeit it
by being the help "meet."
Now, will you let me
try to thank you,
tho' words cannot
express my thankfulness,
for all your kind thoughts,
for your beautiful Book

& basket of flowers
& kind wishes, all.
God bless you all
and me your mother chief
as you are good enough
to call me,
my dear children
Florence Nightingale

Berlin

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Osborne Collection, Children's Library, Toronto copy RP 7807

Nov. 11/95
10, South Street, [printed address]
Park Lane, W.

My dear Sir

I have great pleasure
in returning your new
"Bank Book of the Lea
"Board School penny
Bank" signed by
me as a Trustee.

Please excuse me
for not returning it
before-

I trust that you
continue more & more

having *pennies* from
the *poorest* school
children as well
as higher sums from
the better=*to=do=*
It is so important to
try & prevent the
very poor from
spending their pennies
in 'sweeties' &
sometimes I am very
much afraid in

petty gambling-

Is this so?

With many thanks,
tho' only expressed
in pencil,

yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Wm. H. Lowe Esq

McGill School of Nursing, paper copy, from the *History of the School of
Nursing at the Montreal General Hospital*

signed letter, 1f, pencil

April 11/76 [16:816-17]

Dear Sir

I regret indeed very deeply to lose this
opportunity of making your acquaintance:
- & of hearing news from your own lips of the
future prospects of Montreal General Hospital
in which I am so much interested: & of

my dear friend - Miss Machin:

But alas for me! it is not possible
in my state of increasing bodily weakness:
& at a time of year when the over-
pressure of business is particularly heavy:
to see you at such short notice on
any day you offer me:

but I did not lose a moment after
receiving yours in sending to my cousin
Mr. Hy Bonham Carter, the Secretary of
our Training School: & Miss Machin's friend:
who has doubtless written to you before this.
- who is as anxious as I am for Montreal .

Excuse my pencil writing.

I trust that this trip to
England will entirely set up
your health: & am only
sorry not to be able to
profit by your presence
on this side the water,
which I should so have wished
myself -

Pray believe me,
dear Sir

yours most faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Dr. Campbell

[end 16:817]

Bensen Family Collection, Dr William and Wynn Bensen

Private Collection of Bensen Family, Ancaster [8:85-87]

July 2/81

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

Dear Mr Haywood

Thank you for your most
interesting letter.

I share your hopes that the
Savings Banks in Schools & other
means of encouraging thrift
will make the next generation
of young men & women more
provident, more sober, less
dressy. Otherwise I should
really fear that we were
losing our national habits of
manly & womanly independence
which we used to think
belonged to Derbyshire & York=
shire & the North.

But France is now the land

of thrift; and when we
think that on the thriftiness
of her women, - their powers
of cooking, needlework, domestic economy, &c
making saving possible,
has mainly depended the
extraordinary recovery of
France from the German War
of 1870-1, we might well
ask ourselves: what are we
Englishwomen doing?

I am delighted to hear
what you tell me that
our Lea school needlework
is improving. I have in the
last few years known things
at Holloway as to the utter

fecklessness of the women in this respect, that you might as well expect of little boys as of ~~women~~ mothers, which have surprised & grieved me.

You see how great a stir is now being made with a "Domestic Economy" Congress &c &c &c on the needlework & other questions. This is good as directing attention to them. There is a Lady Inspector of Needlework in the London Board Schools. There are Lady Guardians, some of whom I know, on the principal Boards of Guardians. These ladies, if not

properly qualified, may do harm. But some of them are excellent & will do great good.

I earnestly trust that you will be able to get a good Assistant to Miss Barker, tho' disappointed that we cannot find her among ourselves.

That is a very interesting enquiry, tho' a grievous one, that out of 26 scholars *paid for* only 5 are Depositors in the Penny Bank. I shall be very much obliged to you to let me know, as you kindly propose, whether the other 19 have any money laid by,- that these poor children should be, if possible, rescued from improvidence.

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I am much disappointed that Mrs. Thompson's son has not taken advantage of your kind offer. They are, I am afraid, a helpless family. I shall write to Mr Yeomans about it, as it is wrong to help those who *will not can not* help themselves. Please tell Nelly Botte how glad I am to hear such a good account of her. I should like to give her some book or needlework implement by way of encouragement & friendliness, if you would kindly choose for her. Edwin Bunting is very disappointing. I hope he will pick up. The School in general seems very promising, as it ought

to be with your unwearied labours. And one may trust that besides the ~~good~~ bright prospect of passing a good examination, it will tell sensibly on the moral prospects of Holloway, Lea & the neighbourhood, for there is much room for improvement. Drink & dress, & what it leads to, pleasure & unthriftiness give God much trouble.

Do you want anything for your Bible Examination next year? Do you think it tells upon the children much in love to God & their neighbour?

I beg to enclose a Cheque for £5

Balance due 3.17.5

In hand 1.2.7

With many thanks.

It is rather grievous that the Institute give you so much trouble in collecting the arrears of the 2nd Qurs Subn. I am afraid that it does not make much head against the Public house. The election of the 'Yew tree' to be Captain of the Cricket ground strikes me dumb. Would it not be possible to make a bye-law that all refreshments for Cricketers on that ground whether strangers or otherwise, shall be provided from the Institute? It is degrading the Institute into a feeder to the Public house
God bless you & all your works
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Letter, Bensen Family Collection, copy Add Mss 45800 ff46-47

Feb 16/67
[printed address] 35 South Street
London, W.

Park Lane

Private

Madam

I regret that I am totally
unable from ill-health, now
much aggravated, & from
constant occupation, to
receive visitors-

But I regret it the less
because I have it not in
my power, to do what you
ask We do not
look out for situations for
ladies - we train them
for situations.

With regard to the female
Nursing Service for Military
Hospitals, it is entirely

under the Superintendent General,
Mrs. Shaw Stewart, now at
the Herbert Hospital,
Woolwich.

She would give you every
information you seek, either
by letter or otherwise.
She is extremely anxious to
find Superintendents. But
then they must be trained.
The same thing I can say for
ourselves. We desire to
find ladies to be trained
as Hospital Superintendents,
for whom there is an

ever increasing demand, with good salaries for Hospitals both at home, in the Colonies & in India. The demand is, in fact, far beyond our power of supply. The Society of St. John's House experiences a similar difficulty. I enclose you some of our Regulations.

Miss Jones,
Lady Supt. of St. John's House
7 & 8 Norfolk Street
Strand
W.C.

Mrs. Wardroper
Matron
St. Thomas' Hospital
Newington. S.

would either of them, by letter or by personal; interview give you information. I am very unfit to write, as I have been writing, as I do every day from 7:30 a.m. and I am suffering from a severe Chest attack. But I thought you desired to hear from myself. Pray believe me
Madam
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
Mrs [name crossed out]
has been scratched out.

Second lot July 2009, downloaded from email

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July 17/86

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

My dear Sir

Among the many, many questions which rise to my lips to ask your knowledge -- is: whether there has been such success in instructing Christian native converts in Sanitary things that they have learnt how to improve their habits & dwellings & so to be examples to their non-Christian neighbours. I see in one of the admirable books which you have been so very kind as to send me a dialogue "The Two Mothers" by ALOE in the "Zenana reader" Dr. Murdoch

* ALOE is "A Lady of England," Charlotte Maria Tucker, author of *Zenana Reader*. Madras: Christian Vernacular Education Society 1880.

Do the Christian native mothers really exercise or learn to exercise successfully an influence of that kind?

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The "Sanitary Dialogue" by Dr. Bellew in his "Report on the Sanitary Administration of the Punjab for 1880" (published 1882) pp 78-89.

But it is far too difficult for translation & issue as a Tract, tho' doubtless spoken by himself (on his tours) to the village headmen, it is effective. It will require all your skill to adapt it as a

Tract for simple comprehension.
But it *is* for *Indian* village life,
& altogether so.
When you travel, do you lodge
with the headmen, or with
whom?

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The Year book for 1862 which
you have been so good as to
send is of great value. Do
you compile a Year book for
every year with all that
information? Would it be
possible to get any of them ~~all~~?
It tells us what progress is
really making.

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Might I ask that, when
you return to London in
October, you will let me
know *here*? I shall try
to see you again, for I am
only on the threshold of the
information that you can
give me.

I did not fully understand
your question about the
"Ladies' Sanitary Report"
when you took it up to take
it away. If it is anything
that I could do for you,
will you let me know?

Letter

Jan 26/88

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

My dear Sir

I am exceedingly grateful to you for your kind letter of Dec on subjects which interest me so deeply & for the valuable tracts which followed it, "Demon Worship in Ceylon" "My Children's Health" "Part I" (2 copies). I hope some day to see Part II. Also "Caste" & "Popular Hinduism Part I."

With regard to the first, if the belief & fear in & of evil spirits could be really removed, what a freedom, what an emancipation for the poor Hindu. Could not lessons be introduced into Primary Text books for this purpose? A distinguished Madras native gentleman gave me John Murdoch Esq

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some of these books which you have kindly sent show indeed how much could be done in instructing the people in the way you have pointed out in your "Education in India" [But I should like to have a great deal more information from you.] against the belief in Astrology, for instance- [pencil begins after Astrology] & much besides-

I cannot thank you enough for these books.

Might I be allowed to enclose a Ch for £5, & ask you sometimes to send me books kindly from Madras of this nature?

[You know that Lady Dufferin has got your "Way to Health" adopted instead of Dr. Cuninghams' Primer which was too difficult.]

The fault has been that it was thought the "Ladies' Sanitary Assocn's" tracts here could be adapted to India where habits & circumstances among the natives are so entirely different. As you say, the very fact that Fever does as much mischief in India as all other diseases put together renders necessary to guard against it - a whole instruction different from ours. But even native gentlemen are satisfied with quoting our books.

"Caste" & "Popular Hinduism" are two subjects, as you know, all important with me.

I am so very glad that you think Lady Dufferin is doing a great work.

Lady Grant Duff gave me a book in Tamil called "The Story of Pachai Ammal, the Sick Nurse" by V. Krishnamachariar--which you

doubtless know. If well done, I wished to recommend it to Lady Dufferin for circulation, because it seemed not only to teach practical prevention & nursing, but also how to make widows useful. *Could you tell me whether it is a book of thorough practical usefulness for India?*

I could find no one here, not even Mrs. Scharlieb, who could read Tamil, till the Revd Dr Pope, of Oxford, kindly undertook it. He calls it "admirable" & kindly tries to make such books by native gentlemen "more popular." But I do not know whether he is enough of a Sanitarian & Nurse to judge of it.

You are.

The main thing is to get these publications *into practice*. Nurses, Schoolmasters, should do this. Our District Nurses in London (Hospital-trained gentlewomen) do this--showing with their own hands & brains as they nurse

at the bedside of the poorest to the family how to make the home (generally one room† in a crowded house) healthy.

But above all the Lady Doctors should be trained to do this & should feel it the first necessity. I think Mrs. Scharlieb did. I don't think English men Doctors do.

You kindly ask after me. I have been sent away by my Doctors for extreme exhaustion. But work pursues me which I cannot refuse.

I hope your health is strong. What are Mr & Mrs Baring who went out as missionaries to the ?Punjab doing? She was just married.

Ever believe me
for poor India great India
yours with great sympathy
in work

F. Nightingale

Dictated letter, last page by FN

Dictated

10, South Street [printed address]
Grosvenor Square, W.

Dec 20 89

My dear Sir,

Thank you very much for
your kind letter from the steamer
on your way to India. I ~~will~~
send you six ~~three~~ more copies as you
desire of Dr Hewlett's paper on
Village Sanitation in India. I
look forward so much to your
promised tract for the Native
on his duty to his village
because there is so much ground
is their not? in a Hindoo's mind
and training to stand upon in

teaching him his public duties, not only to his caste, but to his village. Does not a Hindoo, as soon as he gets rich, build for example a well for his fellow-villagers? His religious feelings and his ancestral feelings, or hereditary feelings I suppose we ought to call them, might all be made to contribute, ought not they? To make him do his citizen's duty, or rather his villager's duty, if he could be led to understand it, and not to think it only *our* 'fad.'

I think your idea of driving out

astrology by a little simple knowledge of astronomy is so good. I suppose the astrologers are very acute and in some sense useful. From long experience, they are able to predict the best day for sowing and so on, and there is good ground there for bettering a Hindoo's education, if you can only get rid of the charms and the demons.

I have got 'The Tribes on the Frontier'; but there seems to me nothing in them/it but lively anecdotes- not at all what we want, e.g. as to what enables birds

[last page in FN hand]
 to fly; & so on. If Dr Watt's
 Bengal Botany is wrong, could
 not some one ~~to~~ be found whose
 botany is right, to write in
 Mrs. Verney's style & about the
 fertilization of flowers, which
 so few know or care about?
 It is asking an 'impossible' from
 Mrs Verney to ask *her* to
 write: she is so overworked.

I wish she could.

Looking with eager interest
 to all you promise us
 & praying for the highest
 blessings on your New Year
 & many of them for your work

believe me

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Dr Murdoch

[on diagonal at end]

I have

sent for

Gotthold's

Emblems

Thanks

Letter of Florence Lees to Lady Dufferin. Dec 20th 1873 re going
 to Ottawa

Hamilton
 Canada West
 20th December 1873

Dear Lady Dufferin.

Will it be quite convenient if I come to you on the 29th inst.? I leave
 Hamilton on the 26th, but should much like to stay a day at Kingston en
 route--to go over the penitentiary there, as I am told that it is a model one
 of its kind.

I feel as if I had not half thanked you as I ought in my last letter, for
 your great kindness in inviting me at this season. Even at home it must have
 been somewhat of a sad one to us all, but I had no conception how very
 "homesick" it would make me, so far absent from home as myself. (Indeed, I
 suffered so much from it while in Chicago that I returned to Canada a week
 earlier than I had intended!)

I ought not to trouble you, however, with my private troubles, and only
 refer to them that you may in some measure understand how grateful I feel for
 your kind invitation at this time.

On Monday I leave Hamilton for Petrolia and Bothwell, the "oil cities" of
 Canada, but shall return here for Xmas Day, leaving finally on the 26th.

Trusting that this season may be a very happy one to His Excellency &
 yourself, I remain, dear Lady Dufferin,

yours sincerely
Florence Lees

Fragment

most things, we shall
[illeg] with the people of India. Shall not [illeg]
-hoping to see you in England- but knowing
you have been hard at work wherever you have
been & trusting that God has preserved your
health.

But I was hard pressed at the time. And
I don't think I ever finished my letter

F.N.

Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, paper copy, private collection

30 Old Burlington St.

Dear Sir

I am very anxious that your wishes to meet with a favourable reception for your exertions should be forwarded in every possible way.

My acquaintance with you has been short, but it agrees with what I have heard from two trustworthy and valued friends, and I am, therefore, well aware that you deserve success and are likely to benefit any country in which you find employment. On the authority of these friends, who are well known to me, I can say that you have proved yourself a man in earnest, and that your zeal has been tempered by discretion and judgment, that you have excellent discrimination of character and much practical good sense. I have learned much of the value of your services among the Old Chelsea soldiers, and as I, too, have served and been most interested in serving our brace troops, I trust that you will still continue the same kind of labours among those at Quebec.

With sincere good wished, I remain faithfully yours,

Florence Nightingale

June 27th 1857

Private collection, Toronto, 1 paper copy of original

July 3/85

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

Dear Sir Peter Lumsden

It is very good of you
to offer me another appointment.
You must be so pressed.

I thought when you so
kindly offered me one before
that you scarcely knew how
you would be 'snatched up'.

If it would be convenient
to you to see me to-morrow
(Saturday) at 5 or at 6, [3 or at 6]
or Monday or Tuesday
at one of the same hours,
I would so gladly see you
if I might know at once
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Private collection, North Vancouver, B.C.

Nov. 1/88

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

My dear Miss Margot Tennant

I have been so very sorry
that I have been & am so
overworked that I never
could find a time to
profit by your kind
willingness to come again
before you leave London.

Perhaps when you come back---
ever yours with deep
sympathy F. Nightingale

Private Collection of Dr Judith Shamian, Toronto

30 Old Burlington St. [14:560]
London W

Sept 11/58

My dear Mrs. Clive

Your very kind note
followed me to town
& I cannot help
thanking you for it
myself-

You wrote a little
thing once, of which I do not even remember
the name, about an
Officer wounded in

a Sortie in the Crimea,
who makes his will
on the ground - There
were a few words
about the simplicity,
the good sense, the
unalterable silent
endurance of our men
which touched my
very heart - they were
so true - It is such
a comfort to think
that our best writers
understand (and will

not let it be forgotten
the real sublimity,
the conduct of our men
I mean our 18,000 who lie
out there in the
Hospital cemeteries
of the Crimea, dead
not by the sword but
by slow & painful
disease-

You said a thing
in Year after Year
which struck me in
the same way - that
there are thoughts which

are to some such
frightful spectres
that they wonder these
can be to others the
occasion of shedding
a few tears -

These true words
touch us to the quick,
who feel but cannot
write, shewing us that
there are those who
can write, & feel what
they have not seen

It would be a
very great pleasure

to me if you have the

kindness to remember
your offer to send
me anything else of
yours to read - You
will find I shall
appreciate it at
least.

[end 14:560]

yours very sincerely
& gratefully
Florence Nightingale

Victorian Order of Nurses, Ottawa headquarters, 1 inscribed Book of Common
Prayer [8:942]

For
my dear God child
on her confirmation
Ruth F. Verney
from her loving Godmother
Florence Nightingale
And may we both
the young girl
& the old woman
feel this day to be
our "hiring"
Aunt Florence
prays
Feb 14/95

Typed copy of a (public) letter to Lady Aberdeen, VON Ottawa

May 5, 1898 [15:874-75]

Dear Lady Aberdeen,

I do rejoice at the success which has attended your efforts to initiate the plan of establishing trained District Nurses in Canada. With great interest I have read the papers you have so kindly sent me.

Let me gladly add myself as a witness of experience here to the great blessings which the trained District Nurses have been to the sick poor.

If you are able to maintain the high standard for your Nurses which you have laid down, and succeed in attracting good young women to enter the work, there can be no doubt that it will go on and prosper. Difficulties and trials there must be, but with so noble an object it is worth the expenditure of much labour and patience.

What has been the experience of the last thirty years with regard to the improvement of hospital training and the means by which it has been attained? This, namely, that it has been brought about first by making the Hospital a "home," fit for good young women, educated young women to live in and pursue their calling in; and next, by raising the character of nursing into a genuine calling by which nurses can earn an honourable livelihood.

Then from the Hospital Training School the area of the trained nurses' work became extended to private nursing --nursing the well-to-do--and latterly to that far more numerous class of patients who are either entirely destitute or only able to make a small contribution for the services of the nurse--and yet who are not fit subjects for hospital treatment.

It is especially and above all to this class that the trained district nurse has proved so great a boon. For the duties of a district nurse more experience, more self-denial is wanted than for those of a hospital nurse or a private nurse, who have the doctor always at hand to refer to, and have all the appliances of hospital or home at the service of the patient.

The success of district nursing depends more than in hospital and private nursing upon the character of the nurse, depends very much upon the nature of her training and the continuance of those helps, physical and moral, which the good hospital "home" has supplied to her.

These helps have been found in the system of district nurses' homes, under trained superintendents, which have been established here with so much success in London, Edinburgh, Dublin and other large towns, and which you propose to adopt in Canada. Is it not to these homes that you will have to look to train in district work and qualify for service in small towns and country places--pursuing their calling under periodical supervision and as members of a society inspired by the "esprit de corps" of joint workers in a noble and Christian cause?

No doubt in some respects your population, especially in rural districts, differs much from that of an old country, and somewhat different methods will be required. Happily, there does not exist with you that large number of sick poor who are unable to pay anything for the services of the nurse.

You are fortunate in having obtained the aid of Miss Macleod in beginning the work. She seemed in the visit she was so good as to pay me to be thoroughly imbued with the true spirit required for district nursing. There is little fear but that any dissentient medical men will quickly learn from actual experience to appreciate the value to them of the district nurse as an intelligent handmaid and not an interfering interloper.

heartily do we wish success to the Victorian Nurses and to all Canadian workers in this good cause. Need I say that I feel quite grieved and humiliated at having been so long in answering you[r] kind good letter? Your kindness will at least admit my true excuse of a bad time in health, which has scarcely allowed of my doing the most pressing of duties.

Again and again I give you joy of your beneficent work, and I am, overflowingly your servant,

Florence Nightingale

[end 13:875]

European Archives

FNIF, Florence Nightingale International Foundation, Geneva, CD, 53 pages

FNIF signed letter, ff1-4, pen

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Private

Nov. 27/85

[10:732-33]

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dear Lady Dufferin

Again I have to ask your indulgence for not being able to forward a full answer to your desires, as I hoped, by this mail.

I have collected a number of Sanitary tracts & books, as you wished, but there is scarcely one to be recommended for translation or even for adaptation the Western & Eastern habits & ideas are so different.

You mention Sanitary tales. These are far the most popular

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of the Sanitary tracts here; but these are wholly unsuited for Indian women & Hindoo homes.

I have taken a great deal of advice from Anglo Indian Sanitary men & also from natives & their educated wives over here - to lay before you -

And I hope by next mail to be able to submit to you what may be useful for your purpose.

It is the woman whom we must lay hold of to

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produce any real Sanitary
effect in India. At present
she is the bar to everything
which he better instructed
man, her husband, would
do in *private* Sanitary works
i.e. in his own home.

If they, the men, are addressed
by say the Sanitary Commissioner
& urged to this & that Sanitary
reform *at home*, they answer
"I throw dust upon my head."
(for his shortcomings) "but
"how can I coerce the ladies
"of my family? I should
"never have a moment's peace."
(if he did this or that Sanitary
work.)

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Every body ought therefore
to help in your noble
scheme for the women & girls,
who is interested for India.

Pray believe me
dear Lady Dufferin
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

H.E.

the Countess of Dufferin

[end 10:733]

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PRIVATE

Dec 3/85

[10:734-38]

{in another hand: Jan 25 1886}

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

Dear Lady Dufferin

I am honoured by your
commands to give "advice
"and assistance" in your
noble scheme for "reaching"
the "female population of
India, in order to "teach the
"most ordinary facts relating
"to health to the women themselves
"& to the young girls in schools."

It is indeed a noble
scheme, because there is
no hope for real Sanitary
reform - *home* Sanitary
improvement - till the women
are on our side. And I am

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sure there are ~~many~~/some who
would work night & day
to further your plans.
There are of course great
difficulties in the way: or
rather I should say difficult
& special points to be attended
to: such as these:

(1.)
at present the highly educated
women e.g. in Bombay
where the women possibly are
the best educated are no better
in Sanitary arrangements than
the poorer:

(2.)
also; the appliances, the habits,
the conditions of woman's life
are so different - one might

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almost say opposite - in
 Eastern & Western life
 that one does not know the
 books or Sanitary tracts or
 booklets, which translated,
 even if adapted ever so much,
 would be of use. In fact,
 they can hardly be adapted
 (3.) not only this, but the
 appliances, the habits the
 homes are different in each
 Province - there is a style
 of house to each Province -
 - a Sanitary Primer for women
 would have to be written for
 each Province - a native to
 be looked out (probably a
 Medical man - or a Clerk

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to a Sanitary Commissioner)
 to write this Primer for
 each Province - to be
 submitted to the Sanitary
 Commr or to some Anglo-
 Indian *Sanitary* authority *who is*
conversant with the
homes, the domestic family
 life of the women -
 (4) But *there* is the difficulty -
 the Anglo-Indian gentlemen
 who are known to possess
both these qualifications
 could almost be counted
 on the fingers of one hand.
 (5) Also: Hindoo women are
 only open to a Hindoo woman
 -Mahometan women to
 Mahometan woman -

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none of these to a Christian
woman -

But this difficulty will be
got over by your native
Lady Doctors if trained
& taught in Hygiene.

The Mahratta women are
much more open: not bigoted
against Christians. And the Parsees are open
but quite as in-sanitary.

Also (6) there are still large
classes of the agricultural
women & girls & even of
the lower middle class,
especially in Bengal, I believe,
& also Madras,

who cannot read. These
could only be reached by
native lady Lecturers -[&
do these yet exist instructed
in Hygiene?] & the girls
by establishing village schools

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for girls, where they
would learn to read the
forthcoming Sanitary Primer
or Manual for women

This must be written in the
simplest idiomatic language
- one for each Province -
& translated into the other
Vernaculars - by natives.

[Mahratta women generally are said
to be able to read]

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I am sure that your kindness
will believe that I have
not lost a day in trying
to obey your behests to give
"advice & assistance".

I have had the advantage of
consulting viva voce Anglo Indian
Sanitary authorities who
have spent long years in
active work in India;

also: educated native gentlemen
who have busied themselves
in benevolent efforts for
their country women
& even educated native
ladies. And this from
several Provinces.

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II

I am now venturing to proceed,
as you desired, to several
suggestions.

It seems as if these following were the
special points of information
to be obtained from a
first-rate Sanitary (Anglo-
Indian) authority in India
who is also well acquainted
with the native homes &
the native 'woman at home.'

1. how to organize a female
Sanitary Mission
2. what books or Sanitary
Primers to put into the
hands of the native 'Missioners'.
3. if a Sanitary Primer for
~~females~~/women is requisite, who

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should write it? -

& what is of at least
equal importance who
shall read it?

4. to find out a native
gentleman who could write
a practical Sanitary *woman's* Primer
& submit it before publication
to the Sanitary Commissioner
or the best Anglo Indian Sanitary authority.
who, if he approves of it,
would send it on to Govt
with a request that it
might be translated & printed
in the Vernaculars.
5. to enquire from his
native friends (Medical men)
whether they know of any
native woman who would

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go into the native houses
with these Tracts or Primers.
III. There is one man, the
Sanitary Commissioner for
Bombay Presy Dy. Surgeon Genl
Dr. Hewlett, who unites the
rare qualification of knowing
the native homes with
being one of the highest
Sanitary authorities (& 30
years in India) -
One may thoroughly recommend
that, if you think well, you
should write to him asking

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these or similar questions,
before he goes on tour in
January.

His address:

Dy Surg Genl Dr Hewlett
Sanitary Commr for Bombay
P.O. Bombay

& desire him to find a
native gentleman to write -
But one would still more, &
besides, recommend that
you should send for him
to inform him of what
you want viva voce, for
him to give his advice &
take your orders. He *might* also
be able to advise about some other Provinces.

Of course if Lord Reay
is written to, he would let
Dr. Hewlett come to ~~you~~/Lady Dufferin

f20*2. Punjab*

There is a clerk in the Sanitary
Commr's Office in the Punjab
who has written a capital book
on general sanitation (in English
& Oordoo, I believe)

If Lady Dufferin would
write to Dr. Bellew, the Sany
Commr of the Punjab, to send
his clerk's book to her -

If the Clerk is married,
his own wife might be able
to write a Sanitary simple Primer
for women - i.e. her husband
to write it for her - & she to
act as Missionary

The Clerk might give
valuable advice as to who
would take up Sanitary Mission
work among the women.

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There is a capital "Sanitary dialogue" prepared by Dr. Bellew - & in which all the difficulties of the people are dealt with. [This has also been translated & circulated in the Punjab.] It is, in the Annual Report for, I think, 1882. I have tried to procure a copy here to send out by this mail, but have not yet succeeded. Of course Dr. Bellew would be only too happy to send one, if asked, from the Punjab.

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IIIa. This is essentially a woman's work What is desirable, (if practicable) is that Lady Dufferin's native lady Medical students should be taught sanitary principles And then they would be tenfold more useful in giving oral instruction in patients' houses, or reading & explaining practically to Patients' families the little tracts or Primers to be prepared.

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IV Ultimately it might be well to offer prizes to native ladies for the best Essay in *home* Sanitary subjects.

There are Sanitary Professors in each Presidency town Whether these could teach the native lady Medical students *home* Sanitary (women's) practice is doubtful - that is, for the native Lady Doctors to teach again in the homes - but might be ascertained?

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V. Bengal is a great difficulty; tho' the nearest at hand.

For whereas the girls in general in Bombay Presy appear to go to School till the age of 9 or 10 or 11, even the agricultural girls, the Bengali native ladies say that the want is great of small day schools (with small fees) in every village for agricultural girls & small tradesmen's girls that these classes are most helpless.

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There are Native ladies in Calcutta who would gladly work under your inspiration to fulfil your objects - such as Mrs. Man Mohan Ghose (a highly educated lady)
 x Mrs. Gangoolee {a cousin of Mr. M.M. Ghose {and a already Lady Doctor who has passed or is going to pass her Medl Examn
 Mrs. A.M. Bose
 Mrs. Gupta?
 Mrs. Gangoolee
 Miss Abala Das
 2 native ladies of Calcutta who would lecture on Sanitary things to women
 Both are (or are to be) educated Lady Doctors

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I give these names because
 these ladies have worked
 amongst the poor & are
 most willing to work.

But every native lady's power
 of Sanitary teaching is doubtful.
 And it should be ascertained
 whether they know Sanitary
 practice ~~among~~ themselves,
 enough to spread it among
 the tradespeople's & ryots' women
 And if not they must be
 taught. And how?

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VI.

Madras

You are well aware - [& this
 does not apply *only* to the
 Mofussil of Madras Presidency]
 how *outside* the Presidency
 towns & Municipality towns,
 Girls' Schools are not common.
 Very few of the women & girls
 can read, or have any education
 whatever. The cultivators women
 are bowed down by hard work.
 You doubtless also know well
 [& this applies particularly
 but by no means solely to the
 Madras Presidency] how
 grossly superstitious the women
 are x These superstitions must
 be attacked not directly but
 indirectly, & by primary *education*.
 x It would be easy to give instances to make one laugh,
 but the subject is too sad.

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& by couplets in the Vernacular
 which couplets the people are
 so fond of - by Primary Text books.

Give me the people's songs -
 & you may make what laws
 you please. Given ~~me~~ the
 Primary School Text-books
 & you have the coming
 generation in your own hands.

[Do you know a pamphlet
 by Dr. Murdoch of Madras,
 addressed to Lord Ripon?

[It is well worth reading]

To return to Madras:-

There is a Sanitary Manual
 written in, I believe, English
 {printed address, upside down:}
 10, South Street, & Tamil & Telugu,-
 Park Lane. W.

by Dr. Dhanakoti Raju, of
 Madras.

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He would, I am told, be
 able to write a simple
 Sanitary Primer for women.

Eurasian Doctors also might
 be found probably who
 know the *homes* - possibly
 who know what home Sanitary
 practice should be.

To teach the ignorant women
 in the villages, a caste woman
 must be found - that is, a
 Brahmin woman who may teach
 all castes.

a Mahometan woman must
 teach Mahometan women.

These talk Hindostani

The village Schools if established
 must *interest* the girls -

And so must these women=
 Sanitary Missioners.

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There is a first-rate English
lady Doctor at Madras, a
friend of mine, Mrs. Scharlieb.
She has no time to spare
But she would be a famous
person to give advice. She
has already a large practice
among native ladies & women
She is of course a Christian &
a devoted Christian: but
or rather therefore, objects to
making medicine a vehicle
for proselytism, - as you do.

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I have not only sought but
employed people to seek for me
Sanitary tracts, according to your
desire, for "translation" &
"adaptation". But we have
found none. I send out
some examples of home work
for your kind acceptance -
as containing the *principles* which the
Ladies' Sanitary Asscn here
have thought desirable to teach.
But the language & thought
idioms are those of England
In India the language must
be, of course, ordinary *Indian*
domestic language & the method
different in different parts to
suit local habit

[If the authority of the Ladies'
Sanitary Asscn here is used, it
might be due to the Publishers to say
that the tract is on the same subject]

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I have some more names
of native Doctors & native
trained Lady Midwives to
give; but will not trouble
you now further.

Pray believe me
dear Lady Dufferin
with a fervent 'God bless'
all your work for Indian
women.

Ever your faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

[end 10:738]

H.E.

the Countess of Dufferin

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{printed address, upside down:}

10, South Street,

Park Lane. W.

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From

Miss Florence Nightingale

[10:738-39]

To H.E. the Countess of Dufferin

10, South Street, Park Lane, W;

December 11th, 1885.

Dear Lady Dufferin,

With your good leave I humbly append a note to my too long letter of last mail.

1. I have seen Dr. Bellew's capital "Sanitary Dialogue" in his *Punjab Report* for 1882. But the whole Report is too bulky to send. And Dr. Bellew, Sanitary Commissioner for the Punjab, will be, of course, too happy to send it you.

2. Dr. Murdoch's pamphlet, "Education in India" but referring particularly to Madras, I take the liberty of sending (through Lord Dufferin,) though printed in Madras, because it is interesting reading, because it shows most distinctly what Primary Text-books should be and their incalculable importance in a country like India, and because it gives some insight, though scarcely enough, into the superstitions which, for want of education, form almost the groundwork of the minds of women and girls outside the Presidency towns, and which must not be attacked or *pooh-poohed*, as we are only too fond of doing and as is bitterly resented by the natives and no wonder.

The existence of devils, which idea permeates the whole life, and astrology - which even among the educated, governs the life even of men, especially in Madras Presidency, are two all pervading superstitions.

3. Your questions, if you will write to Dr. Hewlett, D.S.G., Sanitary Commissioner for Bombay, will receive a worthy answer, and if you will empower him to find you a native to write a Sanitary Primer for women and girls, under his direction and revision, you will get the best that can be made. But, if you will send for him to come to you, before he goes on tour in January, you will obtain the very best advice and information that can be had. His extraordinary knowledge of native homes and habits, including the native *women's* and his unique sanitary knowledge and practical experience make him the prince of advisers. By this mail I will only wish you success from the bottom of my heart, and beg you to

believe me

ever your faithful servant,

(Sd) Florence Nightingale.

[end 10:739]

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Private "Suggestions" & "Books" }

[10:740-42]

(Sanitary)

July 2/86

for the "European 10, South Street,
"Girls' Schools." Park Lane. W. {printed address:}

[Lady Dufferin's

letter of June. 1]

Dear Lady Dufferin

May I, in thanking you for
your kind letter of June 1, beg
you to excuse me for writing only
a brief answer to day, as, at all
to make an answer worth your
having, I must consult many,
& there has not been time to
have ~~any~~ considered answers, except
from one or two.

I/~~We~~ ventured to recommend
in my last letter that you
should summon Dr. Hewlett,
Sanitary Commissioner for
Bombay Presidency, as the

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very best Sanitary adviser viva voce
that could be had; alike
conversant with Indian &
English Sanitary problems -
& who, if you thought well to
place the matter in his hands,
would see that it was done
& well done. I know
not whether you have already
summoned him to your
presence, but would, if not,
venture again to make
this recommendation.

(2) We will collect & send you
a "list of books" used at

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present in primary Schools,
Secondary Schools & Training
Colleges here, according to
your request, as soon as
possible, for the "European
Girls' Schools". But I should sadly
doubt if any would answer
for India. The great
disease=causes are so very
different in India; and
various local Governments
have issued instructional
rules for the guidance of
the people. 3. Would not
these rules form a far better
basis for an Indian domestic
Sanitary guide than all
the English books put

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together?
4. Would not your Excellency
think well to send to all the
Local Governments, & ask
them to send you copies
of any village rules they
have issued? & how theyse
have worked in *practice*?
If they did so to advantage,
then Dr. Hewlett of Bombay;
Dr. Bellew, of the Punjab,
The Sanitary Commr of Bengal
& the N.W. Provinces, &c - could
theyse not easily draft an
instructional Manual for
School use or for home use?
Dr. Cunningham's Primer

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contains the principles already
- but these ~~raqu~~ require
to be applied. I have just
seen an admirable little
Sanitary Primer, "The Way to
Health", published at Madras,
founded on Dr. Cunningham's
& others.

As regards the printed copy
of a "private letter", ~~all~~ the
5 heads in it, (except No. 4)
are all *Indian* in character,
referring not to Europe but
to India. Could not the
Sanitary Commrs deal with
them & find Indian answers
& instructions?

Your Excellency desires

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me to give "suggestions". May
I offer the suggestion that
Medical practitioners among
Civil European families -
& Army Doctors for these &
for Soldiers' wives & children
could furnish experience?
6. Any books sent from here
would have to be re-written
for India - ~~all~~ except the Title

We should rather regret
to have sent books from
England to be merely "adapted"
for India.

Must not books required
for Indian Sanitary work
be prepared in India by

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men acquainted with India
& its disease causes?
Must not the basis of an
Indian Manual for native
use be laid on the experience
already attained in the
working of local Sanitary
rules?

And for European girls the
best authorities - would they
not be the Medical Officers
who attend in families?

Could not the heads, except
No. 4, in this printed letter
all be filled up by these
men?

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I crave pardon for this rough
disjointed letter; which yet
I though I would not delay
especially the word about
Dr. Hewlett - & also about
the local Governmts' Sanitary
rules, their working & their
Sanitary Commrs. 1 and 4.

Your commands shall not
be neglected a single day
& I hope to write by next mail.
Men are so held in the grasp
of this General Election, going
on at this moment, that they
cannot give their attention
{printed address, upside down:}
10, South Street, properly to useful
Park Lane. W. Questions now here.

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Let me give you joy of the
 great good being effected
 by the Medical training
 We earnestly wish you
 good speed.

May I beg you to believe me
 dear Lady Dufferin
 ever your Excellency's
 devoted servant
 Florence Nightingale

H.E.
 the Countess of Dufferin

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PRIVATE

P.S. Is not a cheap
 simple book to be
 compiled in Calcutta
 on Diseases of women &
 children (native) & on
 Midwifery the desideratum?

Pardon me for seeming
 impertinence in repeating
 what is in fact a truism:
 or rather three truisms:
 1. the natives will say
 to Lady Dufferin: 'that is
 just the thing we want':
whatever the book proposed.

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2. Lady Dufferin
 should not be her own
 publisher. Better the
 Govt or private Societies
 or individuals should do it.

3. To have anything
 like a circulation among
 natives, the book or
 Sanitary tract must be
 sold. One Anna is the
 extent of their means.
 And therefore that the
 book or Sanitary tract
 must be cheap is a
sine qua non - is it not?

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May we say how truly
we rejoice with you
at the recovery from
Fever of one so dear to you?
under your care.

F.N.

There is a Miss Hewlett, a
Medical Missionary at
Amritser, said to be a
valuable person, who
might give you her
sanitary & medical experience
probably you know of her.
Countess of Dufferin.

[end 10:742]

FNIF signed letter, ff49-54, pen

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Private July 16/86 [10:743-44]
10, South Street,
Park Lane. W. {printed address:}

Dear Lady Dufferin

I am so very sorry that I *have*
nothing more satisfactory to send
by this mail, as I had hoped -
I have applied for a List of
books on Sanitary matters &
Domestic Economy &c used
at present - (things are
improved every year) in
the primary Schools, secondary
Schools and Training Colleges.
& ~~hoping~~/hope to forward them to you
by next mail - still with the
caution that "rules for the
"preservation of health" "diet"
"clothing" & "sick room management"
as you will well tell **us**

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are almost diametrically opposite
in India and in England -
Fever is the main cause of
sickness & of death in India
and we need hardly tell
you how different it is here.

Elementary instruction in
Physiology was considered here
enough to begin with in our
Schools & Training Colleges -
but, since then, books have
come out for School purposes
in legions, & perhaps we
may take those in use as
being considered by teachers
as the best.

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But we should doubt if any
would answer for India
Take clothing alone. But the
great disease causes are those
connected with compounds,
houses, wells & want of
drainage, & different Govts
have issued instructional rules
for the guidance of the people,
which rules would form a
good basis for an India
domestic sanitary guide.

The primer published at
Madras, by the "Christian
Vernacular Socy" founded on
"Ladies' Sanitary" tracts & some others & on
Dr. Cuninghams, the late Sanitary
Commissioner's Primer, has
already shown that they, ~~are~~
the Madras Socy, are

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ahead of the same literature
in this country. I tried to
get a copy to send you by this
mail but hope to do so by
next. If you like to order it
from Madras, its title is
"The Way to Health."

It is impossible to
over-rate the importance of
the movement which Your
Excellency has set on foot;
& we may indeed give you
joy for that which relates
to the Medical training.
This is also ~~more~~, it would
appear, more likely to lead
to the spread of sound

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Sanitary knowledge, as we
so earnestly desire among
native women, than by
means of examination on it
in European Girls' Schools.
The estimate of the losses in
childbirth among Indian women
is far higher than in England.
Under your beneficent régime
this may, we trust, be reduced.

I must again crave your
pardon for the dead lock we
are in here in doing even
the business we most desire.
The General Election which
ends tomorrow, with the exception
of a few places, has put

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a stop to all useful business.

Pray believe me
with the utmost admiration
& sympathy for your work
dear Lady Dufferin
Your Excellency's devoted servant
Florence Nightingale

[end 10:744]

H.E.
the Countess of Dufferin
&c &c

FNIF signed letter, ff59-70, pen

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PRIVATE July 23/86 [10:744-47]
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Lady Dufferin

I beg to enclose the little Sanitary Primer, the "Way to Health" which I think I mentioned as one ahead of anything that has been done in England. It has, I am told, been authorized for use in the Govt Schools in Madras. They could not have done a better thing.

With regard to Indian publications, & chiefly for the other object you have in view viz *European Girls' Schools*, the three Indian books which I am told will be useful I do not know them - are

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Goodeve on the Management of Children, revised by Birch
Published at Calcutta by Thacker Spink & Co.
2. F.R. Hogg's "Practical Remarks," chiefly concerning the health & ailments of European families in India, with special reference to maternal management & domestic economy - Medical Hall Press
Benares 1877

3. *Dr Dhanakoti Raju* has written a good book,, I am told, called "Elements of Hygiene", published at Madras. [But this is perhaps best for natives & for the Madras Presidency.] Pardon me if I have mentioned this gentleman's name before to you as one whom you might

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possibly think well to employ in writing primers of a Sanitary kind & tracts for natives. Sanitary Science" as it is called resembles Medical lecturing & book learning. Sanitary practice corresponds to *Clinical* Medicine. & we cannot from here prescribe for the individual case - Indian peculiarities being so great, & also the peculiarities of different places any more than Doctors in England could prescribe for patients in India.

Native Schools

Does not the Governmt of India employ people to write elementary books in Sanitary science & practice & domestic

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economy (& pay them) for each Province, as part of the general scheme? It is so very important. And would you think well to suggest it, if not already done? But this work would have to be carefully supervised by competent persons: Native gentlemen are often so fond of merely exhibiting *what they know* in their writings, & indeed we others too. The person who wrote "The Way to Health" & other Primers, & many more valuable Class books, is a "John Murdoch LLD. who for the last 40 years has travelled, for 6 months of

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each year all over India, & is an Agent of the Xtian Vernacular Socy at Madras. He has had great experience in the Circulation of 'literature' for natives & Schools of all kinds. He Dr. Murdoch is now in England, but returns to Madras, via Ceylon, which he also visits, - leaving this country at the end of October. I think I have mentioned him before. He would prove most helpful if you thought well to make use of him. [I did not of course say to him that I should to you, suggest Communication with him.] He will be in Calcutta in January. Lord Dufferin has, I think, his pamphlet: "Education in India."

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Another thing which suggests itself to me to say: you are so very kind as to invite suggestions - is: the religious element is wanting in some Provinces in the Schoolbooks it is present in other Provinces' in the Schoolbooks. Is it possible to over-rate the importance of having this moral element, this *natural=religion* element in Schoolbooks - especially in those for women & girls - The natives, so far from objecting to it, approve of it, & where it is absent, disapprove of *us*.

f65*Native Schools*

Would you think well to take ordinary popular habits which influence health one by one & let some one give instructions in them clearly & briefly, & print these in a neat ornamental manner, or even as cards to be hung up, or as School prizes? The tracts must differ from the Primer in dealing with some one habit. But above all things they should be brief. Is it not so difficult to get people, even educated people, to consider a Sanitary question? Simple *instructions* will therefore be the best.

Dr. (Miss) Edith Pechey of Madras lately has issued a Report [India is such a big place!]

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She deals in this with this very subject as regards women. She takes successively several habits which injure health. She might have taken many more - e.g. Mahometan girls while allowed to run about are perfectly healthy - when secluded in close ill-ventilated zenanas, die of consumption Mahometans say: 'all our women die of consumption'. [~~illeg~~] the shutting up of lying-in women in the dampest, closest part of the house kills woman & child, or destroys health. Early marriages =puny offspring It occurred to me how usefully she might be employed in {printed address, upside down:} 10, South Street, writing tracts on Park Lane. W. these & other such subjects. She who has seen the evil in its intensity, if you thought well.

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You probably know A.L.O.E.'s excellent little book, called the "Zenana Reader," published at Madras. There is also an excellent girls' 'Reading Book' published at Madras xx I cannot sufficiently express lest I should become impertinent, how vast is Lady Dufferin's influence & employed in causes than which there can be none worthier Never before in the history of India has such an opportunity been presented for promoting Sanitary reform. This promises to be one of the most useful of ~~them~~ all her many good works. Good speed to them all!
xx Xtian Vernacular Socy.

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I must ask you to excuse me one more remark:
It is of the highest importance that native Christians, however few should be instructed on the subject that they might be taught how to improve their habits & dwellings & so to be examples to their non-Christian neighbours. A.L.O.E. has a good lesson on this in her capital "Zenana reader".

And your intention of teaching the European girls' Schools in Bengal may be a great step in this direction.

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Again: pardon this letter:
 You probably know much
 better than I do what
 Good Manuals & books
 can be found on India.
 I am only pressing the
 point that the books on
 India are better for India
 than anything we can do.

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Pray pardon so disjointed a
 letter. I have to seek information,
 sometimes unsuccessfully, from many
 places. And I have no time to make
 it shorter.

European Girls' Schools

I hope not to be another mail
 without sending you at least the
 list of Sanitary books used in
 Girls' Schools & Training Colleges here.
 also of those used by the teachers
 themselves to supplement the Text
 books used by the children on
 Sanitary practice & Domestic Economy
 also of those used in London School=
 board Schools.

May I again wish you every
 highest success in your noble
 undertaking, & beg you to believe me
 your Excellency's faithful servant
 {printed address, upside down:} Florence Nightingale.

[end 10:747]

10, South Street,
 Park Lane. W.

H.E.

Countess of Dufferin

FNIF signed letter, ff75-80, pen

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PRIVATE Aug 6/86 [10:752-54]
 10, South Street, {printed address:}
 Park Lane. W.

Dear Lady Dufferin

The 8 little books x that I
 have sent you are all meant
 for small girls from 9 to 10 to 14.

1. R. School Series: Domestic Economy
 1st, 2nd, 3rd year
 particularly excellent
 [in the Introduction the few words
 about girls' "high mission" touches
 them much]
2. Collins' School Series: Domestic Economy
 1st, 2nd, 3rd part
 less home-ly more "genteel," to use
 their own word.
3. Mrs. Barnett's "Making of the Home."
4. Jane Stoker's "Home Comfort"
 for Schools & Colleges

I suppose these little books
 cannot be of much use in
 x under cover to Lord Dufferin (in 2 envelopes)

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India in
 themselves - but in gladly obeying
 your directions, I hope they
 may possibly serve as a
 ground-plan for writing
 Indian text books - for
 your "European Girls' Schools in
 Bengal": & also for your
 Native girls & women's Manuals
 [The receipts, of course, can be
 of little or no use.]
 By next mail I shall be ready
 to send a few books used in
 Collegiate Girls' Schools & for
 Training College students - & also
 for children here, and some books
 mentioned by Professor Gladstone
 as in use in the London School Board
 Schools.

f77

I am also in correspondence with the Principal of Whitelands Normal ~~School for girls~~/Training College for female teachers - & with Mr. Twining of the Council of "Parkes' Museum", a famous authority for Sanitary text-books. I am told that the text-books in the Female Normal Colleges, & the London Middle Class girl schools "deserve special attention".

I am afraid that my letters are piecemeal & tiresomely like patch work with patches of queer shapes. But I hope in this way in some degree to meet your wishes. We ought all to be your devoted servants to do what we can.

The difficulty is that the

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favourite book of one year is soon displaced by another. And besides every body having been absorbed in the Elections, this is now the time when every School is in holiday.

Let me return for a moment to the native object for which ~~you~~ first kindly wrote to me. The last time I troubled you with a (piecemeal) letter, I sent a Sanitary Primer: the "Way to Health", by Mr. Murdoch, published at Madras, for native Schools which we thought much better (for India) than anything we had done in England. I now beg to send two little tracts, also for native children,

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"The Uses of Pure Water" & also
 "What is the Use of your Nose?"
 which we think, too, much better
 for India than anything we
 could do - alluding as they
 do to Indian habits, not
 known in England, - to the
 Indian prejudice against
 manure, unknown in England
 &c &c &c

e.g. see p.p. 5-9 in "What is the
 use of your Nose?"

It will be objected perhaps that
 there are references to Christianity.
 The "Way to Health" has however,
 I am told, been authorized in Government
 Primary Schools. Hindoos disapprove
 of no reference to religious morality
 (not dogma) - do not they?
 No doubt you wish me to send you

f80

anything to war against the
 almost universal belief
 outside the great towns in
 Astrology & the existence of
 demons - which interfere with
 agriculture & almost every
 action of Hindoo life. In
 your great designs for doing
 them good, this will come in -
 Sir Madhava Rao has, I believe,
 laboured hard against Astrology
 There is a little tract, "Astronomy
 & Astrology" also published by the
 Xtian Vernacular Socy at Madras which
 I hope to send. But you may perhaps be
 ordering books from the society. They are good.

[end 10:754]**f81**

Let me, dear Lady Dufferin,
 always receive your welcome
 commands as
 your ever faithful & devoted servant
 Florence Nightingale
 Her Excellency
 the Countess of Dufferin

FNIF signed letter, ff71-74, pen

f71

PRIVATE August 13/86
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Lady Dufferin

May I now be permitted
to send you, in obedience to your
request, as used in Girls'
High Schools here

Lankester's "Practical Physiology"
McKendrick's "Animal Physiology"
Huxley's "Elementary Physiology"

Huxley's book is more advanced
than the other two, but devotes
less attention to the "Health"
question.

"Lankester's book deals more
fully with the "Health" question
McKendrick's book is a good
elementary one with
excellent diagrams."

[10:754-55]

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These are the books x which
it was thought would be
useful as a basis for the
"European Girls' Schools in Bengal"

May your noble efforts for
them be entirely successful
The fourth book, Tegetmeier's
"Domestic Economy," I find
is more universally used
than any other, especially for
girls in Training Colleges, on
Domestic Economy, one of your subjects.

It is needless to say that
much, very much, is different
in India from what it is in England.

I should add that my Lady-authority
says: "The subject is one which does not
require books to any considerable extent."
I conclude she means that these subjects are

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taught more by Classes & Lectures from
the teachers, than by books.

The Dr. Mann, to whom I
was referred as a high
authority in these matters,
(Society of Arts), & who was
written to on my behalf,
died about ten days ago.
I am writing from my bed, &
I trust you will excuse
what must I fear, seem
a somewhat unbusiness-like
proceeding - I hope to have
by next mail, some of the
information I have asked for.
But this is holiday time in
the Schools.

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Now, as ever, wishing you
the highest success
pray believe me
dear Lady Dufferin
ever Your Excellency's faithful
& devoted servt

Florence Nightingale
These books you will observe
are directed exclusively for
your European Girls' Schools.
Good speed to them
By next mail I hope to send
you a "Science of Home Life"
three year's courses - which
I conclude is more of a Primer
to be used as a basis for Primary
Schools.

[end 10:755]

FNIF signed letter, ff55-58, pen

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Private Aug 20/86

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

[10:755]

Dear Lady Dufferin

Might I be allowed to say,
without impertinence, how
delighted we were with your
beautiful letter, so wise & so
inspiring, to Miss Smith,
who was started at Alwar,
under your auspices, as a
lady Practitioner.

May the best success,
attend your efforts!

I have no answer & no
books to send you by this
mail: & I am afraid I am
very troublesome in sending
no suggestions for your

f56

Sanitary campaign. But one
thing you have probably
already done, & that is:
{a} distinct proposal that
Dr. Hewlett for Bombay
Dr. Bellew for the Punjab
Dr. Ghose for Bengal
each requested to prepare
for your Committee
such a tract on domestic
cleanliness as shall meet
the necessities of the case
in these diverse governments
in *popular* language &
above all as short as possible
There are in India already a few

f57

(but few, alas!) educated Native doctors who have shown that the *prevention* of disease is a separate matter from its treatment. And some of the very best Sanitary reports have proceeded from these men. They & others are finding their way to the light. Among native doctors, Dr. Ghose, who, I believe, is an Assistant Sanitary Commissioner in Lower Bengal, would be a very likely man to write a good tract on cleanliness, written from the *native point of view*, which is important.

f58

I am afraid of being importunate, & I am sure that my piece meal suggestions (unavoidably piece meal) must be troublesome.

But we shall be so glad if, as we believe, Your Excellency has carried out this small measure for minute tracts already.

And wishing your Sanitary campaign, as ever, the noblest success, pray believe me always your Excellency's most devoted servant

Florence Nightingale
Countess of Dufferin

[end 10:755]

fnif signed letter, ff86-96, pen

f86

PRIVATE 10 South St.

Park Lane.

London W.

Sept 16/86

Dear Lady Dufferin

By this mail allow me to
send you out of the 'Series' by
Revd. Faunthorpe, Principal
of Whitelands Female Normal
College.

[10:755-57]

Domestic Economy & Household Science

This is all that advanced girls
would want & the

"Household Science" form of it
for *Teachers*. [The two are really
the same book, except with
additions to the latter.]

He, Mr. Faunthorpe, recommended
besides, 3 "Series" of Domestic

f87

Economy books Blackie's

 Collins'

 Nelson's

I see that I have already sent
you "Collins" & "Nelson's" series.

Perhaps the following proposition
might meet your approval:

It is made by Mr. Faunthorpe
himself, who is one of our
greatest authorities on teaching
of girls & of Normal School
mistresses for girls.

that, as it is thought that
English books might be
made with some adaptation
to suit India

some one should be employed

f88

in India to strike out with the pen such chapters (whole chapters) in "Household Science" as do not apply - then such chapters should be written over again, & made to apply - that Mr. Stanford who published these could publish a special Edition of it *for India*. The pages are stereotyped. that this is being done for Australia by a former pupil of Mr. Faunthorpe's & since head of the Training College for female Teachers at Sydney.

f89

Mr. Faunthorpe thinks that through his Governesses &c what is wanted might perhaps be done here. You will probably hardly think so. Dr. Mann's "Lessons in Sanitary Science" (Dr. Mann was taken ill the very day we wrote to him & died in two days) were done originally for Mr. Faunthorpe; but he thought the book too difficult & prepared one himself. Dr. Mann's books I have sent you.]

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Mr. Faunthorpe has taken considerable trouble to get for me independent testimony from independent teachers with the result I have mentioned. viz. *all* use Faunthorpe's for teaching "Domestic Economy & Sanitary Science" & either Blackie's, Collins' or Nelson's - the last two I have sent you.

f91

Of the enquiries I have made among the most experienced men as to the best books on the subject & most used in girls' schools both as Text-books & by Teachers, the answer of one has yet to come in - He is *comparing*-

All are enthusiastically anxious to help -

I hope to send you by next mail what I gather from this last authority, & also the books recommended -

The great difficulty, as I explained, is that different Schools use different books & often change them.

f92

The great difference, as I need not explain, is: that in England publishers are always bringing out books, & excellent books, which find a ready sale, & (bidding against each other) improve every year - whereas in India there is no such possibility, & Government has to do everything - And stereotyping is unfortunately often the result is it not?

It will scarcely be conceded to Mr. Faunthorpe that Australia is a parallel case to India since English men & women can settle in Australia & bring up children & can not in India.

f93

Let me again ask pardon for my piece meal way of doing things - but even had it not been necessary from the circumstances, it appeared better than doing what I did last winter: viz. sending the whole of the information collected & consultation taken in one vast letter which ran little chance of being read - in answer to your kind appeal. And confusion has, I fear, since been made between the answers to the two appeals made to us - that for Native girls & women & that for European girls' schools.

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We trust that the European
Girls' School teaching will not
be suffered to supersede
Government work in Sanitary
matters or sound teaching
in native schools which
Government alone can do.

At present, 'Sanitary regulations'
are sometimes looked upon 'as
'a kind of oppression of which
'the worst Hindu or Mohammedan
'despot was never guilty'. "Which
'of them ever found fault with
'our drains?' But who has the
Primary Schools in his hands
has also the power of teaching
the laws of health in his hands.

f95

It would be seen with immense
gratitude if Lady Dufferin
would sometimes visit a
Military Hospital. It would
set the example to every
Officer's wife & English
lady in the Empire.

We hear with admiration &
hope of the Meeting over
which you will preside
this month on the great
"Female Medical Aid" question.
May it prosper as it deserves -
May 'good speed' follow all
you do for India - may
what you allow us to do be

f96

not quite in vain for you
is the warmest wish of
Your Excellency's faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

[end 10:757]

H.E.

the Countess of Dufferin.

Fnif signed letter, ff82-85, pen

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PRIVATE

10 South St
Park Lane.
London W.

Sept 23/86

[10:757-58]

Dear Lady Dufferin

May I send you now the last sets of Text books on Domestic Economy, & Text-books on Sanitary Subjects, which will, I believe, complete the 'order' I have received from you, and I earnestly hope contribute as you desire to your carrying out the magnificent scheme of progress you have conceived first for the European Girls' Schools in India, and next for the girls and women of India

f83

itself both in & out of School.

I have consulted 1. the men who had most knowledge of Sanitary things in *India* & England, 2. the men who had most practical experience of Girls' Schools, both High Schools & Elementary, & of Girls' Teachers - and 3. the men who had devoted a great part of their lives to bringing forward the then new subjects, (altho' the oldest subjects in the world, as old as mankind,) of Domestic Economy & Sanitary practice - new too, as this last of them expresses it to me, in introducing "more method",

f84

(which has been wanting)
 in order to impress practical
 knowledge in a practical way,
 rendering it clear, permanent
 & ever ready for useful
 application."

[That is what will be the
 great difficulty in introducing
 Sanitary knowledge in
 native Schools. They native scholars will
 go through any number of
 Examinations triumphantly -
 but to *apply* their knowledge,
 that is the 'rub', is it not?
 with natives - 'natives' of
 England & Europe too but
 natives of India more
 especially.]

f85

I shall await your further
 commands with the greatest
 interest & pleasure. I try to
 say what I cannot say how
 intensely I wish you the success
 you deserve.

I fear I must trouble you with
 another letter, for I am compelled
 to break off short here: - having
 a big Sanitary job to complete
to-day for a lady friend of mine,
 just starting for here Schools at
 Sarajevo in Bosnia, with Cholera
 impending.

[10:758]

Pray believe me
 dear Lady Dufferin
 Ever your Excellency's faithful servant
 Florence Nightingale.

Fnif signed letter, ff98-105, pen

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PRIVATE 10 South St. Park Lane. W.
Oct 7/86 [10:758-59]

Dear Lady Dufferin

Thank you very much
for your kind letter of Sept 7.

The Text-books on *Sanitary*
subjects & Text-books &
Manuals on Domestic
Economy, which I have found
by various enquiry among
Sanitarians, School authorities,
Presidents of Normal Schools,
& training colleges for school
mistresses, to be most
considered, have now all
been despatched to you, and
will, I hope, prove useful.

f99

May I trust that my poor
service, such as it is, in
giving time to enquiry &
sending books may be
accepted as s contribution
to your noble scheme, &
that you will not again
speak of payment. I shall
be grateful.

Your plan for keeping up
an esprit-de-corps, & most
especially a connection with
yourself, among the young
women Doctors your Fund
will educate is I am sure
most essential

I will enquire what are
considered the most useful

f100

Medical books for Lady
Doctors who are to attend women,
& I hope you will allow
me to send some, when this
is ascertained?

Mrs. Scharlieb, of Madras,
a first-rate woman in every
respect, whom I honour
myself by calling my friend,
& who I trust will be enabled
to continue (by a proper salary)
in the post of Medical chief
to her "Caste & Gosha Women's
"Hospital" at Madras - an
invaluable Hospital *she*
~~fillies~~ might be able to give good
advice

f101

Do you know Dr. Dhanakoti Raju's
"Easy Lessons" on the Laws of
Health, published at Madras?
("Elements of Hygiene")
It is the reverse of "easy" or
"elementary"; it has the great
& common demerit of being
too English - a compilation
from English books & *not*
easy English books. & tho'
it gives some valuable
information about India's
food-grains, it otherwise
almost ignores the poor.
Still it is a valuable book;
and you desire to know
whatever has been done in
India on your present subject.

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Since I began this letter, I have received this minute from Madras a little book which for your purpose has been strongly recommended to me.

"Lessons in Domestic Economy for our Girls - intended for the use of Anglo-Indian & Eurasian Schools:" by E.A. Keely, "Lady Principal of Doveton Girls' School": published at Madras.

It looks just the thing; but there is no time to read it before the mail goes.

f103

I trust you will allow me to continue the poor service which I have been so pleased to render to a cause so great & such a benefit for the people of India. You will

indeed have conferred on the women & girls of India an immense good if you leave them such a legacy when unhappily for India you & Lord Dufferin have to come home.

f104

You kindly ask after my health. I have been for more than 25 years a prisoner from illness, & overworked. I fear it will be impossible for me to do what I should wish in collecting for your Fund during the Queen's Jubilee. May it increase as it deserves!

I am ashamed to be writing of myself - & as much to be enclosing as s sort of 'Medical 'certificate' to excuse me before you a note from my brother-in law, Sir Harry Verney, who is I think known to Lord Dufferin.

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May all good attend that

Fund & its Lady!

Pray believe me

dear Lady Dufferin

ever your & India's

faithful servant

Florence Nightingale

H.E.

the Countess of Dufferin.

[end 10:759]

Fnif signed letter, ff112-19, pen

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PRIVATE Nov 12/86 [10:759-61]
 10, South Street, {printed address:}
 Park Lane. W.

Dear Lady Dufferin

May I trust that you had, while
 at Bombay, Mr. Hewlett, the
 Sanitary Commissioner of Bombay
 Presy to wait on you - & that
 you accomplished your object
 in obtaining the help he is so
 well qualified to give) of
Sanitary teaching, especially
 for the native women & girls -
 of manuals & text-books
 on Sanitary subjects for them?

I have now the pleasure
 of beginning, according to your
 desire, to send you *Medical*

f113

books on Midwifery & the
 Diseases of Women & Children
 for your (to be trained) women
 Doctors, especially native
 women doctors.

The books I send to day are
 Galabin's Manual of Midwifery
 Croom's Minor Gynecological Operations
 Swayne's Obstetric Aphorisms
 (recommended by high authorities
 whom I have consulted of course)
 Barnes' *Midwifery for Midwives*
 Prussian, *Midwifery for Midwives*
 {Burton's)

May they prove useful to
 your noble object!

f114

Galabin's book is elaborate & enough to frighten any one "But still it contains quite "sufficient information regarding "natural labour" And I am told that it ought to be sent.

We need not, I am sure, give the caution, much needed even in England, that the necessary manipulative qualifications in BOOK-TAUGHT Doctors, male & female, are often wanting - & that in remote places Doctors without the manual dexterity, who are suddenly called upon to act in exigencies, may bring about bad results.

Croom's little book has something of the characteristics of Galabin, but is, I am told, always acceptable.

f115

"*Obstetric Aphorisms*" are most valuable. For any one, whether male or female, beginning Midwifery practice, it is said to have no equal in English.

Is there not always some danger of books treating Childbirth not as a process of nature but as a terrible Surgical disease - & accumulating every kind of Operation that could possibly be invented? Yes - say even the Doctors.

Does it often come in the way of men Doctors (who generally are the recommenders of books) to treat *native* women -or indeed even to see them? To this last question Doctors have generally answered" ~~Yes~~ No.

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As for Sanitation, so for Midwifery & native women's & children's diseases - so different in India from what they are in England - & Fever so predominating - will not Manuals have to be written in India *for* India?

The Mortality among native women in Childbirth is very high- we do not know how high- But we know how high that of European women in India is.

The Sanitary or rather insanitary conditions under which native women undergo childbirth are deplorable.

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Only Sanitary Commissioners, like Mr. Hewlett, & Lady Doctors in India can tell us much about these.

The poor women *in & before* Childbirth have also many other drawbacks - superstitions incredible, in themselves & their Midwives &c &c &c

I hope to send by next mail some books - telling us the conditions which should produce *health* (& not disease) in pregnancy & childbirth that could be adapted for India - tho' this will be difficult.

f118

And I hope also to send the simplest & most useful Medical books on Midwifery & Diseases of Women & Children - bearing in mind, if we can, that it is for India, & chiefly query? for native (to be trained) women Doctors, but also for European women Doctors.

May that hold which you so generously try to keep over them, & which is so essential, be never loosened but increase always!

N.B. I have no doubt that you know Dr. Moore's Family Medicine for India - It is very full - indeed, there is much that is not "*family*" medicine at all It is a valuable book. It contains

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in various sections ~~nearly all~~/much of the information, obstetric, sanitary & medical, If you could kindly give me the address of the person in London charged with sending you out things by the weekly Brindisi mail, I would send these books to be forwarded to you, with your leave -

Pray believe me

dear Lady Dufferin
always awaiting with pleasure
your commands

Florence Nightingale

H.E.

the Countess of Dufferin

[end 10:761]

Diakoniewerk Kaiserswerth. Fachbibliothek für Frauendiakonie und
Flüchtlingearchiv, paper copies

Lebenslauf [9101]

I had a sickly childhood. [1:90-93]
The climate of England did
not suit me, after that
of Italy (Florence) where I
was born - I could never
like the plays of other
children. But the happiest
time of my life was during
a year's illness, which
I had when I was 6
years old. I never learnt
to write till I was 11 or 12,
owing to a weakness
in my ~~wrists~~ hands - and
I was shy to misery.

At 7 years of age, we had
a governess, who brought
me up most severely. She
was just & well intentioned,
but she did not understand
children & she used to
shut me up for 6 weeks
at a time -- My sister,

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on the contrary, she spoilt.

When I was 10, my mother would have no more governesses & my father took us himself in hand. He taught me Latin & Greek & mathematics & whatever he knew himself - I had the most enormous desire of acquiring - For 7 years of my life, I thought of little else but cultivation of my intellect & even now when I think what a human intellect may become by industry, ambition comes before me like Circe with her cup to tempt me.

I had also the strongest taste for music. But God was merciful to me, & took away my voice by constant

sore throat. Otherwise I think, if I could have sung, I should have wished for no other satisfaction. Music excited my imagination & my passionate nature so much, that I recognize this as a real blessing.

God has always led me of Himself. I remember no particular sermon or circumstances which ever made any great impression upon me. But the first idea I can recollect when I was a child was a desire to nurse the sick. My day dreams were all of Hospitals & I visited them whenever I could - I never communicated it to any one - it would have been laughed at - but I thought God had called me to serve him in that way.

My life was so wholly unpractical that I never did my own hair till I came here - I did not know the difference between rye & barley, between linen & cotton. When I was 17 (it was the year of the Influenza in London) our whole family had it. I had to nurse 15 servants in bed, my mother & two children of her brother, who were in the house. I had only one assistant, the cook, who was not ill. But soon other nurses were sent for, the Influenza passed away & all was at an end with my practical life. Except that, & attending my dear old nurse, who died in our house, I never had

any real activity.

The same year I was introduced in London - we were presented at court & our life of society began.

There is no part of my life, upon which I can look back without pain.

I had wandered about in the Desert years long, seeking bread & finding none. Then I took stones & eat them, instead of bread, because I was starved - Then I was shewn all the glory of the world in the form in which it usually presents ~~himself~~ itself to women - hearts to be conquered - admiration to be won -- And I took it. I worshipped the devil - & accepted his gifts. I was much too proud to seek for admiration - but

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I had pleasure in that which I won - & in those whom the Devil made mine.

Later, it only remained for me to make the great leap & I should have made it. But God protected me. Marriage had never tempted me - I hated the idea of being tied for ever to a life of society - & only such a marriage could I have I had never given up the idea of reaching at last a better life- But there came a marriage for me which fulfilled all my mother's ambition - intellect, position, connections, every thing - not that she ever tried to influence me, I myself was tempted after several years' resistance - it was such an easy escape

out of my difficulties - I could then do pretty much what I liked - An accident prevented it. I will believe that it was God who saved me from casting myself down from the Temple.

Meanwhile I had never given up looking about for an opening to serve God. Six years ago, I made a desperate attempt to get into an English Hospital as nurse. for years I tried all the Hospitals in vain - Besides, the very idea terrified my mother & I must confess now that I understand a mother not liking her daughter to go into an English Hospital - However that may be, I never could get

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into one - The year before, I had tried by going every day for several hours to our village school, to do what I believed to be Gods will there. But first, my health failed after some months - & an illness followed, which my mother fancied came from this cause & she prevented my going so often. And, secondly, my education had never fitted me for that kind of teaching - I knew that I taught ill. I did not know how to do any better & the very importance of the work, & interest I had in it, & my fear of myself discouraged me more than if I had taken it merely as a pastime.

Besides, we lived more & more in society - Three months we spent in London in the season. six months at a country house in Hampshire, where the village population was very much scattered & the park so large that no cottages were very near - three months at another country house in Derbyshire - We always had company, from 10 to 15 people, staying in the house in the country & I was always expected to be in the Drawing Room -our society consisted of clever intellectual men, all very good society, that I allow. they never talked gossip or foolishly -but they took up all our time.

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Among the many stones
I eat, one piece of bread
God always granted me -
a nephew of my mother's
whom I almost brought
up, & who was the apple
of my eye - He was a
sickly child- When he
went to school, I prepared
him - in the holidays I
taught him -when he went
later to college, I was his
instructress. He never had
any particular affection
for me- otherwise I
should have made him
my idol - but God kept
my affection for him pure.
I was ambitious for him
& he did not succeed
in the way in which I
wished. so much the better
God has other views for
him -

God has never left me
quite alone- what I have
suffered in the way of
remorse my whole life
I can never describe - but
it was not repentance
unto life, but unto death.
I really think it made
me worse - I had not
found the true way-
Once, twice, three times
I can remember - I thought
He had called me- But
I was not faithful & I
fell off again. Then I
suffered ten times more.
It seemed to me that the
greatest temptation always
came, soon after I had
fancied my calling &
election sure like Christ's
temptation after His Baptism.
Lately, I have lived
a tolerably even kind of
life -a great deal in

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society -going into the
village, & to the village
school, or the evening school,
as often as I could - but
that was not often -

For the last two years
it seems to me that God
has led me into peace,
or rather is leading me
into it -often troubled,
by sin & remorse & old
habits-craving for food
which He has not given
me -but still there
is something like His
strength under it -
Two years ago, to my
great surprise, my
mother consented to my
going to Egypt with
two friends - on my return,
I was enabled by ways
which I could hardly expect,

to go to Kaiserswerth. Had
I been with any other
friends, I could not have
done it. Six years before,
I had obtained a report
of Kaiserswerth -since
then, I had always been
wishing to go there &
sometimes when the
opportunity was in my
very hand, it was taken
from me - This time
I had never expected to
go; my sister declared
I never should - but
the way was opened for
me by a curious chain
of circumstances which
I could never have expected,
& which I am not at
liberty to tell- my sister
has always had delicate
health & her being ordered

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to Karlsbad was one reason
 a great disappointment
 which befel (!) me was
 another - My kind mother
 was willing to make me
 amends by allowing me
 to go -
 The Sisterhood of Deaconesses
 at Paris I had seen
 on my way back from Rome three years ago-
 but I had not been able
 to remain -

I had always been in the
 habit of visiting the poor
 at home - but it was so
 unsatisfactory - For me to
 preach patience to them,
 when they saw me with
 what they thought every
 blessing (ah how little they
 knew) seemed to me such
 an impertinence & always
 checked me - I longed to

live like them & with
 them, & then I thought
 I could really help them.
 But to visit them in a
 carriage & give them money
 is so little like following
 Christ, who made himself
 like his brethren - ~~And this~~

God has led me by ways
 which I have not known -
 He has never cast me off
 for all I have done
 against Him - what I owe
 him I can never tell in
 these few minutes -but I
 can bless him now, for
 bringing me here.

July 24 1851

Annotations in books FN gave to the Fliedners

Notes on Hospitals 1859 Parker ed
"Pastor Fliedner
in remembrance of her "education"
at Kaiserswerth
Florence Nightingale
Sept. 1860

"Institution of Kaiserswerth" inscribed on cover
1851
F. Nightingale
The Institution
of Kaiserswerth

Notes on Matters affecting the Health, Efficiency, and Hospital
Administration of the British Army 1858, copy here, no inscription

Sticker's comments, FN CV (Anna Sticker, "Florence Nightingale Curriculum
Vitae." Kaiserswerth Diakoniewerk 1987 12)

[12] On leaving she wrote an Arabian proverb in the album of Fliedner's
eldest daughter, Luise..."Four things, o God, I have to offer Thee, which
Thou hast not in all Thy treasury: my Nothingness, my sad Necessity, my fatal
Sin and earnest Penitence. Receive these gifts and take the giver hence."
Florence Nightingale, who, with an overflowing heart, will always think of
the kindness of all her friends at dear Kaiserswerth. I was a stranger and ye
took me in. Kaiserswerth August 13th, 1850.

Kai signed letter II K b3 19/8/1850, pen 9091

Hotel de Flandre [7:512]
Gand

Dear Sir

I send the task which you gave me to do, having altered what you desired. You will find much to change & to suppress if you should wish anything to be added, such as a Translation of your Statutes or of the Institution, I shall be at your command.

As I have undertaken this little exercise in obedience to your wishes, I must be allowed to stipulate that my name may never be mentioned in connexion with it - and particularly that the Sisters may never know of it - Should I ever come among them again, it might make them feel shy of me.

If the Lower Classes are to read it in England, it should be published as cheap as possible - not more than three pence, including a penny profit for Kaiserswerth. Should it be too

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long for this, you will perhaps think it best to abridge it.

You will perhaps put in the name of your Agent in London on the title page, where subscriptions should be received, & references given - There should be two Agents, one in the West End (any foreign bookseller in Regent Street would do) & one in the City for the mercantile classes - These should have Reports to distribute, in case they should be enquired for & references to give, in case any one should present herself, who wished to know more about Kaiserswerth. These references might be to the Chevalier Bunsen, if he will consent, & to C. H. Bracebridge, Atherstone Hall, Warwickshire, which will be the same thing

giving a reference to me-

I hope to hear a good account
of dear Madame Fliedner's health,
whose kindness I never can forget,
from Mlle Louise, who was so
good as to promise to write to
me-

I have not time now to say
more than (what I never can say)
how much I am yours ever
gratefully & devotedly

Florence Nightingale
My direction in England for the
present will be
Lea Hurst
Matlock
Derbyshire

Kai, signed letter Rsp II k b 3 [for women] 2 K b3 *

Cöln

9/10/51

Liebe Schwester Sophie

Ich schreibe Ihnen jetzt, bloss um Sie
herzlich zu grüssen, und um Sie zu bitten, meine
Nachlässigkeit wieder gut zu machen. Ich habe
nämlich von unserer seligen Amalie ein
blaues gedrucktes Kleid bekommen und
von Schwester Caroline Hoffmann auch ein
schwarzes Tuch. Ich dachte, man würde
diese beiden Gegenstände auf mein
Nota einschreiben. Da ich sie aber nicht darauf
finde, bitte ich Sie gütigst sich die Mühe
zu machen, sie zu bezahlen. Ich glaube, das
Kleid war anderthalb Thaler und das Tuch
3 Thaler. Da ich es aber nicht genau weiss
schicke ich Ihnen 6 Thaler und bitte Sie, wenn etwas übrig bleibt es für die
Anstalt zu behalten oder wenn ich etwas schuldig bin, es mir gütigst sagen zu
lassen.

Ich schreibe in der grössten Eile. Schwester
Catharina wird Ihnen Näheres erzählen.

Was sie aber nicht erzählen kann, ist das
"Herzeleid, mit welchem ich mich von allen
meinen theuren Schwestern getrennt habe
und am meisten von Ihnen, meine geliebte
und verehrte Schwester Sophie. Ich werde
jeden Augenblick an Sie denken und an
alle Ihre Güte und Geduld und Freundl
ichkeit für mich.

Vergessen Sie mich auch nicht, wenn Sie für die Schwachen und Geprüften an den Herrn beten.

Grüssen Sie für mich alle meine Lieben Schwestern. Ich schicke Ihnen das Federmesser, welches zu dem kleinen Necessaire gehört wo es ein freies Plätzchen gibt.

Noch einmal grüsse ich Sie, theuerste Freundin, und bin ihre dankbare ergebene
Florence Nightingale

Kai signed letter, pen, black-edged stationery 9101 FA II K b3

30 Old Burlington St.

May 9 [1853]

Lieber Herr Pastor

I have enquired about your being presented to the Queen, & I find that, in the case of a foreigner, it is etiquette for him to be presented only by his *own* Minister. It will therefore be easy for you to consult Chev. Bunsen about it, who is the

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right person to do it.

The Queen is so recently recovered from her confinement that I do not know whether she receives as yet -
With regard to presents to the young Royal Family, the same *étiquette* is observed.

Believe me
ever your grateful pupil
F. Nightingale

Signed note Diakoniewerk Kaiserswerth, pen, black-edged stationery * II k b3

30 Old Burlington St.
May 9 [1853]

Dear Herr Pastor

I think that, if
you would call upon
Sir Thomas Acland
Waterloo Hotel
Jermyn St.
& upon the American
Bishop *Mackelvaine*
1- Maddox St.
Regent St.
they would be of
use to you.

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They will be at
home in the morning
& they already
know your name.

Mr Bracebridge
will be at your
service tomorrow
to go with you
anywhere. Would you
not call upon him
tomorrow (Tuesday)
about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9,
& make any

arrangements with
him? If you cannot
do this, I will tell
him that you
will go to Colney
Hatch with him
on Wednesday, at
 $\frac{1}{2}$ p 9.

Believe me
yours very truly
F. Nightingale

Kai signed letter FA II K b 3 [no #]

Upper Harley St. [7:582] [1:721-22]

London

le 10 Septembre 1853

Lieber Herr Pastor

Je serai charmée de servir de marraine au cher nouveau=venu de ce monde. Dieu le bénisse, et le conduise par le chemin, où son Père et sa Mère ont passé. Je me suis toujours refusé à être marraine en Angleterre, où ni la loi ni nos coutumes ne nous autorisent à faire ce que nous promettons devant Dieu de faire pour nos filleuls. Mais ici, où Je n'ai rien à désirer hors le désir que mon filleul marche sur la trace de son Père, Il me semble que Je puis accepter avec joie et reconnaiss=sance ce qui vous Avez la bonté de me proposer. Je le recommande tous les jours au bon Dieu, duquel Il est déjà le fils.

J'espère que sa Mère se porte bien. Offrez-lui, Je vous prie, mes félicitations et mon affectueuse reconnaissance. Je suis si contente que son heure de péril et de douleur soit passée. [end 7:582]

Je pense à votre Jahresfest, auquel j'ai assist=é il y a deux ans. Je voudrais bien en être encore.

Je me réjouis que votre santé est rétablie. Dieu en soit béni.

Il y a trois jours que j'ai reçu votre chère Lettre, et je n'y ai pas encore fait réponse. C'est que l'ouvrage ici (de notre nouvelle maison

que j'ai été obligée de meubler de fond en comble et où je suis depuis un mois) me tient sur pied depuis 5 heures du matin jusqu'à dix heures du soir. J'ai eu tout à faire, je n'ai personne qui puisse m'aider.

Les ouvriers sont toujours dans la maison, ce que me gêne extrêmement avec mes Malades et mes "Probeschwestern" J'en ai trois de ces dernières. La supériorité ne me va nullement, je voudrais bien être encore "Probeschwestern" à Kaiserswerth. Cependant Dieu me donne bien de la consolation avec mes Malades. J'en ai six qui se meurent dans ce moment. Les garde-malades payées me donnent un mal infini, elles n'ont ni amour ni conscience. Combien je serais contente quand nous serons toutes Soeurs! Dans ce moment, je n'ai qu'une, à laquelle je puisse me fier pour mes malades.

Je ne pense pas que cet établissement se prêtera à l'oeuvre des Diaconesses. Mon intention est d'y rester quelques années, (mes difficultés ici sont pour moi une excellent école) et d'essayer ensuite la véritable Oeuvre dans un meilleur sol, celui d'une Infirmerie publique.

Nous n'avons pas encore de "Chaplain", - et le Pasteur de notre paroisse quoiqu'il nous visite, n'est nullement propre à cette Oeuvre. L'Evêque de Londres, que j'ai vu depuis mon arrivée, m'en laisse le choix (d'un "Chaplain"). J'attends jusqu'à ce que nous soyons un peu plus avancé. J'envie souvent un peu mes chères soeurs de Kaiserswerth, qui ont un Père, une Mère, tant de guides et de secours spirituels.

Nos médecins sont bons et chrétiens, et ne me gênent nullement.

Je vous prie de saluer pour moi bien affectueusement ma chère mère, mes bonnes soeurs et ma Luise.

Priez pour moi, cher M. le Pasteur et recevez l'expression de mon éternelle reconnaissance.

Florence Nightingale

[end 7:582]

Kai signed letter FA IV b 2, pen

Barrack Hospital **[14:121]**
Scutari
18/1/55

Liebe Mutter,

Je n'ai pas un instant
j'écris seulement ce mot
pour remercier mille fois
Herrn Pastor de sa bonté
en me proposant 6 ou 7
de mes chères Soeurs pour
cette oeuvre- A tout autre
moment cette proposition
m'aurait été bienvenue.

Mais je n'ai pas un
lit, pas un pouce de
terrain à leur offrir.

Nous sommes déjà trop serrées pour la Santé
J'ai été obligée de refuser
même une partie des Garde-Malades qui m'ont
été envoyées de l'Angleterre
et de les placer ailleurs.

Il est indispensable aussi

Ma seule consolation c'est, Dieu le
voit, Dieu le sait, Dieu nous aime.
Recommandez moi à mes soeurs.

Toujours à vous

Florence Nightingale

Cette lettre est aussi pour M. le Pasteur **[end 14:121]**

que tout le monde ici parle
Anglais. Trois seulement, je crois, me dit Herr Pastor,
le parlent.

L'armée entière passe
dans les Hôpitaux &
l'oeuvre devient gigantesque.

Hélas! où est-ce que tout
cela finira? Nous
sommes dans les Mains
de Dieu. Priez pour nous.

Nous avons à présent
cinq mille malades
et blessés.

Kai signed letter AKD 7 Luise Disselhoff

Londres le 23 Avril **[6:514]**
1857
30 Old Burlington St.
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Ma très chère et bonne amie,

Je vous ai envoyé par
moyen d'une personne qui
passe par Cologne un petit
paquet de Traités et
Rapports sur le Crétinisme
&c adressé à Monsieur
le Pasteur Fliedner. J'espère
qu'il vous parviendra en sûreté.

Le grand délai que
j'ai du mettre à vous
répondre tient à deux
choses. D'abord, je suis
surchargée d'occupations.
Ensuite, une plus grande

difficulté s'est trouvée
exister. La voici.
Je suis allée chez presque
tous les Libraires de Londres,
en leur demandant de
m'indiquer les ouvrages
qui répondraient à vos
questions. Il s'est trouvé
que les informations que
vous demandiez sur l'idiotisme (le Crétinisme
existe peu en
Angleterre)
n'existaient que dans
des Rapports qui ne se
vendent pas et qu'on peut seulement obtenir
en écrivant aux Sousc
cripteurs des diverses
Institutions dont il est

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question. Un médecin
qui s'appelle Fowler a
bien voulu se charger
de cette besogne. Mais il vous
prie de bien vouloir lui
rendre son Recueil de
petits livres, dès que vous
en aurez faire usage,
parce qu'il ne pourrait
pas les remplacer. Je fais
exception de l'Essay upon
Cretinism & Goitre "qui se
vend et que je vous prie
de garder.

J'espère que vous
trouverez toutes les informations
que vous recherchez dans
ces Recueils. Mais je crains
que non. En Angleterre on
a fait peu d'études philo-
sophiques sur les pauvres Idiots. Quelques unes des
Institutions que vous avez
nommées ne paraissent

pas non plus encore exister. J'ai fait
plusieurs recherches sur
ce sujet.

Je pense souvent à
"Mutter" comme elle me per-
mettait toujours de l'appeler.
Je lui disais quelquefois que
sa vie me paraissait si
intéressante. Elle me disait trop même. C'est -ce qui
m'arrive à présent. J'envierais
presque ses occupations
autrefois. A présent j'ai
plus de sympathie avec elle.

Recommandez moi, je
vous prie, à toutes mes
chères Soeurs, à Soeur Ernestine
à Constantinople, quand vous
lui écrivez, à Soeur Minna
à Smyrne, et à Soeur Sophie Wagner
qui présidait autrefois au
Krankenhaus, si elle se souvient
de moi. Dieu soit avec vous
toutes, chères amies.

Croyez moi toujours toute à vous
Florence Nightingale

Kai signed letter, pen, black-edged stationery FA XII 8

Address

10, South Street [1:722]

Park Lane, W.

London

Nov 19/80

My very dear God son [Carl Fliedner]

I only received your letter last night. It was forwarded to me in Derbyshire where I am now.

I have written pressingly to the Committee of the German Hospital in London by this morning's post as to your Candidature for the House Surgeon-cy: & have enclosed it to our Secretary in London, urging him to send it to some influential member.

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I have also written to my brother-in-law, Sir Harry Verney, by this morning's post, who is well acquainted with the German Ambassador here, who is a patron of the Hospital, urging him to push your candidature.

The worst of it is that there is no time for any thing more, if the Election is on Monday or Tuesday next. For few people are now in London. I wish I had had a week or a fortnight to press it.

You have, I assure you,
my dear Godson, my best
wishes that you should
succeed & I bid you
'Godspeed' with all
my heart & soul.

But you must not be
disappointed if you do not.
For I take it there is a
crowd of Candidates, many
of a good deal of experience.
But God will provide.

Excuse me for writing
in English. I am so hurried
to save this post
Overwork & increased
illness & I have come
into Derbyshire for *work*
keep up a severe pressure
upon me. But God is good [blue]

Kai signed letter, Rep XII 8, pen, black-edged paper [1:723]

10, South Street
Park Lane, W.
London, W.
Dec 2/80

My dear Godson [Carl Fliedner]

I am truly sorry for the
disappointment at the German
Hospital at Dalston.

Sir James Paget who, with
Count Münster, Baron Ernest
Bunsen, the Committee, Dr.
Weber & Dr Wallbaum, was
among those written to on
your behalf, says: "there
"was -for his father's sake as
"well as for his own - a very
"strong wish that Dr. Carl
"Fliedner may be elected."
But, he says, Dr. Weber has
"greatly surprized me by
"telling me of the kind of men

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"including Dr. Fliedner- men
 "of really marked scientific
 "ability- who are candidates
 "for this post."

As you will have heard, Dr. August Schreiber of
 Augsburg, at present
 first Assistant at the
 Hospital at Munich,
 has been elected as the
 new Resident Medical
 Officer for this German
 Hospital at Dalston.

I regret it the more,
 my dear Godson, because
 it will deprive me of
 the pleasure of seeing you
 in London.

But we will trust that
 God, who does all things
 right, will open a path
 for you to do Him much
 good service in the medical
 career, one of the noblest
 careers which exists.

Excuse me that I write
 in English.

Give my best & most
 respectful love to her
 whom I always hold in
 remembrance, your dear
 Mother & all my friends
 at Kaiserswerth: dear
 old Kaiserswerth.

God bless you:
 in haste ever your affectionate
 Godmother
 Florence Nightingale
 I lost my dear mother this year

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in London--my father
 has been dead 6 years.
 She went to rejoin
 him this spring
 where I hope to follow
 in God's good time. F.N.

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God bless you. And
He *will* bless you. &
prosper your medical
career. It is a noble one.
in haste
ever your affectionate Godmother
(with warm & constant
love & remembrance to
the Pastorinn Fliedner
& all my friends at
Kaiserswerth.)
Florence Nightingale

Kai signed letter Rep II K b 3 ink [for nursing] II k b3

30 Old Burlington St.
London W.
Jan 10/61

Mon cher M. le Pasteur
Je vous écris à la hâte
et je vous écris de mon lit,
afin de ne pas perdre de
temps précieux, pour vous donner
des informations au sujet de l'Oeuvre
des Diaconesses en Angleterre.
Elle n'est pas précisément
où vous la croyez. Cependant
elle n'a pas du tout pris
le développement spécial
auquel, je m'attendais ni
que j'espérais- Je puis
dire que le bon Dieu y a
travaillé tout seul. Et je
n'ai fait que suivre les
indications qu'Il m'a données.
Si donc Il a donné une
tournure toute spéciale à cette

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oeuvre en Angleterre, il faut qu'Il ait eu les vues. Et je ne devrais peut-être pas y trouver un sujet de découragement.

J'ai déjà fondé, depuis il y a à peu près six mois, une "Training School," pour "nurses" à Londres- c'est tout simplement une *Ecole* rien de plus - Elles ne deviennent pas Diaconesses [Je ne parle pas de la réussite - c'est si récent.]

Une partie des Salles de malades d'un des plus grands Hôpitaux à Londres est consacrée à leur instruction. Ces salles sont mises sous des Règlements spéciaux à cet effet. Une grande partie du "Nightingale fund" est déjà employée à cet usage.

2. Pour le reste de ces fonds voici à quoi on travaille à l'employer dans ce moment même--

Une Société de "Soeurs" de l'Eglise Anglicane, dont la Supérieure s'appelle Miss Jones, existe déjà à Londres - Elle se nomme *St. John's House*. Une partie de ses forces est consacrée depuis cinq ans déjà à *King's College Hospital*- où elle instruit ses *nurses*. [Je ne sais si elle était autrefois *Puseyite*. Il se peut. Depuis cinq ans que je connais cependant intimement Miss Jones, je n'ai rien vu chez elle que ce qui est purement Evangélique. Il y a de ses règlements que je n'aime pas -comme, e.g. je trouve que les "soeurs" ne sont pas des Hospitalières accomplies. Elles devraient savoir plus que les *nurses*. Elles en savent moins. Mais un nouveau règlement que j'ai peut-être contribué à faire adopter, doit prochainement présenter ici une amélioration.

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Il doit devenir possible pour les nurses de passer "Soeurs."

Je m'occupe à présent de fonder une second Ecole pour élever des femmes envoyées de la campagne (et qui doivent y retourner) par les Pasteurs, comme Diaconesses de village sous la surintendance de Miss Jones - Rien n'est encore commencé cependant.

3. A *Liverpool*, on s'occupe à fonder une école de même nature dans l'infirmierie principale. Le "Nightingale Fund" n'a rien à faire avec cette fondation - Cependant, on m'a consultée sur tous les réglemens - on m'a tourmentée pour leur donner une "Vorsteherin" En vain je leur ai dit qu'il valait beaucoup mieux pour eux être tout à fait indépendens - Il se trouve à présent que la dame que

je leur avais trouvée ne peut venir au moins une année.

Voici où nous en sommes. Pour tous ces trois Etablissements, la difficulté sera, non de trouver place pour des Soeurs, mais de les trouver elles-mêmes. Miss Jones en demande "à hauts cris." Elle est épuisée de travail - Elle pourrait déjà occuper d'autres Hôpitaux qui l'ont demandée, et qui me demandent tous les jours, si elle avait des Soeurs des "Vorsteherinen". Celui de *Liverpool* demande une Surintendante des Soeurs. Le premier Etablissement dont je vous ai parlé à Londres serait bien aise d'avoir une Soeur *Probemeisterin*.

Vous voyez bien que si

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votre Miss Agnes Jones est
 une personne qui ne craint
 pas le travail, elle n'a qu'à
 choisir, on la recevra à
 bras ouverts. Si elle veut
 bien se présenter ici lorsqu'
 elle arrive en Angleterre
 je la mettrai en communi=
 cation avec tout ce monde,
 et, si je ne suis plus en vie alors,
 elle peut se servir de mon
 nom auprès de
 Miss Jones
 Lady Superintendent
 King's College Hospital
 à laquelle j'ai déjà parlé d'elle
 Mrs. Wardroper
 Matron
 St. Thomas's Hospital
 qui conduit ma première Ecole.
 W. Rathbone Esquire
 Liverpool
 (en écrivant à ce dernier)
 qui est le fondateur de la future Ecole à
 Liverpool - [Quand je dis "Ecole," c'est comme
 la votre pour les Institutrices]

J'espère que vous voudrez bien regarder
 cette lettre comme
 pour vous seulement de "Mutter".
 Sans motif je n'aurais pas dû
 vous exposer les plaies de cette
 Oeuvre en Angleterre - Je les
 dirais tout simplement à
 vive voix à Miss Agnes Jones,
 si elle nous vient. Mais je
 ne voudrais pas, sans la
 connaître, les lui écrire.

Veillez remercier meine
 liebe Mutter pour sa
 chère lettre - et vous-même
 pour la vôtre. Aussitôt
 reçue, j'ai écrit à Sir
 Culling Eardley, Secrétaire
 du "British Syrian Relief
 Fund," (duquel je suis
 Membre,) et je lui ai
 demandé si on ne pouvait
 pas en mettre une partie
 à la dispositon de vos

Diaconesses. Il a répondu

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que c'était impossible, vu
que le Comité se composait
de Catholiques Romains et
de Juifs également - Cependant,
le Comte Bismark Bohlen et
le Comte Perpoucher se rendaient
dans ce moment même en
Syrie, comme vous le savez,
avec les Johanniter Brüder. Et
Sir Culling Eardley a envoyé
ici le Secrétaire de l'Alliance
Evangélique, M. le Pasteur Schmetten
pour me parler. Il s'est ensuivi
que Lord Shaftesbury va
organiser un nouveau "Fund"
sur le pied Evangélique, qui
doit embrasser l'instruction
religieuse aussi bien que
secours temporel- J'espère
que l'Angleterre se réunira donc
avec vous et avec l'Amérique
à cette fin en Syrie.

Je voudrais bien envoyer
quelques souvenirs à mon filleul
Carl, si vous vouliez bien m'en
indiquer un. Toujours à vous
Florence Nightingale

Kai signed letter, pen II k b3 *

30 Old Burlington St. [7:582-83]
London W.

ce 29 juillet/61

Mon cher M. le Pasteur

Je commence en vous priant de m'envoyer (par la poste) votre "*Einsegnung*" ainsi que, s'il y en a, tous vos autres ~~publications~~ ouvrages qui sont sur le même sujet et votre "Règle" aussi, s'il vous plait de me l'accorder -enfin, tout ce qui tend à expliquer le "Service" de l'"*Einsegnung*". Ma demande est fondée sur le désir qu'on a d'introduire un pareil "Service" pour consacrer les "Soeurs" d'un pareil Etablissement à Londres - L'Evêque de Londres prononcerait la bénédiction. Et l'on m'a expressément chargée de vous prier de m'envoyer votre "*Einsegnung*" comme modèle- craignant

v/ que le monde trouverait à redire si un type plus Catholique-Romain venait à être choisi.

J'ai envoyé un Extrait (traduit) de votre intéressante lettre à la "British Syrian Asylum Society." Il ne tiendra pas à eux s'ils ne vous envoient pas pareille somme tous les ans - mais au défaut de fonds. Ils ne savent pas encore quels fonds seront à leur disposition

Je voudrais bien pouvoir faire ce que vous me dites-écrire un ouvrage à l'usage des Garde-malades pieuses. [Vous pensez que je crains d'être nommée "Piétiste." Mais vous ne le croyez réellement pas!!]

Mais, loin d'être en convalescence, mes forces diminuent

tous les jours. Et je puis à peine suffire aux affaires urgentes-que j'ai entreprises.

Vous ne pouvez pas vous figurer le plaisir que j'ai à entendre parler de vos succès Chrétiens. Je lis tout ce que vous avez la bonté de m'envoyer -et plus d'une fois encore.

Si je le pouvais, le voeu de mon coeur serait de venir mourir à Kaiserswerth.

Vous recevrez une somme de £10. Je desirerais que vous en appliquiez la moitié pour la fête de Septembre- Il n'y aura aucune de vos Soeurs qui y sera présente plus par le corps que moi par l'esprit. L'autre moitié serait pour mon filleul, le petit Carl.

Si le Seigneur m'avait guidé autrement, il serait bien plus de mon inclination de faire ce que vous avez fait que ce que j'ai fait moi-même toujours à vous

Berlin

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Florence Nightingale

P.S.

Je ne conçois pas ce que veut dire Miss Agnes Jones en vous écrivant qu'il n'y a pas d'éducation Chrétienne en aucune de nos "Institutions" d'Infirmières à Londres. La demande que je vous adresse ici de la part de la Surintendante et de l'Evêque (pour une telle "Institution") est bien la preuve du contraire. J'ai vu cette petite personne qui m'a paru voiler une absence totale de modestie religieuse et de discrétion par une apparence de zèle religieux. Deux fois elle a écrit à des personnes (têtes grises dans le service du Seigneur) éprouvées par Lui dans ce service d'une manière qu'elle ne le sera jamais, car elle n'a aucune profondeur, des lettres que je ne puis qualifier que d'im pertinence. Je lui ai conseillé de travailler 20 ans pour le Seigneur sans monter en chaire. Et je lui ai dit que vous n'approuveriez jamais une pareille prédicatrice.

[end 7:583]

Kai signed letter, pen, black-edged stationery 2 Mb 6

Londres Octobre 18 1864 [7:585-86]

Chère, très chère amie,
Quelle nouvelle m'apprenez
vous. C'est comme si
j'avais perdu un père -
C'est lui qui fut mon
premier maître ici= bas-
Quand j'étais presque
enfant, un des
premiers Rapports m'en
tombé dans les mains.
Et c'est là ce qui a
déterminé ma vie-
Ah que vous exprimez
bien tout ce qu'on doit
sentir sur cette vie et
cette mort si précieuses.

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Ah que vous allez droit
au vrai centre des choses.
Et comme tout me semble
nuage et mensonge et
vacillement dans ce qu'on
écrit ordinairement sur
le but de l'usage qu'on
doit faire de la vie et
de la mort.

D'abord, je n'ai pu
songer qu'à notre Mutter.
Ce coup doit lui être si
accablant. elle qui,
avec lui, trouvait déjà
la vie pesante, que fera
t'-elle sans lui?

Mais plus que pour
elle, pour vous, pour nous
toutes, je pense à l'Oeuvre,

je prie jour et nuit notre
Père aux cieux de conserver
cette oeuvre, qui est à Lui
plus qu'aux hommes.

Voilà l'important - Car,
pour nous, nous sommes
contentes de souffrir, si
c'est pour Lui.

Vous êtes si bonne de
m'avoir écrit ces précieux
détails sur la mort de
votre père
. Si j'osais, je
vous demanderais de me
dire quel successeur doit
lui donner l'Administration.
Je pense bien que l'Eglise
et le Gouvernement ne
laisseront pas tomber cette
grande oeuvre - Mais le
Gouvernement ne peut

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pas faire un autre homme
comme le Pasteur Fliedner.

Ce que je voudrais espérer,
c'est que notre Mutter
continuera d'être la Mère
et que votre mère et vous
soient les successeurs de
votre père.

Dites à votre Mère que
je viens à Notre Seigneur,
que je la porte sur mon coeur
avec tous ses chagrins aux
pieds de notre Seigneur
et vous aussi - et toutes
les Soeurs et vous toutes-
Pour elle, la séparation sera
courte. Elle le rejoindra
bientôt Mais elle ne doit
pas le désirer. Que
deviendraient ses enfans et

son oeuvre sans elle? ayant
perdu leur Père?

Remerciez mon filleul
de sa bonne petite lettre.
Je lui écrirai.

Aussi je compte bien vous
écrire plus au long. Mais
je ne veux pas retenir
cette lettre, (qui est le
vrai cri de mon coeur
après vous toutes) jusqu'à
ce que j'aie la force et le
temps de vous dire tout
ce que je sens pour la
perte de cet ami de Dieu,
cet homme de Dieu, votre
père béni.

"D'autant plus que votre
lettre a déjà reçu un délai
pour me parvenir.

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Ah quelle bonne consolation
 vous me donnez dans ce vers
 Es wird nicht lang mehr wahren
 Drum haltet mutig aus
 Es wird nicht lang mehr wahren
 So kommen wir nach Haus.
 Dazu helfe uns Gott
 Ihre Florence Nightingale

Tout ce que vous voudrez bien
 me faire parvenir me sera
 précieux et me parviendra,
 soit que vous l'adressiez à
 l'ancienne adresse, à la
 campagne de mon père
 ou à
 32 South Street
 Park Lane
 Londres W. **[end 7:586]**

Kai signed letter, FA XI f12

27, Norfolk Street [printed address]
 Park Lane, W. **[7:592-93]**
 30/11/64

Private

Dear Sir

Your goodness has
 afforded me the
 opportunity of writing
 to you, & consulting you
 on a point which I
 feel to be one to me
 of great difficulty.
 The friends & Committee
 of Fliedner (of Kaiserswerth)
 have written to me,
 asking me to get up
 a private subscription

v/ for Pastor Fliedners family
but not thro' the
newspapers.

They send me the enclosed
paper (the M.S.S.
I must beg you to have
the goodness to return
to me]

It is perfectly true,
what these good old
German unpracticals say:
Pastor Fliedner actually
reserved for himself
& his wife an income
of only £90 a year

(though the whole of the
capital £80 000 had
been collected by himself
for Kaiserswerth)
& quite
latterly the salary, I guess
about £20, for a
private Tutor for his
younger children.

Upon this he brought
up 10 children (3 by a
former wife) the King
only allowing a
theological education
free for his elder sons.
But this is no favour
in Germany --one Kingdom
in which, & I believe
more gives--all Protestant

theological education at
the "Stift" free.

Of course he was
obliged to accept help
from friends--myself
among the number. One
of his sons is my
godchild.

These excellent old
German Committee-men
wish me to circulate
the paper enclosed
(which you will see at
a glance would not
procure a farthing-

so different in its

inflated vagueness from
Flidner himself) to
assist in obtaining a
fund *for the family*
& to write to every one
of my friends myself
with it.

They might just as
well ask Madame Flidner to collect for
me. I am entirely a
prisoner to my couch.
I am overwhelmed with
writing--business from
morning till night &
have to leave off
each day with half left undone.

Nobody in England knows
about Flidners in the
way they suppose. I
am myself "the only
friend or relative" I
have, who would give.

The only thing that
occurs to me is for me
to reprint the two
Notices you have been
so good as to insert in
"Evan: Xtendom", to add
an explana
tory notice of *
of my own, stating what
I have now stated to you.]

x printing it

(and indeed, if I were to tell you the frugality & self-denial practiced by those good people you would hardly believe it -- I know, that I could not feed the *Scrubbers* in a London hospital upon the diet we contentedly enjoyed at Kaiserswerth.)

Do you think that, if the office of "Evan Xtendom" would consent to put such a paper up into covers, & circulate it among its subscribers would bring in any funds? And *would they consent to receive funds at the office?* I could not undertake to do so. Please advise me candidly.

All that I can spare goes to Madame Fliedner direct. Whether for her family or the Institution.

"Evan Xtendom" was so good as to receive funds upon an appeal of mine, in 1862, for Fliedner's Eastern objects. But it only brought in a small sum, I pursuing my plan of sending them £125, my whole savings of that year direct to them for their Institution.

You see this gives me but a bad grace in soliciting - because it looks as if I gave nothing myself.

[A vote of £200 from the Evan Alliance Turkish Missions Aid Society was an immense help to Fliedner that year.]

I have your forgiveness to
 ask for troubling you.
 I have no doubt you are
 as much engaged as
 I am. I remember poor
 Fliedner himself saying that
 when his back was
 overloaded, people
 always brought a last
 straw to break it.]
 In haste **[end 7:593]**
 yours very faithfully
 Florence Nightingale
 The Revd
 James Hamilton

Kai signed letter, black-edged paper FA XI f 12, pen

[printed address] 34 South Street **[7:596]**
 Park Lane
 London, W.
 July 14/65

My dear Sir
 I am very much obliged
 to you for your kind note
 of July 10. I HAVE received
 more information (from
 the Fliedner family) of
 Pastor Fliedner's life & & I would fain write
 an article for you, as
 you are so good as to
 ask me. But at present
 my hands are more
 than full & "my back is broken"! It would
 the Rev. James Hamilton D.D.

be at all events impossible
for me to get it ready
for your next number
I am afraid I must
have it so, with your
permission, that, if I can
do it for some No. at
a reasonably early date
I will write to you to
know your wishes.

Now I am going to trouble
you with another question.
I have this morning
received a letter from
the Fliedner family,
asking me a very embarrassing
thing: - - whether I think
a visit from Sister
Charlotte Pilz, Matron of their
Institution at
Jerusalem, (now in Europe
for her health,) to England,
would answer in the
point of view of
collecting money for the
Jerusalem work?

I live so entirely out
of the world that I am
equally unable to answer
their question or to
assist Sister Charlotte
with introductions, as
they ask. [I am alas! alas! unable to see her, as they
desire.]

Would it be asking too
much, if I requested
you to tell me what
you think would be
the result of such a
journey of the sister
to England? (pecuniarily I mean)
She speaks English
& Arabic tolerably - not
correctly - is an educated
woman - has been 12
years at the Jerusalem Work
& many more at the general Deaconess' work.

[She has two introductions
to doctors who have
known her at Jerusalem, otherwise, none.]

If I had any one to whom I could hand over sister Charlotte, to enable her to make her own way, I should feel less uneasy at the idea of her coming to England trusting to my (!) "introductions." But I have not This is my reason for troubling you with my enquiry.

Believe me

most faithfully yours **[end 7:596]**

Florence Nightingale

Kai, signed letter FA XI f 12, pen

27 Norfolk Street [printed address]

Park Lane, W.

15/12/64 **[7:594-95]**

My dear Sir

I have only to-day received the Revised Proof from the Printers, which you have been so very good as to propose that the Secretaries of the "Evangelical Alliance" shall privately send & distribute to members of the Evanl. Alle:, who
The Revd
James Hamilton

may be likely to contribute to the "Flidner-Fund".

You will see that I have also availed myself of your kind permission to put Messrs Nisbet's name, as willing to receive contributions- which I mention, in order that you may be good enough to ask them to do so, as you propose.

I hope in the course of to morrow to send to the office of the "Evan. Alliance" the 200 copies of the appeal, of which they are so kind as to undertake the distribution.

I wish that a letter I have just received from Madame Fliedner were not of so private a nature that I could send it you. Because it is itself the best proof of the spirit in which she is going about her work. And because she makes so earnest an appeal in it for the continuance of our prayers. She speaks of the enormous difficulties which now threaten them. (and what they are none know better than I.) but in no spirit

of despair. None remind
me as she does of
the words: "troubled on
every side, yet not distressed, perplexed
but not in despair
x x cast down, but
not destroyed." Next
to the immediate
help which our Lord
grants in such circumstances she
seems to find most
strength from the
knowledge that we
are all praying for
them for that help.
And I trust that
those of the "evangelical
Alliance" who join in
prayer for them
will remember what
all in such trials
must know
by experience, that it
is not the first week
or month that the
burden is heaviest
it is as years go on & that they will bear

such a need in mind in
prayer. This is the reason why
I mention her letter
to you.
She alludes cursorily
only to their own
poverty, by saying that
she thinks it has been blessed
to their children.
(which none can doubt)
that owing to God's
goodness & the friends
whose hearts He has
turned to them, they

have never known want.

She speaks with emotion
of the "great beloved
sisterhood" & of the
blessing it is that the
Lord seems to be turning
the hearts of all the children to *Himself*-
(so many would have
said: - to herself.)

Again & again
thanking you for your
kindness in this matter
believe me, my dear Sir
ever yours gratefully
Florence Nightingale **[end 7:595]**

Kai, incomplete, unsigned letter, black-edged paper, FA IX f 12, pen

32 South Street **[7:595-96]**
Park Lane
London, W.
Dec. 29/64

Gentlemen

I have not delayed in
doing what you desired as
to a Fund for the family
of our valued lost friend,
Dr. Fliedner, whom I
reverenced as a father.

But it was not
possible to me to do it
exactly as you desired.
In the first place,
as I am entirely a prisoner to my couch, unable to see
hardly any one, overwhelmed

with business, which has to be transacted entirely in writing, it was perfectly impossible for me personally either to receive contributions or to write personally to all my friends to ask them to contribute.

[I doubt whether Madame Fliedner herself has less spare time or strength than I have.]

In the second place, as Pastor Fliedner & his work are not so much known as they deserve, it was

necessary in any appeal in England, to give in English a short account of that work.

In the third place, you deprecated any appeal in the newspapers, as being too public.

I had already published two Articles in the November & December Nos. of "Evangelical Christendom", giving a very short account of Dr. Fliedner's work & his last days. I reprinted these, and

subjoined an appeal for the family of this great and good man, in the terms which you desired.

I have had these privately circulated. There is so much distress in England this winter - the destitution of the Cotton spinners also continuing - that we shall not be able to obtain as much as we wish.

I have now £100

(a hundred pounds sterling) [breaks off] **[7:596]**

Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Preussischer Kulturbesitz, 5 letters

Berlin, signed letter, 2ff, pen

Highgate

June 2/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

The enclosed draft
of *Queries for the Indian
Stations* is the result
of examining the chief
M.S. Medical documents
at the India Ho: as
well as of general Sanitary
experience.

[9:91-92]

It is rough - perhaps
too long - & perhaps
must be added to,

after discussion &
further examination
of papers at the
India Ho:

The Statistical part
is left incomplete for
Farr to deal with.

A separate set
of Military queries
must perhaps be
added -

The enclosed is
only a rough draft
of the *Health* questions.

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If you chose to
propose at the first
meeting that Martin,
Farr & Sutherland
should form a Commtee
to draw up queries
on Health & Statistics,
~~there~~y could then be
printed & circulated
among the other
Commissioners, before
being decided upon.

Or if, which would
save a deal of
valuable time, as

many of the Commissioners
 have not a Sanitary
 notion in their heads,
 you would act upon
 your own authority
 to draw up & send
 out the Queries
 yourself?

After you have
 gone over these, would
 you be so good as to
 let us have them back, and
 to tell Sutherland,
 if you see him to=
 morrow, what are
 your remarks upon
 them - yours sincerely

F. Nightingale [end 9:92]

Berlin 2k-1859 signed letter, 1f, pen

Hampstead NW.

Sept 12/61

Sir

The prints & books
 which I kept (of those
 sent to me by you
 for selection) at the
 end of 1860 were:

Lt Meecham's Siege	
of Lucknow	£2.2
Capt. Atkinson's Campaign	
in India	£3.3
Fatshan Creek	10.6
Entrance of Peiho	1.1
Xt blessing little	
Children (Print)	1.1
	<u>£7.17.6</u>

At the same time
I subscribed £7.10
for your "Colors of the
British Army" - ~~to~~/for which
sum your receipt is dated
Nov 1 1860. But the
work has never been
forthcoming. Four
specimen plates which
you sent me you
permitted to retain.

yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Berlin, signed letter to Ottmar von Mohl, 2ff, pen

35 South St
Park Lane W
May 15/76

Dear Sir

I have this morning had a very distracted
& distressed letter from Madame Mohl,
of Paris, saying that, of her husband's books,
"the largest part is gone to the Auction room:
"& will be sold (wasted I should say) for the
"whole week *from Monday 15*" (today) "*to 23rd*"

*May I ask if you have had Catalogues
sent you?*

& if so whether you have *sent copies* to
Herr Ottmar von Mohl

such men as *Mr. Disraeli*, Mr. Gladstone, Lord Salisbury, or Dr. Roth, the India Office Librarian, or *Profr Jowett*, of Oxford.

All the men whom my brother-in-law, Sir Harry Verney, or I have spoken to about this invaluable Library, have answered: - especially *Mr. Disraeli*, & *Professor Jowett*, of Oxford, - send me a CATALOGUE the moment you can:

I have repeatedly written to dear Madame Mohl for Catalogues - but none have come.

I write again to-day: but it will be too late -

No doubt you know more than I do:

(& I am so thankful you are going to Rue du Bac:) and probably have done all the needful.

If not done already, could you *at once* send to *Mr. Disraeli* a *Catalogue*: (reminding him of his request: & giving him the above information about the *days of sale*:)

& the same to

the Revd

Professor Jowett

Oxford

[No doubt Max Müller of Oxford knows about ~~it~~/the sale??]

You will readily believe, - even had I not lost in M. Jules Mohl my last & best living friend - how anxious I feel about this matter of the books - both wishing to secure them for England: & for Madame Mohl's sake: she seems almost agonized:

Excuse this hurried note: great thanks for your note, enclosing one of hers:

& pray believe me

ever yours faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

Berlin, envelope only, 1f, pen, black-edged paper {postmarked LONDON 3PM AP6 96}

Private

Her Imperial & Royal Highness
the Grand Duchess of Baden
Karlsruhe

F. Nightingale } Germany
6/4/96 }

Berlin, Geheimes Staatsarchiv, paper copy
signed letter, ff164-65, pen [14:496-98]

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London
30 Old Burlington St W
Feb 24/57

My dear Sir

I received your kind letter of Jan 17,
& your book, with the most heartfelt
gratitude. I hope soon to have the
time to read it - But, since I came
home, I have had work far more
constant, more absorbing, more
heart=rending than even in the Crimea.
I foresaw this, & most sincerely did
I pray that I might never live to
come home to have to do this necessary
hopeless work.

Our Government is quite determined
to do nothing. Of that, every one is
now persuaded - nothing, I mean, to
prevent another Army, under the same
circumstances, being destroyed as the last
was - Every one is well aware that, if war

were to break out to morrow, we should
have the whole scene of /54 over again.
Those who helped to lose that magnificent
Army are now careless, at their ease,
indifferent or triumphant. Those who
helped to save it are cast aside, rejected
& despised - Truly they are bearing
our griefs & carrying our sorrows & the
Lord hath laid on them the iniquity of us
all -

Ten years ago, I am certain this could
not have happened in England, viz. the
disgraceful triumph of all the Staff who
neglected & lost the Army & their being
put in high places - the deliberate
persecution of the men who told the
truth & saved the Army -

Now all that Government thinks of
is to stave off difficulties & "*keep in*" -
not to take from the aristocracy their
honors nor from the people their money
because it would be unpopular -

In the Army Estimates they have cut

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down everything that has to do with the scientific element of the Army, the efficiency, morality & health of the soldier. They have left everything which has to do with Staff appointments.

It is so utterly childish, this, that I am ashamed of my people - I mean, this rising up two years ago, turning out the Ministers, sending out the flannel waist-coats - & now, when nothing is changed, this total indifference -

England is a country which learns by experiments & not by experience, & she has learnt nothing by her colossal calamity. What that calamity was I believe one must have been in the Crimea to know. The newspapers were *temperate* -

I thought we were making progress. For, ten years ago, they would not have sent out a Sanitary Commission, nor would a Member have got up in the House of Commons & said that the loss of the Army was *preventible* - They would have appointed a "Public Humiliation" and told us to fast & not to cleanse or feed the troops-

But, now that the Sanitary Commission of the Army comes home & says that the Sanitary condition of the Army at *home* is worse than that of the worst parts of London, the mortality twice as great & the "Sick-time" three times greater, no one will attend & Ministers say "Get away with you."

The one organic change which has been made is the Commander-in-Chief's order for the education of our Staff - & that is so incomplete, so school-boy, &, as yet, not begun that it gives little hopes.

I prophesy that the real effect & only lasting one of all this will be the sapping of the power of the aristocracy in the minds of the people of England, though historians will not perhaps trace the cause -

I shall get out of the Government Service as soon as I can, & take service in some Hospital in London -

With kindest & most grateful love to Madame Bunsen, & to all yours, believe me ever most gratefully, respectfully & warmly yours

Florence Nightingale

[end]

Berlin, signed letter, 4ff, pen

Private 30 Old Burlington St
London W

Aug 18/60

My dear Madame Bunsen

I cannot tell you how much I have thought of ~~all~~/you & your troubles, of late -

I will not take up your time with this -

Mrs. Schwabe has been so good as to say that she would take any books to you

I send: -

1. 2 Vols: of Macaulay's
Miscellaneous writings,
republished since
his death, in the
hopes that this may
be what you said
Baron de Bunsen
would like to see -
2. HE *asked* me
for a copy of my
Private Govt Report
(some twelvemonths ago)
for Wichern. I hereby
send it to you not knowing

where *Wichern* is.
If it is a trouble
to you to send it, to
him, please put it in
the fire - But do
not do anything
else with it -
[Long years ago, I
have seen & examined
the Rauhe Haus, where
Wichern once was.
Is he ~~not~~ now
Inspector of Prisons
at Berlin?]

3. I send humbly
a copy of the 2nd
Edit: of my little

book of Nursing for
your own acceptance.

4. M. Bunsen wrote **[11:33]**
to me some year
& a half ago: - he
wished I would
do something
besides "Army
"Regulations" -
I have written
"Suggestions &c"
which I enclose
to you - because
they are really
*only for his eyes &
yours.*

If you think it
will be a bore to
him to see them
(the "suggestions") &c
or a bore to him
not to let any
one else see
them, please
send them me
back without
letting even Mrs.
Schwabe know
what they are.
[She thinks they
are Crimean

experiences.]

If you think
it would interest
him a moment
to look at them,
I have had
them printed on
half=margin, on
purpose for *his*
remarks, if
he ever feels
inclined to
make any upon
the margin.

[They the "Suggestions" will probably
never be published

-CERTAINLY NOT
during my life]

Ever, my dear
Madame Bunsen's
most faithful
& loving

Florence Nightingale

[end 11:33]

Kuopio University, finland, 1 letter, draft, 45813 ff187-88

March 5/96

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

My dear Miss Ekblom

[13:493]

I learn more from you
than you can learn from
me

Do you think you could
be so very kind as to
write down in English
while you are at
Edinburgh or in Scotland
(you will have no time

here/what you had the
goodness to tell me about

Aseptic things.

for instance

White linen Smocks

short sleeves

your never touching

in a dressing or in using

the Catheter anything
else about the Patient
before it
beds
sterilizing
no sterilizing in the
wards
you say, truly that we have
gone back to Antiseptics
in the Wards
name of that gauze
you dislike
&c &c &c &c

I shall put to the
greatest profit whatever
you are kind enough to
tell me. It will not
be lost

- - - - -
I cannot forbear asking
your kindness to accept
a small sum £5. towards
your new Home for
Probationers [It can be
changed here with your
name signed at the back
But if there is any
difficulty, I will ask a
Banker here to forward
this little sum to a
Helsingfors Banker-]
God speed you

It is indeed necessary
to have a Home for
Probationers & also for
Nurses in the Hospital
Else there can be no
discipline, no common
feeling, no esprit de corps.
They ought to be like
the 'Holy Family'
A Mistress does not put
her servants in a lodging
apart from herself
How much less should
we put our Nurses &c
 God's blessing be with
 you- And it *will* be
Yours ever in hope & love
 Florence Nightingale

[end 13:493]

Hesse-Darmstadt, signed letter, 10ff, pen, black-edged, part draft 45750

Private 35 South Street, March 27/72
Park Lane, {printed address:}
London W. **[13:454-57]**

Madam

I have first to throw
myself at the feet of your
Royal Highness - in spirit
as I cannot alas! for me
in body - & beg her to believe
that I did not lose one hour
after receiving her kind &
gracious note in placing
the matter before the Committee
of the Training-School for Nurses
at St. Thomas' Hospital &
urging the consideration of
how best we could carry out

the desire which your Royal
Highness did us the honour
to express of obtaining some
Nurses' training there for
the Alice=Frauen=Verein of Hesse,
founded by your Royal Highness.
We cannot yet call our School at
new St. Thomas' Hospital quite in
working order - The new building
having been opened by Her
Majesty our beloved Queen
last summer, received its
first Patients only in October -
could fill up its beds by degrees
(550) only - & is not even now
in perfect trim - six months

being but a short time to
organize all the Departments
of an establishment of this size.

I merely mention this as some
reason in your Royal Highness's
eyes for our delay - together
with my own severe state of
illness - And yet I am
unwilling to let my Committee's
answer go, (which I enclose,)
without a few words from myself
to acknowledge, as I ought,
however imperfectly, your Royal
Highness's gracious wish for
my "advice & assistance"-

Your Royal Highness is so well
versed in all the arts of Nursing
& so well understands the founding
& fostering of an Institution
that the truest respect on my
{archivist: 2}

part will be to speak to her
as if to one of the 'métier',
certain that she will
understand me better than
most who have passed their
lives in it.

1. then The experience of 12
years in this Institution of
St. Thomas', & in many others
founded by us from among our
pupils trained there, (together
with much previous experience
in England & Europe,) has
confirmed me more & more
every year in the conviction
that only by training a Nursing
Staff & their Superintendent
together & sending them out
together to undertake such
Institution as they are called

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upon, can this be properly
 founded in good traditions
 of discipline & of training others.

And we now strongly deprecate
 & have generally declined
 supplying Institutions otherwise
 than by trained Staffs of Nurses.

If this be impossible, then we
 train a Superintendent, as well
 as we are able, & send her
 out to train & govern her
 Staff as well as she can -

[Poor thing! she has generally
 a hard task of it it is
 something like a Sisyphus & her
 stone as Your Royal Highness
 is doubtless better aware even
 than I am.]

There is scarcely anything in which
 discipline is more wanted than

in Hospital Nursing. Because
 whereas, on the one hand, we
 cannot, & do not wish to, make
 use of the Roman Catholic arts
 for enforcing obedience, *blind*
 obedience - on the other,
 a want of discipline or training
 is of life & death importance
 to the Patients.

By discipline one means the art
 of inspiring intelligent obedience
 to the orders of the Medical
 authorities & the governing
 spirit of the place -
 which includes, I suppose,
 the art of carrying individual
 responsibility downwards thro'
 every Sister, Nurse, servant -
 thro' every element & thro' every
 detail - which may also be

called the art of organization -
for unless every body is shown
how to do his or her own work
so as to help & not to hinder
every body else's work, their
can be no 'organization'-

And one may remark, by the way,
that the greater freedom of
Protestant or of mixed
Institutions as it requires
or ought to require greater
individual responsibility, so
it requires greater or ought
to require greater obedience -

And I know of no way in which
a Superior, unarmed with
the terrors of an infallible Church,
can obtain legitimate obedience,
except by inspiring confidence
in her greater knowledge, skill,
ability & power of training
{archivist: 4}

-nor except by having these
qualities can she inspire
confidence in them -

It is much easier to obey a
Religious Rule than it is to
exercise with discretion
either command or obedience,
founded on our present views
of freedom suited to this age.

From all this it results
and I should really feel a just
scruple at writing dogmatic
conclusions in this way to Your
Royal Highness, did I not
know as all the world does
that she is much better able
to draw them than I am
from all this experience it
results.

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that it is but of small use to train a Nurse (or two or three Nurses) to go back to her parent Institution, unless she is invested with the requisite authority & distinct charge as Superintendent to train others in the Hospital knowledge & ways of management she may have acquired. Either she breaks her heart at finding herself unable to do so- or she falls back into the old ways - a fortiori, because she sees that she is not expected to have charge to inculcate the new ones.

2. Experience has also taught that, under a year's training, nothing very material can be acquired by a Nurse - & ~~by~~/for a Superintendent, to form her properly two years are better than one.

"Previous training rather disqualifies than qualifies a Nurse to acquire the habits of a new School. With a *Superintendent* this is different. She cannot have had experience enough of different Training Schools, in order to enable her to take the best of each. But this does not render less than a year's training at the new School desirable for her thoroughly to acquire its ways & system.

I speak for myself when I say that it is scarcely possible to "train too much" - And I would gladly, were I not entirely a prisoner of a couch go myself for a year's training to any new & good Institution.

The more one learns, the more humble it makes one feel with regard to knowledge already possessed - and - the more eager to acquire more. "Previous experience" aids, more than anything else could do, a Superintendent to see & grasp those points in Hospital discipline or work which are most essential.

But I speak for one far dearer to me than myself who died at her post as the

pioneer of Workhouse Nursing as the Superintendent of the largest Workhouse Infirmary in this kingdom ("Una") She was trained at St. Thomas' after having had years of experience in England, Germany & elsewhere She went through her year's training - she told me that she thought, during the first 2 months, one only just "learnt what a London Hospital is" - that she then felt she "knew nothing" - And the year she died she wished to come back to us for a further training. "How much," she said, "I should be able to learn now!" now that I have had my experience" -

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But farther I am certain that
the Medical & Surgical Staff
now *wish for* their Nurses
to be trained to the highest
possible degree -

In Germany, hitherto, I am
constrained to confess the
Medical men have shewn
a higher & nobler spirit
in aiding all they can the
instruction of those who are
hereafter to act as their "aides"
in the great battle against
disease & death - than in England.

3. The theoretical training
in the Institution at Darmstadt
formed by your Royal Highness
is such that, according to my
best belief, there is little or
nothing further to be learnt in

this respect at St. Thomas'
Training School.

The *practical* training, if I may
say so, is probably all to be
learnt - For in a large
London Hospital where a
system & machinery for
imparting practical instruction
to nurses has been organizing
& working out for years, this only
can be found - as also,
if I may say so, the ways of
management of a large
Institution, where there is a
secular hierarchy of above
100 women at work, from
the Matron down thro' Ward Sisters,
Nurses, Assistant Nurses, to
Ward maids & scrubbers.

And it is this organized distribution of responsibilities & offices thro' a number of *secular* women with the duties & discipline attached which has appeared to be so much wanted & till lately so little regarded in large Institutions at home & abroad.

Either there has been the Roman Catholic religious "order" or little of organization, discipline, system (in nursing & training) at all - above all, little of that organized gradation of a Corps in ranks, involving not *absence* of duty, but *defined* duties & responsibility, without which a Corps is not a Corps which is as necessary in a Nursing Corps to save life {archivist: 8}

as it is in a Corps d'Armée to destroy life & which is if possible more essential among women than among men.

I will now merely commend to your Royal Highness' gracious consideration the Memorandum of my Committee which I enclose - praying that, if it does not meet with your approval, we may be permitted to modify it.

And I will release your Royal Highness from my tediousness, knowing that, whatever may be true in what I have said, is not new to her, but rather only a truism -

I will only beg her to believe

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that, if I do not here allude to
thankfulness for the Prince
of Wales' recovery & to admiration
for the Princess Louis' devoted
Nursing, it is because all
England was as one man &
one woman on that score.

I will now but entreat Your
Royal Highness to lay all
faults & omissions in this long
note at the door of my
severe illness & to put her
own spirit into it.

And trusting that we shall be
allowed the great favour of
doing some little service to
Your Royal Highness in training
one of those who must be
considered her, not our, pupils.

I hope to be believed

Madam

the most faithful & devoted
(tho' the most tedious)
of Your Royal Highness' servants

Florence Nightingale

Her Royal Highness

Princess Louis of Hesse Darmstadt

Princess Alice of Great Britain

[end 13:457]

Hesse, signed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged

35 South Street, August 12/72
Park Lane, {printed address:}
London W.

Madam

I have first to acknowledge
Your Royal Highness' most kind
& gracious letter relative to
the admission of a Darmstadt
lady & nurse for training at
St. Thomas' Hospital - & then to
ask Your Royal Highness' pardon
for my apparent delay in replying.

[13:457-59]

I beseech your Royal Highness
to believe that this has not been
from negligence &/on my part
& to believe this without my
wearying Your Royal Highness
with too long an explanation
of how it arose - 1. from
{archivist: N1}

Your Royal Highness having
kindly announced her intention
of herself writing again "as soon
as she could "say anything
positive as to the Lady"-
2. because, owing to the
enormous increase of numbers
of all kinds in new St. Thomas',
we have had to increase &
re-organize our Staff, & shall
scarcely be complete before
October.

I am anxious to spare Your Royal
Highness details which to her
will be trite & superfluous -
& therefore proceed at once
to answer her several questions:

I have consulted with our "Nightingale
Committee," Secretary & Matron,
who manage our Training affairs -
and they are of opinion that the
two persons nominated by
Your Royal Highness should
not come before Christmas.

We understand from Your Royal
Highness that there is not yet
a Hospital to train the nurses
in of the "Alice Frauen-Verein"-
And therefore unless it is
with the expectation of having
one, our Committee beg
to submit to your Royal Highness
whether there is any object
in sending especially the
second woman, who is to be
{archivist: N2}

a mere ordinary Nurse -
 & whether Your Royal Highness
 anticipates that any benefit
 will be gained to the Darmstadt
 Institution by sending the
 second, unless for the purpose
 of assisting the Superior in
 establishing a Training-School
 in a Hospital.

Our Committee hope that, as
 to the Lady being alone, - there
 being several ladies among the
 Probationers, - she would
 scarcely require companionship.

Our Committee desire me to say
 "that they are unable to
 "admit the full number of
 "Probationers (for every one
 "of whom they have to pay
 "the full cost to the Hospital)

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"without payment - & usually
 "require payment from Lady
 "Probationers who can afford
 "it - the admission of the
 "two free would therefore be
 "a deviation from their ordinary
 "rules" -

But if on further consideration
 the Darmstadt Committee
 still have the conviction
 that the admission & training
 of the two would be of great
 benefit in establishing a
 Training-School, and it is
 Your Royal Highness' own
 desire, I beg your Royal
 Highness to believe that
 I will undertake that they
 shall *both* be received *free*,

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[It will doubtless be a *sine qua non* that before admission they speak & understand English without difficulty.]

In answer to Your Royal Highness' question:- any letters addressed to our Secretary
 Hy Bonham Carter Esq
 (who also understands German) 91 Gloucester Terrace
 Hyde Park

London W.

upon this matter will receive immediate attention. But I should not have mentioned this, except in obedience to Your Royal Highness' desire - & because my own life is so precarious - While I live, Your Royal Highness' commands

will always be welcomed by me with all my heart & with all my soul -

I must not take up Your Royal Highness' time - but can scarcely conclude without humbly & fervently giving joy to the new little baby which calls you mother - A nation's prayers are with you - but of none more earnestly than of,

Madam

Your Royal Highness' most devoted servant

Florence Nightingale

Her Royal Highness

Princess Louis of Hesse Darmstadt

Princess Alice of Great Britain

{archivist: N4}

[end 13:459]

Hesse, signed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged

35 South St
Park Lane London W.
Madam Dec 22/72

[13:459-60]

May I be permitted to
express to Your Royal
Highness how deeply grateful
I feel for the kind letter
which has been forwarded
to me - & how sincerely I
regret Your Royal Highness'
trouble in having to write
to me again upon the same
affair?

I was not aware that
Frau Strecker had written
{archivist: N5}

to Mr Bonham Carter, our
Secretary, till I received
Your Royal Highness'
missive, & am very sorry
for the mistake & delay
which has occurred -
more particularly as it
regards Your Royal Highness

I immediately applied
myself to obtain an answer,
which I now enclose for
Your Royal Highness' approval.
- a freedom I should not
of course have allowed myself
had it not been for Your
Royal Highness' gracious

permission implied.

As our course of training is at present chiefly practical - perhaps too much so - we could not say that we think much less than a year would be of much use especially for a foreign lady. But our own Committee would wish to leave this to yours - that is, that if she should, after 6 months, believe that she has acquired enough she should write home to the Darmstadt Committee - and, upon its application, ours should release her from
{archivist: N6}

completing the prescribed term of a year's training. We trust that this will meet Your Royal Highness' views. I cannot but regret very much that Miss Helmsdörfer does not adhere to coming in *January*, as at first proposed, (instead of in March) I fear that the first 4 months of the year will be our best time at the Training=School - A lady is going to leave us in April who will be a very great loss to it - although

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we trust that more workers
 will be raised up to us
 (like 'Una') to take posts
 of superintendence in our Schools -
 Your Royal Highness
 speaks of this want - How
 deeply I echo the word, God
 only knows.

With my whole heart
 & soul I wish success to
 Your Royal Highness' noble
 works in the country
 so fortunate as to possess you.
 As an Austrian lady observed
 to me: - 'we have in Germany
 'your two Princesses, daughters
 {archivist: N7}

'of a Reigning Mother, leading
 'in their own persons &
 'with personal knowledge
 '& ability every great
 '& noble & useful work
 '-while many of our little
 'German "Furstinnen" know
 '& care nothing but about
 'dress' -

I trust that Your Royal Highness
 will pardon & not think
 presumptuous this little
 but most true observation.

May Her royal children be
 like Herself is the prayer
 of many grateful hearts
 in the land of Her birth!

[end 13:460]

Your Royal Highness is
good enough to ask after my
health - business increases
& strength declines - & it is
a hard struggle - especially
as I am entirely a prisoner to
my bed.

But I will not now
take up more of that precious
time but by begging

Madam

that Your Royal Highness
will believe me ever
the most devoted of her servants

Florence Nightingale

Her Royal Highness
the Princess Louis of Darmstadt
Princess Alice of Great Britain

Royal Library Sweden, signed letter, ff837-39, pen black-edged paper, copy
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June 23/65

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

Sir

Having been referred
to by Mrs. Sutherland to
answer certain queries,
put to you on May 26,
from a lady at Stockholm,
the Baroness Leÿonhafond,
relative to the proposed
training of a lady at
St. Thomas' Hospital,
I thought it better to
procure definite information
in reply to definite
X Edwin Lankester Esq Md

[13:445]

[Fröken]

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enquiries, as to time and
terms &c for receiving her.
Hence my delay in
answering.

I enclose the reply, as to
all the points in the
letter enclosed by you
to Mrs. Sutherland.

We shall gladly receive
the lady=Probationer to
train, as early as July
15- as you will see -.

But probably that will
now be too early.

I will only add that, should

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you wish to put me in
personal communication
by letter with the Baroness
Lejonhafond, I would
gladly answer any
enquiries of hers as to
the best form to be
given to Training-Schools
for Nurses, if she
desires it.

They have, however, taken
the first step & best step
in having a Matron
trained, without which
no scheme would be of
any use.

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Altho' overwhelmed with
business and illness, &
entirely unable to see
applicants, or answer
applications personally,
in general, - I have
received too much
kindness from Swedes
& am too much interested
in their country, not to
wish to give any aid
that they may think it
in my power to give,
towards so excellent a
project as that of
founding a Training
School for Nurses. I

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only hope they are alive
 to the fact that the
 only place in which
 Nurses can be trained,
 as Nurses, *is* a
Hospital - & that
 they have a Hospital
 at Stockholm which
 they can make the
 head=quarters of their
 trained Matron, (who
 ought also to be the
 Matron of the Hospital)
 and of their Training
 School -

[end 13:445]

Believe me, Sir,
 your faithful servt
 Florence Nightingale

Royal Library, Sweden, signed letter, ff841-842, pen black-edged paper, copy
 Wellcome 9096

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34 South Street
 Park Lane
 London W.

August 8/65

[13:445-46]

Madam

I know not how to
 thank you for the kind
 words contained in your
 generous letter of July 28.
 It is a great encouragement
 to me to ~~find~~/think that we
 are sympathized with
 by the great hearts of
 Swedish women. And
 I cannot resist taking
 this opportunity of
 saying (what I cannot
 say) how deeply we
 A Madame

Sophie Lejonhufond

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feel it.

I delayed for a day or two answering your kind letter, in order to communicate with St. Thomas' Hospital.

It will be *no* inconvenience to us that your final reply should be delayed till the end of this month. But I venture to hope that, if you have found a lady suited for your purpose - such are not to be found every day - you will think it best to wait for the

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convenience of the lady in question. We can quite well receive her at St. Thomas' Hospital in June 1866, on three months' prior notice being given.

Permit me to say that it is of less consequence to make an early beginning than to secure the services of a lady so highly fitted for the task.

Forgive a hurried letter, made necessary by my want of health & want of time. I shall

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be, at all times, most happy, while I live, to afford your project any poor help that I can -

Believe me, Madam,
your ever faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

[end 13:446]

Ville de Geneve, paper copy, also in 9087/19 black-edged, Prière de ne pas la froisser

Londres le 4 Sept./72
Veuillez bien agréer, Monsieur,
l'expression de ma très
sincère reconnaissance pour
l'envoi de la Lecture que vous
avez donnée à Londres sous
la présidence de Lord Elcho.
Permettez moi en même temps
de vous féliciter de la réussite
de votre noble Oeuvre - oeuvre
vraiment de Dieu et de la
Civilisation de Dieu.
Je reconnais avec plaisir votre
bonté en rattachant mon
pauvre nom à la grande Oeuvre,
parce qu'il me semble que c'est
reconnaître la manière dont
toutes les femmes Anglaises,

depuis la plus pauvre jusqu'à la
plus riche, ont travaillé lors
de la dernière guerre sous
vos auspices, disons-le bien,
et ceux de la Croix - Elles
ont donné non seulement de
leur superflu mais jusqu'à
leur nécessaire.

Votre bonté me pardonnera de
n'écrire que ce pauvre mot.
Ma nièce, Emily Verney, la
fille unique de Sir Harry Verney,
est morte hier. C'est elle qui
a travaillé plus que nous tous
ici en 1870-1. Elle était
vraiment le Génie de l'Oeuvre
des Blessés. Dieu l'a retirée
à lui - si aimable, si aimante
et si aimée.

Les affaires incessantes et les

maladies continuelles dont je
suis accablée m'empêchent
Monsieur, bien à regret de
faire plus que vous offrir
l'expression de ma profonde
admiration.

Florence Nightingale
Monsieur Henry Dunant

Ville de Geneve: letter on behalf of FN by Sir Harry Verney, Ms 2108 ff183-85

Claydon
Buckinghamshire
Jan 14 1863

Dear Miss Gaussen

Miss Nightingale read attentively and with great interest the horrible account of the battles written by Monsieur Dunant. She says it is only too faithful a representation.

She entertains no doubts with regard to M Dunant's proposal. She says that it is objectionable because, first, such a society would take upon itself duties which ought to be performed by the government of each country, and so would relieve them of responsibilities which really belong to them, and which they only can properly discharge, and being relieved of which would render war more easy.

Secondly, it is proposed to establish in *time of war* the means which ought to exist *always* in order to be really efficacious, and which do now, after great exertions and care on the part of the military authorities exist in England.

The most efficient hospital treatment and nursing, paid and unpaid, and including female nursing, which would form the nucleus in case of war of a system which appears as perfect as can be made has been established here, and it is capable of any extension which may be found necessary.

I am sorry to convey to you a message which seems to damp the ardour of a good and philanthropic man, but I trust he will see that the objections urged by Miss Nightingale are very important.

Mr Dunant is probably not aware of the extraordinary advance here made since the Crimean War, where attention was drawn to the subject by the administration of Lord Herbert.

I will ask Miss N. To send you a pamphlet of a few pages which she has just printed on the subject.

She is extremely unwell and hardly leaves her bed, and although she manages to continue her War Office and Indian work, she is unable to see strangers or to write anything not strictly business letters in this to her important work of her life.

Pray remember me to my dear and honoured friend, your father. Thank you for your kind enquiries after my daughter. She is at Mentone and particularly well. My sister and Mr Fremantle are also well. I am dear Miss Gaussen

yours very faithfully,

HV

Edith Cavell Institute, Brussels, copy at City University London, Wellcome
9084/13, letter to L.A.J. Quetelet

30 Old Burlington St **[16:543]**
July 13/60

Monsieur

Je désirerais
vivement solliciter
votre sympathie en
faveur d'un projet
que je dois soumettre
au Congrès pour
obtenir une Statistique
uniforme dans les
Hôpitaux.

Ce sont vos

ouvrages qui ont
réveillé chez moi
(un degré bien
inférieur) l'idée
de la Statistique pour
les Infirmes-

Ma vie, toute
pratique, m'en a
fait envisager
seulement le côté
pratique-

J'ose, Monsieur
vous adresser

quelques uns de mes
petits ouvrages sur
les Hôpitaux, et
vous prier d'in
téresser Monsieur
votre confrère M
le Docteur Berg,
lequel, je le sais,
s'occupe plus
particulièrement
d'Hôpitaux. Je
lui adresse un
semblable envoi

Berlin

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Si vous daigniez
lire la Note, Page 2,
de "Notes on Hospitals,"
vous verrez la
réforme que je désire
et à laquelle j'ose
vouz demander de
prêter l'appuie de
votre grand nom-

Agréez, Monsieur,
l'assurance de mon
profond dévouement

[end]

Florence Nightingale

Deutsches Rotes Kreuz, scan of letter to James Ranald Martin from Rainer Schlösser

30 Old Burlington St.

May 1/57

My dear Sir

I beg to thank you
most heartily for your
kindness in sending me
a copy of your "Tropical
Climates" a book which
I shall read with the
greatest interest - for its
own sake & its reputation
and the more so as
coming from yourself.

[14:507]

H.M. has signed the
Warrant for our Commission
ever faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

[end 14:507]

Württembergische Landesbibliothek, Handschriftenabteilung, 1 letter, paper

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

Jan 8/74

Dear M. Mohl

Your & Madame Mohl
have always felt so near to
us that I do not like her
to hear from anybody else
that my dear Father was
taken from us very suddenly
on Monday morning at 8
o'clock: he had got up at his
usual early hour.

There was a large family

party in the house: he had
 been ailing for a day or two,
 but had altered none of his
 habits: carved for them
 all as usual on Sunday at
 dinner

No one but he butler was

with him when he died: it was
 all over directly: when Parthe
 & Blanch ran in, there was
 no breath, nothing.

For *him* I know it was best so:
 he had always wished to die so:
 we dreaded a long illness for him.
 But it is very dreary not to have
 seen him again once more:
 that there should have been
 none of us by him at the last:
 no last word or message.

How one's sight does strain behind
 the Veil to know what he is
 feeling now. Oh where is he?
 What is he - in this his New
 Year? But the Almighty
 Goodness knows: the Infinite
 Wisdom has done with him
 what is best.

He did not enjoy life: though

the most single-hearted man I
 have ever known; life was too
 painful & difficult for him, tho'
 his life had not a cross in it.
 Sometimes I thought that it was
 because he did not know how
 to do what he did not like
 that he was an unhappy man.
 I never knew him laugh or smile.

How much he must know
 now: how much he must have
 enjoyed. For he was so pure:
 he was like a *Spirit* in some
 things.

The places & people &
 cottages he so loved & cared for:
 one of the last things he did
 was to see after a cottage to
 which he was building fresh
 rooms: now go to those who
 will not care for them as he

did.

When I think of what is to
come after, I am glad he is gone.

But no one can tell what the
break up is to us: to me especially,
for the thought that *I* should
survive *him*, never once entered
my head. I thought he had
10 years of life in him. I
Perhaps not one.

My mother mourns quite naturally: only prays "to go
after him:" so does many another,
she wanted to go in "& kiss him":
but was persuaded not by its
being only is "old garment" that
he had left behind: he was not
there. For the grand old head
is much altered.

The funeral is to be on Saturday:
a walking funeral: only the family
& tenants: he hated shew: did not
like people to go into mourning:

[on side]
ever dear M. Mohl yours Flo
On Monday morning before
it was light I marked
the 2nd Vol: of Prosper Mérimée's
Letters, recommend by Mme
Mohl: for *him*
{And he was dying then:]
& sent it.

5 or 6 or 7 interesting
passages; I don't think there
are more.

F.N.

National Archives of Malta, 2 letters and list

Malta signed letter, 3ff, pen

General Hospital **[14:423]**
Balaclava
June 21/56

Sir

May I venture to
take your orders upon
a matter which
concerns your Command?

A portion of the
Crimean Army being now
under that command -
a portion of the private
stores sent out for the
use of the Hospitals of
the Crimean Army being
still remaining -
Colonel Sir G. Reid K.C.B.

would you permit such
stores to be accepted
& appropriated to the
use of your Military
Hospitals?

They consist
chiefly of Shirts
Sheets
Old Linen
Wine
Books

They have, hitherto
under me, been drawn
by requisition of the
Medical Officer in

charge for the use of his
Patients.

They proceed from
different sources

1. Her Majesty the Queen
 of whose gifts little
 remains
2. "Free Gifts" addressed
 to myself
3. "Crimean Army Fund"
 ditto
4. Myself

It is impossible now
to sort them according
to their respective origins,
with the exception, of
course, of the Queen's -

Should you grant
the permission which
I venture to solicit
from you, you will
perhaps honor me
with an account
directed to Scutari
whence I will forward
to you a List of
the quantities &
articles -

[end]

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedt servt

Florence Nightingale

Malta, CSG01 - 9699/1862 copy of a letter fragment, 1f, pen

Opinion of Competent
Authority

From Miss Nightingale

The plans are so good
(far better than those of any
Hospital for 'men and women'
I have ever seen) that the
difficulty was how to find a
fault, I could not discover a
single sanitary lapse.

I assure you that it
was a pleasure to me, and no
trouble, to look at such ad=
mirable Plans, and I am
only sorry that an illness
prevents me from going over
them personally with you!

State Library of New South Wales, paper copies

NSW signed letter, An 75/2, 2ff, pen, archive says original in City of Armidale

Barrack Hospital
Scutari

March 11/55 [3:198]

My dear Madam

I cannot tell you
the feeling of deep
sympathy, with which
I beg to enclose a
lock of your poor son's
hair. You will hear
from others than me
of his death & of your
loss - I will only tell
you of your gain -
His last thought was
for you - a few minutes
before his death, he

made signs for pencil
& paper, being unable
to speak, & tried to
write a letter to you.
He could not, but we
know what that letter
would have been --
He said repeatedly to
me, "If I die, it will
kill my poor mother."
He was often wandering
those last three nights,
but whenever he was
himself, his thoughts
were engaged in
prayer, in repentance,
(he often referred to
some fancied neglect

of his Chaplain's duty at Sevastopol,) & in communing with God. Our Senior Chaplain was almost constantly with him - He died yesterday morning, the 10th, (I was present, with a nurse), it was quite calm. He came in to Scutari Hospital on the 7th from on board the Bohiana, where I saw him, with fever. One of my nurses and I attended upon him directly - & sate up with him every night till he died. On the

fourth day he died. He did not suffer very much except from his throat. He was anxious to recover, chiefly for your sake, & did not anticipate he was dying till the last morning. Indeed the change was sudden, even to the Medical Men. From the Xtianity, which breathed in all he said we may well conclude what his gain has been.

I cut off this lock of his hair for you -

Believe me, dear Madam, with truest sympathy in your grief, yours ever

Florence Nightingale [ends]

NSW typed copy of signed letter, 3ff

Miss F. Nightingale to the Duke of Newcastle, 60/Q8107
30 Old Burlington Street,
June 15th 1860.

I deeply regret that there should have been any delay in sending the Forms for the Colonial Schools and Hospitals, after the great kindness of Your Grace

in offering to send them out to the Colonies.

The delay has arisen from the fact of the Hospital forms having only just arrived from the Printer. They have taken more time to prepare than was anticipated.

In order to form some estimate of the number of School forms required, I obtained Reports of various Missionary Societies, from which I learn that in the Colonies whence it is desirable to have Returns, there are nearly 500 Native day Schools. From *all* these Schools it is not necessary to obtain Returns.

But it is requisite to have a sufficient number of data to form a conclusion on the question of the causes of Aboriginal decrease of population.

Instead, therefore, of sending the 50 copies which your Grace has been so kind as to desire, I have ventured to put up the School and Hospital forms (with a covering instruction) in packets addressed to each Colony for your Grace's approval.

Further, Sir G. Grey (of the Cape) suggested as a means of obtaining comparable data, that forms should be sent to some of the South Sea Islands, where there are above 800 Missionary Schools, mostly in the Samoan and Society Islands. I do not know whether I ought so much as to suggest to the Colonial Office if it were possible for these to be sent? But if your Grace should consider it so, might I send a packet of forms for these?

For any other Colonies than those in the

enclosed list to which the Colonial Office would send forms, I should be most desirous to supply copies.

I have not yet received the collection of papers on the subject of Aborigines from the Colonial Office, which your Grace was good enough to direct to be made for me. I beg etc.

(Sd.) Florence Nightingale

To His Grace,
The Duke of Newcastle,
&c &c &c

NSW typed copy of signed letter, 2ff [6:190]

Note as to an Enquiry into Native School and Hospital sickness and Mortality:

Among the serious questions, connected with my Hospital work, has been the *very high rate of Mortality* among the aboriginal Inhabitants of our Colonies. And the great prevalence of certain classes of disease such as Scrofula and Consumption among those converted to Christian civilization.

The question is so serious that it seems to amount to this,

Can we civilize these people without killing them?

As it is, we and our civilization seem likely to cause the extinction of whole Races and Tribes.

I know the interest Your Grace has long taken in questions affecting National health, and I trust that you will perhaps approve two forms of return which I have had prepared.

1. To show the sickness & Mortality in *Schools* attended by *native* children;

2. To show the diseases for which *Natives* are admitted into Colonial Hospitals.

I venture to enclose a copy of the "School" form and to ask, if you approve of it, whether it would be possible for the Colonial Office to send both "School" and "hospital" form to each Colonial Governor, and to direct that they should be filled up and returned to me for reduction.

I have had 500 copies printed. I would put them up in any way which would give the Colonial Office no other trouble than that of directing the packets and sending a letter of instructions to the Governor of each colony.

The Chief Colonies suitable for the purpose would be,

Ceylon
New Zealand
Australia
Cape of Good Hope
West Coast of Africa

The American Indian schools in *Canada* would give good information if it is to be had.

Missionary Schools have the best observed data.

The Governors are however the most competent judges.

The object of all this is a practical one - I have not unfrequently been applied to to give Sanitary advice for these children, who are dying off under our instruction. Without more precise information it is impossible to give really useful or definite advice.

Copies of any printed reports giving information on the *Native School* attendance, sickness and Mortality, which are in possession of the Colonial Office and which it would furnish to me, would be a valuable help.

Signed) F. Nightingale
30 Old Burlington St.

May 22/60

NSW signed letter, 8 ff, pen, split, Wellcome 9085/25

October 24/66

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

Sir

I beg to acknowledge
your letter of July 21, relating
to the selecting & engaging of
4 trained & training
nurses for the Sydney
Infirmary. --

Let me, in the first
place, assure you that all
that I can do shall be
done to forward your
kind & wise intentions -
& that, so far from your
application to me
Henry Parkes Esq
Colonial Secretary

[13:407-08]

requiring any "apology," it has, on the contrary, a claim upon me.

For Australia has always been a powerful Patroness of mine.

And I hardly know how to thank you as I could wish for asserting that claim.

2. You are perhaps not aware that, after the Crimean War, a Fund was raised, called the "Nightingale Fund." Australia interested

herself very much in this affair. I applied this "Fund" exclusively to the training of Matrons & Nurses for the sick poor, & especially for Hospitals. But - - the demand is always larger than the supply, even for England alone. We are generally engaged years deep in training. We have always more posts to fill than, alas!, persons to fill them. And we have never a supply of this valuable Article ready *on hand*. Persons fit to be engaged always are engaged. And it is only within the last 10 years that means have been

taking ~~er~~ to ensure a supply
 at all of *Trained* persons
 fit to take charge in
 Hospitals.

You see that it is *I* who
 have to begin with an
 "apology."

I would fain repay part
 of my heavy debt to
 Australia, according to
 my powers. -

But I shall have to crave
 your indulgence -- and
 time, if we are to supply
 you with such persons
 as, after training them, we
 could recommend.

3. Your plan is, if I may

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say so without impertinence,
 wise, benevolent, & well=
 digested - namely, to
 begin IN the Sydney
 Infirmary a Training
 School for Nurses --
 [people so often fancy
 that Hospital Nurses
 can be trained *outside*
 a Hospital] and
 gradually to extend it so
 as to become a Training=
 School for Nurses for
 other Institutions in the
 Colony.

Of course, upon the receipt
 of your letter (of 21 July)
 I immediately put myself
 -- & also Capt. Mayne -
 in communication with

Mrs Wardroper, the valued
Matron (Superintendent)
of our Training School for
Hospital Nurses at
St Thomas' Hospital - in
order to see how far we
could meet your wishes
& how soon - & also
carefully to consider Dr.
Alfred Roberts' excellent
business-like Memorandum.
I shall venture to ask you
to give your consideration
to the *details*, which
Captain Mayne & Mrs.
Wardroper will give,
concerning what I have
submitted to you *in*
general in this letter.

We think that it will
be necessary to have a
Matron for the Sydney
Infirmary trained in the
same School that the
"4 Sisters", asked for, are
trained in.

And we think the staff of
Assistants proposed
rather small.

We venture to lay these
things before you, because
we always try to obtain,
for the success of those
Hospital Nursing Staffs
which we send out,
the conditions which,
in our judgment, will alone
ensure success.

But I leave Captain Mayne

& Mrs. Wardroper to enter
 into farther detail.
 We shall then trust to
 receive from you farther
 instructions.

And I will only now add,
 without vain words,
 that I am deeply touched
 & pleased at your claiming
 my poor services,
 & that I am, Sir,
 with great truth
 ever your faithful servt
 Florence Nightingale
 {printed address, upside down:}
 35 South Street,
 Park Lane.
 London. W.

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N.B. *not* P.S.

I do myself the honour of
 sending you by this mail
 the last Edition of my
 "Notes on Hospitals" -- not
 expecting you that you will
 have time to look into
 it yourself - but hoping
 that those who have
 more immediate business
 with Hospitals will
 glance over what I have
 said as to the construction
 necessary to ensure good
 Nursing & administration.
 I am sure that it will
 be a great advantage for
 our Nursing staff, should
 we be fortunate enough

[16:738]

to supply you with one --
to work under Dr Alfred
Roberts.

I would also say that I
am an invalid, entirely
a prisoner to a couch -
but, I thank God, still
able to work! & that
no delay shall proceed
from this circumstance.

[end 16:738]

I did not receive yours
of July 21 till October 4.

But I had already
received notice of its
advent from Captain Mayne
on Sept. 21

Some little delay, but not
much, has occurred in
our reply from this
circumstance.

[end 13:408]

F.N.

December 24, 1866, Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, from Henry Parkes
thanking FN for her interest in nursing in New South Wales

NSW signed letter, 8ff, pen, Wellcome 9085/25 **[6:533-34]**

May 1/67

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

Sir

This will, I am sorry to say,
be merely a hasty line to
thank you very much
(and *not* hastily) for
the most interesting
Sydney public documents
which you have been
good enough to send me --
and for the kind note of
Feb 22 which
accompanied them.

I am not "alarmed at
the sight of Blue Books."
[(Malicious friends say
that I make my
supper & my pillow off them.)

But I have not yet
had time to look them
thoroughly through, as
their interest demands.

I am sorry to see that
you have the same difficulty
as to bad dwellings for
the Labouring classes that
we have (vide Report on Condition of Working
Classes).

One would have thought
that, in a new country,
people might have had
good houses -- and
that prevention was
cheaper than cure.

But John Bull carries

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his own ways about with
him everywhere, I suppose.
There are sick streets, like
sick people, which one
can recognize at once
by their expression of
countenance everywhere
And sick streets always
produce sick people,
& bad people.
Of all the crying evils in
London, I think it is,
if possible, the most
crying at this moment.
I looked at your "Workhouse
Act" and your "Public
Institutions Inspections
Act" with great interest.

You may perhaps know that, for two years, we have been working hard here at a Metropolitan Poor Act. Mr Hardy (President of the Poor Law Board) has not given us a tithe of what we want. Still, we are obliged to be "thankful for small mercies."

Our objects is: - to separate entirely sickness from pauperism - to give sickness every means of cure, so as to save it from pauperism - and to do this by means of an uniform Metropolitan

rate- - - This, because the poorest districts are always the most unhealthy - the poor rates therefore the heaviest - & tending to throw more of the struggling classes, the poorer rate - payers, on the Rates themselves.

A great deal of the maze which, in England, surrounds the question of Pauperism, is dispelled by separating the question of Sickness & making it the Central point of the reform.

I am sorry to say that the same mail brought me the Bombay Health Officer's Report on Bombay - a far more

grievous, of course, but
at the same time less
surprising report, than
that of Sydney.

But, whether the sick
streets are of Bombay,
of Valetta, of Sydney,
of London or of Liverpool,
the sick streets will
always bear the same
fruits - each in its degree.

- we shall always reap
the same harvest of
sickness (& consequent
pauperism) & of vice
from them. {printed address, upside down:}
35 South Street, The New South Wales
Park Lane. Statistical Register,
London. W.
tho' full of interesting important

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matters, is deficient in not
containing the CAUSES of
Death in the various
Registration Districts,
arranged according to
the English Registrar=
General's nomenclature
& classification.

[end 6:534]

Among the Blue Book papers
is a curious little document
upon alleged Hospital
peccadilloes, chiefly among
the laundresses, which
I shall read, mark &
inwardly digest. "There is a
great deal of human nature in the world."
About the Sydney Infirmary,
we received the plans
of the new North Wing,
which are, in most

respects, admirable - &
for which we beg to
return our most sincere
thanks.

We could have wished
that there had been
some kind of sketch
plan (or even List of
Wards) of the Central
Building of the Infirmary
- as we are not Owens
to be able to predicate
the internal arrangements
of the whole animal
from seeing one wing.
We have not been able
to complete our scheme
as regards the Nursing
for this mail - But
we hope to do so for
the next.

We only trust that your
expectations will not
be raised too high.
We shall send you of
our very best, you may
depend upon us. And
we have found great
reason to place
confidence in the lady,
during her training, who
will act as Superintendent.
We know too, beforehand,
that she will receive
the kindest support in
her duties from you &
the Hospital authorities.
But we are but mortals -
please do not forget that,
after all
I think I shall take the
liberty of sending you
by this Mail, tho' it
is more for Hospital authorities

than for you - a small
 account of the new Pavilion
 Workhouse Infirmary at
 Manchester - the cheapest
 & the best thing in
 Hospital building we have
 ever done - 480 beds,
 with 1350 cubic feet per bed,
with every Sanitary
appurtenance - at only
 £60 per bed. Perhaps
 Mr Alfred Roberts, of Sydney
 Infirmary, might
 like to see it.

Pray believe me

Sir

ever your faithful servt,
 Florence Nightingale
 {printed address, upside down:}
 35 South Street,
 Park Lane,
 London. W.
 Henry Parkes Esq
 &c &c &c

NSW signed letter, 2ff, pen, 9085/29

May 25/67

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

Sir

I have thought that it
 would be less tiresome to
 you if I addressed my
 detailed reply as to
 administration of
 Sydney Infirmary in the
 relation which it bears
 to our Nursing - to
 its President - under
 cover to you, so that you
 could cast your eye
 over it, if you wished
 it - The papers
 Henry Parkes Esq

& book referred to in my
letter I have sent by
this mail direct to the
President, as I believe
I had already troubled
you with copies of these
printed papers & "Notes
on Hospitals."

I beg to remain

Sir

ever Yours faithfully & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

I am obliged always to ask
your kind indulgence for me,
& also to ask you to ask
it for me from others,
in that they should put the
best construction on my
letters which I fear are

more stupid & disconnected
even than they otherwise
would be - from the
constant pressure &
interruptions of business
on a person who is a
prisoner to her room
from illness -

F.N.

NSW signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private August 1/67
{printed address:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

[13:410-11]

My dear Sir

I had hoped that,
before writing to the
Sydney Infirmary, we
should have had the
further information as
to Hospital Buildings
which we needed.

All we can say at
present is that we
have selected a Lady as
Superintendent - & that
we believe we have four
Head Nurses who, subject to
final arrangements, will

be prepared to leave
England at the end
of December - the
Superintendent to
take charge, as we
believe is desired &
desirable, of the Nursing
of the whole Hospital -
the 4 Nurses to be
limited at first to
a portion only.

It is however possible
that we may be able
to send six Head Nurses.

The Secretary (to the
N. Training Schools)
Mr. H. Bonham-Carter will

send full information
 as soon as the arrangement
 is concluded - if
 possible by this mail.

I thought it however
 ungrateful, if I did
 not, in writing to you,
 keep you informed
 of the position in
 which the matter is.

With renewed thanks
 for all your kindness,
 pray believe me,
 my dear Sir, ever
 yours faithfully

[end 13:411]

Florence Nightingale

Henry Parkes Esq

NSW signed letter, 4ff, pen {archivist: MLA987 295}

May 22/68

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

My dear Sir

I cannot tell you how
 very much pleased and
 relieved I was by your
 most kind letter of
 March 5, 15 and 27.

[13:417-18]

It was excessively good
 of you to go on board the
 "Dunbar" Castle yourself -
 - and also very thoughtful
 & kind to secure the
 protection of Lady Belmore
 for our Nursing Staff
 from the first.

I am quite sure that
 they will try to reciprocate

all this kindness by doing
their very best
to fulfil the object
for which they were sent.
They are indeed full of
a good heart to do their
duty.

No indeed: we little
thought that their first
Patient almost would
be the Duke of Edinburgh.
It is vain now to recur to
regret for this wicked
attempt. Let us rather
rejoice at the outburst
of good feeling which
has been called forth
from all quarters -
And we are thankful

{archivist: 297}
that our Nurses have had
any share in promoting
his extraordinarily rapid
recovery.
I will only now say, with
regard to our Nursing
Staff, how deeply we feel
your extreme & personal
kindness in having set
on foot, conducted thro',
& taken every means to
secure the success of this
enterprise - & how
earnestly we hope &
believe that it will
reward all your kind
exertions.
I will not say more till
I hear more of the progress

which the work makes -
 Because I should be only
 taxing your already over=
 taxed time.

in great haste
 pray believe me

My dear Sir

ever your faithful & grateful
 servt

Florence Nightingale
 The Honble
 Henry Parkes Esq
 P.S.

I must re-open my letter, tho'
 it is almost mail-time, to
 say that I have received (just
 this moment) one from Miss
 Osburn - in which she speaks
 in the warmest terms of the
 kind & hearty welcome you

{archivist: 299}

gave her - of the advantage
 your introduction has been
 to the beginning of their
 work. [A good beginning,
 I trust. And I trust
 good will grow to better
 & better to best.] & of the
 immense help your support has
 been to them. I feel indeed that
 nothing else could have been of the same help
 to them.

Many thanks for your papers.

[We are in admiration here
 of your "Treason=felony Act"
 I heard a man irreverently
 say: - "It is a 'whapping'
 Act. If D'Izzy were to bring
~~out~~/in such an one here, he
 would have to do at once
 what now he ought to do" -
 (viz. resign.)

ever yours gratefully
 F. Nightingale

[end 13:418]

NSW signed letter, 3ff, pen 9086/2 9086/6 [6:302]

June 19/68
{printed address:} 35, South Street,
Park Lane,
London W.

My dear Sir

I venture to send you a copy of "Good Words" for this month, in which you will find a very brief & unworthy sketch of one of your pupils - i.e. of one of the pupils of the "Nightingale" Fund - I call her yours, because you & Australia took so large a share & so generous a part in the raising that "Fund."

If you have time to read it, you will find it
The Honble
Henry Parkes
&c &c

under the head of "Una" and
the Lion."

In less than 3 years, she
reformed the great
Liverpool Workhouse
Infirmary - one of the
most difficult works, tho'
one almost unknown to
fame, ever done by man
or woman.

She was the daughter of
Colonel Jones - her mother
a cousin of the present
G.G. of India - She was
very young, very pretty -
till her face became lined
with care -- & had a
good private fortune - the
most perfectly devoted &
disinterested woman I ever knew.

Her loss is to me & our
cause irreparable -
Yet I look upon her success
as one of the most
complete I ever witnessed.

And that success is mainly
due, as she herself bore
witness, to the generous
promoters of the N. Fund,
which first trained her
& gave the means of '
training to others.

Pray, my dear Sir,
believe me

ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

Let me add tho' - woman-like,
in a P.S., - that I send this
by no means by way of a

stirring up; - for my part
I think the Sydney
authorities in advance of
many of us here as to
what is needed in the
way of civilization and
improvement.

F.N.

NSW signed letter, 3 ff, pen

Private

{printed address:} 35 South Street, Oct 9/68
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir

In regard to your kind
note of July 9, from which
I perceive how wisely &
kindly you have been
helping Miss Osburn,
I can only say that I
have the strongest hopes
& expectations that
progress will be made.
But progress, to be sure,
must be slow -

[13:420-22]

The Hospital Nursing
seems to be going on
tolerably well. But
this is not all you want.
What you look for in
Sydney is a first-rate
The Honble Henry Parkes

Nursing administration - &
training besides. In
this matter your Medical
Officers, Resident & other,
have more in their power
in Sydney than almost
any where else.

I wish that complete
success may follow the
kind attempts of yourself,
& Mr. Deas Thomson &
Mr. Manning to bespeak
the interest & support of
all the Medical Officers
for the Nursing experiment.
It is one in which all
sides, Medical Officers,
Nurses & sick are equally
interested - And Medical

Officers, as you well know, have much in their power in rendering the Lady Supt's work easy or impossible. The Lady Supt is responsible for the discipline of the whole Nursing Service - and she is responsible that the Medical Officers' orders are strictly carried out.

The days of blind obedience, whether it was ever desirable or not, are entirely over & can never come back.

Amongst free & independent people, (which is our tone & spirit, ever-increasing) there must be much

forbearance where submission is considered a matter more or less of choice, - in order to prevent *parties* being formed (in any Institution) ~~by~~/thro' which, if you please one Medical Officer, you displease all the rest. And Co-operation must take the place, of obedience. And time is an important element in introducing improvements. Time must be taken for Medical Officers, (Resident & others,) & for Nursing Staff to know clearly what is expected of each - & for *no one* to trench on *any other's* duties -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

NSW signed letter, 3 ff, pen, 9086/8

Private

{printed address:} 35 South Street, Oct 9/68
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir

I have to acknowledge with many thanks your two kind notes of July 9 & Aug 12; - and I will ask your permission to answer the latter first.

I received one from Miss Osburn of the same date as your last, (August 12 -) on the same subject, - her resignation -

The whole matter arose out of certain very ill-advised proceedings on the part of a relative of Miss Osburn in England.
The Honble
Henry Parkes &c &c

At the distance at which she was (in N. S. Wales) - and not knowing what results might have arisen by this time in this country, from the above-mentioned most injudicious step, of the responsibility of which she is quite guiltless - believe me that the most upright & loyal course she could take, & the one most worthy of herself, was to do as she has done: viz. to place her resignation in the hands of the "Nightingale" Committee in the event of mischief - and necessarily

also in *your* hands, under the same contingency of certain circumstances arising.

I have the pleasure of informing her by this mail that no such untoward consequences have ensued, & that it is our most earnest hope that she will continue to carry out your work (she has her heart in it) with equal satisfaction to yourselves & to herself - that is to say, with constant progress towards perfection.

It is not for us to bespeak your help & support for her, since you have already given it so wisely & generously - and it is *your* work.

I do not give you any particulars of the above-mentioned unfortunate affair - since I perceive that *she* has not done so.

Let me only assure you that it may be considered as quite at an end - & that the sooner it is forgotten, the better -

I accept your kind promise to say nothing about it - which has been strictly observed by us here.

Believe me, tho' this year has been full of troubles to me, scarcely anything ever has happened to me which has given me so much anxiety as the fear that the work you have so

nobly initiated should be
interrupted - scarcely
anything so much
thankfulness as the
relief from this anxiety
which is entire.

[end 13:422]

Pray, my dear Sir,
believe me
every your faithful & grateful
servt
Florence Nightingale

NSW signed letter, 3 ff, pen 9086/7

Private No 2 Oct 9/68
& Confidential 35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir

I am afraid you will
have enough & to spare of
explanations by this mail.
I am afraid you will say,
as De Maistre says one
says to the clocks striking
midnight in a large city:
'Stop striking: that's quite
enough.'

[13:422-23]

But the "Nightingale"
Committee, ~~afraid of~~/anxious for your not
misunderstanding *them* as
well as Miss Osburn, insist
upon my telling you the
facts.

She wrote to a relative of
hers here a gossiping letter
about her voyage & the Duke
of Edinburgh &c &c -

And this goose of a man
printed & circulated it "for
"private distribution only."
I dare say there is not a wise
man in history who has
not written a sillier letter.
But I question very much
whether there is a goose in
history who has ever
printed a sillier letter.
We, the wise men, are saved
not by our wisdom but
by the non-existence of
such geese to print us.
My brother-in-law, Sir Harry
Verney, M. P., who is a
persuasive sort of person &
also firm in his purpose,
went to the gentleman-goose,
& shewed him how, if the

printed letter reached the
newspapers, & the notice of
the Queen or the Colonial
Office, or was coped into
the Sydney papers, how
much mischief it might do.
To do the poor goose justice,
nothing could exceed his
fright & annoyance - at
what he had done. And
he instantly consented to
withdraw the copies.

This is the whole story.
[A great foreign administrator
once said to me: - "I had far
rather have to do with a
knave than a fool. The knave
- one can tell what he will
do - The fool - one can never
tell what a fool will do."

This has been exactly the case
with us - This one excellent fool has
thrown a shell among all
of us, who consider ourselves
sensible, active, well-judging

people, which had nearly blown us up.] He told Miss Osburn himself - She declared she would not remain at Sydney, if the letter became public. I also corresponded with her about it.

The whole danger has now blown over.

[I received the Queen's thanks for the nursing of the Duke of Edinburgh - which, of course, I ought to have communicated officially to your Hospital authorities - But, afraid of the other story being ripped up in consequence, I have not shown the Queen's letter or mentioned it to a single soul.]

Pray bury this whole story where it never can be dug up. Of course we

Private &
Confidential *No 2*
{printed address:} 35 South Street,
 Park Lane,
 W.

 here had neither authority
 nor desire to deal with
 any question of resignation.

But poor Miss Osburn could
only learn *from us* whether
any harm had come of the
ill=fated goose's printing -
And therefore she could
only act as she has done.

Pray destroy this letter -
& please not to let Miss
Osburn know that I have
told you more than she
has done herself - she
is naturally anxious to
screen the goose & his
wife - who are, I believe,
her uncle & aunt - [I
do not know either -]

Pray, my dear Sir,
believe me (in haste)
ever yours sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale
The Hble
Henry Parkes

Pray excuse ~~my~~/the defect in
my Natural History in
calling a man a goose -
But what *can* I call
him? - If I were to call
him by the name by
which he walks in the
world of men, I should
be needlessly offending
Miss Osburn's feeling.
Believe me, he has had an
Allopathic dose - He
will print no more
letters. F.N.

Please *destroy* this letter.

[end 13:423]

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Private

& CONFIDENTIAL *New South Wales*

The Honble

Henry Parkes

Sydney

New South Wales

via Marseilles

Dec 4/68

letter NSW

Private Dec 4/68
{printed address:} 35 South Street,
 Park Lane,
 W.

My dear Sir

I have never thanked you
for your kind note of Sept 2.
I am sorry that you have
left office. You have been
a kind friend to us - & to
me for many years. And
Miss Osburn will, I am
sure, miss you - as others will.

[13:423-24]

But, as you have probably
heard too much of this
already, I will not take
up your time with what
will be to you stale reflections.

Do you care about our
General Election here, just
over - with the extraordinary
step taken by Mr D'Israeli's
Government in resigning even
before they met Parliament?

Surely this election is the
most glorious event of our
Parliamentary history --
great as that is.

[And this, tho' many of our
best men have lost their
Elections.]

There is a backbone of common
sense in our people, which
carries us thro' all our
difficulties. Here are
above a million of new
voters, who come untried
by experience, tried by
every kind of sophistry,
"cry," intimidation, & alas!
bribery - & say "we will
not have Revolutionists
of *either* side - we will not
have extreme men of any kind.

- "we will have the real men -
we are 'constitutionalists', not
of D'Israeli's sort."

I hope you are proud of the
good old country.

D'Israeli might however very
plausibly say: "When you
(the Opposition) ~~then~~ proposed
reform, half of you ran
into a "cave," half of you
voted against yourselves.

We trusted in the people.

Here is the result. Why
do you turn us out?'

What I believe the most
experienced Liberals say
now is: that the liberal
majority is too large, that
there will be a Liberal
'split' - that there are
symptoms of this already --
Horsman is out but Lowe,
the oligarchical Tribune, has
been elected (without opposition)

by the most enlightened philosophical Liberal constituency in the world (University ~~College~~) of London) - that D'Israeli will have a greater & an easier game than Gladstone to play this next Parliament.

Looking to the social reforms, the administrative reforms, the commercial reforms, the repeal of the Corn Laws, the reforms in governing our great dependencies, the sanitary and even religious reforms, which have followed the Political Reform of 1832, may we not hope & believe that even greater things than these may follow that of 1868? -

I am so little of a politician, having always given my work to both sides alike, such as it is,

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whenever I was asked, that I don't think I ever made such a political preaching in my life, as that I have now troubled you with.

My objects are simply social & administrative - And I was very glad to find a wise man write to me that he thought the main objects which the present Political Reforms would compass, would be: -

1. Sanitary improvement
2. Education
3. Church reform - (Abolition of Church Rates & Tests).
4. Changes in the law of entail
5. Improved relation of labourer & employer. -

You know how great a part the Opposition ("Her Majesty's Opposition," as it is sometimes called) plays in our Government.

-- I do not mean merely in

"progression by antagonism" in
the House of Commons - but in
actual work done for the
Government in power.

I am sure Sidney Herbert
worked quite as hard for the
War Office in office or out
of office.

So did Lord Stanley at one time
for India -

I know not whether you are
now 'in opposition' - But
I know that you will work
just as hard for the country
in office or out of office.

I write in haste, for we are
very busy. Pray, my dear Sir,
believe me, ever your faithful
servant

[end 14:424]

Florence Nightingale

The Honble
Henry Parkes

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35 South Street Jan 29/69,
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

My dear Sir

I cannot help writing a
word to thank you for your
truly kind note of Dec 4,
which was a great pleasure
to me -

I have in truth no other
reason for troubling you
just now -

But I hope that, even
before this reaches its
destination, you will be in
office again. We cannot
afford to lose so kind
& wise a friend, even for
months - only -

Berlin

I hear generally by every
mail from Miss Osburn -

She appears to be working
steadily & well - But she
much regrets your absence -
And so do I.

Pray, my dear Sir
believe me

ever your faithful & grateful
servt

Florence Nightingale
Henry Parkes Esq

Private

New South Wales

The Honble
Henry Parkes
Werrington
South Creek
Sydney

via Marseilles

29/1/69

July 12, 1873, Colonial Secretary's Officer, Sydney, from Henry Parkes to FN,
re complaints made about Miss Osburn

NW signed letter & envelope, 9ff, pen {envelope postmarked: DERBY SP 4 73 and
SYDNEY OC 23 73}

Private

& Confidential *New South Wales*

Willm C. Windeyer Esq
Chambers
153 King St

via Brindisi *Sydney*

2/9/78 [1873?]

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Private 35 South Street
& Confidential Park Lane,
 London W.
 Sept 2/73

My dear Sir

I cannot thank you
enough for the kind, wise
& considered letter which
I have just received from
you: enclosing a Draft
Report, of the Royal Commission
of which you are the President,
upon the Sydney Infirmary
& its Nursing.

[13:429-32]

I cannot either be
sufficiently thankful that
that Commission has had
Willm C. Windeyer
&c &c &c

so wise & so able a President.

It would really be
sufficient & perhaps my
best answer: were I simply
to reply that the *opinions*
which you have arrived at,
concerning what I said &
thought, by your own
judicial habit of mind &
investigations represent
the exact state of the case.
For this is the *fact*.

And I will only add to
this with the utmost brevity
answers to questions which
you address to me categorically.

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1. "For your own private satisfaction," I beg to state that you have "formed a proper estimate" of what passed between Mr. Roberts & me.
2. that I have *in no way* "modified the views contained in the passages quoted by" you in the Draft Report (enclosed to me) On the contrary. The experience of every succeeding year only strengthens them. And we have always acted up to them in the Hospitals which, during the last 5 years, we have furnished with Nursing Staffs.
3. I should scarcely have thought it necessary to trouble you with this statement: but for the

reasons alledged by you:

St. Thomas' Matron:

Mrs. Wardroper is the daughter & the widow of professional men: a "lady" by birth, education & life: her having taken Hospital service when left a widow. with a young family

(at a period when it was unusual if not unique, for a "lady" to become a Hospital Matron in London) will only increase her claim to being considered a "lady" in the eyes of all men as enlightened as yourself -

Every year confirms our experience that it is essential to have *gentlewomen* as the Nursing heads of Hospitals & even of wards. [We use the word 'Sisters', *simply* as Head-Nurses in charge of Wards.]

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in some things, [perhaps I ought to add] it is difficult to see how Mr. Roberts could have construed what passed between us as it appears he has done: in others, it is not so difficult. Possibly I ought to mention some of these, however trivial: -

- a. he stated that the "Lady Supt", tho' she gave Lectures, could not give *training* in some Nurses' duties, mentioning one or two: & asked me, if that were our "system"? - I answered: Certainly not: that our first principle was, to train "Lady Supts" in all Nurses' duties,

that *they* might be able to train Nurses in all *their* duties. [I dare say he asked me whether ~~I was~~/he were at liberty to mention this: and I have no doubt I answered: Certainly.]

- b. he stated that the "Lady Supt" had assumed the title of "Lady Superior": & had said it was by our "desire". [I think he mentioned some other Ritualistic practices.]

I answered that, so far from its being "by our desire", we particularly objected to any such assumption of words or practices savouring

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of an "Order" or "Sisterhood",
 which we are *not*
 ["Sisters": as betokening Head Nurses
 in charge of Wards: are
 so named in nearly all the
 great London Hospitals.]
 He asked me whether he were
 authorized to give this as
 from me: and I said:
 Certainly, if you wish it.
 As you suppose, I freely admitted
 to him our "deep disappointment"
 at the dispersion of the English Nurses.
 That dispersion was a *fact*.
 To the rest, I could only say:
 if this is so, it has been a
 "failure": if that is so, I am

 very much "disappointed."
 And - - if this is so, it certainly
 is quite different from our
 "Training=system."
 It is quite easy to understand:
 how Mr. Roberts may have said
 that, (*IF that is so,*) the Sydney
 Nursing "system" "differs materially"
 "from the Nightingale system."
 - & even that he was "authorized"
 by me to say so.
 How he could have considered
 an *official* communication to
 a Royal Commission (of which
 he never breathed a word to me)
 & omitting the "if" -
 - on his part "authorized" by
 anything which dropped in
 a quite private & confidential

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conversation held by an
Invalid's bedside at his
own urgent request for
the purpose of showing me,
& of obtaining my opinion
of, his Hospital building plans:
- for, without this end in view,
I was too ill to admit a
stranger - is impossible to
understand.

I fully & emphatically corroborate
what you so kindly & wisely
say on this point "Society could
hardly exist" on such a footing.
So far from having the remotest
idea of Miss Osburn being
"dismissed" on any such grounds,
or on any grounds at all,

(tho' no such thing as
"dismissal" was even hinted
at to me by Mr. Roberts:
- our conversation turned first
mainly upon the plans
which he had spread out
before me &, next, entirely
upon the question of our
Training system: what
it was & what *it was not*.

And my answers were
simply on matter of *fact*
regarding these two subjects.)

I stated distinctly to Mr. Roberts
1. that we had reason to
think that Miss Osburn was
succeeding very well in her
training of Australian ladies
2. that we must altogether

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decline expressing any opinion
as to *facts* of management
(at a distance of 4 months' -
'return of mail') which
would be in ~~fact~~/truth undertaking
the responsibility of the
management: we who have
neither the means of judging
nor the power to execute.

I have the most distinct
recollection of this part
of the conversation: & that
all "authorization" on my
part was limited to the
very simple matter of fact;
- that, *if* such & such practices,
if practised, were not
according to our Nursing=system.

I cannot think of taking up
your time: and it would
be a very bad return for
the most kind part you
have taken: by giving
more details of ~~this~~/our conversation,
- which would only be
repetitions of what I have
already said generally: &
which indeed you have
already anticipated.

I will only add that it is
impossible for me to say
how very great is the satisfaction
& comfort of hearing your
considered opinion of the
excellence of the Nursing
in the Sydney Infirmary:

[end 13:432]

nor how much I am, my dear Sir,
ever your faithful servt.

Florence Nightingale

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N.B. As you have marked
 your communication as
 "Private & Confidential", I shall
 (gladly) consider it as such,
 except for our Secretary,
 Mr. Hy Bonham Carter,
 who has for 12 years conducted
 the affairs of our "Nightingale"
 Training Schools with uniform
 prudence & kindness -
 & who may perhaps add
 some words to this.

F. N.

2/9/73

NSW signed letter & envelope, 8ff, pen

Private 35 South Street
 Park Lane,
 London W.
 Sept 4/73

[13:432-33]

My dear Sir

Your kind letter of
 July 12 just received
 has caused me the greatest
 pleasure & the greatest
 annoyance: pleasure
 that you (to whom it is due)
 should consider the reform
 of the Sydney Infirmary
 Nursing: the 'travail of your
 soul': a success: annoyance
 that a misquotation of any
 expression fallen from me

The Honble

Henry Parkes
 &c &c

- a misrepresentation evidently
made to serve an object -
should have caused trouble
to you who ought of all
others to have been spared
such unnecessary vexation.
Words are very poor to say the
comfort that it is that
you are satisfied with
the Lady Supt & her Nursing
& training: not only from
my earnest interest in the
work but because you
deserve such a satisfaction:
as also that you are now
opening the way to a reform
in the management of the

Infirmary: where certainly
the Government which
contributes so large a share
of the Funds ought at least
to be as largely represented
My poor blessing - if that be
worth anything on your
carrying out, not only this
but all your plans for
the good of the country
to their perfect end !

I was indeed aware that you
had returned to Office:
and very thankful I was
for it, *not only* on account
of the Sydney Infirmary -

I cannot feel that I deserve your (gently) implied rebuke because a gentleman admitted by me at a time of great pressure of business, illness & sorrow upon his own urgent plea that he came upon a matter of public interest to the Colony: viz. Hospital building plans: at a time when I was seeing none but our Matrons & Nurses: & no strangers at all: should have thought fit to make an official communication to a Royal Commission misrepresenting some

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conditional expressions made & carefully guarded by me upon his own representations. On the contrary: I consider myself the ill-used person . It is useless to trouble you - even had I time or strength to do so - with the details of a conversation which lasted 4 hours - (tho' I had limited it, in accepting it, to 20 minutes) - & almost killed me. Suffice it to say: what I am sure that your kindness & knowledge of the world has already anticipated; that the substance of what passed

regarding the Nursing - which he introduced as quite a subsidiary subject - as far as my part of the conversation went - was: '*if what you say is so, that is certainly not our system.*' This was a question of *fact*: not an "expression of opinion" from me "upon imperfect information". And, when he asked: 'am I at liberty to say that such & such is *not* a part of your Nursing or Training views?' - I answered, somewhat surprised: 'Certainly, if you wish it.'

I repeatedly guarded myself by saying: that it was obviously impossible for us, & that we always declined, to give or even to form a judgment upon disputed questions arising out of the management of the Infirmary which can only be fairly judged of by persons on the spot - that this would be assuming a responsibility which we had neither the right nor the power to exercise. No word was said to me of R. "Commission" or of "evidence" - I certainly confessed my deep

disappointment at the
 dispersal of the English
 'Sisters'. I may have used
 other expressions; - ~~certainly~~/probably none
 that I have not used to
 Miss Osburn herself: - in a
 private conversation with
 a gentleman (of whom & of
 his wife she had herself
 told me that they had
 been very kind to her, taking
 her in illness into their own
 house): & in which I was
 so little on my Ps and Qs,
*except to express no opinion
 on insufficient grounds,*
 that I admitted him (a stranger)
 at all in to my Sick=room -

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I hope that I have, without
 entering into needless detail,
 answered your question as
 explicitly as you desire -

I feel that we owe you -
 & I in particular - a deep
 debt of gratitude - & have
 owed you for 17 or 18 years.

I am extremely sorry for
 the trouble which we have
 so unintentionally caused you.

It only remains for me
 to congratulate you upon
 the success of your Royal
 Commission, amongst your
 other plans; & to congratulate
 the Colony upon having so
 wise & good an Administrator

May all success await you
is the ardent wish of
my dear Sir
your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

N. B.

Your letter of July 12 has by
some misdirection only
just reached me: just in
time to save the mail; -
which is besides a very
heavy mail for me, being
to India & Australia both.

You will therefore, I hope,
excuse this letter: written
under great pressure of
business & illness: & with
time only to consider how

to be as accurate as possible -
As I know that you are interested in our moral
progress,

May I venture to enclose my
two last letters to our Probationer=
Nurses; [one by one of whom
I now see, every day (to tea,)
that other urgent business -
does not absorb; - only
asking you to remember that
these 'Letters' are private,
not published?

[end 13:433]

in haste
F.N.

{envelope:}
Private
& *Confidential* *New South Wales*

The Honble
Henry Parkes
&c &c &c
Colonial Secretary's Office
via Brindisi *Sydney*
4/9/73

November 3, 1873, from Henry Parkes to FN asking for suggestions after she has read the report of the Royal Commission

NSW signed letter & envelope, 10ff, pen 9088/7

{envelope} {postmarked: B ROMSEY AP 74}

New South Wales

The Honble

Henry Parkes

&c &c &c

Chief Secretary

via Brindisi

Sydney

16/4/74

New South Wales

Private

35 South Street

Park Lane

London W.

April 14/74

My dear Sir

[13:437]

I am really grieved and
discontented with myself that
I have put so long a time
between receiving your kind
letter of Nov 3 & answering it.
I must make an appeal to your
mercy: yours arrived just at a
time when I was bowed down
by a double weight of sorrow:
my dear Father whose loss
brings upon us almost every evil

(he was the only perfectly *single-* hearted
man I have even known)

The Honble

Henry Parkes &c &c &c

except that of poverty: & my best old friend, Mrs. Bracebridge, without whom my Scutari work would have been impossible; - died within days of each other: the Bengal Famine, connected as it is with questions of Drainage & Irrigation, to which I have devoted as regarding Sanitary administration in India much of 15 years of life, brought a dreadful care to us all, as you know. Nurse=business has been very pressing - so has my own illness: & all this, added to most wearing family business, following the loss of the

head of the house, has made this winter take more out of me than the previous over=work of 20 years had done, I think.

You see how large your indulgence must seem in my mind that I thus trespass on your precious time with my own affairs: & my portion of this world's cares.

Let me earnestly say how truly I sympathize with your great task of doing your work of Hospital organization in New South Wales: & how deeply I wish that I could do my little possible to help you: for mere

sympathy is indeed a barren thing.

I can only & safely say that \mp / my whole (considered) concurrence is with Mr. Windeyer's very able Conclusions in the Report to which you refer [Public Charities: Sydney Infirma[ary] First Report: Sept. 1873]

His recommendations as to the question of Management: very important: p.p. 78-84 - particularly p. 84 - are borne out by the experience of my whole life.

I agree generally with the whole

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Report as to Nursing & Management.

[end 13:437]

I do not quite understand - nor, where I understand, do I quite concur with the remarks e.g. at p. 72 about **H** shaped Hospitals. E. g. The "Middlesex Hospital" in London is an **H** shaped Hospital: that is, the four legs of the **H** are four wards: with windows, as the Report so justly requires, all along both the long sides of the Ward: - the Sanitary results there are generally good: how much due to severe cases being the exception - [as much exceptions as in the "London", St. Thomas; & *light* cases are the exceptions:] we will not say -

- the "Middlesex" being filled chiefly by
Subscribers' letters: & by Subscribers'
domestic servants as Patients: except,
of course in occasional outbreaks of e. g. Cholera
St. George's is neither an **H** shaped Hospital,
in the sense indicated by the Report: nor
are its Sanitary results satisfactory, - but
very, very much the reverse. The fault
of its Wards is: that (in many) there
are only *opposite* windows, as required
by Report, ~~to~~/for about half the length:
besides which, there are all manner
of excrescences built just where they
ought not to be on both sides the
Ward: In some Wards it is even
worse than this: there are four
on one floor with *no windows* at
all on 3 of the sides.

The result is what may be expected.

[One of the two authors of the 'Privy Council'
Report referred to is. a St. George's man:
and, I remember, ~~Mr. Lowe was much blamed~~/ the excellent Minister was blamed
for his selection of him to write this Report.]

These little domestic histories of Hospitals
are known to few, seldom but to old Nurses,
like me: never to Doctors - or, if know *to* them,
are never told *by* them.

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With our present experience of Sanitary results, no London Hospital, or English new Hospital of any size, - not even Workhouse Infirmary, (altho' Workhouse Infirmaries contain few Surgical cases, no operations or Accidents, & Chronic cases in large proportion to Acute) - would be built except in the Pavilion form: ends of all Wards with large windows quite free: offices on either *side* the end.

The Pavilion plan is not necessarily expensive: the Herbert Hospital & new St. Thomas' have been expensive from particular reasons: both were on *made* ground: the Herbert Hospital remains the best we have: but the Highgate

(Workhouse) Infirmary - which we nurse: 550 beds: is the *cheapest* Hospital that ever was built: it is mainly on the plan of the Herbert: & also preferable to any Hospital I know: far preferable to new St. Thomas' - which we also nurse; the most *expensive* Hospital: expensive chiefly thro' its *defects* which are great: & not only thro' its '*made*' ground:

The Sanitary results of the "Highgate Infirmary" are admirable.

If by an **H** shaped Hospital is meant the taking *two* of the *double* Pavilions e.g. of the 'Herbert' (for a small Hospital), this would be unex

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unexceptionable: provided the
 'Administration' were not crammed
 into the cross bar of the **H**,
 - which ought properly for health's
 sake to be only an open Corridor:
 But it is destruction to put, as e. g.
 at St. George's, wards in the
 cross bar of the **H**. [This is *of course*.]

[The Medical remark quoted at p. 72
 is recognized as an utter fallacy.]

The remarks at p. 72 - beginning
 "Whatever form" &c - are
 excellent. But the *windows*
 must be all along *both* sides of the
 Wards: & also at the *end*.

"The wards must be xx exposed on
 "two sides at least to the outer air":
~~this~~ is most truly said. But how

is this possible in an (so-called **H**)
 Hospital like St. George's?

Also: at p. 73: it is truly said that
 "the only system which has been
 found to effect its purpose" (of
 "ventilation") is "by windows opposite
 each other."

But I would again submit: how is
 this - consistent with the satisfaction expressed
 with the ~~possible in a~~ (so called H)
 Hospital of ~~like~~ St. George's?
 St. G.'s has *not one* Ward with
 windows *opposite* each other
all along the sides. And, as before
 said, the Sanitary or *un*-Sanitary results, - Mr. Homes
 non obstante, - are exactly what
 might have been anticipated.

Let me not now add to my short=
 comings by giving you a *long*=
 coming more troublesome than
 my omissions -

I wish you God speed with all
 my heart & soul in the noble
 work of re-organizing your
 Hospital Institutions. No one
 could do the work like you:
 I cannot express the gratitude
 which we so deeply feel for
 all the wisdom & kindness
 which you have bestowed on
 our cause: and pray believe
 me, ever yours sincerely & gratefully
 Florence Nightingale

[end 16:747]

June 5, 1874, from Henry Parkes to FN expressing sympathy on her father's
 death and describing difficulties in his own work

NSW signed letter, 13ff, pen

New Year's Day 1878
 7 a.m.

My very dear Matron , dear 'Home' Sister,
 dear friends & fellow Nurses all.
 I give you joy this blessed New Year of your
 charge & joy to all who are in your charge.
 May our New Years be many, "happy &
 glorious." May your 'shadows never be less.'
 Dear comrades let this be really a New Year.
 a Year of deliverances from all our faults
 & mistakes: [and, if you knew me, you
 would know that I need deliverance perhaps
 more than any one of you, perhaps more
 than all of you put together. But I don't
 mean to give in. I mean to reform,
 please God Almighty, yet - sick old woman
 as I am. then the promise may
 be made good even to me that I may
 be able even "to glory in my infirmities" -
 the almost incredible promise that
 Christ, that God himself will "work in
 us".] Let this be a year of pulling our
 Patients through - a year of work such as

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angels might envy; a year of blessings
for the sick, of blessings for their Nurses -
the "acceptable year of the Lord" - for us
all.

Dear Probationers, tho' as I hope you know, you
are always with me & always present in my
thoughts I have not thanked you yet for
your very kind 'round robin' to me of last
May. Thank you again & again, both you
who are still with us & you who have already
entered on your appointed work to run the
(Nursing) race which has been set before you.
All hail to that promise, - dear, we may believe
to God, - to strive each & all to keep up &
to raise the standard of this Training=School
& of Nursing in general. wherever you are.

Now hail to the Conqueror,

O praise to the Lord.

Our life is His Spirit,

Our strength is His word.

So only can he "work in us"

And plenty of Case papers this year, please
plenty of proofs that you are interested in
your Patients.

And oh remember, please, that each one of the
Patients is a 'temple of God' Let us not
shame Him in His temple. that each
one of those "little ones" has an angel which

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beholds the face of our Father in heaven."
 Let no bad news of us & our doings with each
 be brought to our Father. He has given every one
 of us a post: let Him find every one of us in it:
 true to every one of His creatures, as He is
 Himself true to Him.

Every one of us. pray God we remember that!
 God does not look at us in masses: He
 looks at each least little woman as if she
 were the only one in the world.

Wycliffe, the great Reformer, said that all
 (Training) systems, all forms, all rules &
 Regulations the whole outward & established
 Institution & system in short [which some
 of us - it is whispered, throw in the teeth of some
 others of us. but I don't believe it.]
 was good only in so far as each person was
 good herself or himself. It was worth
 nothing, without. Without, all fell to the ground
 [Wycliffe need not have come to tell us this
 Yet there are many in the world who have
 not learnt it yet.]

I knew a woman who said (& who did it too:) "Be
 heroic" in your *every day's* work your *every*
day's prayers & resolutions. If you can't
 work up to them quite all at once, at least
 you can a little nearer & nearer every day

We talk of 'rules'.

This was her 'rule'

It was the rule of her life.

And if a heroine is one who does great things
 for the sake of others - [no conceit, all humility

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in it: if she thinks herself a heroine, she is none,
& if any woman may be a heroine in small
things & in daily life - just as much or almost
more than in great things & on grand occasions.
surely any Nurse, who has to do every day &
to do & to do for others, any Nurse may be a
heroine.

God expects each one of us Nurses to be "a heroine"
that is, to do & be her very best in herself -
in her common work with others, - her common work
in the 'Home', her common work in the Hospital,
saving Patients' strength & health & perhaps
lives - her common work with the others -
Wardmaids & all, in doing *their* best -
Then, if she does her very best, intending &
striving to make it better & better every day,
till God raises it to the perfect work, we
well may say: that Nurse is a hero in
her daily work.

And let us each New year 'take stock' as
it were of ourselves: Always bring your Nursing
to the bar of your own conscience, rather more
when Head Nurse, & Doctors are not by to judge
it: rather more when you are Head Nurses
yourselves: I in my old age do this: do it
all your lives: do it with all your might; to day,
tomorrow & every Year, if you would be good
Nurses - A good Nurse will *test* her Nursing
& learn something to the last day of her Nursing
life.

Let us each New Year 'take stock' of our own selves

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in this way too: "am I keeping up to the motives that led me to choose this work? or do I look upon it merely as a thing to be got through? Do I still think it a work to which I was called by God Himself? And am I daily pressing forward more & more to do the daily task *for the good of others* not for habit, self or self's glory - not merely because others are doing it & we *must* do it, like creatures in harness.

"Be not like dumb driven cattle:

Be a hero in the strife"

always remembering that we are forwarding the work when we do it for the work's sake, for others' sake - for God's sake as sharers in a common work, helping one another -

and hindering the work when we do it each for her own little sake, like a 'dog in the manger,' or hanging together in little selfish 'parties.'

To do one's day's work as a part of God's great plan: to be about one's own & one's Father's business - I give you joy that as Nurses we can always be about our 'Father's business' on our own - What can any one do more? What ought any one to do less?

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Stick together & to your Matron & to your
Home Sister like a bundle of faggots: you
know the fable.

No pains will be spared to make the
Trained Nurses of Britain worthy.

You spare no pains to answer to the pains.
Wish well to every other Trained & Training Nurse
in the world O what a good thing is
friendly rivalry!

If you stand still, I should wish that every
other School should pass you
not that every other School should stand
still to let you go ahead.

But stick together like a bundle of faggots.
And to do this I will tell you a rule
in a Society or Company I know.

[do you know what that word comes from?
it comes from the old Roman custom of a
company of soldiers under one Commander
And what were these soldiers not able to
do? they would hold a post till the
last man of them had died in it - each
man forgetting himself, each man standing
by the others no man saying, 'oh this is hard -

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These were the men who conquered the world.
 And not alone among the Romans were such
 men to be found. Who shall say so?
 We have our own men, of whom it was written

“Forward the Light Brigade:

O the brave charge they made!”

And I say: Forward the Light Brigade of
 St. Thomas;. God will back you,
 if you look to Him, against any “charge”
 of any day. He loves a brave woman,
 a magnanimous heart.]

I will tell you the rule of the Company or
 Society I spoke of:

Each to read to herself once a week the verses
 about ‘Charity in the famous Chapter of
 Corinthians. and 3 or 4 times a day
 each just to think to herself. “Am I doing
 like ‘Charity’? if not, I am a tinkling cymbal
 rather than a Nurse -

Now, dear comrades, will you make a bargain
 with me: I will do this till next New Year’s
 (if I live so long, for I am very ill) if you will
 I will send you the Chapter, illuminated, if I may.

In past days the most that was done for a
 Nurse was to expect from her: - obedience:
 she was just told what had to be done
 & ordered to go & do it. Now the utmost pains

are taken to show her *why* it has to be done
& *how* it is to be done - [Ought it not to be
much easier now to have the *spirit* of obedience?

This is what is called Training.
Training which is given her every day of her
life - (*not* the experience which practises
the blunders of our predecessors -) & which
her training shows her how to give herself,
go to make the good Nurse.

But what must we say of the trained
Nurse who is not obedient & tries to
teach the Doctors?

Let your experience case {cast?} its light *before*
so as to give light to the path you have to
tread now: & not only to the path behind,
which as St. Paul says we must leave behind,
That is a melancholy sort of experience.

And don't use your 'training' like an
Irish 'shillelagh', to cudgel other people
with. That is *no* 'training', is it?

Will you excuse an old, old Hospital Nurse
like me who lived before training was so
much thought of for telling the most
dangerous flaws in Trained Nurses when they
enter upon their appointed places?

"Be watchful, be vigilant,
Danger may be
At an hour, when all seemeth
Securest to thee.

One is: complaining - as if nothing were
good enough for us.

The other : conceit

Complain? what business have we to complain?
is that brave? is that making a 'brave
charge? It is so cowardly to complain.

'Who complains, sins.' is a proverb -

Harry the Fifth, before he fought & won
the battle of Agincourt with but a
handful of half starved men, bade any
man who thought it 'hard' & did not want
to rough it, to go home.

"his passport shall be made

And crowns of convoy put into his purse."

"I would not die in that man's company,
Who fears his fellowship to die with me."

I would not nurse in that one's company

Who fears her fellowship to nurse with me.

Trained Nurses talk sometimes about being

Pioneers: & yet the first trouble or trial
we have, or the first discomfort, or the first
check to our vanity, we say "O this is not
what I was used to": or, "this is not what I
expected." [Are we not afraid that God
may one day say: this in not what He
expected of us.] Or: we never did so: this
is not my place. Or: this is "putting upon" me.
Or:: this what I don't like -

Call these women Pioneers. they are not
 fit to be the baggage-guard - are they?
 Their talk is all rant & cant & we are only
 sounding brass, & we talked.

[see Note]

Conceit is that brave? did we ever know
 a really brave man conceited?

And conceit is the result not of training
 but of want of capacity for being trained.

And when a Trained Nurse is conceited
 she shows herself untrained.

A really great man who lived long, long ago,
 one of the first of Trainers both of Mission=
 aries & of Nurses : [his Nurses still number
 some 20000. I have worked with them myself.]
 used to say to his Trainers: 'You will not
 win them by saying fine things.'

[and I add, you will not win them by saying *hard* things:]
'perhaps they know more than we do:

Note.

What would I give to be able to leave my
 rooms & my present life & be a Hospital
 Nurse again, under our Matron?

I promise you she should find me neither
 complaining nor conceited.

But I perceive that in saying this I am doing
 what I said we should not.

So I say: Forward, forward, Comrades. You must go forward {illeg far?}

[yes: there may be many Nurses, not of us who know more than we do:]

perhaps we can tell them nothing that they have 'not heard or read before' a hundred times.

but it is *what they SEE that trains them.*

O dear Nurses all, by all means let us mind what we say - but still more let us mind what we do. let other Nurses only 'see' in us what they had better do themselves, & never what they had better avoid. What we wish *them* to do let them see *us* do. Let our Patients, so sharp to see, only see in us, alike in Nurses & Probationers, what will do them good to see.

Show that you have "been with Jesus" every day, don't be afraid either of seeming "unlearned & ignorant" [I feel every day of my life, tho' perhaps I number as many years of experience as you do of life how ignorant & unlearned I am]. Do you remember what it says in Acts about Peter's & John's wonderful influence - & all because of this that, tho' they were "unlearned & ignorant", people could see that they "had been with Jesus"?

[The best trained Nurse is "unlearned & ignorant."]

Show then that you have "been with Jesus" every morning & night.

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There is a great temptation in a community of Probationers to be in a hurry. [God is never in a hurry.] to scratch the ground & not dig deep: to do surface - work: like sticking in cut flowers, instead of growing flowers & fruit too, from the seed or root Strike your roots deep, rather than spread your branches too far.

Be every day more & more real, honest, thorough Nurses in your Nursing work - O fie to a careless Nurse, when life or death depends upon it.

And I will whisper in your ears a little secret: 'how uncommonly glad I should have been to have had our Home Sister's classes, in my young days'

We are on our trial, dear friends:
I can tell you that: we are on our trial again after 17 years.
whether we win or not depends upon you.
Trial is the only thing to prove if we are worth any thing. I hail it:
Let us take care not to be left behind -
But, if we deserve it I for one shall say I am glad we are left behind.

And now, Forward the Light Brigade of
 St. Thomas' all over the country:
 (Not heavy in hand with complaints.
 & conceit & self-seeking. *that we won't be*)
 And don't let us be like the chorus at the play which cries
 'Forward, forward,' every two minutes: & never stirs a step.
 May we all be able to say at the next
 New Year. may God be able to say
 at our First New Year in His eternity:
 O the brave charge was made!
 May we all be soldiers of God, able to
 'endure hardness', & to give to others
 softness!

Your affectionate servant
 (and mother I fain would be)
 Florence Nightingale

The Survivors of the Light Brigade in the Charge of
 Balaclava have lately sent me their names bound in
 a book.

May all our names be found written in God's book
 as His own faithful Nurses.

F.N.

NSW signed letter, 8 ff, pen

London May 6 1881

My very dear friends

Now once more 'God
 speed' to you all; "my
 very best greeting & thanks to you
 all, all: - to our beginners
 good courage, - to our
 dear old workers peace,
 fresh courage too, perse=
 verance: for to persevere
 to the end is as difficult
 & needs a yet better energy
 than to begin new work."

To be a good Nurse
 one must be a good

woman & here we shall all
agree. It is the old, old story
But some of us are new
to the start.

What is it to be "like a
woman"? "Like a woman" -
"a very woman" is
sometimes said as a word
of contempt: sometimes
as a word of tender
admiration.

What makes a good woman
is the better or higher or
holier nature: quietness -
gentleness - patience
endurance - forbearance
forbearance with her

patients - her fellow workers
- her superiors - her equals
We need above all to remember that we come
to learn, to be taught.
Hence we come to obey.
No one ever was able to
govern who was not able
to obey. No one ever was able
to teach who was not
able to learn. The
best scholars make the
best teachers. - those who
obey best the best rulers
We all have to obey as well as
to command all our lives.

Who does it best?

As a mark of contempt

for a woman is it not
said, she can't obey? - She
will have her own way?
as a mark of respect -
she always knows how to
obey? how to give up her own way?
You are here to be trained
for *Nurses - attendants*
on the wants of the sick -
helpers, in carrying out
Doctors' orders (not Medical
Students) Though Theory
is very useful when
carried out by practice,
Theory without practice
is ruinous to Nurses -
Then a good woman
should be *thorough*
thoroughness in a Nurse

is a matter of life &
death to the Patient
Or, rather, without it she
is no Nurse - Especially
thoroughness in the *unseen*
work. Do that well
& the other will be done
well too. Be as careful
in the cleansing of the
used poultice basin as
in your attendance at an
antiseptic dressing
Don't care most about
what meets the eye &
gains attention.
"How do you know you
have grace"? -said a

Minister to a housemaid
"Because I clean under
the mats," was the
excellent reply.
If a housemaid said that
how much more should
a Nurse, all whose
vessels mean Patients.

Now what does "like a
woman" mean when it
is said in contempt?
does it not mean what
is petty, little selfishnesses,
small meannesses: envy:
jealousy - foolish talking:
unkind gossip : love of praise.

Now, while we try to
be "like women" in the
noble sense of the word,
let us fight as bravely against
all such womanly weak=
nesses. Let us be anxious
to do well, not for selfish
praise but to honour &
advance the cause,
the work we have
taken up. Let us value

our training. not as it
makes us cleverer or
superior to others, but
inasmuch as it enables
us to be more useful
& helpful to our fellow
creatures, ~~who~~ the sick
who most want our help
Let it be our ambition
to be thorough good women,
good Nurses - And never
let us be ashamed of
the name of "Nurse."

This to our beginners, I
had almost said But
those who have finished
their year's training will
be the first to tell us
they are only beginners; -
they have just learnt
how to learn & how to teach.
When they are put into the
responsibility of Nurse or 'Sister',
then they know how to learn
& how to teach, something every
day, & year, which, *without*
their thorough training, they
would not know. This
is what they tell me.

Then their battle-cry is:

"Be not weary in well doing
'we will not forget
that once we were ignorant
tiresome Probationers -
we will not laugh at the
mistakes of beginners.
but it shall be our pride
to help all who come
under our influence to be
better women, more thorough
Nurses.' What is influence?
- the most mighty, the
most unseen engine we
know. The influence of
one a year or two in the
work over one a month
or two in the work is more

mighty, altho' narrow, than
the influence of statesmen
& sovereigns. The influence
of a good woman &
thorough Nurse with all
the raw Probationers who
come under her care is
untold. This it is - the
using such influence,
for good or for bad, which
either raises or lowers the
tone of a Hospital.

We all see how much easier it
is to sink to the level of the low,
than to rise to the level of the high,
but dear friends all, we know how
soldiers were taught to fight in
the old times against desperate odds:

standing shoulder to shoulder
& back to back. Let us
each & all, realizing
the importance of our
influence on others -
stand shoulder to shoulder
& not alone, in the good cause
But let us be quiet.

What is it that is said
about the leaven? - Women{'s}
influence ever has been &
ever should be quiet &
gentle in the working like
the leaven - never noisy or
self asserting

Let us seek all of us
rather to be good than
clever Nurses.

Now I am sure we will
all give a grateful cheer
to our Matron & to our
Home Sister & our Medical
Instructors.

God bless you all, my
dear, dear friends And
I hope to see you all,
one by one - this year.

Florence Nightingale

NSW signed letter, 4ff, pen, also 9089/ except p 1

April 11 1882

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

Dear Sir Henry Parkes

I did not receive yours of
April 8 till yesterday April 10
- I immediately wrote to try to
unite the Architect of St.
Thomas; or his Deputy in
order to show you the
Construction & Ventilation -
- the Matron who is of course
always there to show you the
Organization of Nursing -
& the Secretary of the Nightingale
Fund, Mr. Bonham Carter
in appointing a morning
this week according to your
kind desire for you to see

[13:439-40]

St. Thomas' Hospital -
And notice will be given to the
Treasurer. Almost all
these gentlemen are out of
London this week.
Late last night I had some
answers: but I fear I
shall not be able to make
a definite appointment
till this afternoon - And
I write this because I
regret so much that your
valuable morning should
be rendered uncertain.

I am also trying to make
another morning's appointmt
for you to see
St. Marylebone Infirmary:
(a new Workhouse Infirmary
opened last year, & pronounced
by our friends of the United
States to be the best
building in Europe or America)
with Mr. Boulnois, the
Chairman, & the Matron,
who is also one of ours,
Miss Vincent: ~~He~~ according
to your kind wish:
I wish more than I can say
that I could this morning
tell you that both
engagements - at St. Thomas'

& St. Marylebone were
 fixed. But I send
 this to explain: [Easter week
 is a bad week to make
 appointments, unhappily.]
 I trust that we have not
 tired you very much in
 England, & that you are
 taking care of your precious
 strength.

Among those who are
 spreading old England
 over half the world, &
 I trust improving on her,
 yours is one of the most
 important, if not *the* most
 important share. How

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grand a task! not
 like India & Ireland -
 no Land question -
 and in India we can't
 colonize
 You have no past, it is true:
 but you are creating a
 past, like the heroes of
 old - And what a future!
 In India we cannot create
 a past & scarcely a
 future -

[end 13:440]

Pray believe me
 ever your faithful servt
 Florence Nightingale
 Sir Henry Parkes
 &c &c &c

NSW signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

April 14 1882
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sir Henry Parkes

Many thanks for your
kind note, just received.

Mr. Currey, the Architect,
will have the greatest
pleasure in showing you
the construction & ventilation
of St. Thomas' Hospital
tomorrow (Thursday) morning
- to meet at the Matron's
Office at 11, as arranged.

The Treasurer who is the
official head is, I am sorry
to say, away till Saturday
or Monday - I am sorry,
because he will be sorry
not to do you the honours of

his Hospital: but he would
be the first to say that he
has little or no practical
knowledge of the details
you wish to see.

Mrs. Wardroper, the Matron,
will show you the Nursing
part. And I hope you
will also see Miss Crossland,
the trainer of our Probationers
under Mrs. Wardroper.

I have also informed Mr.

Bonham Carter, the Secretary
of the Nightingale Fund,
who hopes to have the honour
of meeting you too - but is
afraid he will be prevented by

business -

2. He is writing to Mr. Boulnois,
the Chairman of St.

Marylebone Infirmary, to
communicate direct with you
as the best way of making
an arrangement suitable to you.

And I will write to Miss
Vincent, the Matron, that
this has been done -

I informed them of your
"mornings" extending up to "Thursday
"week", but said you wished
the engagement to be made
by tomorrow, Thursday,
afternoon

With every good wish
believe me ever yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

NSW signed letter, 3ff, pen

April 29 1882

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

My dear Sir Henry Parkes

Your kind note of April
15 was forwarded to me -
I had that very day been
obliged to go out of London
for a few days' total
silence & solitude.]

I will try for the "documents"
you ask for : namely,
"on Hospital management
"on health provision for towns"
and "any manual suitable
for the guidance of persons
in charge of country
Hospitals." In these we are

singularly deficient - as
also indeed in the first.
In the second not so deficient.

*How soon do you leave
England?* as if you
return to Sydney before
I can obtain a suitable
list, I should like to be
able to send the documents
after you - seeing that
I have been so (unwillingly)
impotent in doing your
desire.

I trust that you are
not over-fatigued with

your having to see & to be
seen so much. England
has been so glad to bid
you welcome -
St. Thomas' Hospital & St.
Marylebone Infirmary
were particularly honoured
by being inspected by
you. I hope you found
them satisfactory.

I must not trouble you
with a long note farther
than to give you joy
or rather to give ourselves
joy of your revisiting

the old country.
I fear I shall not see
you again before
you leave England for Sydney.

May your days be long
in the land to which
you have secured such
blessings - And may her
future be a glorious one
is the earnest prayer
of your ever faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

NSW signed letter, 3ff, pencil

10, South St.
Park Lane. W.
May 9 1882

My dear Sir Henry Parkes

I am afraid, after this long delay, I have yet to make a most unsatisfactory return to your request for books

As relates to "Health provision for towns," I send the following documents & plans: -

1. Copies of Bye Laws prepared by the Local Govt. Board.
2. Suggestions as to sewerage by Mr. Rawlinson.
3. Report on treatment of sewage, & copy of

- Lectures & papers also by Mr. Rawlinson
4. A set of detail plans for manholes &c for main sewerage

Also: a copy of our "*Indian Suggestions.*"

but these, I may say are now under revision in order to be made much more complete.

You should take back with you a copy of Captain Galton's book showing the principles of construction of "Healthy Dwellings."

As regards Hospital management, there is a singular dearth in such books - I have enquired in vain:

~~I enclose~~ Part 2 beginning at p.14 of the Regulations for the Army Medical Dept (which I send) may be of some use to you. I wish I could send better

Please excuse - I have done my best - & I honour myself by being ever your faithful servt

P.T.O. Florence Nightingale

Mr. Rawlinson sent some of those papers

I now enclose to the Municipal authorities of Melbourne & Sydney some time ago -

F.N.

NSW incomplete, signed letter, 2ff, pen

With regard to Salaries: -

I think that £150 (with
Lodging & Board) for
Superintendent (Matron)
and £50 (with Lodging
& Board) for Head Nurses
("Sisters")

is enough & not too much.

And I think the New
South Wales Government
would be consulting
their own interest, if
they were to give an
increase yearly.

Of course, as passages are
paid out, (Superintendent & Nurses) they ought to
come under certain
obligations as to service

I am afraid that it was
not perhaps intended
by Capt. Mayne, ~~that~~ to give
Board & Lodging, or at
least ~~that~~ not Board.

[They must, of course,
lodge in the Hospital]

But I have stated what
my opinion is -

Believe me

dear Mrs. Wardroper

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

I cannot but add what
a grand opening I felt
it to be for a gentlewoman
who has capacity & energy
to found this Training
Institution at Sydney

F.N.

NSW signed letter, 1f, pen {archivist number 300}

June 29 1882

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

My dear Sir Henry Parkes

I should infinitely regret
not seeing you again: to
take a heartfelt leave.
And I think it is very good
of you to offer me your
last afternoon.

I will put off every other
appointment: & hope to
see you tomorrow (Friday)
afternoon at 5: as I telegraphed.

but if that is inconvenient
to you, I can make it
6 or 4 o'clock. [~~I telegraphed~~]/or even 3 o'clock
if I hear soon.

If I do not hear from you,
I shall conclude it will be 5.

ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

NSW letter, January 1, 1883, Sydney, copy of letter from Sir Henry Parkes to
FN re the Prince Alfred Hospital at Sydney

NSW signed letter, 2ff, pen

Oct 8/83

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

Dear Sir Henry Parkes

I am very glad that you are
in old England again, & trust
that it maybe of use to your
health. God grant it!

Though you have still a
great career for New South Wales
before you in Office, in which
we hope to see you soon again, -
yet I think you must be glad
to be out of harness for a time.

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And we are glad, because it
prolongs, please God your precious
life. I hope you will
prosecute your labours of love here

I am not at home: I did not
receive your letter at once. I
am nursing my Sister, Lady Verney,
(at Claydon House, Bucks) in an
almost hopeless illness, tho' she may
live for years.

But I hope to be at home & to
see you in the course of this

-3-

month.

I did not forget to give you
joy of your well earned ovations
at Melbourne & Sydney

My cousin, Mr. Hy Bonham
Carter, Secretary of our Training
School at St. Thomas', comes
in to London (*11 Lombard St.*)
every day. He would gladly,
I know, be of use to you, if he can.

Till I have the pleasure of
seeing you, 'greeting' - Florence Nightingale

State Library of South Australia, paper copies, 4 letters

Typed copy of letter to unnamed recipient, State Library of South Australia, presumably John Ridley, identified in 5482/79

London Aug. 1 1868

Dear Sir,

I cannot tell you how deeply touched I was at receiving your kind and encouraging note.

Thank you again and again for your sympathy with my "Una." Sympathy with her and her work is so precious to me.

But when I see that your letter and its enclosure, which I have just received (forwarded I believe by Messrs Strahan the Publishers of Good Words) is dated June 23 I am horrified lest you should think your kindness had been lost or misdirected.

The enclosure is a £5 cheque. I do not think that I can accept this. And I will write and tell you why and ask you what you wish done with it.

But I will not lose a single post in thanking you for your great kindness which believe me makes me truly.

Your faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

Typed copy of letter, State Library of South Australia, John Ridley in 5482/77

London August 1868

Dear Sir

I should be very ungrateful (if it were not for my incessant occupations and my continual illnesses which must plead my excuse) for not having written at once to follow up my hurried acknowledgment for your most kind note and its enclosure - of June 23.

But you will kindly believe that I have not known for 15 years what it is to have 10 minutes leisure. Nor for 11 years what it is to be well enough to sit up or leave my room except twice a year in an Invalid carriage.

I must now beg leave to return your Cheque for £5 - but with as much gratitude as if I had kept it. The Fund for Training Nurses is sufficient. We do not now receive subscriptions for it. And, although as you may suppose, I have plenty of objects which require money, yet there is none to which I could devote it more urgent than objects to which you yourself could apply it, - in other words, though I am engaged in certain specific pursuits which require money, yet I do not like to spend your £5 in any object which may not be yours. For training Nurses and Matrons, "silver and gold" we do not want, but living heads and hearts and hands like those of your daughters.

How gladly would I see them, as you desire, if I could - But at this moment I am not in my own house. I have been obliged owing to the enormous pressure of work which has been telling upon me for the last eighteen months, to be moved and not even to give my address. If at some future time I should have a little more strength and leisure, and you still wish it- how gladly will I comply, and for my own sake and pleasure.

And now I must again thank you for your kindness. It came to encourage me at a time - I will not say of despondency - but a solemn time to me - (every life has its solemn times, if people would but mark

them!) Fot[r] this first week in August saw, 15 years ago, my first undertaking of the Matronship of a Public Institution - 12 years ago, my return from the Crimea home, since which time I have not revisited this home - 7 years ago, the death of the best friend and fellow-worker man or woman ever had, Sidney Herbert, the War Minister, whose great exertions were the highest good as his early death was the deepest loss the Army - I had almost said the country - ever had - 5 years ago we finished the Report of our R. India Sanitary Commission, which has, praise be to God and thanks to the appointment of Sir John Lawrence as Governor General of India in the same year, 1863, borne good fruit both for Natives and Europeans in India. It is also 11 years this very day since was taken ill with the illness from which I have never risen again. You see how much I have to thank God for who has indeed led me by a way I have not known - AT the same time He has seen fit to send me troubles and trials like torrents of waters to cross which one must never look downward. For, if one did, one would be too much terrified to cross at all. I am almost the last survivor of my fellow-workers, though many were but little older than I. And this year has seen the death of my "Una," who was many years younger than I. Life under this, loses - shall I say? - or gains - all its value. It becomes but as a part of eternity. And past and future would seem almost more a reality and a presence than the present - were it not for pressing duty.

I don't know that I ever wrote so long a letter about my own things before. For indeed I am overwhelmed with business.

I thank you again and again for your kindness which
Believe me, dear Sir, makes me truly

Ever your faithful servant

Florence Nightingale

If at any time you should wish to communicate with me and if you would kind-

ly acknowledge the receipt of your returned Cheque, a letter will always find me, addressed to me,

care of

H. Bonham-Carter Esq
91 Gloucester Terrace
Hyde Park
London W.

And if marked "Private" on the Envelope, it will reach me unopened.

F.W. [N.]

I had almost forgotten to say in answer to your generous wish to "contribute towards" a "monument to 'Una'" - that a rich merchant, whom I am forbidden to name, but whose singular generosity first made "Una's" work possible - for he actually undertook the whole expense, about £1200 a year, of her Workhouse Nursing Establishment, till the Vestry, convinced of its value, opened them itself - and these and many other works has he done for his native town -has insisted upon defraying the whole cost of the "monument," which he has undertaken to erect to the memory of her public services.

F.W. [N.]

Typed copy of letter, State Library of South Australia, presumably John Ridley, identified in 5482/78 *

London 17 Nov. /68

Dear Sir,

I have never acknowledged your last kind note of Oct. 19. It was not however forwarded to me till some days after Mr. H. Bonham-Carter had received it (by some mistake.) And he informed me he had acknowledged it.

I keep the £5 Cheque *in your name* (which you were kind enough to re-enclose,) as you insist upon it. And in your name I will give it away, when I have found an object which I think you will believe suitable. Writing you word of its destination, though I had rather you had found this destination yourself.

You sometimes speak sorrowfully of the overwhelming toil of this world. So indeed do I. But I hope you think hopefully as I do of the crisis of to-day.

Looking at the social reforms, the free trade, the Corn Law repeal, the administrative reforms, the educational reforms, reforms in governing our great dependencies, such as India, religious reforms, financial reforms, sanitary and commercial reforms Which have followed directly or indirectly the great Political reform of 1832, - may we not trust and believe that greater things than these may flow from the Political Act of this day 1868?

You know perhaps as I do what it is never to have 1 minute leisure - and will excuse this short and tardy acknowledgment.

Pray dear Sir, believe me

Ever your faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

Typed copy of letter, State Library of South Australia, original 5482/79

London, January 7, 1869 [5:202]

Dear Sir

I have now the pleasure of informing you what I have done with the £5 which you wished me to employ for you.

Believing, as I do, that the only real charity is to put persons in the way of productive and remunerative work who, from physical defects, intellecti[u]al defects, moral defects, are incapable of finding it for themselves- and this the Poor Law might do for them, at least to a considerable extent but declares it impossible - I have given in your name £2.10 to the East End Emigration fund which has, by migration and emigration, provided permanent employment for about 1750 poor persons, of the most unpromising material, nearly all of whom are doing well - and this at a cost of less than £4 per head. - And I have given in your name £2.10 to the Adult Industrial Home which is a private Institution issuing no reports, set on foot by 3 poor ladies, who have, under their own supervision, enabled poor women, deficient in intellect, deficient in habits of temperance, - who would be otherwise picking oakum in the Workhouse or doing worse, - to do Laundry and other work, by which they earn considerable wages and have besides a share in the concern- according to the productiveness of their labour and their good conduct. But these ladies, who furnished the original plant themselves, are now desirous of building a Laundry and making the Institution otherwise independent, which they continue to supervise. I trust that you will approve of the use made of the two sums, both of which have been acknowledg

-ed with many thanks- and beg that you will believe me, dear Sir,

Ever your faithful servant

Florence Nightingale

State Library of South Australia, handwritten letter

May 24/83

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

My dear Sir

I cannot say how much I **[10:599-600]**
have felt for & with you in
the troubles which you mention
-the one loss especially which
is irreplaceable-Silence is
better than words in such grief.

I have been ill & overworked:
Or I should have written before
to claim your kind promise-
I still hope that you will
appoint a time kindly to
come & see me.

Might I hope that it
would be possible for you
to go to a Meeting where
a paper of mine on the
Bengal Rent Law Bill will be

v
read - & where you would
join in the discussion after=
wards to contradict & correct
it?

I venture to enclose a card:
June 1 2.30 p.m. (East India
Assocn=) Exeter Hall.

` The new Bill has now
been launched. And in the
next Winter Session I suppose
its fate will be sealed.

With regard to the Irrigation
Maps which you have been
so good as to criticize, & to
encourage me to apply to you
again, would it be
possible to have ~~the~~ (for
Stanford then to engrave) - the

"corrections" put in under
your *most* valuable
Supervision- "a complete
"examination made for errors"-
the new Sirhind Canal added
the "information" wanting "inserted"
"a complete list of every Irrigation
"Systems in India with Statistics"
"inserted" "in the Arabian Sea."
The whole as you suggest
might I return the map to you for the purpose?

Excuse my delay in
answering your most kind
note. Excuse still more
my forwardness in profiting by
it. & pray believe me
ever your faithful servt.

Florence Nightingale [end 10:600]
Trelawney Saunders Esq

LaTrobe Australian Mss Collection, State Library of Victoria, 1 paper copy plus typescript

LaTrobe, letter, black-edged

34 South Street W.

May 12/65

Dear Lord Shaftesbury

I cannot tell you how I thank you for your kindness in sending me Fuller's quaint & beautiful book. It came at a *peculiarly* "acceptable" time

I thank you also

greatly for so kindly promising to bring the case of Dr. Thomson's widow before Lord Palmerston- Among the many great services you have done our country, this, though it seems a small one, will hold a

place, as it encourages such disinterestedness as Dr Thomson did really shew for our cause.

Pray believe me dear Lord Shaftesbury your ever faithful & grateful servt.

Florence Nightingale

University of Sydney Archives, paper copy, 1 letter
signed letter, 10ff, pen, black-edged

Private 35 South Street
Park Lane
London W.

[13:433-37]

March 28/74

My dear Sir

I am sure that you would
excuse me for not answering
sooner yours of Dec 1, did you
know how I have been driven
by over-work & illness & the
loss of two homes by death,
my dear Father's, & that of
my old best friend, Mrs.
Bracebridge, who went out
with me to the Crimean War.
Willm C. Windeyer Esq
&c &c &c

Without taking up your time
with excuses, I will rush at
once to the question you put:

with regard to the important
passages relating to the question
of management to which you
in your letter refer, p.p. 78-86
of your very able Report:
particularly p. 84: I can
safely concur in your recommend-
=ations, as carrying out the
principles which having been
so dinned into me by experience
‡/my life has been devoted to
executing, as well as I was able:
practice always falling short of
theory, alas!

[Still in answer to yours:] let me add the experiment of the Matron & her Nurses being virtually under the Medical Officer has been tried since Hospitals began, & has always ended ill either for the moral or the efficient element. A Medical Officer has quite other things to do than to be head of the Nurses. A man can never govern women.

No good ever came of Medical Officer doing *Matron's* duty; and even the efficient treatment of sick may be thereby sacrificed.

The fight has been fought out in Military Hospitals, since Military Hospitals existed: Owing

to warning experience, the following is now the system:

1. At the Central Military Hospital (Netley) the Nursing & the Nurses are obliged to do the bidding of the Principal Medical Officer.

But he can't stop their beer, if they don't. (a notable expedient, !! formerly resorted to in India)-

The Matron (Lady Supt) only can do this!: i.e. wield discipline

And there is a Governor over all: with appeal in certain cases to the Secretary of State.

2. In another large Military Hospital the Principal Medical Officer is (unfortunately) also the Governor But precisely the same relation exists.

If- in Case 1. - the P.M.O. got up

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a 'row' with the Matron, (Lady Supt),
both sides could come before the
Governor.

If (in Case 2.) the P.M.O. got up
a 'row' with the Acting Supt,
both could come before the
P.M.O. as Governor [i.e. *he*
would come before *himself*-]

with appeal in either case to the
Secretary of State.

[N.B. Let me observe that recently
it was sought - in a Government
Department which has far
larger & more important
jurisdiction over Hospital
organization than the War
Office, - ~~it~~ to make this anomalous

state of things (Case 2.) law &
system: that a Report was
called for from the "present
writer" as school boys say: & that these & similar
arguments were used - & prevailed.]

If the Lady Supt & Medical Officer
differed on a point of Nursing=
=discipline or Nursing morality,
or on what are the best internal
arrangements to carry out the
Medical Officer's orders - [which
if she does not know better than he
does - is she fit to be head of the
Nurses? - and ought she to be
there at all? - any more than
he ought to be there if *she* knows
Medical treatment better than he
does]

then the Medical Officer & Lady
 Supt go before the Medical Officer
 as Supreme Head -

Is this administration? -

Is it permissible that the whole
 administration should be under
 the Medical Officer?

If he does his duty as Governor,
 must he not neglect his duty as
 Medical Officer?

Must there not be some
 supreme power with appeal?

[In the vast network of State
 Hospitals, above alluded to the
 Committee or Board is now, as it
 ought to be, the Supreme Power.

and the Appeal Court is the
Government Office: from which all depend.

'En passant,' I may remark:
 if the Boards or Committees won't
 attend or won't act, the Minister
 can appoint ex officio Members.

And I may add: that first rate
 men *won't* act; unless they have
 the power as well as the trouble.
 If the Power is vested in Medical
 Officer & Government Office appeal,
 the best men will not serve
 on Managing Boards or Committees
 of Hospitals] ~~But~~ Will these men

"come when you do call
 for them," if you don't
 give them *power*?-

And Must you not trust to your
 Committee of Managers?

Your Steward must be their Officer
 Your Medical Officer must be their
 Officer

Your Lady Supt must be their Officer

If the Committee choose to appoint a Governor - as in one case they have done, where the inmates number 5000 to represent them - altho' *under* them, let them: [but don't let the Medical Officer be *implied* Governor.]

If they appoint the Medical Officer as Governor, let them do it, subject to approval as to *administrative fitness* by some Court of Appeal - taking care however that the attention of the Medical Officer, withdrawn from the sick, be supplied by additional Medical assistance; and taking care that the duties

& authority of the Matron over the Nursing Staff are properly defined & guarded.

The Nursing Staff must be under the Matron (Lady Supt). They must be amenable to *her* alone in discipline - and for the discharge of duties:

subject to appeal to the Board of Managers, or, thro' such Board, to a Government Office or other Appeal Court - in the same cases in which, in Military Hospitals, Nurses have right of appeal to Secretary of State for War.

The Lady Supt & Nurses must be obliged to obey the *professional* orders of the *Medical Officer*:

subject to complaint against
Nurses solely to the Lady Supt
& against the Lady Supt to the
Managers or, thro' them, to the
Govt Office of other Court of Appeal.

The Lady Supt must look to the
Medical Officer for *professional*
instructions which she has to obey
but for *nothing* else.

She should be supreme over her
Department, so long as she
discharges her duty, & sees that
her Nurses discharge theirs.

She loses her supremacy only
when she neglects her duty or
fails to see that her Nurses
discharge theirs:
& this only until the complaint

is investigated - (and appealed
about, if thought necessary.)

The Matron (Lady Supt) must be
appointed, censured, suspended
solely by the Governing Power,
whatever that be: and if
discharged with the sanction
of the Appeal Court, whatever
that be.

If the Lady Supt is not the best
judge of her Nurses' Nursing, if
she is not directly *responsible*
for carrying out the *Medical Staff's*
directions - how can she be the
"head of the Nurses," the head
of her own Department?

We must give up our *Trained*

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Nursing Supts, & revert to the old Housekeeper=Matrons in that case.

And it may be added - with at least equal truth as what has been said of good men acting as Managers: that you cannot get educated women, gentlewomen, trained women to act as Supts, - unless *power* be given them to fulfil their *responsibilities*: unless they are really the Nursing Heads they have been *trained* to be.

And it has long been acknowledged that successful Medical treatment depends mainly upon successful organization of Nursing.

If the above principles are recognized, will any mixing up of authorities do?

Is not the first thing wanted a common=sense set of rules putting every body's saddle on every body's own back?

Too many Institutions have but one saddle for the whole household: and it is expected that every one will put it on when so disposed.

In that case - do as you will - does not every body with any authority interfere with Matron & Nurses?

By way of illustration, I enclose the Military Hospital (Netley) Regulations: tho' I am not quite sure that I have not troubled you with a copy of these before.

[It may be added by way of Note to "12".

As to complaints:
it is clearly right if the Lady Supt is to hold the position contended for - is it not? - [you see I venture to appeal to you as the true friend of the cause which you have so wisely shown yourself & the wise friend of the cause which you have so truly shown yourself.] that these - complaints - whether coming from her own

subordinates, or from other Depts should be made to the Chief authority - *not* to the Medical Officer. His duties will necessitate frequent complaints on his part against her & her Nurses, if there is inefficiency. Is he to be also the judge - the Court of Appeal?

The (Medical Staff or) Principal Medical Officer cannot govern & control the Supt, if she is to be directly responsible to the *Managers*: he cannot govern & control the Nurses, if they are to be responsible to the *Lady Supt*. He must not report to the *Managers* any negligence or

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misconduct &c of the *Nurses*, if
 this is the duty of the Lady Supt.]
 Please excuse me for thus laying
 down the law: it is done at
 your own request & with the
 belief that I am only echoing
 your own principles which
 you have laid down in such
 much more forcible language
 than I could. "S'il y a de
 l'esprit, c'est vous qui l'y avez
 mis."

Again thanking you for your
 most wise & kind advocacy

of this cause, & again
 apologizing for my own
 shortcomings
 pray believe me to be

my dear Sir

ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

I take the liberty of sending
 you a small pamphlet of mine
 on a subject to which I have
 devoted much of my life for
 the last 15 years: Indian
 Sanitary (*practical*) administration.

[end 13:437]

New Zealand Archives

Auckland Public Library, paper copies, 5 letters and a note

Auckland Public Library unsigned note with donation, 1f, pencil

with Florence Nightingale's most earnest good wishes for the
 truest success of the

Lea & Holloway Temperance Society
 f2.2

24/11/81

Auckland Public Library signed letter, (GL H8(1)), ff156-58, pen, typed copy
 45795 f241

f156

30 Old Burlington St

April 12/60

Dear Sir George Grey

[6:186]

I send you a copy
 of the new "Army

Medical Regulations,"
which please keep -

Also I enclose *for
your criticism* a Form
of Return (which Dr.
Sutherland & I have
made) for the Native

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Schools which, if it
could be filled up,
would give us all
the information
we want, in order
to enable us to
judge of the
influences which
deteriorate the
children's health.
Would you strike
your pen through

any heads which,
from your knowledge
of the existing data,
could not, you
believe, be filled
up, as it is no
use perplexing the
people with these?

*A general
account of the School
discipline as to
hours &c must be
appended to each*

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Return (in order to
enable us to judge)
which, I take for
granted, there would
be no difficulty in
obtaining.

Would you be so
good as to return
this Form to us (with
your remarks,) &
we will forward it
with a *Hospital*
Form to the D. of Newcastle
yours sincerely F. Nightingale

{from f156, written in the left margin:} We are reading *Fenton & Thomson*

Auckland Public Library signed letter & memorandum, (GL H8(2)), ff159-69,
pen, typed copy 45795 f241

f159

30 Old Burlington St [6:186-87]
April 16/60

My dear Sir George Grey

We have only
succeeded in drawing
up for you what you
do not want to have,
viz. a few notes
without much *practical*
suggestion. For indeed
the facts before us
are not practical
enough to warrant
us in laying down
anything more definite

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The aboriginal
question is still unsolved.
And I believe it rests
with you to solve it.

Thomson & Fenton
give not much
practical result.

On the other hand,
we are actively going
on with our Forms
for the D. of Newcastle.
And, as you said
yourself that, in a

question of this importance,
a few months more
or less did not matter,
we trust that your
result will be the
surer for being delayed.

We thought of
sending (with the
School Form) some
questions like the
enclosed - Do not
trouble yourself to
make any answer,
if they will do -
But, if *all* schools
are pretty nearly

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on the same basis
as to these questions,
perhaps you could
find time to tell
us so -

God bless you
for all you are
doing for these
fine races -

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

I am in communication
with Mr. Herbert
about your Sanitarium.

A short sketch of
the constitution of the
Schools.

1. The usual duration
of the School education
2. What it consists of
3. The amount of
 - (1) play
 - (2) out-door work
 - (3) holiday
4. What proportion, if any,
leave before the
completion of
their education?

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5. What proportion,
if any, leave from
ill=health?
6. What proportion,
if any, leave
to die out of school?
7. Whether the children
are paid for &
by whom?

f163 {archivist: 197} Note
on the New Zealand
Depopulation Question

There are no sure grounds
either in the Census Returns
or in Dr. Thomson's book
for any *practical* opinion
as to the causes of
increased mortality
among the Aborigines.

The chief practical
fact (~~that~~/as to depopulation
having taken place)
is that the 1858 Census
shews a population
of only 56,000 among
a people whose settlement
in the country took
place centuries ago.

No causes with which
we are acquainted in
the few years of
effective European
intercourse which have

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elapsed, could have reduced the population from its antecedent strength (supposing such antecedent strength to have existed) to one of only 56,000, after 1000 years of occupation.

All the American tribes are not decreasing. Some are increasing. Decrease therefore is not a universal law when savages come into contact with civilization.

II

With regard to Diseases, the information is defective. Dr. Thomson shews, in his 7th Table, that Chest Diseases prevail

more among the New Zealanders than among our entire English population.

But it is impossible, in the absence of all information as to ages, &c, to state what the excess really is.

III

The introduction of *pigs*, as an article of food, has been certainly one cause of evil.

Bad habits, filth, laziness, skin diseases & a tendency to worms & scrofula are ~~a~~ results of the excessive use of swine's flesh, containing *entozoa*, which all improperly fed pork is liable to contain.

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The pig is, of all animals, the decivilizer.

Ireland & N. Zealand both suffer under the incubus of Pigs & Potatoes.

But in Ireland, although there is high mortality, there is also a large increasing power.

Dr. Thomson is therefore wrong about the effect of Potatoes.

f165**[6:183-85]**

In an aboriginal school there should be
 ample space
 free ventilation
 cheerfulness
 half=time at least
 given to out=door
 work or play -

The education must have day=by=day reference to the past habits & history of the people. Its object should be to draw them gradually into better habits & gradually to civilize them.

This is *still more* the case in religious than in school training. For religion produces a yet more rapid change in all the habits & objects

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We see every day
(among the civilized)
disease & death
produced by too
rapid a change
in religious habits.
How much more
among the uncivilized!

Bodily activity
on all useful objects
is especially required
therefore among converts
from heathenism &
the active life of
heathenism.

Without it, the
best men among the
converts will fall
under disease & thus
become lost to the
cause of Xtianity.

This cause necessarily
withdraws them
from a sphere of

vicious activity - And
a sphere of *useful*
activity must be
substituted for it,
(if they are to live.)

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IV

The N. Zealander suffers
from

1. Fever
2. Chest Diseases
3. Bowel Diseases
4. Skin Diseases
5. Scrofula
6. Rheumatism

1. & 2. should be met
by improvements in
his dwelling & in his
amount of active
exercise
3. & 4. by improvement
in diet & personal habits
5. & 6. by clothing &
house accommodation.

V.

Native huts afford
but about 200 cubic
feet to each occupant.
& are without regular
ventilation.

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This would produce,
in our Army, Fever &
Consumption.

The remedy is, some
public step for
improving the models,
dimensions & ventilation
of native huts.

We do this by Societies.

Could the same be
done in the Colonies?

VI

Other points in
regard to food, habits,
clothing &c can only
be met by the advance
of civilization.

VII

Education

Uncivilized man
cannot be dealt with
in the same way as
civilized man.

Even here, education
means keeping a certain
number of children
a great part of each day
in a close room -
cramming & exciting
them with formulæ.

Clever bread=winning
stunted growth
high mortality
are what we produce

But this system
would be fatal to a
race subjected to it
for the first time.

In *their* children
it produces
bad health
scrofula
consumption
& is in reality death
with slow torture.

At home, we find
that as much (*or*
more) is taught in

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three days as in six,
(or in six *half*=days
as in six whole days)
- *the physical system*
being developed by
exercise or work in
the other three days
(or six half=days.)

This is the clue to
all proper school=
management, especially
among the uncivilized.

If a child's brain
is forced, whose
father's brain has
been free, the child
dies.

Children are killed
by school=discipline.

Auckland Public Library signed letter, black-edged (GL H8(3)), ff170-74, pen, typed copy 45795 f242

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30 Old Burlington St

[6:187-88]

April 26/60

Dear Sir George Grey

I have been printing certain forms for your School & Hospital Colonial purposes.

I now send for your criticism the "Schools" one - Would you say if there is anything important omitted?

Would you say if the Title ought to be

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as it is, "Colonial Boarding Schools" or simply Colonial Schs. Are there such things as *Day Schools* for the Natives? And if so, ought they to be included?

The D. of Newcastle will immediately send out these Forms.

2. I think the description of the "consistent Christian" in Thomson's N. Zealand,

Vol II, Pp. 249 to 252,
 goes far to explain
 why N. Zealand
 Christians die. What
 idiots the Missionaries,
 not the converts,
 must be!

3. Would you like
 the enquiry to be
 carried any farther?

E. g. Do the
 native women cease
 to have children?
 [The Jesuits in
 S. America have often
 found this obstacle
 to their trials of

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civilizing the natives.]
 Does Scrofula or any
 other Specific disease
 exist among mixed
 races of
 a. white & black blood
 b. white & brown blood
 to a greater extent
 than it exists in
 the races separately
 in the same Colony
 or District?

This is an important
 question.

4. I learn from Mr.
 Herbert that the
 E. Indians will not
 send their sick
 soldiers to your
 Sanatorium at the
 Cape, as we hoped -
 They say it is less
 expensive sending
 them to the hills.

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Mr. Herbert
 fears the Cape
 Sanatorium will
 be only a temporary
 affair, lasting

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while the Chinese
affairs lasts.

He has however
given the order for
the Hospital Huts
- which I find
were to be provided
by the Commissariat,
in such manner
as our Commissariat
only can -

However, Mr. H.
has now given the
order to Capt. Galton,
& the design is to
be sent to us -

Dr. Gibson, the Director
Genl, has sent in his
application for a
Governor & Nurses
for the Sanatorium,
to be conducted accor=
ding to the new
Regulations -

I hope the best
from *Mr. Herbert*
& fear the worst
from a *Secretary of
State for War.*

[end 15:291]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
I rejoice to hear that

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Lady Grey is going
out with you &
that you are better.

F.N.

[end [6:188]

Auckland Public Library signed letter, (GL H8(4)), ff175-80, pen, black edged

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32 South St
Grosvenor Sqr
London W.
July 28/63

[6:196-97]

My dear Sir George Grey

I dare say you have
forgotten our conversation
about the disappearance
of native races.

It seems to me so
long ago. Since then
I have lost Sidney
Herbert, my dear
chief, & all my
fellow workers with
whom I began the
work of Army
Sanitary Reform.

Not one remains
except Dr. Sutherland
whom you may
remember - I long
to follow them. My
health is so bad
that since the
beginning of the year,
I have not left
my room - And yet
I have survived
them all -

I have not
forgotten your desire.
And I have employed
for two years every
spare moment in
working up &

reducing with immense labour the materials furnished by the Colonial Office. I never did any thing so unsatisfactory. The enquiry has been carried out with all the machinery in the possession of the Colonial Office. I hoped to have solved some problems for you. But here is the result: It is so imperfect that I scrupled as to making any use

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of the data. The result has really none but a kind of negative value, which I am going to shew.

Very few of the Colonies furnished any information - New Zealand sent none. The only explanation is that the subject has never hitherto been considered at all.

The negative value is two fold ~~1. that~~ 1. shewing that the

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whole School system
in the Colonies is
conducted on the same
imperfect model as
at home.

2. that Statistics are
not in any sense
applied to School
questions.

If this paper calls
attention to the fact,
& leads 1. to a
better system of
conducting School
business 2. to a
better system of
registration, it is
nearly all it will do.

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One practical result
follows from the
School enquiry, viz.
that School training,
if properly conducted,
need not be injurious
but the reverse -
as also that the
mortality is mainly
caused by preventible
diseases, just as it
is in our Schools
at home - The main
conclusion is: - that
physical education
is absolutely
necessary & that

better school houses
& more regard to
Sanitary conditions
are indispensable.

I hear that you
are building a
Hospital. Everything
will depend on how
you build it. If I
can be of any use
with advice, it
would be the greatest
pleasure I could have.
I have a book on
Hospital construction
in the press & will

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send you a copy.

I have been engaged
in another enquiry, -
the India Army
Sanitary Commission's,
where our materials
were as full as they
were meagre in
the Colonial case -
I send you a copy
of a paper of mine
printed in their
Report, which
enables one to judge
of the extent to
which British
soldiers & British

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people ignore the laws
of nature in warm
climates, & then
blame every thing &
every body but
themselves for the
result -

I remember you
were interested in
the question &
proposed the Cape
for a Sanitarium -

I also send you
a copy of a paper
of mine on how
Sidney Herbert
halved the death rate

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of the British Army
at home -

God bless you -
I wish I could have
helped you more -
You will do a noble
work in New Zealand.
But pray think of
your Statistics. I
need not say, think
of your Schools -
But people often
despise Statistics
as not leading
to *immediate* good.

Believe me
yours ever sincerely
Florence Nightingale

[end 6:197]

Auckland Public Library signed letter (GL H8(5)), ff181-82, pen, black edged, typed copy 45795 f243

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32 South Street
Park Lane
London W.

[6:200]

March 3/64

My dear Sir George Grey

I send, by the kindness
of the Duke of Newcastle,
thro' the Colonial Office,
some Articles by a M.
de Quatrefages, of the
Académie des Sciences,
at Paris, upon the
Polynesian races.

As you are nearly the
only Governor except the
great Sir John Lawrence,
who have condescended
to qualify yourself by
learning the languages,
the physical habits, the

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ethnological peculiarities,
of the races you had to
govern - I thought it
might please you to
see a French appreciation
of your labours -

May those labours be
rewarded at last by
the civilization of New
Zealand!

Ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

National Library of New Zealand, Alexander Turnbull Library, 2 letters, paper
NLNZ signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper

Hampstead N. W.

Oct 3/63

[6:198-99]

Dear Sir

I return your paper,
with many thanks.

My "Colonial Native
School & Hospital"
Report is to be read
itself at Edinburgh.
The reason is: that it
refers to subjects &
consequences of much
greater extent and
importance than the
School question.

Mr. Chadwick is

to get up a discussion upon it, as mixed physical & mental training has been so much a question with him at home. And I trust you will say thereon what you propose saying - As it is perfectly impossible for me to pursue this subject, which yet I consider scarcely begun - overwhelmed as I am by War Office & Hospital business -

I trust that you & others, more efficient than I, will take it up.

I did it only at my few leisure moments, at the desire of the Governor of New Zealand, not at my own -

And, with the whole machinery of the Colonial Office kindly placed at my command, I consider that, (as I have stated at the beginning), the data obtained are so imperfect that

the best result of
the paper will be to
urge others on to the
enquiry into the great
question of the causes
of the disappearance
of native races -

I was perfectly
appalled at the
want of definite
data, as of accurate
inquiry, into this
great subject, when
I came to inquire -
And it is this, I trust,
which you & others
will remedy. Yours
very faithfully

Florence Nightingale

NLNZ signed letter

10 South St. Park Lane W
Nov 16/86

My dear Sir

Thanks for your very
kind note. I am so glad
you are still in England.

Could you be so very
good as to come & call
upon me, so that I may
receive information
from you, on Friday at
5 o'clock? [I am afraid
my week is taken up with
appointments up to Friday
afternoon] - Or if not Friday,

Saturday, at 5.

But if I do not hear
from you, I shall conclude
that I shall have the
pleasure of seeing you
on *Friday* afternoon
at 5.

Hoping then to see you,
let me be

yours very faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Dr. Watt

Dunedin Public Hospital (copy courtesy of Dr Aroha Page), signed letter, 1f,
pen {black-edged paper}

Scutari

[14:433]

Barrack Hospital

July 22/56

My dear Lord

I have found, upon
enquiry, that it is quite
possible for me to obtain
passages by the French
Steamers- and therefore
I will not accept your
magnificent offer of the
"Caradoc" - the more gladly {overtop illeg}
do I release you from
your kind promise,
because I conceive
that it would be the

shortest method of
getting myself home
& I shall be glad
to take the quietest _

[end]

Believe me

My dear Lord

Your obliged & obedt- servt-

Florence Nightingale

Private collection, Otago, 3 letters, paper copies, copies in Wellcome misc
Otago signed letter, 1f, pen

Nov 19 [1852]

[8:770]

My dearest,

If, (as you seem to expect & as I fear now is very probable), we do not meet again, let me say how very much I approve of & rejoice in your prospects - I think New Zealand such a good field -

I am very sorry that you have been ill again - but I hope N. Zealand will quite restore you by the entire change - & I am so glad that you do

not go alone -

If, dearest, you continue to find difficulty in raising the passage money, allow me to send you £5 towards it - I wish I could send you the whole (you do not tell me how much it is) but it is impossible to me - All my money goes to an object which I cannot but maintain - Perhaps some day I may tell you all about it.

My poor sister is
no better & my cup
has been full of family
afflictions - believe
me, dearest, ever your
attached friend

Florence Nightingale

I suppose you go in
February - tell me where
I am to send the £5.

Otago, signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged}

Lea Hurst

Dec 30th [1852] **[8:771]**

Dearest, If I come to
London, which I may
possibly do in the course
of next month, I shall
most certainly make
you out. I am very
glad you are going - &
hope the voyage will
quite cure you -

I am trying to get you
an introduction to the
Bishop of N. Zealand -
But my Xmas was
spent by the death=bed
of a very dear Aunt,
whom I had been
nursing - & whose death

was a most painful
one. Yesterday I went
to her funeral - & today
I am going to carry the
news to her sister, who
will not be long after
her, & whom I shall
probably stay with
till her death -

So you see I have
not much time for
Christmassings or for
letter writing.

I will bring up some
clothes with me when
I come & believe me,
dearest friend, ever yours
F. Nightingale

There was nobody here
to do anything - but me -
I have had to do every
thing - all the painful
preliminaries to settle.
So you will guess,
dearest, that I write
in great haste -

Otago, signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged}

Dearest

My Grandmother **[8:771]**
died this morning -
The last week was
one of such suffering,
her cries never
ceasing day nor night,
& no drop, even of
water, having passed
her lips for that time,
that I have no feeling
but of joy in her rest -
I had sate up with
her for 7 nights & days

& now she is at peace.

I shall not be in London till the week after next - as I must remain here for the funeral - & am besides quite worn out, I fear I shall scarcely be in town therefore before the 7th April - There are still affairs after the funeral to be arranged.

I hope therefore that you will write to me - I *may* come

up to London on Tuesday the 5th, if so, I will write to you -

Ever yours

F. Nightingale

I hope you are better -

Easter Sunday [27 March 1853]

Private Collection, NZ signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged}

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Easter Sunday [27 March 1853]

South Africa Library, 1 letter, paper [14:429]

signed order, 1f, pen
Scutari July 9 1856

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and Sick Lighter with its men
at 7 ½ A. M.

to take Stores on board the "Clyde" in the
Golden Horn - **[end]**

Florence Nightingale
Quarter Master General's Office

Asian letters

Japan, St Luke's Hospital, signed letter, 6ff, pen

Private{diagonal} Gordon Boys' Matron
& Hospital June 13/88
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

[5:250-52]

Dear General Higginson

I cannot thank you too much
for your kind Telegram of the 11th
& for your most comforting letter
of the same date, which I received
yesterday.

Wisely You say that the first thing
~~is~~ for Sister Constable is "to see
"the place" - And accordingly
she did go yesterday: (we arranged
for her to return by Woking: I need
not trouble you with the Ascot
races difficulties): she was
shown everything most thoroughly
& kindly by Genl Tyndall, Mr.
Verney accompanying - & returned
here to "report quietly" with me,

according to your kind suggestion.

You wished her to "form a fair opinion as to her powers of working such a programme thoroughly as that which we have proposed".

You will wish to have some sort of sketch of, "what she thinks," before your Committee meets to-day. And so provisionally, & provisionally only, I will try to give it. She will have the advantage of being seen by you, & probably your Committee, of being sifted by you. And you will make up your own minds.

"Programme" of duties

Hospital: "to take entire charge of Hospital with a woman=servant to cook &c &c" -

Yes: certainly-

Temporarily the proposed arrangement of rooms to be enough: viz. the large South room marked "Dispensary" to be made into "Matron's Sitting=room" - & to a certain extent *Dispensary & Doctor's room.*

that is, she would receive boys from the Home sent to her to have their little ailments treated there: (cut fingers might be mended in Ablution room: but as it has a stone floor, that would be all)

Medicine Chest would be kept there temporarily, unless large Closet in front Hall next Porch is intended for Medicines.

Doctor would give her his orders there for sick boys.

But it could only be *temporarily*
 a "Doctor's room" & Dispensary
 - especially if there is a periodical
 inspection of boys' health by
 Doctor: when at certain
 times a certain number of them
 are to be seen by him.

She would have a few boys
 occasionally, or frequently to
 tea in this room.

Ward floor: best Ward South Ward in Hospital
 for Matrons' bed-room *temporarily*
 - it seems a pity to banish sick
 boys to the North Side - i.e. large
 Ward & small Infectious room
 [you have at least two serious cases
 in Home now] & without direct
 inspection.†

Room next Kitchen. Woman=servant
 to sleep there temporarily, as proposed.
 -until it can be set free for (say) Dispensary,
 by woman=servant's bedroom being built up-stairs.

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It seems a pity to make any
~~possible~~ proposed extension
 to the *South*, thereby shutting out
 good sun from present South
 rooms, IF possibly it might
 be made to the North, shutting
 out no sun worth having.

Ward=walls &c VERY DAMP?
 - will they take some weeks drying?
smoked: will they require
 colouring?

II. *Duties:* "Taking charge of
 "new arrivals" - generally want
 looking to: very important
 "& of their Dormitory".

Hospital to nearest
 Dormitory { 310 ft
 _____ to furthest
 Dormitory { 550 "

She could hardly undertake the
 nightly inspection of this, especially

in winter, except occasionally.
 If any boy needed her, Serjeant
 would fetch her, & she would
 of course go instantly in any
 weather.
 -but new arrivals to come frequently
 & be sent frequently to see
 the Matron: she gives them
 a dose of medicine if needed
 - takes any into Hospital if
 necessary. "mothers" them as
 much as possible -
 [Is it not the custom in some
 places to have a Probationary
 Ward or Dormitory near the
 Hospital - where new arrivals
 are kept before they mix with
 the others?]

General Kitchen

Hospital to Kitchen 475 feet
 She would gladly try to work,
 as you propose, supervision
 of kitchen & soldier-cook -
 variety of meals - good serving-
 - economy &c &c
 and

Laundry where boys are taught
 to wash: with the present
 Laundress
 She does not think that the
 washing for herself & woman-servant
 could be done by servant in Scullery.
 (with boys all about - small place -
 - muddle)

She thinks the Matron must have
 washing-money & 'put out' her washing-
 Better if woman-servant had too - but *possibly*
 woman-servant could wash for herself there.

Matron would gladly undertake
to ~~wash~~/train & manage boys
to do the rough work in the
Hospital - a big boy or two
would be desirable -
& to attend under orders &
strict supervision on a serious
case in the Wards -
You kindly ask me to suggest
about furniture of Matron.
I will gladly do so when
things are further advanced -
& also, if you wish it, about
"payment" instead of "rations"
{printed address, upside down:}
10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

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This brings me to the great
point about which you so
kindly set my mind at rest:
It is you, not I, who select
your Matron.
All I undertake, at your
kind request, is: advice: to
find a woman who from her
training & years of experience
of her, we could recommend to
you for her professional & moral
(motherly) qualities & for
proved good influence over
men= & boy= Patients. But
only yourself (& your Committee)
who have the responsibility
can judge whether she is
suitable for your post.
It is so important to have a
woman as Matron, not merely

recommend=able but fitted
 for your particular post,
 that you must see & judge
 of her - you must select
 as well as appoint - & for
 this purpose must also take
 her character from her
 present Matron, Miss Vincent, &c.
 at St. Marylebone Infirmary,
 with a view to her peculiar
 fitness for the Gordon Boys'
 Home.

If you find any one better
 suited, take *her*:

May I remind you that S.
 Constable will have to give
 a month's notice to S. Marylebone
 - & have at least 3 or 4 weeks'
 holiday before she takes
 further work - i.e. 7 or 8
 weeks. but it seems
 doubtful whether the
 Hospital will be quite
 dry & finished before
 that?

[end 5:252]

I spare you further remarks at
 present - I write in great haste
 Excuse it - & believe me
 ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale
 Lt. Genl Higginson

St Luke's Hospital, Japan, unsigned letter, 1f, pen, not FN hand

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
 Park Lane. W. [14:1047]
 Dec. 3 1907

Miss Nightingale presents
 her compliments to General Sir
 George Higginson & begs to
 thank him most warmly for
 his very kind letter & references
 to the days when they were
 both in the Crimea.

[end]

National Archives of India 382-1, 2 letters, pencil

Nat Archives India N-20C1, pencil

June 24/92

[10:866]

My dear Sir

I am entirely a
prisoner to my rooms
from illness & overwhelmed
with work- It is therefore
impossible to me to do
as you wish.

I rejoice beyond measure
that you are now the only
Liberal candidate for
Central Finsbury.

With all my heart &
soul I wish you
success- Now subjects
seriously affecting the
welfare of great India

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-- subjects too so near
my heart - will receive increased
attention, being urged by
a man like yourself-
And we eagerly need
such members in the
House of Commons-

yours most hopefully
Florence Nightingale
D. Naoroji Eq

For myself I dislike
publicity.

F.N.

[end 10:866]

National Archives of India letter

June 15/97

[10:876]

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

Dear Sir

I hope you received
a note from me, asking
you to make an appoint-
ment to come & see me
some afternoon at 5:30 p.m.,
as Sir Wm Wedderburn
led me to hope

He also led me to hope
that you would give
me your valuable
information in answer
to some questions of mine,
as: Could Hygiene be

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taught by School books
in Elementary Schools
-could it be made a
compulsory subject,
even in the Matriculation
Examination of
Universities?

I was sorry to hear of
the Plague Camp at
Poona- One of our Nurses
is there & I hope &
believe doing good work
with others.

[new folio]

Pray excuse pencil
& believe me

yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Professor Gokhale M.A.

[end 10:876]

Nehru Museum New Delhi, India, 1 signed letter, pen

Private July 28/88 [10:855]

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

My dear Sir

How can I thank you for
your great kindness in
sending me 10 copies of the

Report, so interesting, of your
(& our, may I not say?)
Third National Congress -
may its affairs &
recommendations prosper,
urged as they are in so
moderate & wise a spirit!
approved even by lawyers here.

and for the Volume of
your own valuable Essays,
speeches & writings.
accept my earnest thanks

which would have been
offered before - but for
an unusual pressure of
illness & work -
I trust you think that progress
has been made
'Good speed' is the constant
prayer of
your & India's

ever faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

The Honble
Dadabhai Naoroji

[end 10:855]

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