Would you suggest that I ought to write?
(Is not Miss Barclay gone then to Highgate?)
Mrs. Wardroper
Miss T. is quite right. Mrs. Wardr really does "mystify herself" with her "4 hours' talking"-
You cannot imagine how different what she says to you is to what she says to me
I mean that she is quite reasonable about Miss T. in what she says to me. About the 2nd hour - but by the time she has talked for 4 I suppose it is all in a 'muz-
& she retains nothing afterwards of what she has said
Also I mean that what she tells me you have said is so different from the truth
1) she gave me to understand that she had said to you & that it rested so that you "were not to get rid of the old Gentleman" (Mr. Whitfield) because it would injure" her- & he was so "vindictive"-
And so with other things-
2) You do not answer anything about my proposal that I should urge on her a week's holiday now- or as soon as something is settled with Treasurer Were you to see her as I see her (because I can't take up my hat when all is said that wants saying) I am sure you would that her brain might go any day.
F.N.
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F.N.

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

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

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

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

13/6/72

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

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

W.

My dear Sir
I am grieved beyond what I can express that, from ever-increasing illness, I fear that I have no chance of being able to see you -- But should your stay in England be prolonged & I become somewhat better, I trust that you will yet give me the power of making W. Clark Esq.
f3
an appointment with you.
I received with gratitude your able pamphlets on Tied Arches &c. They appear to be applicable to many useful purposes, including the formation of Water Reservoirs. I am of course no judge of the Engineering details which are I have no doubt masterly.

f4
The questions about this are Imperial questions. And I would venture to suggest that you should send copies of your pamphlets & plans officially to the India Office. They would then come before the Army Sanitary Commission (to whom I may mention that I lent the copies you were so good as to send me; but only privately)

f5
I had already asked Dr. Sutherland of the Army Sanitary Comm: when I received your note informing me of your arrival whether he would not profit by your stay in England to see you at the Commn (Horse Guards S.W.) And I find that Dr. Muir has done so too -- about your Water supply method Dr. Sutherland is most anxious to see you &
make your acquaintance.

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

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

And I should also profit by your kind permission to write & ask of you any questions.

You doubtless know Sir Bartle Frere & have probably seen him already -- If not might I have the pleasure of introducing you?

Excuse this brief note for the present

And pray believe me dear Sir ever your faithful servr Florence Nightingale
JUNE 27, 1872, ff1-10 FN'S NOTES WRITTEN AGAINST DR. SUTHERLAND'S
COMMENTS ON MIDWIFERY PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}  

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

f2
Please          {DIAGONAL}
return to F.N.  {DIAGONAL}
   Dr. Sutherland  [27/6/72]
   You will
   probably wish to
   go much deeper into
   the question than
   these Generalia --

   Nevertheless do not
   destroy this -- but return
   it to me with the rest,
   when you write your
   final opinion
   I have put down
   F.N.
   [JS hand:]  27/6/72
I have "written on the margin", as
you desired, "returning the
"paper to you for further
"consideration", as you desired.
If by "first-rate Practitioners" you mean real Accoucheuses I do not believe that "6 months" of any teaching could make a heaven-born genius into one. I thought we agreed on this Paris gives 2 years -- tho' a portion go away after 1 year. *None under* 1 year.

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

This is not a practical difficulty if we are to judge from our experience at K.C.H We were, if you call this being "sought after" beset with ladies
applying to enter
for 1, 3, 4 months,!! to practice afterwards as Phys: Accoucheuses!! upon our certificate. Of course we declined, not only to certify but even to admit on these terms. These ladies then went to Queen Charlotte's -- And one at least I know who upon a one month's certificate from Q.C., without any other education, went out to practise in India as Phys: Accoucheuse!! But there were others too -- I believe the average time is 3 months on which Q. Charlotte's certificate is granted as Midwife!!!

Certainly

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

12. I think Miss Blackwell has answered this question already. She gives as her opinion that the ordinary Medical Education
given to men
should be given to
women -- & that this
is the only solution to
the question -- with
or without a year at
Paris -- or some similar
Midwives' School (which
is what she gave herself)
[I am not surprised -- I only
state her case]
2. Dr Braxton Hicks has
already given a similar
opinion. Give the woman
ea man's general Medical
education, he says. Or
don't let her practise Midwife
at all.
[I believe Miss Blackwell
would say: (the converse of
your expression) -- Make the
woman "first a Doctor & then
a Midwife"]
Miss Jones -- Miss Jones could say
nothing but 'Do as I do' -- You
can't write down what is to be done
in moral training -- It is a matter
of -- -- training. Miss Jones & Miss
Torrance, (perhaps the last the best),
are accomplished moral trainers.
Either of these would make a
School by being at its head
personally.
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School by being at its head
personally.

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

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

But we certainly should not build.]

14. The Trust Deed, drawn up by us, [myself], prevents building. As for its preventing us from "training Midwives", I take it it could do no such thing.

England wilfully persists in ignoring the difference between Midwifery Nursing & Midwifery -- All her Lying-in Hospitals do so in their certificates. It was I who established the difference -- Therefore, if I were able to establish a School, & have 2 certificates, 1 for Midwifery Nurses 1 for Midwives (who would pay)

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

15. Answered above
f10
Answered above
I would not undertake
to have an English
Midwives Manual
drawn up. That must
be done by the Medical heads,
if we ever have a School.
Or if any one else sets up a School --
16. Very likely
But need we discuss this
now?

17. Answered above.
Miss Blackwell's "views", as
I understand them, are: that the
ordinary male Medical Education
should be given to women.
And this is what I should
expect of her.
I have never known her enter
in the least into any idea that
there could be reform.
I believe she wo say --
London Medical Student (female) = Physician
Accoucheuse

Paris Elève Sage femme = Midwife
(not Accoucheuse)
If you wish to combine the two educations
I, Miss Blackwell, can think of no better
education than the one engrafted on the other.

{WRITTEN TO THE LEFT OF ABOVE:}
17
I can ask Miss Blackwell, if you like --
But I believe what I have stated
is her "view".

f1
IV_{5}
72/18 F.N.'S NOTES ON DR. SUTHERLAND'S SECOND NOTE ON THE MIDWIFERY
QUESTIONS, 3 JULY 1872 HI/ST/NC1/72/18e
Is not this merely saying: do just as was done so well at K.C.H. *minus* the K.C.H. ward.

Or in other words leave out what is to be left out & put in what is to be put in -- (which is just what we intended)

Put your hat on your head & your *sho* shoes on your feet.

3/7/72

Of course. We would never undertake, at least during my life, any training of any, "ladies" or others, for Midwifery or any Nursing, without their *residing* under our Matron, in our quarters, under our Rules -- 3/7/72

Is not this merely saying that Mr. H. Bonham Carter who has made all our

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

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

3/7/72
Certainly --
But this is merely
saying:
doi what you did do --
is it not? --

I see in to-day's "Times" an
Advertisement:
"Nurses for Private Cases
properly trained in
Midwifery at a moment's
notice".
That is the Institution for me.
It beats Vienna & Berlin hollow
with their 6 months' & even
Q. Charlotte's with its
one month'.
4/7/72 F.N.

JULY 12 & 19, 1872, ff1-6 LETTERS TO DR. SUTHERLAND PENCIL HANDWRITTEN
BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE
Miss Heaton  5  Embley
Dr. Farr       Romsey       July 12/72  [12:212]
Hampshire

Dear Dr. Sutherland

Is there any way of working out this scheme?
Miss Heaton is right: that the real difficulty is in the training.
The way she proposes viz. to send them for a year to the (Lawrence/General) Nursing Asson now at Royal Free Hospl is simply to turn them out inferior Nurses without any Sanitary knowledge at all but what is heaven-born.

[You probably remember this Asson & its inconceivable blunders & appeals to me who was obliged to withdraw my name. It had a succession of deplorable Suprs & no training. Now it has a tolerably good one: but not skilled: & at my earnest urgency has taken the R. Free but is still, among the Nurse=Training=Schools, inferior.

It would be however invidious of me to say this -- especially as I shd not recommend any other -- not even either of my own --

I do not think Sanitary knowledge for the well health can be taught at all at a Sick Nurse Training=School, which must necessarily be in a Hospital, where the best that can be taught of Sanitary knowledge is
for disease & not for health --
how to keep a Sick Ward or Sick room healthy --
(And this I think too we teach better at Highgate
than at St. T's) But [we could not have them at Highgate]
especially now that Mr. Whitfield does nothing for us -- And we are
going to part
with him
But -- I have nothing better to propose --
My best SANITARY pupil, out & out, is Miss
Lees. But she is in great affliction now -- &
going abroad with her mother -- And she hates
the whole Lecturing business -- & Committee &
Social business -- And -- so do I --
Tho' I have no great faith in Miss Blackwell,
she is much more in their way than Miss Lees.
I do not see my way to proposing anything.
[Miss Heaton offers a paper of hers -- you see if I wish
to read it. It is not come.]

yrs v. ffully
Florence Nightingale

Perhaps you had
better return me
this sheet with proposals, if you please.   [end 12:212]
F.N.

Miss Heaton
6
Embley
Romsey

Dr. Sutherland
What should we say to her now?
Do you wish to see the paper which she has
drawn up (& has twice mentioned)?
F.N.

19/7/72

SEPTEMBER 7, 1872, ff1-7 LETTERS TO MISS HILL PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE pen
To Miss Hill, Highgate Sept 7/72

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

getting any training or preparation at all
in England -- for I can remember the time
when, rightly or wrongly, careful mothers
of any class would almost as soon
let their daughters go into temptation
as into Hospital Nursing
these (& many other things) contributed
to form more of a habit of endurance &
patience than of anything else -- valuable,
no doubt, but which I am thankful is not
needed now in the same way now that
the path is comparatively easy.
My health was ruined almost before I
had begun.
Still would that there were a little
more power of patience now --
But this great amount of contradiction
(from the good) kept one humble --
I am sometimes amused, sometimes pained
to see the vanity & conceit (to which
I can never remember any temptation) among people to whom the Hosp Training has been made so attainable as to be almost without a stumbling block or at least with fewer stumbling blocks than they would have had in any other calling or even at home. I do not say that it is so afterwards. I have sometimes smiled & sometimes wept/cried tears to hear Nurses & even ladies talk of their "sacrifices" when I knew what these so-called "sacrifices" were & when those who really had made sacrifices never talked of them or "counted them all joy".

This is the bad result of being "the fashion". When we became "the fashion" in the Crimean War, we deteriorated --

You have observed or will observe this yourself.

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

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

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

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

The difficulties of this time are probably really as great as those of my time: i.e. if we really do feel it our bounden duty to be always aiming at improving the work committed to our charge --
But as Dr. Livingstone went on, on, against every difficulty, on, on; & the Exp: fitted out with every convenience stopped & turned back at 3.

So don't you think? is the course of things with regard to Nursing &c &c

Yet this cannot be God's plan.
He must mean us like Livingstone to be always going on.
And if we look at our Nurses, in this sense, as persons whom we have to be always carrying forward both as Nurses & as women, we shall look upon them with a far more holy solicitude & a far deeper affection than if we think of them merely as instruments for the work -- or as persons whom we "like" -- with a truer than even a mother's care --

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

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

OCTOBER 15, 1872, ff1-28 LETTERS TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE
No. 1 {IN PENCIL} 8
35 South St. Oct 15/72 W.

My dear Harry B.C.,

I have been waiting for time & strength to write to you one of my long pencil statements about St. T.'s all this past week. Finding by your note just received that you are from home, I will postpone this & merely write for your consideration the answers to your queries, as far as I can answer, with the "remarks" (of the most immediate pressure) which constitute the reasons, as it is quite impossible to put all I have learnt during the last fortnight in ink.

I have seen Miss Barclay & the whole of her private notes, printed papers, & other papers which she brought back with her -- made notes upon them -- discussed each with Mrs. Wardr -- who took back the whole to Miss Barclay -- whom I am now to see again -- also Mrs. Wardr -- also Miss Torrance (about some women whom we must take from Highgate -- if Miss B. is to go to Edinburgh) -- Miss T. then goes to Lea Hurst -- I have seen Miss T. & Mrs. Wardr each several times -- And I have had Miss Lees staying with me. [you will see presently how this last applies]
I merely mention this, because my "remarks" must necessarily look as if made ex cathedrâ. But they are really the result of days & nights of consideration & communication.

Edinburgh

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

To answer your queries:
1. "Shall she go?"
   Yes: I think so -- tho' the difficulties are enormous -- aggravated as you are aware by Mrs. Ward's not knowing one of her women from Abraham. -- Miss Barclay not much more -- & this undertaking coming before Miss Torrance, who can tell a turnip from a sheep's head, has gone in to St. T.'s -- [I had quite made up my mind to ask you to undertake no more Institutions till Miss T. had been at least 3 months in St. T.'s -- But now this has come upon us -- I cannot think we should be right
to decline it -- And they the Edinburgh Commn want
Miss Barclay to come in a
fortnight!!!]
2. "what stipulations shall we
make sine qua non?"
3. "what recommend"?
That is just the difficulty --
that we must discuss & are
discussing most closely with
Miss B. But I do
{THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS CROSSED OUT:}
wish we had another head
-- who knows the place & the men
-- in among ours -- to knock out
sparks. That however we
have not.
I like Miss B. exceedingly.
She has simplicity, straight forward=
=ness, uncompromising duty-ideas,
strong will & courage & I think sense
[I doubt her knowledge of character --

{THE FOLLOWING FOLIO IS CROSSED OUT (ALONG WITH FOOTNOTE:)}
Tho' greater than Mrs. Wardroper's --
which is in fact nil -- it is
nothing to compare with that
of Miss Torrance (alas!)
Agnes Jones
Florence Lees
But she is quite on the pedestal
(Standpunkt) of these 3 -- & quite
above every one of all the
other 'ladies' we have yet had.
[This sort of thing Mrs. Wardr never
seems to see]
But oh will her Miss Barclay's head stand it?

* And we shall have to guard against
this with Mrs. Wardr as long as she lives.
How to do this: will always be our main
question -- She is a real Hospital
genius -- manages St. T.'s better than
any one or than I could ever have done
it -- hardly ever makes a mistake.
But she does not know & never will
know one woman from another. E.g.
That is just what I don't know.
That is just what no one could
tell us but Mr. Whitf⁻, if he were
a man -- which is just what he
is not.

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

[inserted from p. 24] [section below crossed out]
She is always letting fly at Miss Lees to
me & others & even to Mr. Whitfield. Miss Lees has great faults. But she
is of as different a make from all our
`ladies' except 3 as a race-horse is from
a cow.
E.g. again -- Mrs. Ward\⁻ says to me, in a
patronizing tone: "do you know I think
those notes of Miss Barclay's pretty fair?"
(putting her below the Deebles, Osburns, Kilverts,
Kidds). The fact is: they are as far
above anything Mrs. Ward\⁻ can do herself,
who, you must have observed, is quite
incapable of giving you any reasonable
outline of a scheme -- or anything Agnes Jones even
could give -- (Miss Lees & Miss Torrance could do
dbetter) as Mrs. Ward\⁻ is above others in Hosp⁻ genius.  [end]

Emily Verney about one of these
things. (It concerned Miss Lees)
And she told me that there was
not a shadow of truth in it
having been present at the time]
To return to 2.3.

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

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3. I think there are some things which she will much better obtain by her own personal influence when *there* than in any other way. E.g. the persuading the Doctors to evacuate the compartments appropriated to their use & their Clerks in nearly every ward -- (a most horrible invention -- how can you answer for Nurses' behaviour with such a trap *in* the ward?) or at least that each Doctor should only keep *one* — he having
4- or 5- or 6 wards -- & we convert the others into Sculleries --
[We can scarcely convert them into Nurses' rooms. For it is hardly possible with any compartment short of a wall, or even then, to make a corner of a ward healthy or decent for a Nurse -- the latter of course especially in a man's ward.]
These sorts of things I think should either be left to Miss Barclay entirely, to bring about when there or should be simply "recommended" by you.
We will enter with Miss B. upon what "sorts of things" one by one--

There is a Nurse's room thus:
(SEE PHOTOCOPY to every Ward or cluster of Wards on Medical side -- & two -- (& better rooms --) to every Ward or cluster of Wards on Surgical side -- I understand -- but will enquire further of course.
{THIS SECTION IS CROSSED OUT:}
4. To return to your queries: -- "Shall she take only a part at first?" --
I think not -- I think she must undertake with our women (12)
at first only
1 Medical Ward Female
    3 nurses
1    "    " Male
    3 nurses
1 cluster of Surgical Wards
5 or 4 Male & Female
    1 Nurse 2 Assts Day
    1 Nurse 1 Asst Night
And one Supernumerary.
These 12 from us.
[To this I will recur.]
I think she must take the Supcy
of the whole at once
with 4 Assistant Suprs from us,
2 by day & 2 by night.
I have gone very fully -- into
this part of the question
particularly -- with Miss B.
Could we have had a Division,
either Male or Female, either
Surgical or Medical, to ourselves
in a tolerably distinct building,
I should most certainly have
recommended our her beginning
with this (as Agnes Jones took
the Men's side at Liverpool
first.) But the wards are

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

This & the fact that she has been
elected Supr of the whole
by the (Edin:) Committee --
that she has accepted, subject
to our & her own subsequent
decision --
that no other proposal was
entertained -- by them --
that Mr. Fasson (upon whom
she must be more dependent
than we like -- but he has
been very kind & wise)
& nearly all the Drs. are warmly in
favour of this.
that I have reason to believe
they will have her thus
or not at all
that we do not know whether
the willingness on the Edin:
side would ever be renewed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

N.B. I should just add that Miss B. who is a great & just admirer of Mrs. Ward's, told me (what Mr. Whitfield told you. I fear but too truly) that not a day elapses but "Mrs Ward says something so impulsive & aggravating to one or other of the Sisters that she repents "it bitterly afterwards". [I did not know that she even remembered enough to "repent" what she said.]
f19 {THE FOLLOWING FOLIO IS CROSSED OUT:}
I am sure that Mrs. Ward often does not know what she writes -- oftener what she says. E.g. she wrote to me a few days ago that "Miss Torrance now only stay with her (at "St. T's) till March". I, incorrigible, believed it. It was a perfect bomb in the midst of my arrangements with my mother. But I immediately decided to stay here till middle of November to instal Miss Torrance -- then to go to my mother for 2 or 3 weeks only -- & then to be here entirely till Miss Torrance goes, in order to learn from her (Mrs. Ward is incapable of learning) & be able to carry on the Home when she is gone -- not to go to my mother in February at all

f20 {THE FOLLOWING FOLIO IS CROSSED OUT:}
[I mention this here, because my plans in this respect (modified) which I hope to carry out -- will form the subject of a long communication with you.] I actually wrote the foregoing to Embley -- when, the next time I saw Mrs. Ward, I found that there was not a shadow of a fact in the "March" supposition -- that she did not know she had said `March', & could not think why she had said March, "except that "March was the half year to "September"" !!! [I have since had a letter from Miss T. to the same effect] I am afraid that Mrs. Ward's in so-las inaccuracies with the Sisters are so terrible (from her overworked state) that Miss Cameron is justified in what she has said.
And I do most sadly own
that such are the contradictory
statements which Mrs. Ward makes to me in the course of
one conversation that, did
I not know her so well, I
should say there was "prevarication"
(the word she applies to Miss Cameron)
insincerity or concealment
but I am equally sure there
are none of these faults
or -- incipient brain-softening

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

Most Confidential
7. Mr. Whitfield
"Shall he go to Edinburgh?"
Most emphatically: No
Most emphatically: we must
have nothing whatever to do
with him, in consultation
or otherwise, till you rid
us of him in name as
well as in fact.
For 7 years he has been in
habits of intoxication as I now
learn. I only knew before of 5
For 5 years or more he has
been in habits of intercourse
with our women to the verge (&
beyond) of impropriety --
and I say this in the strictest
confidence -- if I were to pursue
the enquiry, I believe it would
be found to the verge of
immorality. [And -- he is
"carrying on" at this moment with Butler.]
For 7 years he has done nothing -- absolutely nothing -- in instruction to our Probationers -- nothing in the way of explaining even those models & diagrams we have -- or in bandaging -- or by the bedside -- or in Lectures -- or in Examinations -- nothing in short of all that he undertook to do.

The very (printed) questions which he drew up himself he has left to the Probationers to answer by themselves --

And (with the exception of a gifted person like Miss Lees) the Probationers' constant habit has been to copy the answers out of Hoblyn's Dict, or other books,

or from each other.

[And Mrs. Ward knows it].

For 7 years he has not even said one word to them to shew them how to keep Cases.

The very entries in the Record=book are falsifications.

[Also: I must mention, but this is not his fault, that the entries about sick Cookery are false. Our Probrs learn no sick Cookery.]

For 7 years he has given them no assistance as to their Notes of Lectures --

Nor in any thing whatever -- [He lost the key of our models] & did not know it -- neither in the explanation of stomach=pump or other appliances.
These are but a few of the facts -- or rather of the no=facts. Now beyond all possibility of doubt -- that I was going to write to you.

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

I shall myself have no further communication of any kind with Mr. Whitfield -- [And I have struck him out of my Will] It is silly, perhaps, to mention this. But I only want to express that I can have myself nothing more to do with him. I happen to know, par parenthese, that he scarcely knows most of our Probationers by sight -- & that Miss Barclay is one of these -- I believe she would refuse to go with him -- but have had no talk with her about it. I do trust that we shall begin with Mr. Croft with the New Year -- But this must form the subject of another letter.
I know from Mrs. Wardroper herself that he has done nothing whatever of any kind in the instruction of our Pros since they came into the new building (a year).

I think this fortunate -- because if e.g. he had been very sedulous in instructing them for the last 3 months, it would have been then awkward for us to get rid of him at Christmas. But all the same it would have had to be done -- for he has so disgraced himself in the eyes of all the Sisters & Nurses who know him that we could not without impropriety continue him as Instructor.

If I could tell you all I know against him, I am sure that you would feel this even more strongly than I do.

yrs

F.N.
Herbert Hosp

Oct 15/72

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

It is "Immediate" indeed.

F.N.

Dr. Sutherland

Herbert Hosp

Oct 17/72

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

Thanks for your two notes with enclosures, received yesterday on this subject.

F.N.
Most Private, Please return
{BELOW:
12 Oct 21/72

Miss Torrance
She is gone to Lea Hurst for a fortnight at least.
I have had, as you know, many conversations with her. She has poured out the whole of her story with that wretched little Dowse.
She marries him merely to do him good.
In a moment of weakness, she engaged herself to him on account of his threats! (unmanly wretch) that he wd "go entirely to the bad" if she did not.
She says: that she wishes she could break it off
that she wishes he wd fall in love with somebody else
that she knows that it is God's call for her to come to us
that if I had but spoken to her
a fortnight earlier
[yet I came up here at the very
first hint she gave me]
she would not have engaged herself --
Over & over again, I have had
it on my lips to say (as I believe
she intended I should): "Shall I
break it off for you?"
But I hold that one must not do
this for any but a girl in her teens.
I now pray for her sake even
more than our own for some
way to get her out of this trap.

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

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

1. Will you kindly enable me to answer
this question? of Sir H Verney's?
[I wrote to Sir Harry, according to your
instructions.]
Also: kindly tell me whether any thing
2 more has been heard of the
"intrusive propositions" --
I will send at 3 for the answer --
FN
Edinburgh Royal Infirmary 14 Oct 21/72 [13:312-13]

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

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

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

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

Should not the drainage, W.C.'s &c be thoroughly looked to (overhauled)?

REST OF PAGE CUT OFF

saturated with beeswax & turpentine, or something?

Also: any other suggestions?

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St. Thomas' Probationers' Home

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

What shall we do?

Dr. Sutherland [end 12:218]
My dear Harry B.C.

This is a very serious matter indeed.

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

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

However

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

this sort of thing.

Any how, we are bound to see to it now.

We must 1. find out to whether he is playing us no trick -- 2. the thing must be put to rights at once before Miss Torrance comes in, if he is correct

[Had he but written a week ago, it could have been included in the "alterations" with little or no trouble to yourself or others.]

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

Can you see to it at once?

yrs

F.N.

17/10/72
f1 {PEN}

IV\textsubscript{13}

72/28 F.N. TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER 22. OCT. 1872
72/29 F.N. TO DR. SUTHERLAND 23. OCT. 1872
{NOTE BY F.N. ON LETTER FROM SIR HARRY VERNEY 23. OCT. 1872

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

Mrs. Crawford 15 Oct 22/72
Kirtlebridge Accident
You know what a drive the last
3 weeks have been to me --
I have always neglected to ask
you what notice I ought to
take of this letter --

Mrs. Crawford is, I believe, the
Stafford Supr, dismissed for
want of sense --
-- competed with Miss Barclay for Edinbro'
-- I have no doubt the sort of woman
who would behave excellently
for a few hours in such a
catastrophe as this.
I do not know Dr. Webb, an Army Surgeon,
who writes Longmore, of F.N.
Netley, sent me his letter
enclosed.

Hy B.C. [see reply on back]
You know the (Mr Thompson's) statement is ridiculous as to not being able to have Nurses in a Hospital like the Herbert, because the Wards are called "Regimental". The Patients are the same.

But it is impossible, it was never intended, & Sidney Herbert put it on record that it was impossible to "train" Nurses at all in a Military Hospital. [As for poor Mrs. Deeble doing it, it is absolute folly to think of it]. You can only train Nurses in a large Civil Hospital where there are all ages & both sexes -- & where the Nurse is not the only woman in her a man's ward --

{INSERTED FROM f1v}

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

{f2r CONTINUES:}

It is however of course important for us to know (from Mr. Thompson) how the land lies.

What answer, ("addition" or "alteration") should be made to Sir Mr. Cardwell in Sir Harry's proposed letter to him? -- which was written (from my letter) in case he could not find Mr. Cardwell. F.N.

Dr. Sutherland

Please return me this & your answer by Bearer 24 October 1872 [end] Immediate
f11  HI/ST/NC1/72/29/2a {IN PEN, NOTE BY F.N. ON LETTER FROM SIR HARRY VERNEY}

I wrote for Sir Harry (while here)  
a full answer for him  
to use to this.  
                 F.N.  
Oct 24/72

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

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

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

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

{DR. SUTHERLAND'S COMMENTS}  
It is desirable for an invalid  
like me to have her tea  
made from Distilled Water  
made by a Distp apparatus  
behind the Kitchen boiler?  
                 F.N.  
Dr. Sutherland  
Why did you suppose that we had  
not already sent down to "inspect" the

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

[end 13:313]
{DR. SUTHERLAND'S COMMENTS}

f4 {BELOW: 20 HI/ST/NC1/72/31
Mother "Hubbard's" arrangements 20
[see Miss Hubbard's letter 23.10.72] Oct 24/72

Could you help me as to what
this woman means? --
I did not know that I had
"recommended" any other
"Bedding" than the Hair Mattress
upon the ordinary iron Bed stead
or (for delicate people) the Rheocline
(Serpent Spring) Bed-stead.
But it is absurd to give the latter
to "Elementary School-mistresses"
who will never see such a bed
again in all their lives --
[A Rheocline bed-stead complete
with hair mattress & bolster,
such as I had the pleasure of
sending Mrs. Sutherland,
costs from £10 to £12--]

f5
I did not know that I had
invented the Hair Mattress.
But certainly I never allow
any other in my house,
even for the servants, &
upon the ordinary iron bed-stead.
F.N.
Miss Barclay says I must see Mrs. Wardroper. Are you going to St. T's to-day? If not, I will send & ask her to come this afternoon.

F.N.

R.S.V.P.

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

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Miss B. says will do

x Miss Barclay still says Mrs. Wardr only wants to get rid of Monk -- but she does not wish to alter
Please settle this with Mrs. Ward to-day

Lemon } can all go
Chisholm } in about a
Mesher } month.

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

5 Assistants
Chisholm.................Fever
Mesher....................Night Surgical
    will come from Highgate
[Spragge to our surprise declines]
    as you know

Pringle} Day
Lemon }

There remains
    1 Night Medical
the most difficult to find
    The choice lies between
Lennox ? No --
Kennedy ? I don't think will take
    night --

Berryman a Prob
or Westle | offered (to me) on Saturday
    | by Mrs. Ward -- refused by
    | her to Miss Barclay.
    I dread a Prob But
    Miss B. says -- sooner than
    have any more discussion
    with Mrs. Ward will take her
Stains a Sister
Pringle & Lemon -- Day Asst Supts
Mesher & Westle -- Night D[itt]o
not justified in asking Edinb: to pay £35 to such {THIS LINE IN PENCIL}
Chisholm -- Fever Supt
Nurses
Lyons -- Monk -- Barnard -- Attwood
Probationers
Bothwell -- Robinson -- Watkins
Upton -- Hignett -- Castle 5 mo.
less than 5 mo: {PENCIL}
Prob. Prob. {PENCIL}
can go only as Assistant Nurses £16 at first? {PENCIL}
Hunt & Humphreys have asked to go -- {PENCIL:}
much (both) under a year
Probrs

Mesher
Westle first employ as Nurses or otherwise in selected Wards
Westle not to be promoted as matter of course
no hurry about Night Supts
Be

Taylor
87 Bond St.
Gt. [?] Dover St.
Cooper & Holt
22/ iron bed stands
sacking bottoms
35/ hair mattresses
16/ bolsters & pillows
painted & polished deal imitation light wood wainscot or ash
£3.5 chest drawers
269/ wash stand
26/ dressing table
carpet 2 or 3 strips
2 chairs
looking glass
3 blankets
2 prs. sheets
pillow cases
counterpane
bed-room set
[13:314]
Edinburgh  24  1  Oct 31/72


Once more
I have gone over all these with
Miss Barclay again.
I enclose Mrs Ward's ultimate
(`vero ultimo', she says) List
Miss B. & I very strongly feel
that we have descended in
Mesher to the lowest standard
we can for Night Assist.
She does not think know Westle to be
at all superior to Barnard, Attwood,
she thinks her rather inferior to Lyons & Ball,
(Ball, it appears, she is not to have
Do not you think that if she
takes Westle, it should be on the
Lyons, Monk, Barnard, Attwood,

Westle go as Nurses --

for her to select among them

after trial her Night Assist? I have most urgently begged her

(& indeed there was no need of urgency) not to renew

the inevitable with me

needless with her

experiment of sending out
to me (Crimean War)

heaps of untried women --

"to fill up my number" --

merely because they "wished to go" --

Much, much better go with

a smaller number -- undertake

fewer wards.

[13:315]


saw Miss Barclay twice on Saturday --

she quite taken aback (as I)

by Mr Hope's letter to you --

she quite understood as we did

that selected Wards -- actually named

by Mr. Fasson -- were to be reserved

for our (her) Nurses --

[I don't think she is to blame for this muddle -- the not having anything in 'black & white' is to blame]

We both agreed that this must be

settled before she goes to Edinburgh

-- that she cannot undertake it

(without)

She wrote a (very good) letter to Mr. Fasson posted it on Saturday --

awaits the answer here -- 25 Bolton St.

will not leave till Wednesday --

much approved of your reply to

Mr. Fasson -- Hope --
Rules
I looked over her proposed Draft
-- made them a great deal more general
But we both agreed not to send them
till we have Mr. Fasson's answer --
It makes me very uneasy -- more so
than her
Because -- what people they must be!
[What we understood was written down
in her note book on the spot. I saw it.]
Nurses
She entirely declines 2 of the 4
(under 6 months') Prob Rs -- Hunt
(simply "grotesque") Humphreys (a
would be lady)
would prefer being without the
other 2. Castle & Hignett --
& taking only ye 4 Nurses
ye 4 full Prob Rs (chosen
8 instead of 12
But all this we have adjourned
till the major question is settled

Herbert Hyoung 26 Nov 4/72
4 4/11 [18 years ago
we reached Scutari]

My dear Harry B.C.
This is disastrous.
The not having a complete Nursing
Staff there is our ruin --
1 for linen } to have all these fine
1 for sick } quarters for
which were built for
a complete Nursing EstT
for 650 beds
I have sent down to the Army Med: Dep:
for advice.
This is the context of the answer:

Unless we are prepared to
back up the two women
as representing a Staff
we must either let them go
or we must provide a Staff
complete
Peroration
Upon these premises
what do you advise?
Will you act?
go, as you said, to Mr. Cardwell
with a note from Sir H. V.
and/or to Sir G. Logan
with a note from me.
All depends upon
1. whether you will undertake
2. " they will let you "
   the proper Nursing of the H.H.
There is not a day to lose
F.N.
4/11/72

[2]
How to do this?
For me to write out a statement
of what was the original intention
& what we should propose
(250 sick including Venereal)
address it to Chairman (Sir H.V.)
& let him forward it to Mr. Cardwell
This: their advice.
As the matter of Nurses rests
primarily by Regulation
with the Director=Genl of the
A Med Dep:
perhaps it would be well, I am
told, for Sir Harry or you to
see him & go into the whole subject
with him -- i.e. on the assumption
that you will put in a
complete Staff
In this way obtain his views -- (he could
give great support with War Office)
Miss Pringle 27 Oct. or Nov. 1872
Wishes to state her own case -- to "set herself right" -- with me
This case, as I understand it, is -- that she has always been promised to go to Edinbro' if we undertook any work there -- that her mother is dying (slowly) of Ovarian Tumour at Edinbro', that she may be called away any day to her that she should not then return to St. T.'s -- her time with us having just expired that we know her well enough to know that if she goes to Edinbro' she will not neglect her work on account of her mother (who may live for years -- as those cases often do)

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

I think Pringle should be authorized to give St. T.'s a 3 months' notice at once & that if she does it without being authorized, no one can complain of her -- in any fairness --
Our loss in Pringle is immeasurable But she has not been fairly dealt with. Mrs. Ward, as I know from herself, herself offered to Pringle to go to Edinburgh, even before Miss Barclay went there -- having
repeatedly offered it her in the last 2 years.
If Pringle is prevented taking a post in Edinbro' Infy, & then leaves us for good & all to go to her mother, we shall be rightly served.
I have read the Treasurer's letter: it seems to me nothing to the purpose -- What Mrs. Ward now says, still less --
I see Pringle tomorrow at 4.

[12:218-19]
I sent Nurse back in a cab: with only a few pencil lines: "cannot say 'Yes' -- Let us take counsel to-morrow -- Mr. B.C. thinks it impracticable" something to that effect.

F.N.

[end 12:219]

(REST OF FOLIO WRITTEN BY HENRY BONHAM CARTER)

[2] much what you had said.
She considered -- but still thought it might be tried.
Miss Barclay had previously in answer to a question of mine given the same opinion -- It is impossible for me to have an opinion.
You say: Miss Mackenzie would lead Miss Hill instead of Miss H. leading Miss Mack.
All I know of Miss Hill is: admirable intentions -- serious draw-backs in a Matron such as: gossipping confidence with Med. Officer about Nurses -- judging of Probrs by how she likes their behaviour -- to herself --
Sir Harry V. 29 Nov 7/72
Herbert Hospl
Sir H.V. comes to London on Monday by first train
till Tuesday.
[So you can have your CommEE
if you wish]
will call on Sir G. Logan on
Monday or Tuesday
hopes that you will go with him
asks if I should write to Sir G.
Logan -- beforehand --
YES, certainly -- do you not think?
If so, shall it be merely to make an appointment for you?
(REST OF FOLIO NOT WRITTEN BY FN)

Sir H.V. will also call on
see Mr. Cardwell, if we think
well -- (afterwards or before)
Certainly, do you not think? --
-- afterwards? -- YES [end]
Please look carefully over - particularly p.p. 48, 49, 50- (new) -- correct or alter anything in mine --
& in Dr. Acland's --
Do not you think p. 50
the expression "genuine scientific spirit" a very unfortunate one? -- when we have just been saying that it is the practical spirit which we rather wish for in "these enquiries" --
Also: might they not give a word of praise & support to Major Tulloch's Report? p. 50
Sir B. Frere took away my copy of it from his great interest & admiration.

Sir Harry Verney 31 Nov 7&72
Herbert Hospital
SIR G. LOGAN
In accordance with your advice, Sir Harry will come up by first train on Monday to see Sir G. Logan.
[Is Sir G.L. at the Office every day? & at what hours?]
Hy Bonham Carter will accompany Sir H.V. to 'interview' Sir G. Logan
Both think that I should write to Sir G. Logan beforehand
-- not merely to make an appointment -- but to put all 3 `au fait' --

Hy B.C. says: he knows really nothing of the past history
or present state of the Nursing question at the Herbert, & should therefore wish require to be primed as to facts x -- wishes me to put them into a letter to Sir G. Logan -- entering somewhat into the question generally & letting him, Hy B.C., see the letter -- before sending it to Sir G.L. Will you enable me to do this with the shortest possible delay? 

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

Sir Harry will afterwards see Mr. Cardwell.  

{THE REST OF FOLIO HAS WRITING IN A HAND OTHER THAN FN'S}
Mrs. Wardroper [H.B.C.] (H.B.C. in a hand other than F.N's)
Octavia Hill 9/11/72 [12:219-21]

Please (written diagonally)
return to F.N (written diagonally)

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

Certainly -- if --

I think perhaps I had better
see the papers -- tho' I am not
of much use unless I happen
to know the "some one" to refer to
Miss Pyne:
" Hornby: -- -- Miss Barclay
(very satisfactory)
" Worthington: -- -- Miss Wilson
a governess (since dead)
& Lady Nelthorpe
satisfactory but no very clear account
like Octavia Hill's
f5
Miss Constance Stapylton
Return [WRITTEN DIAGONALLY]
   near Chesterfield
   who I ought to be able
   to get some account of her --
Who are the others?
Are they 7 -- besides the
   one to come from Pr. Alice? [end 12:218]
M  ISS  SPENCER
MISS BERESFORD (I am sorry)
Vincent
{THE REST IN A HAND OTHER THAN FN'S}

f6
{BELOW:}
Miss Torrance  34  9/11/72 [12:220]
-- one of the greatest misfortunes
   of our lives is that her rooms
   at St. T.'s were not ready
   for her as soon as she
   came back from Lea Hurst --
   (I mean the "Arsenic paper" room)
   -- she was crying to go in --
Now that man has got hold of
   her.
   & see the letter she writes to
   me!
   If you know the interview,
   all emotion on her part,
   all tenderness on mine,
   on which this followed,
   you would think it extraordinary
   -- I suppose he dictated it --
I need hardly tell you that I have
never said or written a word to her about
Dr. Dowse -- She has poured out to me -- her misery. 
If you knew also that she has missed 4 appointments for which I had thrown up everything to see her -- & 2 of these she did not send word till the day after that she would not come. 
I am so unhappy -- really unhappy. 
I have not answered this. 
What can I say? -- 
She told me with the deepest emotion that it was all "worry" "at home" -- & she did not wish to be there but for one night. 
What shall I do?

{THE REST OF THE FOLIO not FN HAND}
man can do. "
It will not be such a drive as the last 6 weeks [red pencil]

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

-- I am afraid it would be impossible

-- I think I must try for a flat at the nearest end of Victoria St.
   You see it will be a month after Miss Torrance arrives before I can be there --
   [I must go to Embley on Thursday]

There is no time to lose.
I shall have only 5 months (possibly less only 4) of Miss Torrance's stay --
   And possibly may be compelled to go to my mother in February.
   Miss T. will not now stay beyond beginning of May or end of April --
{INSERTED FROM f11:}
It will not be such a drive as the last 6 weeks.
{BACK TO f12:}
   One thing will be: I shall not have these tremendous visitations of poor Matron's --
   Miss Barclay says: "yes, it will be just the same -- She will keep us standing any number of hours & in the middle of the night" --
   Yes, but it will not be the same for me -- Here I can't tell her to
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go -- There I think I could
on the plea that it is only
5 minutes' walk.

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

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

f14 [MOST OF FOLIO by Henry Bonham Carter, FN WRITES OVER]
HBC: can’t see how Bowman’s name can be omitted...]
FN: Very well
HBC: [someone else should serve in his place]
FN: Certainly not --
we *must have you -- It [red]*
is the only good one --

Have Sir Clark [red]
or Marjoribanks
She respects you -- likes you --
controls herself with you --
I have always looked upon this
as the greatest blessing --

see my note x p. 2

Yes: But these jealousies are

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

NOVEMBER 10, 1872, ff1-7 LETTERS TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER PENCIL
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

72/47 F.N. TO [HARRY BONHAM CARTER] 10 NOV. [1872]
72/48 " " " " " " " " " 
I have had a good deal of talk with Miss Torrance about this (even during the last week) & a good deal of thought -- I cannot think but that Miss Hill will only just be able to keep the place going without the School -- Miss Torraz asked me -- I said that you -- that we -- -- -- &c &c &c -- what you may suppose -- She said: that the Probrs did for Assistant Nurses in the Wards &c -- Tho' this was not quite our purpose in a School, it has its weight. She said that Altree & Burdett were quite competent to take Wards as she told you --

that another whom Miss Hill did not think competent was so &c &c &c I cannot really judge -- I think Miss Hill judges of people too much by their manner to herself I think Miss Torraz was lax during the latter weeks -- [I remember A.H. Clough's word of a woman in her condition, (not one of ours:) -- 'I treat her being in love as if she had the Scarlet Fever'] I should like to talk to Miss Torraz farther of this, if I may keep the List --
[I have found Miss Torrance quite reasonable & as acute as ever even within the last week on these subjects] I think I will give Miss Hill the Books she asks for -- It will not ruin me -- And I will make a List more at leisure I have a good many books wh. I have lent to Prob & can make up a List when I have time -- Please return these enclosed to me for the present

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11 sheets written in the greatest haste & without even looking over. Please return me the whole with your remarks -- By way of a As to my going move (to live near:) I have the smallest possible confidence in the result of any thing I may be able to do, but while every day seems to be adding to the urgency that something must be done, I cannot see that there is any thing else to do -- I told Mrs. W. by way of appeasing her -- she is so skatter-brained that I believe, roused
by Mr. Whitf., she fancied I was going to hold a sort of "Courts" of her Sisters & Nurses -- that I would only see them or Probrs during exercise hours that I would make my time theirs that she shd appoint each every day that it wo not kill them to spend their exercise time with me once in 6 weeks -- the Probrs have 2 exercise times morn & afternoon I would see one in each -- the Sisters barely get an hour after "wine-time" -- it is impossible for them, indeed for any, to come up here in exercise-time -- it is a business, a giving up an afternoon to come up here.

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

scolding Sisters before the whole ward has caused & is causing Sisters to leave
that it is very desirable to have a rule & for it to be administered strictly -- but that the present rule if any is applied so unfairly, so unjustly, as to cause much real distress among the good ones & triumph among the bad.
that it is notorious that the Matron will unsay all she has said to-day by tomorrow or even the same day without apparently any recollection of the rule she has just laid down -- that the bad ones take advantage of this & set the Matron's authority entirely at defiance -- in fact, she has no real authority left while the good ones are
left entirely without protection --
the others boasting that they
can always "out wit" Matron &
"turn her their own way" --
that this has very much increased
lately -- that it has been observed
that Matron ages, alters, has
less the use of her own mind,
every week -- that she deteriorates
every week --
that it is notorious, that at the
end of a long conversation with
her you are exactly at the same
point as when you started --
She has said & unsaid, every
thing that had to be discussed
a dozen times in the course of
an hour -- & you are just
where you were before --
that she has complained herself
of her own brain -- that
this cannot be otherwise with
the enormous amount of talk
she gives herself -- & that it is
sadly conspicuous to those who
love her -- a triumph to those
who do not.
that Mrs. Warda's variableness is known
to be such that she will say
e.g. on 4 successive days
that A.B. shall take her whole Staff
of Sisters & Nurses in a fortnight
that A.B. shall have none of them
at any length of notice
that A.B. is much to blame for
asking for any but Probationers
that A.B. may have any Staff
Nurse of 11 she likes -- naming
one after another.
Of course fine game is made of this
among the bad.
That she will stop the Sisters or the Lady Probss in the midst of their work, or after a hard day's work going to bed say between 9 p.m. & 10 in the Corridor -- & talk for 1 1/2 hours till they are ready to sink with fatigue that this talk is nothing but gossip or saying & unsaying every thing as fast as she can that the good ones get out of her way sometimes even hide as she goes by that there are no `good words' in it [Alas! I can corroborate this. She sometimes talks here from 4 till 8 p.m. -- till I am `prostrate' for a week]

that Cameron, Bourne & Lemon went thro' her own mismanage=ment & bluster that she is aware of this all thro' her own protestations to the contrary -- & that they would have stayed & done well, had she had the most ordinary tact & courtesy that her manner of speaking to the Sisters is such that gentlemen & gentlewomen have said (who happened to be within hearing) that they were "thankful they had the stairs behind them" -- meaning that they escaped immediately not to hear her -- that it was a "heart-break" to hear her -- that many suprs have said, if such language were addressed, to them, it would "break their hearts".
that Cameron & Bourne were
as much lost to us as if
we had put them in the coal-
hole -- both came in with
high religious convictions -- both
had the making of first rate
Sisters in them -- but nothing
was made of them --
that Lemon went because she
thought Bourne so ill-treated
-- the immediate complaint
being this that Bourne
justly & sincerely wanted
Matron's attention -- & time
after time was either driven
out of her Office or could
not find 'Matron' in it --
the complaint of all --
that none but Pringle have any
thing the least like a 'filial'
feeling for 'Matron' -- & even she
always speaks of her as 'poor
Matron' --
that there is no bond of union
among the Sisters whatever --
 tho' we have had (& have)
excellent material among them
that Mrs. Wardroper is herself,
& most emphatically,
a bond of severance
that they & the Nurses & Prob's
say: no 'good word' has
ever been spoken to them
except my poor, lithographed
letter.
that Miss Barclay has from
conscientious motives (she told
me this, naming one after the
other) refused one lady after
another, friends of her own,
who wished to be admitted as
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Probationers refusing even
to forward their applications
to Mrs Ward or Mr B.C. --
on the `considered/deliberate conviction
that no woman must go
to St. Thomas' who cannot
stand alone, like Miss Pringle,
as she will certainly have
every good & earnest feeling
knocked out of her -- as far
as she is open to influence --
[F.N. has recently done the same
tho' she did not know, till
afterwards, how far Miss Barclay
has done it]
that any one who requires
support, advice, congeniality,
religious or moral sympathy,
a bond of union in fact
must sink at St. T's --

that Miss Williams is one of
these -- she will not,
it is said, stop 6 months --
yet a first-rate person --
that Miss Stains is another --
a low-spirited, conscientious
person & most excellent Sister,
who cannot endure Matron's
rough, harsh, unjust ways.
[both these implored to go
to Edinburgh]
that Miss Airy would do very
well under a less flighty
Matron -- as it is, it is feared
she will degenerate
that Miss Hawthorn is a
tremendous gossip -- almost
too like Matron -- but has
capital points
that all these are like sheep without a shepherd
that Cameron, Bourne, Lemon
were unspeakable losses to us
that Lemon ought to & would come back under a better regime
that nearly all the present good Sisters will leave
that Mrs. Ward is herself aware of it -- says that no Sisters will stay under her -- because we!! (F.N. & H.B.C.)
tempt them to be Suprs -- that we shall have to be satisfied with a lower class --
And -- it is true -- no good Sisters will stay under Matron --

that it shows a want of principle in Mrs. Ward
(of which she would not have been guilty in past years)
that while she knows tho' she denies Butler's immorals she will get rid of a Cameron sooner than of a Butler.
That finding out for herself tho' she denies it that she was losing all influence, all authority over the Sisters, she took to paying them visits, visits of nothing but gossip, visits of hours' length -- irregular, partial, capricious -- sometimes talking a Sister to death -- then taking offence without saying why -- & not speaking to her for weeks -- that this has only alienated the Sisters still more -- (instead of having them to tea once a week like Miss Torrance) & not unjustly so -- & has increased from over-talk & excitement Mrs. W.'s `strangeness' to such a degree that authorities have said she may over-step the line between excitement &

insanity any day.
that this 'burthening' herself with more talk, more bustle, more windy scandal-mongering has reduced her power in real business to a minimum that Pringle is the only bond of union in the Hospital & the only person who, the word is openly pronounced, stands between the Matron & a state of mind which, if not insanity, as much prevents any proper working of the Hospital as if it were that what is called in Medical language 'senile activity' has come over the Matron -- viz. an excessive & aimless restlessness -- She is no sooner
sate down in her Office or elsewhere: but she is up again -- no sooner has she gone away from her ward, or Sister, but she is back again. She is always wandering about the Corridors -- no one knows why -- no one knows what she is doing -- what is her business -- but whether she is on business or not signifies little -- for the business is not done that business (of others) would be actually better done if she would rest herself in her house a little -- but she is no sooner in than she is out again -- hindering every body -- helping no body.

that her troublesome wandering about at night -- keeping Sisters & Lady Probationers out of their beds -- & even waking them -- for some purposeless gossip -- has been beyond all bounds [The remark has been deliberately made `it does not require `Medical knowledge to know `that this' (referring principally `to the restlessness') `is the way `insanity begins'] that her grand fault: shiftiness is increasing so much that no one can depend upon her -- in this sense: she gets out of a just application by a `shift' -- & then gets out of
what she has said by a 'shift'.
[Those, men & women, who still care for her, say: The Matron is 'shifty' -- Those who do not say, I fear: she is 'cunning'.]
that 'she is always putting words into the Treasurer's mouth which either he has not said or which she makes him say afterwards
that this is so well-known that no one attends to her when she says: Treasurer & Governors say so & so --
that the Hospital is really most 'workable'
that the Treasurer lets her have her own way in every thing

& that things of importance are so easy that, with the very high class of Sisters whom the name of the Probs School attracts to the Hospital, if we could by relieving her in some way sober her down to her proper place & frame of mind
"they (the women) might work the Hospital with all her imperfections & love her for her good qualities" --
[This was said to me exactly as I have put it down -- And I think it is impossible to put the case more clearly in a few words.]
I pass over some smaller things. For, on the other hand, it is distinctly said, that if we let things go on as they are for another year, another year will see the close, probably of `Matron' altogether.

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

You say for 3 months in a month or so -- That I would most certainly try for But I doubt whether any power on earth would get her away -- for 12 months, 6 or 3, it would be all the same -- She is too jealous, too suspicious, too excitable -- above all, too `shifty'. And I doubt whether Miss Torrance now would undertake the temporary charge of the Hosp. -- [no one else could]

Still we might try for it -- saying no word beforehand The Hospital & `Home' for 3 months under Miss T. (Mrs. W. coming back well) would be set up -- All the good Sisters would stay.
That the numbers of visits she receives from 'great folk' attracted by the name & wishing for information as to management & organization has "turned her head" -- "not being a woman of much education" -- (sic) that the 'information' she gives is entirely valueless -- flighty, self-contradictory, mere talk that people who know nothing go off, thinking there is nothing better to be known -- & people who know something are discouraged & go elsewhere [I have become painfully aware of this -- especially during the last year -- & in the last month]

two eminent instances of this have happened -- 1 of each sort -- persons who wrote to me after having gone first to her for information -- she had told me of them, with the utmost pride, herself -- More about this another time] that she is looked upon very much in the Hospital as a sort of semi-insane King [by right (divine?) both from Treasurer & from us] whose sign manual must be got but whose opinions & rule must be avoided as much as possible [I was most sadly struck by this in Miss Barclay -- full of compassion for her -- of a certain sort of deep regard for her -- but who in all this
Edinburgh affair has been compelled to treat her as the insane Monarch -- & who evidently can neither understand how we could put our School under her -- nor that she ever was very different --

She asked me: "has she any "serious notions"?

I told her --

She said: "they have all been "crowded out" --

She said, more than once: "it is "impossible to me to understand "how a woman who knows, "or who must have known, "what business is can think it "can be done with all that talk, "can think it is not effectually " undone by all that talk" --

She says piteously: what others say deridingly: "Mrs. Wardroper is:

`much cry & little wool'."

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

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

I say least about: because there is most to be said & yet it can be summed up in a few words —
not that it is "in great need, very "great need indeed" --
not that it is a failure --
not that there is no rule, no governance, no influence whatever, except for bad --
not that the word: training of women, i.e. of women as women -- is a mere jest
not that many, very many women of the Nurse class -- & nearly all of the gentlewoman class -- come in with the highest & most earnest purpose.

that it is all pounded out of them, often in the first week, with the very few exceptions who can stand alone that we have had
that 'Matron' never addresses a word to them which can help them
that she never comes into the `Home' except when there is a `row' -- & it is much better that she should not --
that `Extra' is an unprincipled woman (whether immoral or not I do not care to inquire)
but that those who knew her 7 years ago assure
that she was very different
then -- that it is St. T.'s
wh: has deteriorated her --
& that it is `poor Matron's'
`driving her about', wh: has
been one main cause --
that there is neither punctuality
nor order, nor even common
cleanliness, nor quiet
in the `Home'
but that Miss Parkinson has
at least introduced some
of these things -- but that
she is `little' -- Miss Torrance is
`en grand' --
that it is almost impossible for

either Sisters, Nurses or ProbRs
to get even Medical advice
that Mr. Whitfield really
ignores them -- that they
must not ask any Doctor
for Medical advice,
except thro' Matron --
that Matron forgets or
puts it off for weeks, as
she does every thing else --
that some, e.g. Pringle, have
suffered severely thro' this
till I interfered --
[This is really disgraceful]
that Matron's capricious injustice
is now so well known
that that clause (wh: she
flaunts in every body's face)
that she can dismiss `without
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appeal' will prevent **people** women worth coming from coming.
Also that people say -- & I know the W.O. has said this (in so many words) -- that we vest the "patronage" of the places (who ask us for Nursing Staffs) in Mrs. Wardroper & that she is not fit to exercise such "patronage" --
[this was said specially as to Suprs]
Also: that Mrs. Wardr has spoken openly in the Hospl against my coming to live nearer the Hosp -- & that the reason is that she knows that she has no influence whatever over

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

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With all this: that when the influence that when of "S. Extra" & Mr. Whitf is removed -- **if she will allow the latter's to be removed** -- she will sober down -- especially with Miss Torrance -- & especially if I come to live near & if when sobered down she will trust me again -- more especially, if she can be got to go away for a time that she tells Mr. Whitfield every thing -- & never more so than in the last month that she tells her sons every thing -- that she must have some one
to do this to --
& if it could be Miss Torrance & F.N. (sic)
that Mr. Whitf'd is 'always in her Office' -- never more so than
in the last month
that respectable people go away when they find him there --
as Miss Barclay says: "I skedaddle"
"as soon as I see him" --
that she must be under some one's meridian -- when she is under F.N.'s, under F.N.'s (except in great occasional excitement)
but then afterwards under Mr. Whitf'd's -- & under 100 distracting Meridians --

It is a sad & thankless task
to put down 'poor Matron'
under heads --
I have a good many more
But I scarcely think it necessary
There is no more thankless office than to be a Detective
where one cannot be a Reformer

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

The question is now:
can we devise & Mrs. W. enter into
such a plan of her working with me
as alone will make it possible for
us to remain at St. T.'s longer than
our year's notice.
It is not: what will Mrs. W. `like'? While taking every care to leave all
authority in Mrs. W.'s hands --
to consult her wishes in every thing
to consider her as head (in
spirit & in truth as in name)
as the very means to our end --
that is: of continuing our School
under Mrs. W. as head --
it is no longer a question of what
Mrs. W. `likes', of what Mrs. W. `thinks',
but whether Mrs. W. can be brought
to `like', can be brought to `think' such things, as can
to accept such measures as can alone make the continuance of the School under her possible to conscientious people.
Treasurer ditto,
mutatis mutandis
we the making of St. T.'s --
St. T.'s now truly the unmaking of us [end 12:228]

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

Notes on Lying-in 11/11/72
I enclose "Lancet"
What do you say?

{THIS SECTION WRITTEN BY DR. SUTHERLAND}

Miss Lees
paper on War Hospis of 1870
Please procure for her 12 copies --
you can send them here, if you wish

F.N.

Dr. Sutherland
Canon Gregory 43 Nov 13/72 [12:229]

7 30 a.m.

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

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

by Canon G.

[T.O.] [end 12:229]
Medical Instruction to our Prob\_Nurses at St. T.'s
Mr. Whitfield has placed his resignation in my hands
And it has been formally accepted by our Committee.
[This ought to have been done years ago.]
Will you be so very kind as to consider the paper enclosed (which you will recognise)
& make any comments upon it which you consider necessary, preparatory to our beginning with Mr. Croft, our new Medical Instructor to the Probrs School?
13/11/72 F.N.
Miss Torrance Nov 13/72

I had a long conversation with her last night --
I have alas! a great deal more to tell you about the Hospital & School.

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

who is she to call in in case of Probrs' illness -- especially at night?
Perhaps you have already settled this with Mrs. Wardr.

In that case, the only safe way is for me to communicate it direct to Miss T.

Miss T. says: truly: -- both Mr. Whitf & Mrs Wardr will be in league to introduce him, Mr. Whitf, into the Probrs' Home on this pretence

Miss T. suggests Mr. Jones as living I understand in Hosp.

R.S.V.P. [end 12:230]
Herbert Embley 45 Nov 19/72 Romsey
I concur, as I know you do, entirely with the enclosed. There is nothing for it but what you proposed -- viz. that a Comm: of 3, with yourself on it, should at once settle the matter -- on the spot. What you said about the Linenry -- against the separating the Nurses from the Linenry -- is also -- borne out --

[15:225]

F.N.

Dr. Sutherland

Sir G. Logan's letter enclosed as you desire
Mrs. S. Stewart's returned for reference as you desire
v. -- especially -- about the "water" to be laid on --

[netley]

F.N.

Dr. Sutherland

{THIS SECTION IN DR. SUTHERLAND'S HAND}
I send these 5 sheets
because I think I am
hardly justified in keeping
them back --
Please return them --
I may add to them --
ever yrs with
Xmas love
F.N.
26/12

Miss Torrance  Dec 26/72
My dear Harry B.C.

There are 2 or 3 things I ought
perhaps to tell you, because
they regard Accounts: -- [red]
---
1.|
---
Miss T. says (what I have long
known must be the case)
that the Tradesmen's Books [red]
are not kept separate
for Home & Hospital -- i.e. [red]
that the things are mixed up
which are for the our women in the
Home (Probrs) & for the women
in the "Blocks", as they are
called
that she (Miss T.) writes out
the Tradesmen's orders -- but
when the things come,
part of what she has ordered
is not there --
& she finds on enquiry that
Miss Parkinson has intercepted
the parcel by Mrs. Ward's orders
& taken out things for the "Blocks"
She asked me, merely as a query
whether that fine sheet,
drawn up by young Mr. Ward,
was not `cooked' -- [HBC] We are charged
10/ a week per Probationer irrespective
of actual cost -- {THEREFORE SYMBOL} no cooking possible

{INSERTED FROM f6:}
[illeg] us. but if we could show from
the Hospital Books a less rate of
cost it we shd be entitled to
reduce -- not likely --

{BACK TO f5:}
She says that these matters
are in inextricable confusion
And Mrs. Ward will not let
her see the Books --
She said (what of course I have
always felt in my intercourse

with Mrs. Ward)
"why cannot she say to me: --
`I have got into a muddle
`here are the books --
`let us get them straight --
`while you are here' --
"she might know that I am
"honest & faithful -- wo tell
"no one but perhaps you --
"whom she ought to tell herself".
But no
Miss Torrance says that she is doing almost nothing [red] & can do nothing that all she does is to
-- preside at meals
-- write out tradesmen's orders
-- make up Washing Bills & count out linen
-- & read prayers
that all she sees of Probationers [red] is at meals & prayers
that she never sees any thing of Candidates
Mrs. Ward carefully keeping this out of her hands & never consulting her about these -- or about any thing whatever
As to Candidates [red]

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

let even her Housekeeper have an interview with them & consulted her afterwards upon them -- certainly she has frequently admitted the advantage of this -- [blue]

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

As to Correspondence [red]

this was mentioned both in conversation & in writing (& even, I think, in the Treasurer's Agreement) Certainly. [blue]
viz. that Miss T. shd take her share of this. But Mrs. Ward carefully excludes her from it. She, Miss T, neither sees nor does any part of it nor any thing about *Probrs or Candidates* -- [red] I have urged this & she promises --! [blue]

5. | Farther, ---

Mrs. Wardroper never tells or gives notice [red] to Miss Torrance (not even the same morning) of any thing that is to take place in the `Home' -- E.g. You know Mesher was living in the Home when sent off to Edinburgh -- About 5 hours after Mrs. Wardr knew, & not long before Mesher

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f10 was to start, a message came to Miss Tc to prepare sandwiches" -- And that was all the notice [red] she had that Mesher was going [HBC] Very likely -- On Monday/16 I appointed to [blue] see all the Edinbro' lot (7) on foll[owing]g Thursday at 3 (?) When I came all were out but 3 no notice having been given

6. | --- Mrs. Wardroper (& indeed I was quite aware of this -- and 1000 different things have happened to myself, wh: made me aware of it) is quite incapable of laying out any one's work [red] or her own in the morning -- Sometimes she wd come in & gossip with Miss Tc every morning for 2 or 3 days then be 2 or 3 days without seeing her at all --
--- About the Sisters: -- [red]
(& I too can corroborate this)
Mrs. Wardr has no idea
of making herself responsible [red]
for showing the Sisters, (or
`Home' Sister, or Nurses,)
each her work on appointment
I know a remarkable instance of this.
She makes us them responsible
for asking her.
The consequence is: to her:
that she is beset with questions
-- to them --
that, never being able to find
her in her Office (for she is
always having visitors)
everything falls into confusion
[The work & Drs. make the
Sisters -- not Mrs. Wardroper]

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

[v in blue pencil]
Miss T. ought to have the
Record to make up every
month.
[not FN hand:]
Yes--I think so too but then
the Home Sister must not have
Linenry [literary?] work put upon her.
f14
that she will never allow
   any part of her
   *Probationers' Correspondence* [3 lines in red]
   books
   accounts
to go into the `Home' [red] or `Home
Office' at all --
that her `Home' Sister shalt
always *sit in the Linenry* [red]
& do these things there
[I should waive this point
   if only Mrs. Wardroper would
give up any portion of *Probrs* [3 lines red]
corresponds, books, accts,
into hands of `Home' Sister]

f15
   [4]
   --- She told me she was
9.|   most anxious Miss T. shd
---   begin these -- specially Bible

*Classes* [red]
   You are no doubt aware
that there have been no Classes
   at all
& Mrs. Wardr has never arranged
any
not even a Bible class -- [red]
   Miss Tce says (what I have
   always heard)

that *Sisters* are tremendously
   *Probrs* [red]
hard-worked
   & Nurses [red] not enough
that the *Sisters* [red] are so hard
worked that they are obliged
to take the help of the willing
*Probationers* [red], *not* of the unwilling Nurses
that, if Mrs. Wardr were but
f16
capable of laying out the work
& of making the Nurses do their share
-- the Probationers could well
have their afternoon classes [red]

that she (Miss Tce) has told
Mrs Wardrepeatedly
she wo stay in [red] on Sundays
if she might have a Bible
class -- [2 lines blue] [HBC] Mrs W told me she had
said so
but has never been allowed
to have one --
[not FN hand HBC:] [5 lines blue] I did not send her any one page
but having 2 days before
appted to see the [illeg] Probationers
expected Mrs. W. to tell her I was
coming (5 o'cl), which she did --

f17
that she (Miss T) goes out
because she is doing nothing
One half-day in the week
& one hour's walk a day
(both of wh: I think quite
necessary for health)
is all she wants & part of Sunday
[I told her that you had
tried to see her twice -- a
Saturday & a Thursday &
both times had been told it
was 'her day out' --
She was evidently sorry -- she
said with regard to the second,
-- Mrs. Wardre did not tell her that
she might [blue] see you, if she stayed in]
10| Changes of Prob in wards: [red] --
--- Miss T. says: she is
unable to get any kind of
knowledge of the Probationers [red]
that she is not even allowed
to know, far less to be consulted
about the changes of Prob [red]
(from ward to ward) [red]
-- that once when she said
something to Mrs. Ward's
about the importance of this
& that it was difficult for often
her (Mrs W.) to decide, which [red]
Prob to which Sister
Mrs W. answered -- off-hand
`oh she never troubled her
'head about that -- she had
'no time -- she only thought of
'putting each Prob into any ward
"they had not been thro' before"

[5]
"she can't afford to think of that suitability"
and -- Miss T. adds -- & so do I
"She never will" --

As to the rest --
I will only run over what
you know already: --
that none of the superior [red]
Sisters will stay
that they complain that
there is no bond of union, [red]
no support [red], moral or religious,
nothing done to make their
positions possible
no rule, no help, no one to look to [red]
that but themselves
no comfort, no strength.
that they can't bear it.

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

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

\textsuperscript{a}end 12:233]
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35 South St. April 21/73
Park Lane W.

My dear Sir

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

I wish I could do more towards it.

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

to my strength every day --

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

If you or Mrs. Frederick should in your rounds of kindly visitations meet with young women of high principle, good intelligence & good health & of course unimpeachable Moral character who
being fit for domestic service would like the more useful career of Hospital work, we have some vacancies in St. Thomas' Training School. And there is ever more demand for our Trained Nurses than we can supply. We have lately undertaken the Edinburgh Infirmary. I wish we could undertake all the London Workhouse Infirmaries. But we have not the Nurses --

Pray remember me kindly to Mrs. Frederick. I hope that your little man thrives as he ought -- And Pray believe me yours sincerely Florence Nightingale
35 South St.        May 9/73
Park Lane W.
Dearest ever dearest friend
   Your Easter letter did me no end
of good, as it always does. Thanks 100
   A very dear friend of mine
who went thro' the Crimea with
me died at Bermondsey,
after 4 weeks' struggle with
Typhoid fever, at Easter tide.
And tho' I could not wish her
back, O no, -- yet 19 years of
troubulous recollections pass
away for me with her. She
was a nun --
   I found a very nice maid
for my mother, thank you, &
took her down in that snowy

weather at the end of February,
   settled her, & came back
===
I have taken for the last 6
   or 8 months to seeing a great
deal more of our Matrons
& Nurses -- one or two every day --
& to having those who come
from a distance staying in
the house -- This not only
compels me to give up a great
deal of my Indian & War Office
work, but takes out of me,
I think, more than any thing did
before -- I have never been
used to lead, except by leading
in work -- I am not good
at talking & preaching & examining
except on the spot.
   But this seemed so clear a call
of God that I could not 
refuse it. And of course 
it is a thing which, once 
embarked in, increases, & crowds upon 
& absorbs one more every day. 

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

could you recommend me a 
*Night=Superintendent*, for her? 
-- the advantage would be now 
that Miss Barclay could look 
at her for herself now or 
within the next week --
Miss Barclay has almost 
run us dry -- We furnished 
herself with 2 Night Suprs -- the 
first really effected a 
reform in that lawless place 
among the drinking, profligate 
(old) Night Nurses -- who are 
however being gradually weeded 
out -- but Miss Barclay was 
oblighed to give her an onerous 
charge of Wards which fell in
unexpectedly -- the next has
fallen ill & is little likely
ever to be strong enough again
for such a place --
It should be, I need not say,
a not young, but wiry woman --
good on her legs, & in her head
-- absolutely trustworthy &
with something of the Missionary=
spirit -- For nothing that I
had ever known of War Hospitals
surpassed the wickedness
of this Edinburgh Infirmary
when we first entered it.
Also: a London Hospital, the
most busy in accidents &
acute diseases, is really
a slow place compared with

this Edinburgh Infy, where, for &
in consequence of the crowd of Med. students, they get in & they get
out acute & critical cases
faster than in any place I ever
heard of --
And the Night Supr's wits
are often called upon for
Night Admissions.
The Night Supr has £30
with 1/6 a week for washing --
& uniform -- tea, sugar & every
thing found --
She superintends the night=
nurses of the whole place --
some 36 wards (many small)
besides single rooms -- Of these
about 22 wards (number increases)
are nursed by our own trained Nurses -- besides Ophthalmic & Fever Wards -- (which last in a separate building are not within the Night Sup't's domain.)

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

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

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

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

F. Nightingale [end] (written amid so many interruptions)
35 South St.        July 9/73
    Park Lane W.
Dearest friend

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

    Most heartily besides do I sympathize in your plan for nursing Incurables -- I think that even (if you would relax in your resolution not to be "under the N.F. Commea", we might come

f15
to some definite arrangements for an Annual subsidy if you would kindly take & train with your own invaluable training some of our Probs whether in the Incurables' Home you propose or in District Nursing, or both.

But I have ascertained that, without some such definite arrangement, it would be impossible to ask the N.F. Ctee for a Donation to buy the House: tho' this might easily have been done given while
you & we were at work
    together
I am so absolutely drained dry
  at this moment [And I
  have £400 to pay towds
  building a new School at
  Embley by Xmas]
Friends of mine will
  undertake to find you
£50 for the "House"
  for the "Incurables".
[I only wish it were £500]
  God speed you --
in great press
  ever yours
    
F. Nightingale

My dear Sir
    How can I have been
so long in thanking you
for your great kindness
in sending me the 4TH
Edition of your great
work: Practical Hygiene.
    You have produced a
{IN PENCIL:}
most capital Edition indeed
    I have already given
many copies of this
priceless work: for we

E.A. Parkes Esq. M.D.
make it now a part
\hspace{1cm} of the `Course of Reading'
for our more advanced
\hspace{1cm} Probationers in training
for Matrons' & Sisters' places.
\hspace{1cm} I have entered the correction, 
as you desired, in all our
copies \hspace{1cm} at p.641.
\hspace{1cm} Pray believe me
\hspace{1cm} with renewed thanks
\hspace{1cm} ever your faithful servt
\hspace{1cm} Florence Nightingale

Sidney Herbert will have
\hspace{1cm} been dead 12 years
\hspace{1cm} next Saturday --
\hspace{1cm} God bless you for being
\hspace{1cm} so faithful to his memory.  

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

73/5 F.N. TO M. MOHL, 19 DEC. 1873
74/1 F.N. TO J.J. FREDERICK, 8 JAN 1874
35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Dec 19/73

Dear M. Mohl

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

`Fiend! thou torment' st me ere I come to hell Send it me this minute.
Or I will shut you up in a country house in Paradise for 3000 years with 3 Deans, 2 Bishops & 1 Archbishop.

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

And you never did.
Send it me this minute. Or your term of 3000 years shall be lengthened to 30,000 and 3.

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

These especially interested me: because in as far as the laws which register mankind's crime & other social movements are
LMA (FNM) 106

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}
Laws: of course all Legislature & Administration must be based upon them: instead of being just the reverse. Latterly: I have been reading over again the 'Physique Sociale' with the view of writing as above. But of course there are weeks & months that I cannot write -- And then it all has to be begun over again. Now, give me a fillip, do.

Dec 30/73

Dear M. Mohl
All my misfortunes always culminate each year at Christmas. It's a way they have. So this letter has remained unfinished many days. But it shall go all the more & see what it can get out of you.
f5 (THIS FOLIO IN PEN:)
I am not like you. Because
I have to ask a favour. You have
to grant one
And the more the letter won't
go: the more I say, it shall
About the Eucalyptus:
in our Sanitary Report on Algeria:
(we sent a Commission there)
we alluded to its healthy properties
They mainly show that Drainage
is required.
In India we advised Bamboo
for the same purpose. But
Eucalyptus would do. Only
neither one nor the other are
substitutes for Drainage.
Indeed in India all tree
vegetation is considered healthy
in Epidemic times. But as
Malaria exists notwithstanding trees,
we must insist (not on Eucalyptus
but) on Drainage works

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

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

I am so hurried & bothered
I can't say more: Nurses &
Matrons & Superintendents besides
Sometimes I ask myself, after all my "Laws" & "Moral Worlds": is there a good God after all?
You see I have the more need that you should write to me. And this goes for that purpose only. Do not disappoint it, poor beast!

ever yours
F.N.

[written sideways] Àn Anglais (?)

I was extremely obliged to you for your great kindness in having the 3 copies of the `C.D. Acts paper' made: & in sending them to me so soon.
As well as for your careful suggestions which I have scrupulously adopted: erasing "Hansom" J.J. Frederick Eq.

It is always very kind to put one on one's guard against any possible inaccuracy, however trivial --
[The person who gave the that part of the evidence viva voce certainly said 'Hansom cab'.
It would be dreadful if this meant a gentleman's open cabriolet] But what I write for now is: to ask you to be so very good as to tell me
how & what I am to 
repay for the work so 
well done?
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My dear Father was taken 
from us quite suddenly 
on Monday morning
at 8 o'clock. He had
 got up at his usual
early hour. There
was a large family
party in the house:
but when they ran in

not seen for verification
to him he was quite gone.
For him it is best so.
He was quite ready to go.
He was the best father
to his people & cottagers
I ever knew.
But no one can tell
what the break up is
to us for me especially
who had never once
thought that I should
survive him
& no last word or message --
yours sincerely F. Nightingale

Private {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY IN LEFT-HAND CORNER}
    J.J. Frederick Esq .
    Army San: Comm: 
    Horse Guard
8/1/74

Death of Miss
Nightingale's
father
&
asking for candidates
for the
Nursing
Service
Dear M Mohl

Our General Election is almost over & with an overwhelming gain to the Conservatives. As far as my concerns go, I am anything but sorry. In every single respect almost they have gone worse under our own Ministry for the last 5 years than under any other.

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

I am in hopes that the Conservatives
may still come in time enough
to save the remains of wretched
Bengal from the Famine
& that D’Israeli may give the
“Surplus” of 4 or 5 millions
not to afford us a few more luxuries
but to save a few hundreds of thousands
of these Bengalese from being starved
to death:
all which might have been helped
if the Duke of Argyll had not stopped
our Irrigation.
Sir Harry Verney has lost his seat:
his son has not won his and Jack
Bonham Carter has lost his seat
of 27 years at Winchester, & with
it of course his Chairmanship of
Ways & Means.
Mr Lowe said that this new
Parliament would be plutocratic,
& the next revolutionary.

But no man has done more to
drag down Mr Gladstone’s Government
than Mr. Lowe.
I have to thank you for the
Eucalyptus pamphlet, & also
I believe for a most curious little
book, called Studies of Man,
by a Japanese. Is it by a real
Japanese? There is nothing
in it new: but I certainly shows
marvellously well how the profession
of Christianity religion & its performance
in these miserable rich poor countries
strikes a “stranger.”
If it was not you who sent it,
please let me send you a copy.
It is now to be bought.

God bless you.
ever yours
Florence Nightingale
W. Harvey Esq.

Sir

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

F. Nightingale

Nursing Asson

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

July 10/74

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I am sorry that I have kept these valuable notes of yours so long for I have added nothing to them. But I should be very happy if when you get to work, after your paid Secretary is appointed -- you think I could make any suggestions, to do so & as I might perhaps then
have more leisure

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

{THE ABBREVIATION N.B. IN PENCIL}
N.B. [She says that we should make Nursing a profession attractive to 'ladies' by giving a higher training & that we should give a higher training, because 'ladies', more than 'common women', as she calls them, are attracted to apply at St. Thomas'.
But I did not point out to her this little inconsistency because the object is: not to prove her wrong but to engage her to work] in haste

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

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

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

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

Sir Arthur Cotton tells me that your kindness will not think it an intrusion: The thing is this:
I have been for 15 years engaged in
matters, principally regarding Sanitary administration, for the troops & natives in India. And most official papers on these subjects pass through my poor weak hands. Latterly I have been asked by the "authorities" to write something about the Zemindar & Ryot question: & they have themselves supplied me with some materials. It is an awful question: you are the first authority living on the state of the population in Bengal. It has been suggested to me, for I had not the audacity to think of it, to seize upon some "opportunity of asking you to send me your remarks". I can scarcely hope that you will have time or inclination to read the accompanying (very) rough Proof: which would be the first sketch for anything I should write, were I to carry out what is more a proposal of others than my own still less that you would find leisure to give me your (truly invaluable) views on the subject Rather ought I to ask that you will forgive me for wishing you to read one unnecessary line

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

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

July 18/74 Florence Nightingale
74/7 F.N. TO DR. E.A. PARKES, 14 AUG. 1874
74/8 F.N. TO DR. DUFF, 19 AUG. 1874

To:  Dr. E.A. Parkes

My dear Sir

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

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

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

Surely if Mrs. Newman went to Renkioi "on the understanding" that she was to have such or such "a rate of pension", she must have some written document to show to this effect.
LMA (FN) 116

My dear Sir

I cannot thank you enough for your long, most wise & kind letter full of hints invaluable to me.

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

I could have wished that it had been otherwise: & that I might have reaped a little more of your unique experience about our poor Ryots.

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

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

& in His name I ask for your prayers & blessing

I am ever yours faithfully & gratefully

"Florence Nightingale"

-end 10:400-

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The Rev.

---- Dr. Duff----

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

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

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75/1 F.N. TO J.J. FREDERICK, ESQ. 19 FEB. 1875
75/2 F.N. TO ---- ["DEAR FRIEND"] 17 APR. 1875

f2 [black-edged paper]

with a guinea fowl
+ 6 new laid eggs
(from the country)

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

19/2/75
letter to J.J. Frederick

My dear Sir

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

I do not know whether you are aware that we are making an enquiry to obtain...
information of all the Trained District Nursing in London for the purposes of the proposed National Nursing Society.

Could you send me a Report of your District Nurse: & also could Miss Lees (whose name may not be unknown to you) make her rounds with this Nurse among her Patients for one day some day possibly this next week? if we could so arrange it.

I am always glad to hear of your little son & delighted to think that he is making the joy of his mother & yourself.

I have never thanked you for so kindly making a copy yourself for me of Lord N.'s letter --

Pray believe me always sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

J.J. Frederick Esq.

35 S. St.
April 17/75

Dear friend

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

I grieve indeed at your loss in your dear & noble Sister: but this world seems to me so terrible that when I think of what she has gone from & what she is gone to life appears to me death &
death life, as I am sure it does to you.
I lost this winter the last faithful friend of my Crimean days the dear Revd Mother of Bermondsey the purest soul I ever knew But I could not mourn
To be able to say It is finished
  Father, into Thy hands, Father I commend my spirit
What blessedness like that? ever yours affly
  F. Nightingale

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

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

f2 HI/ST/NC1/75/3

Nat. Assn Sick Poor Nursing Address
35 South St.
Robt Wigram Esq. Park Lane W.
Sir Aug 23/75

Most candidly do I say that I would wish to do what you think most helpful to your object: & would even lay aside my dislike to giving my name without my work to be "one of the Vice Presidents of your Assn", as you, who have done so unspeakably much for it, ask.
But it strikes me that being "a Vice P." would
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even hinder, while it could in no way
help the work that I am able to do
for you: & trust to continue to do.
I could not serve on Ladies' Committees: nor
pretend to do so: nor take any share in
administering or investigating work.
All that I can do in helping or advising, or
that Miss Lees & others think I can do,
is much better done as not publicly
connected with the Assn, I believe.
If you want "to quote" our "name" as your "supporters," surely that is
sufficiently secured: or whatever weight
you may please to attach to it: by
our willingness to work under you: i.e.
to furnish one cluster of Districts with
Nursing: & place it under your Officers.
While I should not be able to direct your
organization one bit the more by being
"one of its Vice P.s", any moral effect
that may be attach to the above arrangement
would be weakened by myself serving
under myself [pencil] would it not?

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I have heard frequently from Miss Lees:
& think the `start' is quite as favourable
as we could have hoped. There is no fear
but that there will be plenty of work by
& bye. With every hope of success,
yours ever faithfully Florence Nightingale
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"Miss Pyne is in London": & sends me word
her "heart is divided in two". Still I believe
she will complete her re-engagement of a year at Edinburgh:
after which I shall not be surprised if she
enters the Assn: or does work as "District Supr"
after all.   [end]
Dear Miss Blower

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

There is a train leaves St. Pancras 11.50 Cromford 4.18

But consult your Bradshaw: pray stay with us as long as you can: & believe me (in haste) yours most sincerely

Florence Nightingale

My love, please, to Miss Crossland

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

that she very much doubts this: which concurs with what you say -- Could you kindly find out something definite about this & let me know? [Myers was
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the name of the two Sisters who were to be
Matrons of that Hospi. They appeared
to know little or nothing. They called themselves
Deaconesses]

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

Messrs. Montgomerie & Greenhall
Gracechurch St
London

Allan Line}
to Quebec }

Messrs. Allan's Office
Alexandra Buildings
Liverpool

are the two Addresses Miss Machin, gave F.N.
for the Steamers 'Moravian' & 'Peruvian': & taking places
2. Did you learn Cupping at St. T's?

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

   God speed: ever your affecte
   F.N.

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

f1 {PEN} V₄
75/6 F.N. TO MISS BLOWER 15 SEPT. 1875
75/7 " " 16 SEPT. 1875

f2 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} {BELOW: A VIII & 3

A VIII 3 Lea Hurst
   Cromford: Derby
   Sept 15/75

Dear Miss Blower

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

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

f2v {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL}

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

   I shall write to you in the morning by the Nurses, but nothing that you need {PAGE CUT OFF}
read till you are on board. What must be read now I put here with a `God speed': & a God bless you all. in great haste ever yours affly F. Nightingale

Lea Hurst
Cromford: Derby
Sept 16/75 6 a.m.  

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

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

{IN PENCIL:}
I enclose a letter to Miss Machin to your kind care [end]
My dear Sir

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

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

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

Dr. Acland
LMA (FNM)

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Fortunately for them, they cannot make us
legislate that the Public shall employ women
Doctors any more than we can legislate
that the Public shall employ men-Doctors
from what we think the best schools.
Give us free trade: & let the Public
decide.
II. But may I venture to lay what seems
to me the root of the whole matter before you:
is it not `putting the cart before the horse'
to say -- `we will legislate that no woman
shall practice as Midwife before she
has successfully passed an Examination of
competence' -& NOT to provide such Training, such
instruction, & such Institutions as shall
enable her to pass such Examination?
If the `horse' were provided, i.e. if the
State were to start a Model School for
Midwives, would not this be much better
than any legislation for Midwives? [might we not have had
& might it not have saved us from the pressure
of this legislation, now impending, to admit women to the
ordinary men's examination"?

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

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

Have we any right to shut women out?

Give "free trade" in Diplomas:

& I have a lurking idea (in which I may be quite wrong) that, as in many other things, women will no longer be so very eager to toil for the "fruit" which is no longer "forbidden".

But, whether this idea be right or wrong, shall we not do more harm than good in shutting out the women?

Let them try: Once we have "free trade" supply & demand will, will they not?, adjust themselves: it will be seen by the simple test of utility, of profit & loss, whether women Doctors can get practice, & deserve practice.
f5 {BELOW: H38b IN PENCIL

[F38b]

about legislation?

[It seems to me a sort of lazy, unenterprising,
in short, stupid thing, of the women to say:
`we will be like men': instead of trying
to work the immense field, Midwifery &
Nursing, which is theirs by right.
But, you see, Messrs. Stansfeld, Cowper-Temple,
Lord Houghton &c `aid & abet' them in
this: & do nothing for the other]
As no School for Midwives is provided for them, they seem unable to
invent to have
no invention to do anything
but what men do. [intention?]
Of course what will be answered to
No II is: `that is a matter, like
everything else in England, for private
enterprise on a self-supporting basis
to supply: viz. Schools for Midwives'.
That is very true.
But it will be a long time first.
And meanwhile a vast field for women's
work is left untilled & a vast amount
of suffering among the poor (& rich too)
is left unremedied.
A Model School for Midwives started
now by Govt or by a few rich individuals
with competent advice: would probably
advance the matter by 100 years.
[Almost every thing of this kind of work in England has been done
by this time. a number of fully qualified
Midwives -- (pointing the way to these aspiring
Women Doctors, by the bye -- who now will
be satisfied with nothing but legislation
to make them Women Doctors) these Midwives training
others again in new private Schools for Midwives?
And we might then never want the `cart': viz.
legislation to tell us that no woman
shall practice as Midwife but with &c &c
Because the public would itself have
furnished the `cart'.
[St. Petersburg has founded such a School
for Midwives: a very admirable one:
a 4 years' course: as you are aware]
Any how, if not the State: those who are
interested in the subject: (attention of late
years has been enough directed to it:)
might have had a Model School for
Midwives started by a few rich men --
And how much better it is, is it not?, to say
to women: `show us what you can do':
furnishing them with the means of learning
TO DO: than all these fights & struggles
in this way: a wise philanthropy has started it: the public has taken it up, when it has found the benefits in its own body or mind: 
& joint stock & commercial enterprise has then placed it on a self-supporting footing]

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

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

No one but you would so command the confidence of the public if it were known that you were the promoter of such a start.
There is, I believe, but little doubt that women, so trained, would command half the ordinary Midwifery practice in England: -- perhaps even we should live to see it.

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

This is not to say that Midwifery should not be thoroughly taught: (The Midwife should have a sound Medical as well as general Education: which should comprise Diseases of Women & children: & above all Hygiene of Women & children, & comprise everything Obstetric.)

You are kind enough to wish to see me & "ask" my "opinion" on this subject: (otherwise no apology would suffice for this letter:) & would "come up to London" "almost any day" "to see" me "at 4.30".

Possibly this letter may, as I wish it, save you this trouble at present: probably you will cry: 'enough & too much'.
But if at any time you are in London  
(not to come "on purpose") & would let  
me know the day beforehand: & fix  
any hour in the afternoon: there is  
scarcely any engagement I would not  
put off if you) Pray believe me  
think me of the least) my dear Sir  
service. ) Most faithfully yours  

Florence Nightingale

JUNE 5, 1876, ff1-8 LETTERS TO GEORGE FRERE PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FN

Proposed "Maternity Home & Training School":  

35 South St.  
Park Lane W.  

George Frere Esq.  
June 5/76

Sir  
In returning to the Lady Superior  
of St. John's House the plans of the  
proposed "Maternity Home & Training School"  
which your Council were so good as to  
allow me to see, together with  
Mr. Salter's letter of explanation, I have  
in accordance with the kind invitation  
conveyed in your letter of April 11,  
accompanied them with some notes which,  
though roughly put together, embody the  
results of a careful consideration of the  
plans -- in which I have been assisted  
by two gentlemen who are recognized  
authorities upon the subject of Hospital
May I venture to say that the plans are in many respects admirable, & afford evidence of a very great advance in the adoption of sound principles of Sanitary construction?

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

1. In the plan which was carried out at King's College Hospital in the years 1862-1867 at the cost of the "Nightingale Fund" under the auspices of your Council, our object was to train Midwifery Nurses to be employed among the poor:
   - We advisedly called the Nurses "Midwifery" and not "Monthly" Nurses, conceiving that the former designation more correctly indicated both the nature of the work which the Nurses would have to undertake among the poor: & the amount of training required for the purpose. In point of fact, these Nurses were better qualified than any ordinary Midwives: & did for the Poor more than these Midwives ordinarily do.
   - We did not call them "Midwives", because we considered that even the training which we gave fell far short of what properly qualified Accoucheuses ought to have: and we therefore made it a condition of their employment, that they should act under the direction of the Medical men. But -- the ultimate object was: to attempt to substitute trained for untrained Midwives for the Poor: And what was done was regarded as a first step towards this end.
The distinction between "Monthly" Nurses & "Midwifery" Nurses was therefore in our view an essential one:

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

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

There, with 10 Beds, we had a skilled Midwife Instructor, and 6 Resident Pupils -- the whole being under the supervision of the Lady Superior & the Sister of the Ward:

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

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

3. Altho' perhaps somewhat premature to refer to the time when the Buildings shall be completed, I have little doubt that, should the organization of the proposed Training School prove, according to our views, efficient -- that is, should we be not only satisfied with the Lying-in accommodation -- which promises, with some alterations not difficult to carry out, to be
admirable -- & with the accommodation for Pupils, at present not a little meagre -- but also with the Training means afforded: -- the Committee of the Nightingale Fund will be glad, only too glad, to avail themselves of its resources in training Midwifery Nurses & Midwives for the Poor. May I add the warmest interest & sympathy in your project. The prospect as well of an Institution which shall not destroy Lying-in lives, & which shall teach the care of infants: as of opening a School under good conditions rather for Midwives for the Poor: than not only for Monthly Nurses for the Rich: the prospect of having all that done which is essential for this: fills me with hope. I wish you 'God speed' with all my heart & strength: & shall be proud if we can, by maintaining pupils with you, follow in your steps -- & extend among a larger number your benefits promised to the Poor. Pray believe me Sir ever your faithful servt Florence Nightingale

May I add that if I can be of the least little use in considering at any time further plans, I shall be only too happy to put myself at your service: & without I trust the almost unpardonable delay incurred this time?

F.N.

[end 8:380]
DECEMBER 22 & 28, 1876, ff1-7 LETTERS TO MISS MARY JONES PEN & PENCIL
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DECEMBER 22 & 28, 1876

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

f2 {ENVELOPE ADDRESSED IN PEN} {BELOW: J48 PENCIL HI/ST/NC1/76/3/2
J48 -- Christmas Evergreens
-- 12 mince pies
Miss Jones
Supr
39 Kensington Square
22/12/76

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

My dear friend
You must not think that I ever forget you & yours. I should so like to know about your Incurables.
Countless & best Christmas loves & fervent prayers for the very best Christmas blessings upon & to you, the Sisters who may remember me & to all the Sisters & to all your people peace & good will from God.
May all His blessings be yours:

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

F.N.
My dear friend

About your 'boy':

it occurs to me that you might like

to send your 'boy' (whom you want
to send to the sea -- surely it is too cold
at present) for a few weeks to

St. Agatha's Home for Invalid Children

near Wickham Road

Beckenham: Kent S.

built at her own expense by Miss Hawthorn

(late Sister Elizabeth of St. Thomas')

& opened last month.

I would gladly pay the 8/6 a week for

him.

She is a first rate woman & Nurse: &

of course nurses her little Patients herself.

I send you the Rules: & also a (corrected)

Prospectus the only ones

I can lay my hands on. Therefore please return it

them to me. [Boys must be between 5 & 12

to be admitted: girls between 5 & 14]

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I should like to know how many Patients

you have.

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If you know anything about Miss

Sellon's last days:

I should dearly like to hear it.

Also: about her Successor: is it

Miss Chambers?

with every good wish for the highest

Christmas blessings, ever yours.

F.N.
f7 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

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

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

F. Nightingale

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

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

f1 {PEN}

My dear Miss Blower

I write this to try & catch the mail: & to thank you for your melancholy letter: I feel so much as you do: it will be the ruin of the place if she leaves it: but I shall almost be glad if she does. No danger of her not finding work fit for her. And you too, how much you have suffered in this disastrous place. But how much you have helped her: she could hardly have lived thro' it but for you. Thank you & thank God for it -- We feel
very anxious to hear what comes next, as you may suppose -- And if it is her leaving, it will be her liberty I think you perhaps attach too much importance to petty intrigues. But if your view is correct, & the men are in power are amenable to such influences, it is hardly possible to wish her to stay. But I have lived thro' many intrigues in the last 25 years: & am living them thro' still: Intrigues are not peculiar to Canada. But I should suppose the real secret or key is: the impecunious state of the Institution. Then let her be free. I cannot commend us all often or earnestly enough to the care of our Father in heaven who is all goodness yours & hers ever F. Nightingale

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

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Miss Blower
Montreal General Hospital
Montreal

11/10/77
Dear Sir Sydney Waterlow

I am bound in duty to report to you the movements of our Montreal (trained) ‘Sisters’ & Superintendt Miss Machin, the Lady Supr, & another lady, her Head Sister, were to sail from Canada the day before yesterday, the 10th & expected to be at Liverpool on the 21st. Any time after that I presume she would be at your service: to have an interview with you, if you wished it -- tho' I doubt not they would both prefer a little longer holiday before entering on active duty. Still they will be glad to put themselves entirely at your disposal.

You expected, I think, that you would wish & be able to keep open the Night Superintendt as a preparation-post for your after consideration as to fitness for a higher post.
as well as a *Sister ship*.

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

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

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

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

Pray believe me
dear Sir Sydney Waterlow
ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

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N.B. I am now at Lea Hurst }
Cromford }
Derby }
attending on my mother: letters may be addressed here: or any letters will be forwarded to me from 35 South St.

F.N.

Sir Sydney H. Waterlow M.P.

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

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

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

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

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

God bless you again & again: I will not take up your time: ever your faithful serv

Sister Frances         Florence Nightingale
78/3 F.N. TO WILLIAM CLARKE, ESQ. 6 SEPT. 1878

My dear Sir

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

To me this is the very beau ideal of work.

You have stirred up the Colonies & set them practically to work as no one else could.

[Do you remember -- in Washington Irving I think it is, some lines which represent a vision appearing to Columbus & prophesying to him his future?

"Thine evermore transcendent happiness
"World beyond world to visit & to bless"

I cannot conceive a finer destiny & I think it is yours.

I bless God for it.

I trust that Sydney & the Hunter River District, & Bathurst &c and Adelaide -- and Canterbury & Wellington & Auckland will carry out to the full these noble plans: & that the new 'worlds' of New South Wales and South Australia and New Zealand will thus be 'blessed' indeed.
About Madras wish I could give you
good & certain news of it [I had a great correspondence with the Governor & the S. of S. for India not quite a year ago about it]
But, I believe, during the famine year the whole Municipality resources were engaged in saving life from famine &, except increased expenditure in cleansing for the additional 200 000 people that filled its streets, there was nothing done.
The grievances which can only be removed by water supply & house drainage still remain. And the Governor, tho' with an extraordinary knowledge of detail, scarcely seems awake to the necessity of what alone can give efficiency to his details.
The India Office has tried to stir him up. I hope you will hear good news on enquiry in London.
And believe me if you can tell me that your Madras scheme is going to be carried out, I can hear no better news in this world.
[But 'economy' (so called) is all the rage now in India, I fear] {I fear IN PENCIL}
You must accuse my 'necessity' & overwork & not myself for my not having written my congratulations sooner:
yours under great stress of business & illness but still ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
W. Clark Esq & &
Dear Lord Derby,

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

I have been so bold as to write to Col. Stanley about matters pertaining to the Army Medical School & Warrants &c, in connection with Sidney Herbert's 'Royal Commission on the Sanitary state of the Army'
in 1857 -- it was in carrying out the conclusions of that Commission that Lord Herbert founded the Army Medical School & framed the Warrant of 1859.

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

Pray believe me
dear Lord Derby
ever your faithful serv't
Florence Nightingale

The
Earl of Derby
&c &c &c

[BELOW: A XXVIII & 4 (WITH A CIRCLE ROUND 4), IN PENCIL,
Private {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY}
& Confidential {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY}
Army Medical School}
Netley: } Address
A XXVIII 4 35 South St.
Park Lane W. [15:572-24]
Sept. 26/78

Sir

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

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

The Warrant of 1859 was also Sidney Herbert's solution of another problem of that R. Commission -- and it was a successful one -- to frame a Warrant & conditions which would enable the Army & Navy to offer inducements to the class of men they want, better than those offered in Civil life.

[The R. Commission of 1857 was well aware of the difficulties of getting suitable men, & of the need of improving both their education & status. If I might, I would refer you to the letter of Sidney Herbert prefixed to the Army Medical Regulations, & to the Warrant at the end.]
If I might, I would appeal from the present constant changes in small details to the great principles contained in these documents, which, if adhered to, could scarcely fail to fill up the ranks of Medical Officers with men suitable to consort with their brother Officers of any grade.

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

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The consequences of the departure from that Warrant of 1859 have been: increasing difficulty in obtaining the best men for Army Medical Service. And since then the Army Medical Department has undergone repealed alterations which have more & more departed from the intentions of the R. Commission of 1857 & the Warrant of 1859, so that subsequent proceedings have more & more borne the impress of want of acquaintance with the necessities -- almost of a
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breach of faith with the public -- while the great advance in Civil Medical education & status, in consequence of recent Medical legislation, has given to men entering the Civil Profession a very different estimate of their position than they formerly had.

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

Even in 1857 this was the case: Is not what the Government has to do to compete with the Civil profession by

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offering such inducements in the way of rank, status, pay & privileges as will induce young men to forego the advantages in money & position of Civil practice & enter Her Majesty's Service? Will Petty changes make any difference in the present state of matters bring one good man to the poll -- or prevent the Department from having to content itself with the worst leavings of the Civil Medical practice?
3. Is there any real road out of the present difficulties arising from paucity of candidates (in both senses of littleness), except in the direction of the Royal Warrant of 1859 with such additional inducements as the changed position of the Civil profession renders necessary? -- [And on this subject Government has an official adviser at hand in Dr. Acland & the General Medical Council:] and then to issue such a Warrant as will bring in the required supplies: and to keep to it:

What is wanted are the men:

4. After a Warrant is once issued, the public look upon it, I suppose, as of the nature of contract: which ought not to be departed from at least in the case of those who have entered the public service under it: due notice of any contemplated change to be given in order to keep faith with the public.

At present there is no continuity in the service: -- is there?

5. If I might -- I should venture to ask that there should be no interference with the Warrant on the Organization of the Army Medical School &c without those who remain of the framers of that Warrant -- or without the Professors of the Army Medical School who have been
for years carrying out its provisions --
being formally consulted on the subject.
Ought not the British Medical Council also
surely be one of the advisers of the Government
on such an important matter?

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

School course with its power to cast
out the unfit as now, -- subject of course
to the confirming sanction of the S. of S. for
War -- the teaching to be thus in the
same hands as the discipline as now:
-- and the final Examination
These things appear to be the very root
of the School's usefulness. 
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I will not make this too long letter longer

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

Florence Nightingale

Rt Honble
Col. Stanley M.P.
&c &c &c

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

I cannot thank you enough for all your kindness. I wish you 'God speed' with all my might on your great mission [You cannot guess how disappointed I am not to be able to see you before you go.] My best wishes will follow your mission every where. If I may, I shall perhaps send after you to India any questions that may appear worth suggesting, without of course expecting any answer till your return, which may God prosper with a great freight of important work for India. [If I may, I shall send occasionally to your house in London to know what news of you]

As you do not leave London till the 9TH, I may perhaps venture to send you (in London) on the 7TH some questions on the "Printed Questions" of the "Famine Commission". These will of course require no answer: -- if they are worthless you can but throw them into the Red Sea.

Now God speed your mission & bring you safe home again & bring India safe too is the earnest prayer of ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

James Caird Esq.

Miss Blower
Nightingale Home
St. Thomas' Hospital
Westminster Bridge
London S.E.

1/11/78
My dear Miss Blower
How glad I was to receive your letter I cannot
tell you. Except your leaving Miss
Machin alone at Lincoln & she leaving
you alone (for a while) with Sister 'Harley'
at St. B.'s both of which things we ought
not to lament as they were clearly God's doing.
He seems to be guiding all things well.
'Seems' I impertinently say: Of course He is
always guiding all things well: but here we
can seem to see it.
And so on Monday you will be
`Sister Abernethy'. God give you joy in it --
I was going to say `I give you joy' but I feel
so anxious that the other is more my feeling.
It is a great relief to me that you appear
to have no small Operation Wards to look after
& that you have as a rule only the Male
Operations: which is quite enough in all
conscience: & no care of the "instruments".
I tell you in confidence that I think
the negotiations about Miss Machin's own
post are as "Matron & Supvr of Nurses"
are making most satisfactory progress
more so than I had dared to hope.
God grant that you may soon be all together
at St. B.'s "Put your trust in God & keep
your powder dry": A St. Bartholomew's `Sister'
must be a Sister of St. Bartholomew's, & not
of anywhere else.
You will make your little Staff under you
loyal to you & to St. B.'s.
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I am looking forward to seeing you.
Miss Machin must have one hundred
exhortations to take care of herself
we commend her to God.
fare you very very well
God bless you again & again
I need not tell you how very sorry & grieved
about poor Miss Vincent I feel. But I trust,
I trust
My best of loves to Home Sister 
[end]
{in gt. haste IN PENCIL:} in gt. haste
F. Nightingale

JANUARY 24 & APRIL 14, 1879, ff1-8 LETTERS TO JAMES CAIRD & MISS MACKENZIE PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED JANUARY 24 & APRIL 14, 1879

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79/1 F.N. TO JAMES CAIRD, ESQ. 24 JAN. 1879
79/2 F.N. TO MISS MACKENZIE 14 APRIL 1879

f2 Florence Nightingale

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Private {DIAGONAL 10 South St.
Park Lane W.
Jan 24/79

My dear Sir

Once more I come to 
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trouble you: but this time it
is only to bid you `God speed'.

We look to your Report with
the most intense anxiety to
arouse the people of England
to a sense of their duty towards
the people of India.

We are like children: we
have forgotten to learn our
lesson (on the state of the
people of India) in order to
run to the window at the
sound of the drums & fifes
in the street going -- oh me:
what devil has done this? -- to
James Caird Esq &c &c
Candahar & Jellalabad

The only chance of real reform in India lies in a powerful Report such as yours will be which will interest the people of England.

And -- if an Indian Dickens could arise!
or if the 'Times' could think India of as much importance, as Cyprus & send out a 'Special Correspondent' to 'discover' the interior!!
or &c &c

The India Office say in so many words that they hope that Mr. Caird will disregard the limitations of the instructions to the Commission

And they also hope that you will tell us something about the Famine Mortality And so do I.

Another subject:
A Mr. Digby whom you will probably see at Madras: says that the Indian Govt have two courses before them (1) doing nothing: & a Poor Law will be necessary in a generation: (2) exerting themselves to improve agriculture (active to devise such means as shall increase the food= producing qualities of the soil) "for there is untold wealth a few inches beneath the surface of the soil if an improved plough is used to turn it up".
The same Mr. Digby says:

"With better village government, (the enlargement & improvement of the village system), better village statistics, & general widening of knowledge, agriculture could be improved, manufacturing industries introduced & famine become as impossible in India as it is in France."

No one will know so much about this as you.

A leaving of the wretched ryot to his ignorance, his poverty & his plough (which scarcely scratches the soil) is the doctrine which many preach here:

I was glad to hear the India Office say that their great hope of now of reviving interest in this terrible Madras tragedy was in "Mr. Caird's report": but that it will require courage like yours to bring to light damaging facts.

God speed you & God bless you in so divine & Saviour like a task ever your faithful servT Florence Nightingale

I have twice written long rigmaroles to you
10 South St.
Park Lane W.
April 14/79

Dear Miss Mackenzie

So Nurse Owen is gone. I have been feeling very sad about her: And yet it is not sad. She has another Easter morn than ours. She was a brave woman & stood to her post

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shown her. She was happy, I believe & quite resigned.

I should like to know who was the Nurse who nursed her & any particulars about the last days. I was very much obliged to you for your note.

Did Nurse Owen wish to see any of her family from

Yorkshire? And did they see her?

And was any wish expressed about her funeral? What are you proposing about this? And could we help you?

I will write again but my heart is full:

but I was anxious to ask about the funeral while there is time:

MAY 9 & MAY 10, 1879, ff1-10 LETTERS TO DR. H.W. ACLAND & MISS MACKENZIE PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED MAY 9 & MAY 10, 1879
My dear Sir

I venture to trouble you on the ground of my interest in the trained District Nursing proposed by the 'Memorial fund' in Oxford: & of my interest in Miss Airy (Sister Albert) of St. Thomas' whom you know. She was with me last night.

I gather from her that, if she could be called "Training Lady Nurse" or "Training Head Nurse", (to satisfy her family's objections), & if she were empowered not only to nurse in the District H.W. Acland Esq MD &c &c &c

herself, but to train & supervise the nursing of other Nurses: at the poor people's own homes, she would come to you at a Nurse's salary, £25, "all found" & "uniform".

This is simply from love of the work. She could have a Matronship at £100 a year. And it was in fact to talk over her future that she came to me. She told me that she had written to you.

She prefers Nursing to Matron-izing: as I think, rightly.

I am so satisfied that nothing real can be done in District Nursing without the most vigorous trained supervision, such as Miss
Lees gives, that I have the
less scruple in writing to you --
I believe that you have a lady
Supr of the District Nursing:
(tho' I suppose she does not
give that actual training to the
District Nurse in her work)
or I should have suggested
Miss Airy for this post.
I was surprised & pleased
that she wished for District
Nursing -- it never would
have come into my head
for her. She is a finished
'Male Surgical' Hospital 'Sister'.
It was Miss Smith who first
wrote to me about the 'Memorial'
And it is to her perhaps that
I ought to address this suggestion
about Miss Airy. But perhaps
you may kindly communicate

with her.
The longer I live the more I
see how District Nursing
degenerates into alms-giving,
(nursing a non nurse=ndo
without trained & constant
superintendence. But I know
you agree on this.

I have seen your protégée, Mrs.
Scharlieb. What an admirable
woman! Instead of
thinking how little will do
to make a Lady Doctor in
India, she thinks that the
best only will do, the most
thorough Medical education &
training. That is the way
& the truth & the life.
Pray believe me
ever your faithful servr
Florence Nightingale
LMA (FNM)

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I have omitted to say: -- if Miss Airy went to you, possibly one of our St. Thomas' Nurses would follow her to you if you wished it: for the District work.

Buxton Hospital: I have understood that you kindly offered the Head Nurse-ship of this to Miss Airy who declined it: & that they have offered it to the Devonshire Sq. 'Nursing Sisters'

They, the Buxton Hospital, applied to us for a trained Head Nurse & 4 trained Nurses under her, all or some of which we should be willing to supply: but we thought it better to delay: as there is, I believe, a kind of enquiry pending.

Could you kindly give us your information upon this matter? F.N.

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{BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/79/4

G1 May 10/79
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE W.

My dear Miss Mackenzie
I shall be so glad to send the books for Nurse Payne
And I like to hear of dear Nurse Owen & of you all.
I hope if you wish to keep Nurse Jordan that she will stay.

Let it be about the Cross & wreath as you wish: & I shall expect from your kindness to hear about the Grave-stone
We shall never forget your kindness to Nurse Owen.

About the plans: I am so sorry that there appears to have been some mistake.
Nothing could have given me greater pleasure than to have
seen Mr. Warner. But I am so overworked. I have to see so many more people on so much more business than I ought to undertake that it is quite impossible. I am, as you perhaps know, entirely a prisoner from illness to my room. My Doctor tells me to talk for half an hour every other day with only one person at once. I am compelled to transgress that order every day of my life. And I very often have to talk on business 4, 5 & even 7 or 8 hours a day: but I am never able to have more than one person in the room at once.

I understood that Mr. Warner was so good as to show the plans to Sir Harry Verney & explain them to him:

& then that he kindly promised to let me have tracings of the principal Ward=floors: & of the ground floor: & of the floor comprising the Out=Patients' Dept, whichever that is, showing also the drainage.

This is not a mere matter of our interest: a Children's Hospital is to be built at Heidelberg: & we have been asked by the Grand Duchess of Baden, who has herself established Hospitals & Training Schools for Nurses, to send to her plans of our best Children's Hospitals to imitate. I have already procured for her other plans: which are waiting to start for yours. [I need
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hardly say that I should
be too glad to pay for any
tracings that may be kindly
made for us].

Sir Harry Verney who has
left London has given me
a tracing of the Drainage
which I understood was
to be returned to Mr. Warner
who was so good as to call
upon Sir H.V.

And Sir H. told me that
the tracings of the Ward plans,
ground floor plans &c were
to reach me -- which however
they have not yet.

And I have been so
pressed as to be unable to
write to you.

Regretting very much that

JULY 19, SEPTEMBER 10 & SEPTEMBER 11, 1879, ff1-9 LETTERS TO MISS MACKENZIE PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED JULY 19, SEPTEMBER 10 & SEPTEMBER 11, 1879

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79/5 F.N. TO MISS MACKENZIE 19 JULY 1879
79/6 " " 10 SEPT. 1879
79/7 " " 11 SEPT. 1879
My dear Miss Mackenzie,

I regret so very much not having been able to answer your kind note before about the Medical books for the Nurses. I can only plead my old reason -- want of strength, overwork & illness.

I should be so very glad to send you the books you mention & any others. Might I ask whether you can make use of the books in a systematic way? and how? I mean in directing the reading of the Nurses, & giving classes to the Probationers?

I have no doubt that you

think as we do that a little desultory looking into Medical books on the part of the Nurses is rather objectionable.

Since I wrote this, I have heard that you are thinking of applying for another appointment than Shadwell. I am sorry for this.

Miss Gardiner (from Highgate) who is Matron of Canterbury Hospital with a staff of our trained Nurses is obliged to resign on account of ill health. She will leave on October 6. They will advertise for a successor.
I gave the plans which were so kindly sent of the Shadwell Children's Hospital, with those of two other Children's Hospitals. None of the other many plans of Children's Hospitals I had collected were worth anything as model plans to the Grand Duchess of Baden for the proposed Children's Hospital to be built at Baden Heidelberg. She was very grateful. Will you kindly tell the secretary of E. London Hosp. so? 10/9/79 F.N.

I am so totally unable to see Mr. Warner, under severe stress of business & illness. yours ever sincerely Florence Nightingale
My dear Miss Mackenzie

It is not from want of thinking of you that I have delayed so long in writing. {in writing IN PENCIL}

I suppose you are now at Manchester. And may God speed you in your new duties.

First, I have to ask you whether you have been so good as to settle all about Nurse Owen's grave=stone: & as to ask her relatives, whether they would allow me to contribute £2 to the expense which shall be sent wherever you desire me to send it.

Next: your new position at the Manchester Infirmary rendered I suppose I must not say: alas! -- a reply to the questions in your last letter unnecessary.

As to the same subject:

I presume that you will not wish or be in a position to take any steps for the present -- you will have enough to do at that great place [and may your doings be prospered! for some time to come without Nurses' to classes & Nurses' studies.

But if you wish to renew
your plans on this matter of Nurses' books -- I mean beyond merely "urging" them to read -- but having some system for improving the Nurses in reading the books you ask for, & I can be of the least help to you, pray do not hesitate to ask me. I shall always try to be at your service.
I cannot tell you how I think of you: & long for the work to be forwarded at the difficult post on which you have entered. I am so anxious: I would gladly hear from you --

I came down here, after having had a hard year's overwork to take charge of my dear Mother -- always a great risk to me but this year I was completely knocked down with uncountable pulse & 90 hours of no sleep & obliged to send for Dr. after all, who says -- "Go away for 3 months, & don't write or speak" But I cannot But I must not trouble you with my troubles. Only I must ask your kindness to excuse on this too true apology my not writing sooner.
I must earnestly desire to know that you are getting on well: & how you find the Infirmary
Believe me
Most anxiously yours
Florence Nightingale
How about your "children" at Shadwell?
Cromford: Derby
Sept. 23/79
My dear Miss Mackenzie
You are now established
in your new post. And
much you must find to
do in it. I assure you
you have my best wishes
that you should succeed.
And may God speed you!
It is a most arduous
post. By & bye when you
have a moment to write,
you know there is no one
who will be so interested
in your news as I.
I am sorry to trouble you

with my contribution (enclosed)
to dear Nurse Owen's
tomb=stone. But I have
not her sister's address.
Will you kindly convey it the enclosed
to her, & say how much
I think of Nurse Owen
in connection with such
words as these:
"Jesus saith unto her -- Thy" sister
"shall rise again".
or "Thy" sister "liveth".
And now I must not
take up your time. My own
is so overtasked here, what
with my Mother's precarious
state, no one to do certain
things in this village but I, & much old business & loss of strength that I am writing at 6 in the morning -- my only time {my only time IN PENCIL} God strengthen you for your task

Miss Mackenzie
Matron
Royal Infirmary
Manchester
23/9/79

My dear Sir
    I saw Mrs Bratby a day or two ago. She is well aware how much you have done for her. But she looks very ill. She looks to me as if she were breaking up.

    She complains much of a cess=pool in their garden: which has been a nuisance for years & years past: She says that, when she opens her window in the morning to breathe the glorious air, if the wind blows that way, West?, she breathes nothing but Cess=pool.
    Do you think this can have
C.B.N. Dunn Esq
anything to do with her illness?
[I think I have known that
state of the blood produced
by fouled air.]
And can nothing be done
to remove the cess-pool
altogether?
She says the Inspector came to
see it: but did nothing.
Mr. Yeomans, she says, proposed
to lay an old door over it:
but is that any good?
She has had a slight bleeding at
the nose this week. I saw
her afterwards: & she only
seemed depressed. But I
thought I would tell you,
because I suppose any bleeding
in her state might come to danger.

Mrs. Britland:
2. I am very anxious to learn
from you exactly what
was the state of the case
as to the "open sink stone
drain" which, being
undergoing repair, was the
cause of the blood-poisoning
which which was the cause
of her death.
And what was your MedL
Certificate of the Cause of Death.
If you could make it
convenient to come & see
me kindly tomorrow (Sunday)
at 5, or at 4, if it would
suit you better, should you
be in the Village, -- would
you be so very good as to
do so? But if it is
inconvenient, could you
kindly let me know about
poor Mrs. Britland's
open drain, & Mrs. Bratby's
cess=pool by Monday morning?

3. Has the other abomination
of a pig which infected
the Limbs' well been
removed?
   Mrs. Limb was very ill
last (Friday) night & to-day.
   Harriet Limb goes to work
to-day.

4. Old Lyddy Prince, tho'
wonderfully 'spirity', complains
of Indigestion. Perhaps
she might have 'something' to do
her good. She speaks of your
kindness with enthusiasm --
yrs sincerely F. Nightingale

FEBRUARY 13, MARCH 20 & MAY 15, 1880, ff1-9 LETTERS TO MISS MOCHLER
PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED FEBRUARY 13, MARCH 20 &
MAY 15, 1880

Dear Miss Mochler
   Would you kindly tell
Mrs. Shore with MANY thanks
that I have quite given
up the little housemaid
Eliza Colte Lizzie
Brooks comes back to
me tomorrow week.
Miss Irby starts from Vienna tonight on her way to York Place, thanks to Mrs. Shore.

Would she tell Miss Irby where & why I am gone, & that, if I stay more than a week she Miss Irby must come & see me there?

I thought Shore so poorly last night. How is he this morning?

Would Charles come here this evening & tell me if he has secured the Saloon Carriage at Victoria Station? for tomorrow?

I am almost done for, & believe I could not stand another day.

I hope to see you when I come back, & would I could see you now!
I was so ashamed of the State in which the new housemaid had left the room when you came in the other day.

God bless you ever yrs
F.N.

l/ for the cab that day
1000 thanks
for the books

Does Mrs. Shore know that Miss Irby is laid up with a bad foot?

Dear Miss Mochler

I am sorry that you are going on Wednesday.

So many are the chances of my not meeting you again in this world that I will ask you, if you have nothing better to do, to be so kind as to come & see me on Monday at 5

I have put off Miss Machin on purpose

I have found the little dirty bag.

ever yrs affly

with love to Sam & Rosalind

F. Nightingale
Dear Miss Mochler

Thank you very much for your very kind letter of April 22. I immediately wrote to Lea Hurst to know what Adam Prince was about in not answering your letter. He had mentioned to a friend of mine how very much delighted he was at receiving it. Afterwards I heard that he had lost your address, & was distressed at not being able to write to you.

[I have not heard that he has been doing wrong lately.]

Pray write to him again & tell him to write to you, as I have done. Old Sister Allen has been very ill & better again. Mrs. Limb & Mrs. Broomhead, the same: worse & better again. Rebecca Buxton, the carpenter's daughter, is dead: a great release. Jane Allison's sister has been for several months at Manchester:
the children are thriving.
I hear from Mr. Dunn
pretty regularly -- but
the news is all variable
in this way. Mrs. Dunn's
mother is dead.
Lizzie Holmes has been
ill: but is well again &
at work
I shall leave Adam Prince
to tell you the news
about his Mother.
Thank you, thank you
& thank Miss Rabe too
for your charming
cards for my poor old
birth-day. My love to her.
No doubt you hear from
York Place: they are much

exercised about their
plans, I am afraid.
Thank you very much
for the capital lessons
on St. Paul &c &c
I cannot get better
(you kindly ask) I think
I get worse but it is
too soon to look for betterness
is it not?
I hope you are 'all
right'. Excuse so short
a note now. I was
anxious about Adam
Prince:
with best love, ever
yrs affly F. Nightingale
I have asked my sister for you
about the Photograph & will remind her

MAY 29 & JUNE 4, 1880, ff1-9 LETTERS TO C.H. FASSON & MISS MOCHLER
PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED MAY 29 & JUNE 4, 1880

f1 {PEN} V_{18} 80/4 F.N. TO C.H. FASSON, ESQ. 29 MAY 1880
80/5 F.N. TO MISS MOCHLER, 4 JUNE 1880
My dear Sir,

So far from any apology being needful for your writing to me, the matter on which you write is one of the keenest interests in my life.

Your news was the most unwelcome, your letter the most welcome I could have had.

No more can I say at present. [I have only just received yours of the 26th] It is a part of my life, the subject of your letter: so kindly put.

Pray believe me ever your & the Edinburgh Infirmary's faithful serv\textsuperscript{\textregistered}

Florence Nightingale

C.H. Fasson Esq
&c &c
"Adam Prince is not generally any steadier. He had a week of idleness & some days' drinking last week, being Whit week"

Address
10 South St.
Park Lane W.
June 4/80

My dear Miss Mochler
The above news I did not like to send you till I heard from you. But I earnestly hope that you will go on with poor Adam in the way that you think best as if you had it not. Silence might ruin him:

trust in him might still save him.

Do you think I ought to do anything more for Lyddy? She has Mr. Dunn whenever she wants him: & 1/ a week. I only hope the sons do pay.

I have a cheery letter from Aunt Julia at Lea Hurst.
She does not however mention Jane Allison, who is one of my greatest anxieties. Platts & she have quarrelled: & Platts has moved to a house
near, with the children, whom she sees every day.
Mr. Dunn thinks it most "wrong" for her to live alone. But everything has been tried to reconcile her with Platts: & nothing has succeeded.
She is learning millwork.
And Mr. Yeomans proposes that she should take female lodgers.
You know the Sister, Sarah Allison, is now at Manchester.
Yeomans says the neighbours are very unkind to Jane.
And I am in daily terror of an explosion of insanity.

You ask after little Lee -- he was worse, then better -- you know he has Psoas abscess -- & now, tho' there are no signs of rapid sinking, there is small prospect of his ever leaving St. Thomas' again. He is quite charming, happy & contented.
We visit him twice a week & take him toys & things.
He is quite unable to wear the "jacket": without which they could not let him return to Ascot.
He never complains.
Pray do not say that you are "not coming again". I trust earnestly that there is no chance but what you will go to Lea Hurst when the Shore Smiths go. Please put that down in your heart's Memo book.

I have been getting worse & am scarcely now able to sit up in bed -- (you kindly ask)

I have thought so much of your loss -- & rejoice that you are now

comforting the principal sufferer.

I shall have much much more to tell you about Lea Hurst when I can write. Please bear Lea Hurst in mind.

O might but God prosper it & its master, & bring them together. is the earnest prayer of ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale
Madam

You have my deepest interest, my deepest sympathy in the matter of the Convalescent Hospital which you wish to build near Bolton-le-Moors, & of which you already have the site.

I am sure that the benefits of Convalescent Homes are only second to those of Hospitals & indeed that no Mrs. Blair

Hospital is complete without its Convalescent adjunct: so few Patients leave Hospital able to return at once to their work & their poor homes. And this dooms them sooner or later "to the parish" in too many cases: i.e. to be dependent on the poor rates: to a life of infirmity.

Not only do I think "small" Convalescent Homes admissible: but I think it better to begin with a small
building which can be enlarged.
You ask me "where to see the working of a small Convalescent Hospital" Would it not be better to see several?
You have probably seen
1. Miss Hawthorn's, St. Agatha's, near Beckenham.
That is in a private house: & for children only. Have you seen the
2. Dover Convalescent Home?
3. the Ascot Convalescent Home, near Brecknells,

Berks, kept by "Sisters" -- One could not hardly recommend the building:
but the "working" is excellent: that is for women & children.
4. Have you seen the Convalescent Home, Black Rock, Brighton (Miss Marsh's)?
5. the Eastbourne Convalescent Home?
6. You have of course seen the Memorial Herbert Home at Bournemouth? that was built on purpose for its object, viz. for Convalescents.
But before building on any large scale, you will probably see those near Glasgow, in North & South Wales, & others. But I strongly recommend the Cottage form, like that at Bournemouth. You ask to see me: how gladly would I do so in such a cause: but you only give me from to-day, Thursday, when I received your note, till Saturday. It is quite impossible I could not even name any time before the week after next: alas!

Mrs. Wardroper will have told you that I am under the severe pressure of ever increasing illness & overwork: & entirely a prisoner to my room. And I might add -- to show you how gladly I would see you, if I could, that my Doctors order me to talk only half an hour every other day, which in practice is every half hour every day. My time is entirely filled up with overwork: -- persons
leaving London or England, who appoint themselves for weeks beforehand, among the rest.
I am scarcely able to-day to write this note.
If you would have
*sketch=plans of your proposed "small Convalescent Home" made, & sent one,*
I would give them all the attention in my power, & consider every detail. And I would obtain valuable opinions from the Army Sanitary Commission &c &c

But I must have the permission to keep the plans at least a week for criticism: as I cannot command my own time.
God speed the future.
"Blair Convalescent Home" is the earnest prayer of ever yr faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
Mrs. Lee 10 South St. Park Lane W. Aug 20/80
My dear Miss Mochler
I have not a moment but send you the answer from St. Thomas'.
I do not like to venture an opinion.
So much depends on the mother being a capable woman, which I suppose she is not.
I send return you poor Adam's letters to you. God save him.

Love to all 6 at the dear {6 IN PENCIL}
Hurst: the dear ones: in great haste {: the dear ones: IN PENCIL}
ever yours affly
F.N.

{IN PENCIL:}
Who has my mother's Eider down quilt? Please ask Mrs. Shore

AUGUST 25 & DECEMBER 19, 1880, ff1-10 LETTERS TO MISS BLOWER & C.B.N. DUNN PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED AUGUST 25 & DECEMBER 19, 1880

f1 {PEN} V20
80/8 F.N. TO MISS BLOWER, 25 AUG. 1880
80/9 F.N. TO C.B.N. DUNN, ESQ. 19 DEC. 1880

f2 {BELOW: A VIII & 7 A VIII 7 with a packet

Miss Blower
St. Bartholomew's Hospital
25/8/80 [black-edged]
Nightingale had encouraged her application to Liverpool.
A VIII 7 10 South St.
Park Lane W.
Aug 25/80

My dear Miss Blower

How can I express my hope that you will find some charge useful to hundreds & satisfactory to yourself? I know of the Liverpool application & am very anxious to hear how it goes on

Pray let me know.

I hope your two ladies, whom you have enabled to take so good a holiday, will return in high feather. But I hope you too will have as good a holiday which you must require at least as much.

Pray accept the two books which you mentioned, & a little book of my own which asks for the honour of your acceptance.

The 'turn' which ladies are now taking for a smattering in Midwifery is so alarming that, as there is to be an "Employers' Liability Bill", so there must soon be a "Doctors' Liability Bill" for granting Midwifery Certificates to ladies who know nothing -- or what is worse than nothing --
I have a friend in London, wife of the Govr Secy at Madras, who, after 21 years' successful study at the Madras Hospitals, is now taking 3 years in London, passing the Examinations at London University. And this first-rate 7 years' education is not too much, she thinks, for Midwifery practice in India. [I have known ladies think one month, many three months not too little].

I hope your single-handed reign at St. B.'s has not been rough: & that you are well.

God bless you, wherever you go:

ever affly yours

Florence Nightingale
My dear Sir

I am sorry to trouble you again with my troubles. But again I have been very uneasy about Fanny. She has begun again to say, if she has not exactly her own way: 'I can't stand worry': & today she said, on a similar occasion: 'My brain goes round & round'.

To day too upon my expressing a hope that we should be all comfortable together in London, whither she has daily expressed a wish to return: she said 'I wish to be a housemaid, & to be quiet': & then a good deal that was very vulgar about her conscience towards me being so good, about her being better than other servants, & about her not giving satisfaction &c &c &c

At prayers yesterday she said, 'it was no use her trying to be good. And to day she quite resisted having prayers at all.
I am at my wit's end how to manage her.
I can see nothing but temper in all this: but I may be quite mistaken & there may be real illness.
What do you think should be done?
If you kindly wish to see her again, would you call tomorrow -- perhaps about 3.30.
We start on Tuesday.
I had not received your note when I put up my packet to you this morning. I conclude that it is now decided that the site should be in or near Bunting's garden: & that we are to look out for a secondhand building -- for, the Whatstandwell Coffeeroom

With kind regards to Mrs. Dunn,
in great haste
most faithfully yrs
F. Nightingale
C.B.N. Dunn Esq
My dear Mrs. Fellowes

I have this moment received a Telegram from the Director General.

"Mrs. Fellowes can, if she has taken her passage, embark either at London fifteenth instant"

that is, tomorrow:

"or Dartmouth seventeenth instant"

that is, Thursday.

I presume you will go in to Dartmouth.

Does that necessitate your leaving here before Thursday morning?  

F. Nightingale
My dear Mrs. Fellowes
I have just heard from Netley that the Nurses, i.e. the Supt of Nurses at Woolwich, Miss Caulfield, with one of her Nurses, & two from Netley, will embark from Netley on Tuesday, tomorrow, for Natal.
"The passages are secured &c &c for Tuesday".
Have you heard this, & are you going on Tuesday?
Pray keep my Messenger to send to Sir Wm Muir (with note enclosed)

if you have any occasion i.e. if you have not heard.
[The same Principal Medical Officer is still P.M.O. at the Seat of War who was there in the Zulu War. Do you know who he is ?]
The Netley Nurses take out a small cooking stove & spirit=lamps for heating drinks & water at Night.
&c I have written to Mr. McKellar about your Surgical Pocket case, & to ask information
about outfit &c.

I shall now write to him
to say that you may
possibly go tomorrow.
But the first thing is
to ascertain this.
Can you tell me?
[They only yesterday
received notice at
Netley that their
passages were taken
for tomorrow:]

God bless you ever:
ever yrs
F. Nightingale
The Netley Nurses take out

"all kinds of Hosp. requisites
that may be difficult to
get out there in an
hour or time of emergency
& which will make
the Sisters always ready when
there is a difficulty
in getting Govr requisitions
&c"

I have communicated with
Col. Loyd Lindsay about
giving you a credit
from the National Aid
Soc

in haste
F.N.
I will write again to=day.
15/2/81

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes
The Netley Nurses take (in a Bullock Trunk)

Lint
Bandages of all kinds
Oil Silk
Cotton Wool
soft Linen
Laudanum
Liebig
Disinfectants &
"a little of every thing I can
think of:"  (it is Mrs. Deeble
who writes) -- "that may be
"wanted at night or on
the march which perhaps
could not be got in a hurry
from the Govt store".

"Of course the Sisters' supply
will be only used in
extreme necessity; -- our
private store was invaluable
last time and rendered
the Nurses doubly useful
to be so prepared for any
sudden demand."

{IN PENCIL [not FN hand]
X Rippingalls patent stove is the
costs about 35/. & 40/. -- one
"One Bullock Trunk to each & a White's bag between two" is the amount of luggage allowed for the Netley Nurses. I have telegraphed to Mrs. Deeble. She telegraphs: "Take two spirit lamp one X paraffin cooking stove apply to Mr. Sullivan united service institution Whitehall Yard for maker name he knows best about them" (sic) God speed: in haste ever yrs affly F. Nightingale

Miss F’s last letter A VII 4 had on way to Natal

Feb 19. 1881.

Feb 16/81
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes I rejoice, though we shall miss you sadly at St. Thomas' Hospital, that you are willing to accept a position so arduous as that which you will fulfil so well, & that you are going out, under the authority of the War Office & the Director-General of the Army Medical Department, to nurse our wounded at the seat of War, in Newcastle
& wherever you are wanted. My conviction is secure that, owing to your thorough professional training at St. Thomas', & the character for ability & suitableness for such duties that you have impressed on the authorities at St. Thomas' Hospital & Training School, you are perfectly well fitted to superintend the Nursing of & to nurse the Sick & Wounded of our troops in the Field & in Hospital.

I say nothing of your singleminded devotion, your admirable discretion & temper for this work. One cannot praise a lady to her face -- especially when these are above all price.

But I may say that. I am sure the Principal Medical Officer & other Medical Officers will appreciate, when they come to know you, your simple desire to do the best for their Patients by carrying out their orders to the full, & your thorough competency to
carry out such orders.
God speed. I bid you,
from the bottom of my
heart 'to the crest of
my soul', in your
important undertaking.
And I give our men joy
who will be under your
care, while I wish them
well with all my might.
And I am ever
your & their faithful servant
Florence Nightingale  
[end 15:865] 

Mrs. Fellowes

FEBRUARY 16 & 17, 1881, ff1-8 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES PEN
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED FEBRUARY 16 & 17, 1881

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81/5 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 16 FEB. 1881
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10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes
Fare you very well and
Au revoir.
I hope you received
from Mr Childers your
3 letters of introduction
to Sir H. Robinson
Sir G. Colley
Sir Evelyn Wood
I enclose one to Mrs.
Hawthorn.
Mrs. Wardroper tells me
you wish for a sort of general
"testimonial" from me.
I think I might as well
ask for a “testimonial”
from you. I have
however {however IN PENCIL}
written a sort of thing
from the bottom of my
heart, which please
use or not, as you like.

My heart goes with you
tomorrow to Dartmouth
& on board the 'Warwick
Castle' & all the way to
the Cape of Good Hope & to Natal &
up to Newcastle & thro'
every night & every day on
your blessed work --
And I wish my poor
old body could go
with you too. Think of

me as always with you
in spirit.

We shall glory in your
successes, in the poor men
you will nurse & save &
soothe. You are my 'Cape of Good Hope'
And pray remember you
are to come safe home.
God speed -- God speed -- God speed.

I give you joy -- & I shall
telegraph tomorrow
my 'Godspeed' to
Dartmouth if I know
where.

Is there anything I can
do for you now -- or
anywhere you would
send my Messenger?
Have you got everything?
cooking stove included?
I think Mrs. Deeble's
telegram meant:
"two spirit lamps or
paraffin cooking stove
maker to be heard of at "United
Service Institution"
But I am afraid we bother
you. Believe me
my Cape of Good Hope
ever yours
F. Nightingale

Miss Nightingale's testimonial & last letters {illeg} on board the
S.S. "Darwick Castle" = Feb. 19. 1881
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{BELOW: A VII 5 IN PENCIL
Mrs. Fellowes
on her way to Natal
Florence Nightingale }
Feb 16/81 } [black-edged]
Once more & once more
God bless you & your
work -- And He will
bless you & it.
Pray commend my best
wishes & thoughts to Miss
Caulfield & the other Nurses.
You live in the thoughts &
prayers, dear Mrs.
Fellowes, of yours ever
in strongest sympathy
my dear Cape of Good Hope
Florence Nightingale [end]
My dear Mrs. Fellowes,

We have not been unmindful of our dear brave Mrs. Fellowes. On the sad news of Sir G. Colley being killed, & when it was decided that Sir F. Roberts was to succeed him, my brother-in-law, Sir Harry Verney, saw Sir F. Roberts, in order to "introduce" you to him. And he, Sir F.R., said "You may depend on my taking every care of her" And Sir Harry is "quite convinced" that he will "You may be sure that I will look after her", repeated Sir Frederick Roberts. I have written

a letter as a "reminder" about you to Sir Fred Roberts. I am equally "quite convinced" that your wisdom is such that you will have as little as possible any but official relations with the Medical or indeed with any but of the authorities. And above all that you will never except in emergency -- which I pray God may never happen -- allow yourself to be even suspected of appealing to Head Quarters against the Medical or Hospital Authorities. [Looking far back, I made it a law to myself that whatever they did -- but, I trust & believe those days of enmity are long since past
whatever they did, I held my
tongue, & would never
appeal against them. We
Nurses must work under, not
judge, nor be suspected of
judging our masters]
You will not be surprised
if you receive a small box
of Lint & Bandages -- but
I wish I knew what you
really did want -- by the
same vessel that takes out
Sir F. Roberts.
Please telegraph to me -- but
in guarded words -- any
short-coming of, or difficulty
in getting Hospital stores
& Medical comforts for the
Patients. We have correspond=
ences & if you would kindly

telegraph, your Hospital
wants might really be
supplied within an incredibly
short time. Thank God there
is a Telegraph.
If you will write, your
information will be
perfectly safe with me
& might be of real use.
I was so thankful for your
welfare as far as Madeira,
of which I heard from Genl
Kirkland, and I shall
be so glad to hear about
the other Nurses, to whom
I feel sure you have kindly
commended me.

God bless you again & again:
I think of you in my poor
prayers night & day:
My Cape of Good Hope, à Dieu
F. Nightingale

This letter must be consigned
to your Paraffin stove.
[end 15:866]
My dear Mrs. Fellowes

I was so touched by your choice of hymns for the last day you were in the "Home". And "Eternal Father, strong to save", was sung for you in the Chapel at St. Thomas' the Sunday after you left us, & the Sunday after that. And the two amputations & all the Patients whom you had nursed in `Albert' said: "and did not we sing it with a will?" And have not we prayed for you & with you "with a will"?

March 10/81

I was not able to send this: most earnestly do I hope to hear of your welfare & that
you are accepted as Nursing and to nurse under the authority of & commissioned by the Principal Medical Officer.

Please mention when you write in what Hospital you are: & where are Mrs. Hawthorn & poor Lady Colley: & where the other Nurses.

I have such a kind note from Sir F. Roberts about you, written the night before he embarked, promising to take every care of you.

[But I hope you will not need it] When a man with the weight of 15000 men on his shoulders writes such a note on the eve of his departure, I feel ashamed ever to think even I am overworked.

But I must only say now what I cannot say how much I am with a cheer & a God speed ever yours in good hope

Florence Nightingale

{IN PENCIL:}
I am ashamed of this meagre scrawl. It is only to remind you that we are always thinking of you -- God bless you again & again.
My dear Miss Gordon

My best Easter wishes were yours, tho' I had no time to write at Easter. May all the truest blessings of the 'risen' life be poured upon you & the work.

Take the will for the deed.

My poor words you will not miss much. My thoughts & prayers are ever with you.

God bless you.

My love to Miss Huguenin, please. What I say to you. I say to herself --

And now, may I be permitted to ask you a favour we have had for 6 months in training (as Supr) a young German lady, Fraulein von Cornberg sent us by the Grand Duchess of Baden. She has to return about June. She ought to see the first, almost the only Workhouse Infirmary, nursed by trained Nursing, & training Nurses.

Would you think it possible to have her in order to see you all at work for about a fortnight -- the second fortnight in May?
We have found her timid:
but very observant & acute.
exceedingly devoted to her work
& to learning all she can in
training & nursing.

If you are so kind as to
take her for a fortnight, you
must allow me to pay
for her.

Will you kindly let me
know at your earliest
convenience whether you
think this request at all
to be entertained?
I have not time to say,
even if I could, how deeply

interested in every part
of your work I feel -- But
you know it & how glad
I am whenever you have
time to hear any particulars
however small or large,
that you may be kind
enough to tell me

The people here were
greatly pleased with your
Miss Murphy. I hope
to make her acquaintance

Pray believe me
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

MAY 4, 1881, ff1–6 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED MAY 4, 1881
Welcome home with undiminished hopes tho some regrets I long to see you I shall hope to see you next week you are going to Saint Thomas so glad

My dear Mrs. Fellowes
I can only say: Welcome home: `all right': -- And tho' your disappointment is mine, we will not say `all wrong'. -- God will bring about what I know lies as much at your heart as at mine: the reform of the Nursing of the Military Hospitals. But we must not proclaim this at the corners of the streets. -- Somehow I don't think He means me to do it: but somehow I think it is you He means.
By this same mail from Natal I had a letter from Mrs. Hawthorn who has been in charge at Fort Amiel -- a letter which I will shew you, as well as one from a medical officer there. And I will shew you some M.S. notes on Military Hospitals at home.

Thank God that you mean to return to St. Thomas' (& as Night Nurse -- not only for the joy & benefit it is to us to have you there -- but because I think it is the best preparation for the other things. I would gladly throw my body in the breach that you may succeed in them.

It was very good of you to write to me & give me your address. I am so sorry to be here. My head broke down entirely: & I was obliged to come down here for a week's rest: But I hope to be back in London next week. And then you will come & see me: will you not? as you kindly propose.

I have so much to hear from you. God bless you: ever yours

F. Nightingale
My dear Mrs. Fellowes

I am so anxious to know your plans. You were so good as to tell me that these were: -- to return to St. Thomas' But Sir Harry Verney tells me that you are going "to Norfolk" "the middle of next week." I must return to London middle of next week -- Should I find you gone? And how soon to return?

Would you come here & spend a night, Sir Harry writes, says, on your way to Norfolk? ["Claydon, Bletchley, Bedford, Cambridge, Norwich": he says]

Please relieve me of the
f3
fear of not seeing you
next week, either at
South St. or here --
& believe me ever
yours in joy or woe
   Florence Nightingale [end]
[I wrote to you at 17 Dover St]
How are you?     F.N.
in haste {in haste IN PENCIL}

f4
{BELOW ON AN ENVELOPE: A VII 11 IN PENCIL}
A VII 11    {STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}
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MY 7
81

Mrs. Fellowes
Lady Gladstone's
Herbert House
Chesham Place
Belgrave Sq.
7/5/81   London S.W.
May 26/81
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes
How sorry I am that you need Homburg. I was inclined to regret that you are not going into St. Thomas' at once, as I know you wished it; but if you need Homburg, grieved as I am for the cause, it is as well. I enclose Mrs. Hawthorn's letter -- the one you have not seen -- Please return it to me.

Let me see you before you return to St. Thomas', (tho' I hope to see you often afterwards while there).

When you are in London, (both before & after going to Homburg, if possible) give me a chance of seeing you. But please give me a few days' notice, as I have appointments every afternoon.

Excuse this scrawl.
Let me say: write down, even if it is for yourself alone, what you gathered in Natal, about our subjects. It so soon slips the memory. And at St. Thomas' you will have no time to write.

I had a kind letter from Col. Loyd Lindsay
this morning. He says
he has not seen you
since your return. He
does not mention whether
he has heard from you
or not.

I think we should
keep up all these
connections with our
subject -- do not you?

Good speed:
& believe me, in haste,
ever yours (& I shall
never cease to call you
my Cape of Good Hope
I cannot half say what
I mean)

F. Nightingale

My dear Mrs. Fellowes
I give you joy on taking
possession of Leopold Ward.

Evil must always be
augured when people begin
work with a self-confident
& reckless spirit. But I
augur the highest & best
success from your beginning --
out of which will gradually
grow fruits -- meet for the good cause.

You know the year's
training is only to teach
us to train ourselves -- And
your present year's Sistership
will lay a fine foundation for future work of the highest kind of hope. I give you joy: & I pray for your success -- with plenty of faith & no misgiving -- which there would be if you thought all the battles were won already. I shall look forward to seeing you some "Sunday" soon. Will you allow me to write again? And will you write to me?

God speed: in haste yours ever dear "Sister Leopold" & still my "Cape of Good Hope" F. Nightingale You have not left me the promised M.S. of your Natal lucubrations & what you heard there. [end 12:364] F.N.
July 7/81
10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes,

Thank you for your most kind note I trust that the poor jaw case is going on well.

Will you allow me to put a petty £1.1 into your hands (I wish it could be ten times more) for your Harmonium for Leopold?

I have a few more books to send which I had not time to put up on Monday.

Please remember that, if you are kind enough to entrust me with any M.S.

About Orderlies, however short or scrawl=y, it shall be sacred to me.

God bless you:
God bless the work
And God bring some good gentlewomen to it

is the fervent prayer of yours ever affly

F. Nightingale

[12:367]
My dear Sir

I am very much to blame if I did not answer Miss Hurt's question before -- except that every day more & more I find it an increasing difficulty to do my Lea Hurst business in addition to London & Indian business which was a great deal too much before. I have not had one day's rest for 2 years --

But I certainly thought that several weeks ago it had been settled, in concurrence with Mr. Shore Smith, that we
should pay the rent of the
two cottages for at least two
years -- & that the Estimate
of the repairs & furniture
wanted inside was to have
been sent us with a view
of determining our contribution
to it.
We suggested that Mr. Yeomans
should be asked to visit &
report which we hope he
has done. Mr. Shore Smith
expressed his satisfaction
that an Engineer should be
the Secretary. You were in
hopes that you had secured
both Manager (in Mr. Joseph
Peach) & woman -- And we asked
to know their salary.

We were so far from thinking
that any body was waiting for
us that we were rather
waiting upon the Miss Hurts & you
to hear further. It is
impossible for us of course to
undertake any of the business
arrangements out here.
Pray forgive me if I have
made any mistake:
& believe me
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Pray give our kindest regards to
the Miss Hurts -- & assure them of
our great interest in the Whatstandwell
Coffee room.
C.B.N. Dunn Esq
I am so very sorry that my Friday & indeed every day this week & part of next is already filled beyond my strength with engagements on business of long standing.

I am very sorry. I wished much to see you. Could you propose some day next week or week after?

June 27 F. Nightingale

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

It is so very long since I have seen or heard from you: tho' I hear of you continually --

I want so much to see you, but unhappily cannot for a few days. I am so knocked up with never having had a day's rest for 2 years that I am compelled to go out of London tomorrow.
f8
for a few days alone. Will you fix some afternoon kindly to see me when I come back at 5 if that will suit you? I heard of a 'knee' of yours some time back which grieved me. I hope it is quite well

f8v
I send you some letters which will grieve you from Mrs. Hawthorn -- I have more. Please keep them private & let me have them again -- Letters will be forwarded from here to me. God for ever bless you & your work --

ever yrs
F. Nightingale

JUNE 29, JUNE 30 & JULY 4 1882, ff1-17 LETTERS TO DR. CRAWFORD, MISS MURPHY & SIR JAMES CAIRD PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED JUNE 29, JUNE 30 & JULY 4, 1882

f1 {PEN} VI₂
82/4 F.N. TO DR. CRAWFORD 29 JUNE 1882
82/5 F.N. TO MISS MURPHY 30 JUNE 1882
82/6 F.N. TO DR. CRAWFORD 4 JULY 1882
82/7 F.N. TO SIR JAMES CAIRD 4 JULY 1882

f2 {BELOW: CI & 1
Private {DIAGONAL} HI/ST/NC1/82/41

CI 1 June 29 1882
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W. [16:471-72]

My dear Sir
I have been turning over in my mind what you were so good as to ask me, viz. about a proposal to allow one or two Night "Sisters" for special cases at the Herbert Hospital. And I cannot forbear troubling you with these few remarks or rather questions:
I think I understood you that there are very few
serious cases in the Herbert Hospital, and most of them, I suppose, are among Artillery "Invalids". But taken as a whole you would perhaps say that the great building is rather a sick barrack than a Hospital. Its pavilions are so separated that a Nurse cannot have more than 64 sick on one floor. And she might have only 32 (or even 20) on a floor.

Would it be possible so to arrange the cases that the one or two or three bad cases requiring (occasionally) night nursing should be in the same ward or floor? Systematic Night Nursing, I understood you to say, was not at all required. [And indeed I know that, at Netley, where there are so many more "Invalid" bedridden cases, the Night "Sister" has often nothing to do all night: the Patients are "all asleep".]
What you propose is simply to detach a Nurse for special duty, as the Medical Officer should judge needful. The "partitioned room" for the Nat. Aid Soc'y Nurses is no doubt in the Nurses' block, which is too far away for effective work. I hardly see how you can have night supervision from there. But a telephone to Miss Caulfield's room would bring her at once. In each Pavilion there is a Nurse's room & scullery in line; Could one of these rooms be given up to the Night Nurse? If you detached two Nurses for the night work, could one of them be on duty & the other at hand in this room?

What occurred to me after thinking over what you had said to submit to you & to ask you was this: would it be possible to have the bad cases on one floor of the same Pavilion? If so, could the night Nurses have one of the Ward rooms for the time?
(with a telephone to the Supr's room)?

But if the bad cases were in different Pavilions, might it not be necessary to have a similar arrangement for each?

In the great difficulty of having one woman alone at night in that great building with perhaps two bad cases requiring her care in different Pavilions -- & in the great unwillingness to leave those bad cases

without trained female Night Nursing, if it is desired pardon me if I have submitted these things for your consideration; merely -- And thanking you for your most kind visit which I trust will not be the last pray believe me ever your faithful servt Florence Nightingale

Dr. Crawford
Director Genl
&c &c
I am so very sorry not to be able to see you. I have quite knocked up & am obliged to put off all appointments. Nothing else would prevent me from what I so much wish. I still hope to see you at some future time.

June 20

[END 16:742]

Miss Murphy
Lessness
Abbey Wood
30/6/82 Kent

My dear Sir

Pray excuse my not having answered your kind note before, saying that you saw no "insuperable difficulty in placing the "cases requiring Night Nursing "in one of the wards now "in charge of the Sisters" at the Herbert Hospital. If this be done, you could try the experiment of placing two trained Night Sisters there during
the night. You would propose simply to try this arrangement.
Perhaps the 20 bed Ward in one block would be the best to try it in.
You would not wish to have such cases in two separate Pavilions unless Sisters for the Night Nursing were attached to each.
No doubt Miss Caulfield makes her visit the last thing at night & the first in the morning.

Success attend you in all things:
ever your faithful servr
Florence Nightingale
Dr. Crawford &c &c

Dear Sir James Caird
The paper which you were so good as to leave with me is simply invaluable -- and I rejoice in the hope that you will speedily bring it in some forcible form before the Public -- especially the part which relates to Land Banks -- a remedy which would probably produce a greater change for the better in the state of the cultivators than any 'Act' whatever.
I return the precious M.S. with thanks because I scruple to keep it. [I need hardly say that I have neither shown it nor will ever quote it] I am in haste that you should put it to use: & urge the Land Banks in every way. Have you spoken to Sir Louis Mallet again about them? [10:632]

I have not enclosed the little printed paper, because you kindly said that you thought you could find another copy, & I might keep this. [end 10:632]

If you want it, please send one a Post Card.

With my kindest regards to Lady Caird, whom I wish I could have had the pleasure of seeing before she leaves for Scotland,

pray believe me ever yours sincerely Florence Nightingale

JULY 25, 26, 27 1882, ff1-9 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES & DR CRAWFORD PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE
Dear Mrs. Fellowes

My brother-in-law, Sir Harry Verney, shall say to Mr. Childers to-day in the House that you volunteer.

I will then write to Dr. Crawford, the new Director-General, who has called upon me (who was in the Director General's Office when Sidney Herbert & I framed all the Nurses' Regulations)

He is a much more able man than his predecessor -- friendly to reform & friendly to Nurses.

Mrs. Deeble has offered to go.

At present we have about 20 wounded (on board the fleet). Ramleh was occupied without a wound

Sir A. Alison I am glad you know -- but he is only to command the 2nd Division's 1st Brigade: I think -- Sir E. Wood the other -- when the whole force is sent out. It rests however really with the Army Medical Dept whether a Nurse's offices are utilized or not

ever yrs sincerely

F. Nightingale
You have of course told Mrs. Wardroper that you volunteer.
I have never been abler to find another afternoon since you so cruelly cut short my longed for visit.
Yet I have a perfect heap of Natal (Army Hospl Corps) evidence & letters for you. You know we have had an enquiry under Sir Evelyn Wood. And these were required by him. Genl Drury Lowe I have also seen on the subject.

FN

f4 {BELOW: CI & 3 HI/ST/NC1/82/10
PRIVATE {DIAGONAL}
Mrs. Fellowes: } CI 3
Trained Nurse }
for War Hospitals} July 27 1882
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir I am truly grateful to you for your kind note. [15:910]
I communicated at once with Mrs. Fellowes at St. Thomas' Hospital. She says: "pray "tell the Director-Genl, I am "PERFECTLY willing to go to "Malta or Cyprus: only too "glad".

or, she adds afterwards,
"to be moved on into Egypt," if he desires, "later".
Will you therefore be so very kind as to do as you propose, viz. "put her name
"forward as one of the 'Sisters' "to be sent out"?
I will not now trouble you
with another word,
except to say that I am sure
you will kindly give us the
earliest intimation of how
soon Mrs. Fellowes is to
hold herself in readiness
"to be sent out"
And pray believe me
ever your faithful servt.
Florence Nightingale

`Good speed' to all you do:

F.N.

The Director-General
Dr. Crawford
&c &c &c

My dear Mrs. Fellowes
Mr. Childers tells Sir
Harry Verney that you had
better write to the Adjutant
Genl., offering to go with
the Army wherever your
services may be useful.
[He whispered to Sir H.V.
that one good reason is
that he is favourable.]
Then that either Sir
H.V. or I had better write
to him, Sir G.W., stating your
"qualifications".
[It is not decided where
to send Nurses, whether
Pray address your letter "Private General Sir Garnet Wolseley K.C.B. &c &c Adjutant General Horse Guards S.W."

the sooner the better. You know of course that Sir Garnet commands the Expedition.

I have had no answer from the Director Genl yet. But without waiting for his reply I write at once to you as Mr. Childers recommends.

I told the D.G. that you would either go to see him or make a formal application to him, as he might desire

Good speed ever yrs.

F. Nightingale

Of course every body is overwhelmed with work
My dear Mrs. Fellowes

Nurses are to be sent, that is recommended to be sent, "to the "base hospitals to be opened at Malta "and Cyprus". "And", "if Mrs. Fellowes", the Director=Gen. says, "would accept "employment in either of these, I shall "have pleasure in putting her name

"forward as one of the `Sisters' to be "sent".

It is "not at present contemplated" "sending nurses to Egypt". [Indeed, how could they, when it cannot be at present seen whether Hospitals can be there or not at all, or not?]

You will observe that Malta & Cyprus are not to be as it were Convalescent Hospitals, "as it is proposed to remove "the sick & wounded from the sphere "of operations" to Malta & Cyprus "AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE" --

I fear there will be much, much sickness: all the train of hot weather diseases. Doubtless as we gain ground in Egypt, there may be Hospitals there too. But I am not bidden to say this.
My letter to Sir Garnet Wolseley is written. But I shall not send it till I have your answer to this -- & till I know whether you have written to him -- Is & Dr. Crawford to "put your "name forward"? Your presence & that of the Nurses will do untold good in controlling & influencing these wretched, untrained Army Hospital Corps men? I could show you such evidence of their neglects -- nay atrocities.

God guide you -- You must be pressed indeed. I hope this is not your Accident week -- The Father Almighty be with us -- I hope to see you anyway. ever yrs. affly & anxiously F. Nightingale

My dear Mrs Fellowes I have sent in my answer to the Director= Genl saying that you accept his offer to "put your name forward" "as one of the `Sisters'" for Malta or Cyprus -- & to be "moved on to "Egypt", if Hospitals are later formed there. I have also sent in my `character' of you to Sir G. Wolseley, as Mr. Childers desired. I have asked the Dir. Genl (he said a formal application from you was unnecessary) to let us know as early as possible how soon you were to hold yourself in readiness. I consider that leave is as good as granted (as bad as granted, I mean) to you to go -- & that therefore your preparations may begin. Would you like to see me on
Sunday or Monday or Tuesday about 5? I should be loath indeed not to
see you again before you start.

[Sir G. Wolseley starts on Monday, I believe. He commands in chief, you know.]

Yes: grievous as it is to us to lose you even for a few months I believe you are heaven-called to help in the reform of Military Hospitals. And heaven knows they need it.

What the Orderlies of the Army Hospital Corps are where there are no trained

f8

Nurses we know --
[I shall continue sending you a little something of the evidence, because you should know a little what you have to guard against. You need not read it if you have not time. Only put it all in an Envelope & return it to me.]

What Orderlies are when they have good trained Ladies over them we also know: the transformation is almost miraculous when a woman like you who knows how to exercise influence

f9 {BELOW: A VII 19

A VII 19 [2]

without knowing it is there in the Wards God speed you

I must let this go -- but I will write again

ever yours

F. Nightingale

I think, too, that, if you can once get a footing in Milh Hospis, God will send the opportunity for you to make your share in the reform --

27/7/82
Most Private  July 29 1882

10, SOUTH STREET {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE .W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

Late last night I heard from the Director Genl. that "eighteen" Nurses "will leave as soon as we can arrange for their despatch" "for the Mediterranean" "and will be distributed as follows" "four and a Superintendent at Gozo, Malta: Genl Hosp. four and a Supr at Cyprus, Genl Hosp., four in the largest Hospital Ship now in course of "fitting out":

(she is now at the Royal
f3
Albert Dock)
"four in the base Hospital
"at Alexandria, the Medical
"Staff & equipment of which
"is in part already there
"and in part on its way
"out".

"Five Nurses under a
"Sup will be sent later
"for duty in the base
"Hospital at Ismailia --
"Egypt" -- as there is "no
"doubt we shall be able to
"establish a good base
"Hospital there when the

f4
"troops advance".
I conclude that you will
wish to go with the first
set: the eighteen:
as, if Arabi submits, we
may never have occasion
to have a Hospital at
Ismailia. God grant
we may not.

Have you any commands
or choice? or wishes?
The D.G. had only "just"
received the Secretary of
State's sanction for the
Nurses when he wrote.
I hope to see you on Sunday at 5.

The D.G. asks us for "any other volunteers "like Mrs. Fellowes" !
(see next page)

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

In strict confidence
is there any one lady whom you know lately out of her year’s training who you think would do for the War --
? Miss Moncrieff
Miss Winterton? a lady who is now Night Nurse in ? Arthur or ? Albert
or some male Ward
? Miss Prince
? Miss Hicks
(now at Marylebone Infy)
? Miss Richardson
(now at District Nursing)
? Miss Gibson

or any one whom you have seen at work: not "like Mrs. Fellowes": that is impossible: but any one
whom she would choose
(if she had her way)
to work under or with her.
God guide us all. [end]
F.N.

My dear Sir
    In answer to your very
kind note, I think it
tolerably certain that we
shall be able to recommend
three or four Nurses in
addition to Mrs. Fellowes.
    It would, I am sure,
very much facilitate the
selection & ensure a
better choice if it could
be arranged that Mrs.
Fellowes should be the
Superintendent at a
specified Hospital: -- and

she would of course greatly
prefer one in Egypt; --
with liberty for her to
recommend the Nurses
to be employed under her.
    If such a course met
with your approval, we
should do our best to
supply the staff (subject
of course to the names
being approved by you
in regular form).
    Mrs. Fellowes is, in my
opinion, from her character
& past experience likely
to be by far the most efficient Superintendent whom we are likely to be able to recommend: tho' it is possible that we may be able to name to you another suitable as Superintendt. I would venture to urge that Mrs. Fellowes should have the charge of Nursing of the base Hospital at Alexandria; or subsequently, if need be, of that at Ismailia. Mrs. Fellowes volunteers to go out at her own expence to Alexandria overland. I cannot thank you enough for your kindness: I send off this note in haste after going over our Nurses: and pray believe me ever your faithful serv Flo. Nightingale Dr. Crawford Director=Genl &c &c
Private 
July 31 1882 
10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

We should be prepared to recommend several (4 at least) trained "Sisters" of experience as such, in accordance with your kind note of July 28. Shall I send you in "their names", as you directed?

We should be glad to know what outfit will be provided for the Nurses:

& what pay?

[We presume that all the "Military" Nurses will be required to wear the same uniform.]

It is possible that you may have authorized the Supr of Nurses at Netley to carry out all the arrangements.

May I ask you whether you wish me to refer to Mrs. Deeble, (as she has now applied to me)

instead of to you, having regard to your letter of the 28th?

And will you be so good as to refer me to any orders (if such there are)
as to supervision & discipline &c under which the Nurses are to be engaged? -- especially is the Local Hospital Supr to have authority as to discipline, & dismissal?

Pardon me for troubling you with these questions: we are only anxious to be under your orders & conform to your wishes in every thing & only too happy to do something to assist.

Pray believe me ever your faithful servr
Florence Nightingale
The Director=Genl Dr. Crawford &c &c

My dear Sir

In answer to your kind note of July 28, desiring me to send you the names of "any other volunteers "like Mrs. Fellowes", to serve as Nurses in the Egyptian War Hospitals, we have, after careful selection, to submit to you the following:

Mrs. Fellowes
Miss Solly
Miss Airy
Miss Winterton
Miss Solly is now & has been for some years the excellent "Sister" of a Men's Surgical Ward at St. Thomas' Hospital.

Miss Airy was also such for many years: & only left St. Thomas' for superintendence of a Hospital.

Miss Winterton has very much less experience: but we can still confidently recommend her.

We await your orders:

Pray believe me ever your faithful servr
Florence Nightingale
Dr. Crawford
Director: General &c &c

August 2 1882
10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mrs. Deeble

In compliance with your request, I send you in the name of the sixth whom we can recommend.

Miss Young
She has not quite completed her year of training with us: (while the three first are "Men's Surgical" 'Sisters' of long experience:) but Miss Young is a person of stability, has been in India, & had some years' work before she came to us.
The names therefore now stand thus:
Mrs. Fellowes
Miss Solly
Miss Airy
Miss Winterton
Miss Richardson
Miss Young

Might we ask for an official letter of appointment?
To save trouble it might be in one letter addressed to Mrs. Wardroper or to me?

Might I ask also, if any of them have to come home, on account of illness, resignation or other emergency, will she have a free passage granted her?

May I remind you that Mrs. Fellowes would perform the services without the pay of a Superintendt, if you wished to employ her thus in any Hospital in Egypt with her "Sisters" under her?
Good speed:
and hoping to see you
again before you leave
England -- pray believe me
ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Pray give me the very
earliest information of
when our "Sisters" are
to start.

F.N.

I know that there is no occasion to ask
you to impress upon all the 5 Nurses
as far as you come in contact -- how I wish
they could all have been under you --
that they go out in every respect on the
same footing as the other Army Nurses
& must accept the position loyally,
not expecting any preference to be
shown to them as Nightingale Nurses
but the contrary --
that the regular Army Nurses will naturally
be in some respects preferred to Volunteers
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In some respects, tho' the comfort to
us would have been unspeakable of
having our 5 under you, I think
you may almost prefer not being
Hosp'l Sup't -- (provided you are under
a woman like Miss Stewart who knows
what Civil Hosp'l work is -- & I need not
say -- keep those with you loyal to her
as to the work, even where they see mistakes)
-- You are spared the botheration of
managing the feeding &c of the Nurses --
& have full scope to devote yourself to
the Patients -- And -- to the Orderlies --

But I sadly fear that when you are
Sup't, you will have not all our Nurses
but some inefficients under you -- But you

will know how to manage the troublesome
& conceited without betraying superiority.
Mrs. Deeble herself told me: "they are very
"conceited -- And the Med'l Officers spoil them".
You will not let the Med'l Officers see that
there is any rivalry, except in good works
or that the Nightingale Nurses, above all,
wish to do anything but help the Med'l Officer,
in obedience to the P.M.O., & not assert
themselves.

{BELOW: A VII 22 IN PENCIL
  A VII 22  [3]
You are put down as Senior Sister:
  that is supposed to give you authority
over the others
  Miss Solly as the next in rank seniority
[I had to answer this question at the moment,
& thought it best, as Miss Airy dislikes
super. But she will have to be senior
over the 3 others.]
You are all requested to understand that you may be unable to get any washing done. [The Sisters often have to wash out their own things.] \& must may provide accordingly -- Sheets are not to be expected. Mosquito nets should be taken  
"Mrs. Fellowes" is requested to take a stove  
her (Nurses') instrument case  
" thermometer  
" Subcutaneous Injector  
" Solution of Morphia  
Miss Solly \& Miss Airy probably have their own (Nurses') instrument cases -- \& should take them  
A bullock trunk is allowed for each.  
But nothing else is to be taken but a Gladstone bag in the hand  
the thick cloak on the arm  
the thin one on --

Outfit  
I sent all this to Mrs. Wardroper on Tuesday night -- No doubt she has told you. The good Orderlies will be glad to have you. The bad ones who are very conceited the Nurses must manage without being imperious or repelling; and -- report them only in the last resort.
If there are any vexatious Regulations about e.g. going out or not going out &c, they must remember that these are necessary for the evil-doers, & not for those that do well.

[If they made a Regn that I should not look out of window, I should obey & not mind]

God bless you:

ever yrs F.N.

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My dear Mrs. Fellowes

I would rather have gone over the present position with you viva voce: but as I am afraid that I may possibly fail to see you again, I must tell you what you want to know thus.

1. You will be sent to Egypt, not to Malta -- (which was feared)
2. You will be under Miss Stewart, that capital woman whom I mentioned to you, as local Hosp Supr at Alexandria -- not under a Netley or Woolwich Nurse.
-- has been 13 years in it herself.
3. Mrs. Deeble has general "control"
   (-- does not go out herself
till end of August --) "of the
"Nursing arrangements (as regards
"female nurses) -- whether she
"be in England or at the Seat
"of War".
   "The Local Hospital
"Superintendents will have
"full authority in their
"respective Hospitals,
"subject to Mrs. Deeble's
"guidance -- & will send
"to her monthly reports as
"to conduct of Nurses &c"

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}
"The Nat. Aid Soc'y Nurses are under
"the above regulations".
4. It is requested that you
   (our Nurses) write to me
besides. And I am sure
this is meant as a safe-
guard. I hope you
will not find it very
onerous.

5. It is proposed that you &
   Miss Solly shall go out
first to the Alexandria
Hospital -- I thought you
would like this best --
& that then when there
is another Hosp'l in Egypt,
you should be its Supt
& Miss Solly your Assistant.
They are determined to keep the 3 Superintendents (£80 a year each) for the "Govt Sisters" -- Nor can we be much surprised.

I ventured to say for you (the only way of securing one for you) that you would give your services without the pay as Hosp. Supt.

£30 a year -- little enough -- is the pay for all but Supts.

I am afraid the others (our other 4) will be under Miss Caulfield -- but nothing is settled yet.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

I had thought of the desirableness of your meeting Miss Stewart before you left England & have arranged that if possible she shall in passing thro' London (she is at Netley) come here. I will telegraph to you the moment I know, if she comes & hope you may be able to meet her here. If not, I must be your interpreter with Miss Stewart.
{THIS SECTION IN PEN:}
The "Hospital Ship" Carthage (which I was invited to go & look at) is to be nursed by 4 ladies of the Nat. Aid Soc'y Nurses -- not? Miss Stewart -- not one of them -- *But the Carthage is to take these her & you two out as at present arranged.*

Miss Winterton came to see me yesterday. She appears to have the {THIS SECTION IN PENCIL:}

makings of a capital "Sister" in her, & her truth & humility are far more hopeful than

{THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}
the complacent self-confidence of many Nurses for success. But I was rather appalled to find that she knew nothing whatever of the working of a Military Hosp.: thought it was nursed by women: did not know that it was one woman with a number of Army Hosp. Corps men who did the Nursing.

If you have time could you give her some notions on this?
I am sure she is an excellent woman: & loyal. But it is this sort of thing which makes us fear -- yet
why should I fear? -- God is with us.
Miss Airy will not be able to tell her anything of this.
And Miss Caulfield?
Order this moment come (9. am)
You & Miss Solly are "ordered"
to be quite ready by Tuesday. You will be
of Miss Stewart's party
on board the "Carthage"
which will probably sail on the 9th.
Would you like spare time to see me again first? tomorrow or Monday

God bless you
ever yours
F. Nightingale

My dear Sir
Referring to my letter of the 3rd inst: in which I informed you that Miss Richardson, one of the Nurses whose name was sent in, was unable to go, I have now, in compliance with Mrs. Deeble's urgent request to recommend another Nurse in her place, to submit to you the name of
Miss Helen Norman,
daughter of Lt. General
Sir Henry Norman K.C.B.
Member of the Council for India

Her age is 26. She has been trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, under the very efficient Matron there, Miss Williams, (a former pupil of the Nightingale School) Miss Norman has been more than two years at St. Mary's Hospital, & receives a high character from Miss Williams, both as to Nursing qualifications & general high fitness for the task.

Her health is reported excellent. Miss Norman has sought & obtained her father, Sir Henry Norman's fullest consent, to her joining H.M.'s Nursing Service for Egypt.

We shall be glad to hear in reply at your very earliest convenience whether she is accepted.

Her present address is St. Mary's Hospital Paddington W.

Pray believe me ever your faithful servt Florence Nightingale

T. Crawford Esq MD &c &c

Director Genl
Dearest Mrs. Fellowes

Once more, once more,
fare you very well.

"Our Sisters will embark at
   Albert Docks Ship
   Carthage at four
   o'clock this day".
[Telegram just received]

Your letters of service not
yet come here: you will
probably receive them
on board, unless they have
been sent to you at St. T.'s.

I enclose letter for Miss Stewart:
My love to Miss Solly.

How is your poor Hernia case?
God bless you all:
God guide us all:
   He is with the right
O Lord of hosts, lift up
   Thy everlasting doors,
   & be our life.
   Florence Nightingale

It is yesterday 26 years
that I came back from the
Crimea War.            [end 15:924]
Nurses for the Mediterranean:
CI 9
Aug 14 1882
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your note of Aug. 12.

The 3 Bullock Trunks have arrived at St. Thomas' Hospital.

I am so sorry to trouble you for orders:
in your kind note you say "for the 3 nurses about to proceed to "Cyprus & Alexandria" from St. Thomas' Hospital"

I have a letter from Mrs. Deeble this morning:
saying:

"The Malta party will embark on Wednesday at Tilbury by a Compy steamer -- name not given or hour of embarkation".

She does not say that our three Nurses are to be of the "Malta party"-- & on a previous occasion she told me they were not to be so.

Might I ask to know, when it is settled, how soon the "Cyprus & Alexandria"
party embark? & where?
I have telegraphed to Mrs. Deeble.
With many thanks for
all your kindness
pray believe me
ever your faithful serv't
Florence Nightingale
The Director Gen'l
T. Crawford Esq MD &c &c

Nurses for the Mediterranean
CI 10
No 2
Aug 14 1882 HI/ST/NC1/82/24
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir
In reference to my note, just sent, I have since received a Telegram from Mrs. Deeble,
"Not any of your party "are for Malta."

Every moment of your time must be beyond price & therefore I will only trouble you for orders as to the day that the "Cyprus & Alexandria" party start, which I am sure you will kindly send when it is fixed.

Kindly forgive me.
Good speed to all your arrangements: which are praised by all & obeyed gladly
by ever your faithful serv't Florence Nightingale
T. Crawford Esq MD &c &c
Director General
My dear Mrs. Cox

Thanks very, very many for yours of Sept. 6, just received -- I should have been so glad to have had it before -- while I was still in London.

We have sent off 5 parties of Nurses, (not under our own arrangements I am sorry to say) to Malta, Cyprus,

Alexandria, Ismailia & Hospital ship Carthage lying in Canal off Ismailia -- And a further party is going in a day or two.

We were of course told not to send anything to soldiers -- "Every thing lavishly provided" -- And in the doubt whether anything sent would not lie unpacked at Alexandria as at Balaclava. I did send nothing.

If I had been in London [I was obliged to leave soon after our last interviews & arrangements were finished a few days ago because I am so ill & have been so ever since] I might have been able to talk over the authorities to allow the Smelling Salts & Cholera belts, & silk handkerchiefs. I may possibly be able to gain something yet -- & will let you know -- a thousand thanks.
There is the old trouble -- getting things up to the front -- 
Your zeal & active goodness are everything -- 
God bless you in greatest haste ever yrs 
F. Nightingale

My dear Mrs. Cox
I did not lose a day in asking at the "proper quarter" whether I might send out the Articles to Egypt which you mentioned & which you so kindly offered to distribute to "individuals" at Portsmouth. [I could have got together the money] But the answer was so unsatisfactory that I did not send it you. It was to this
effect, dated Sept 13/82
that they "lost no time in letting" me know
"that 1. the smelling salts would, they
feared, become very soon useless in a
climate like Egypt -- and as the
men of A.H.C. that accompany troops
into action have stimulants to administer
to them men, as also in the Field
"Companions & Orderlies' Haversacks have
Ammonia in solution, the substance of
which smelling salts are made
"2. they have sent out many hundreds of
Ophthalmia napkins of linen for
cases of sore eyes which are better than
silk & will wash better, if they have
to be utilized more than once.
"3. every man has one or two properly
made flannel Cholera belts to tie
on with tapes, & usually the Company
Officers see that the men wear them".

We know now alas! what we
expected how much of the
"complete & perfect" Medical
arrangements existed only on paper.
Pray, pray be so very good as
to tell me all you know -- and
no one knows so much of what
practically occurred. [end 15:929]
Sept 14 1882

10, SOUTH STREET,  {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W. [15:929-30]

Joy, joy for our terrible victory at Tel-el-Kebir. We in England do not know to-day yet how much we may have suffered. But we think of you all at work & we bless God you are there. We trust you have the full work you long for, & we so long for for you -- As, long before this reaches you, things will have marched apace, I will only say what I cannot say, but what you know already, my dear Sisters -- -- -- -- --
There is one strength, I am sure, in the whole Expedition for men & women too: "It is the idea of duty & the feeling

that every man" (& woman) "is working, not for himself "but for the general cause", the general good, "his country" & his God.

And there is but one heart in all England, man, woman & child: and that is a heart for you & your work & your men.

I very much hope that letters from you, with plenty of details, are now on their way home to us. We have sighed for news from you & been disappointed.
God bless you all
A party of sisters starts
tomorrow for Ismailia,
including our Miss Helen
Norman, of St. Mary's;
Possibly they may have
a Hospital at Tel-el-Kebir
with Sisters.
But to-day we know
nothing. You will know
as soon as we.
We have had cheery letters
from Miss Airy: & know of
her arrival at Cyprus by telegram
but not from herself -- there has
not been time, as there has been from you, ye rascals,
X The suspense to-day of
the poor mothers & wives
in England is dreadful.
But how it lessens it to know that
their sick & wounded will be nursed as

I do trust you are well.
Sometimes I fear you are not.
We have heard from Miss
Winterton. They had a very
bad passage thro' the Bay.
Once more, fare you very
well my dear friends
(or strangers), my dear Mrs.
Fellowes & Miss Solly
ever yours
my Capes of Good Hope
[and oh! be prudent]
Florence Nightingale

Before Sir Garnet Wolseley left
England, he said: "The first
operation will be to seize the
Suez Canal -- the second the
Kassassin Lock -- the first
battle will be on Sept. 15,
(it was on the 13th): & the war
will be over 3 weeks after that".

[end 15:930]
My dear Mrs. Fellowes -- Joy that the War in Egypt is over: it might have been so terrible -- And oh may I say -- joy that you have had the work you went out for & that we so hoped you would have? I was thankful to your beyond measure for the message Miss Solly conveyed to me from you -- viz. that you "hope I will not "trouble at all about this upset "for things are smooth enough "now". You cannot tell -- or at least I believe you can tell -- what more than a "trouble", a grief & a terror & a gnawing anxiety it has been to me -- how gladly I have would if I could have borne it all for you, and a
thousand times more. To have
secured for you all the circumstances
we wished for your work,
I would gladly have given
my life. But you are made to rise above
But circumstances perhaps this is God's way
His ways are not as our ways --
of preparing you for the
great work which I am
persuaded He has in store
for you some day in some way
in reforming Military Hospitals
Nursing [I had 10 years of
contradictions & disappointments
before He gave me my work.
And oh how badly I did it.]
   But oh how cautious we
must be -- how prudent -- how
reticent -- in doing any work
for God: especially of this kind.
   You were so very good as to
promise that if they told you
"not to look out of window", you
would obey: that is, obey the most unreasonable.
And, when first you volunteered,
that you would "go to Malta or "Cyprus or anywhere", so you might "get your hand in".

I hope, more than I can say, for the men's sake, that you may have had a Field Hospital before this, or a busy Hospital on shore -- But soldiers must obey orders. And to you the "roughing" it has been: the resigning yourself to "comforts" which you detested & to work which you did not want, while the work which wanted you was within reach -- a severe kind of "roughing" indeed -- perhaps the severest, as I know by sad experience.

But it will not last. This short War is not life. But all will depend -- all your possible future in the work we pray for for you, O my Cape
of Good Hope, -- upon the name you gain here. That name I know will be of one who obeys authority, however unreasonable, in the name of Him who is above all, & who is Reason itself of one who submits to disagreeables, however unjust, for the work's sake & for His who tells us to love those we don't like -- a precept I follow oh so badly -- of one who never criticizes so that it can even be guessed at that she has criticism in her heart -- & who helps her companions to submit by her own noble example. And oh dear friend, this I am sure I need not say: forgive a fidgety old woman, -- not to breathe one word to any Nurse or other person in St. Thomas' or indeed elsewhere.
of your annoyances, great tho' they be [Home Sister & I are as `safe' as yourself: like deep wells]
But you know what Nurses are.
[It will be all over the Hospital the Doctors, Mr. McK. &c will smell it out -- thence to the Army Doctors -- your whole future which I do so look forward to when I am gone, may depend upon this -- You know what Hospital gossip is -- & you know what true dignity is -- It is never to communicate with an inferior except what will raise her -- not to seek her sympathy -- you don't want her to raise you -- except in those things which will purify her & elevate her standard of life -- that standard which the great Commander in Chief holds raises high before us all.
I don't mean conventional dignity
of position -- but the true dignity which is of Christ.
And pray for me that I may have these things for I have them not.

Fare you very well, dear friend. If this campaign shall have been a disappointment, (tho' I pray God it may not), it may be, as He sees the things He orders, the best preparation for a future Army Hospital life. Or it may be ruinous for it. [But I think that would kill me.]

If they see that you think the Doctors are self-indulgent, the Sisters know nothing, that you despise any body, that would be ruinous -- [We are not there to criticize them]

Mrs. Deeble asked Miss Pringle, Supr of Edinburgh to go out. And she said she would, UNDER one of Mrs.
Deeble's Supg Sisters, with her Edinburgh Nurses, "that she might help to maintain discipline & a good spirit among them -- & absence of criticism" -- [we knew that you would know more than your Supg Sisters -- that is no news] And that is what I know our Mrs. Fellowes will do -- [Miss Pringle or Edinburgh Nurses are of course not going out now.]

Forgive, I say again from the bottom of my heart, a most anxious old woman, who can scarcely write this letter.

I know not where this will find you: I hope immersed in work: for sick & wounded last beyond the end of War -- And there are of course many more sick than wounded.

You know, I will know in years to come still more, what delicate & difficult engines of reconstruction Hospital Nurses are. [end 15:933]
Lea Hurst: Cromford: Derby
Sept. 30 1882

Welcome, welcome home, my
dear Mrs. Fellowes, welcome
home safe & sound, as I
hope: after all your
labours which I know you
wish had been ten times
more. But how happy
must we be that the war
is so well over when it
might have been so different.
I wish I were in London to
welcome you: but perhaps
you will kindly come here
& let me have a sight of you.
I know not whether you are
going out again yet in the

Carthage to fetch home more
wounded & sick under
your kind care, of which
I have heard so much
from the Patients who went
to Cyprus: & am sure that
much more is to be heard.
As to your grievances &
annoynances: [I had your
letters of the 1st & 11th both
together -- & a very kind message
in a previous letter from Miss
Solly, for which I was very
grateful.] As to these,
would to God I could have
borne them all instead of
you. But I know you would
remember that if you are to be
some day a Military & War Hospital
reformer, as we fondly hope,
& as you seem to be called to
be -- oh don't disappoint
this hope -- my Cape of Good Hope: [I gave such a
'character' for discretion, of
you, to Sir Garnet Wolseley, to
Sir Frederick Roberts, & the
Director Genl] that you have to I knew that you would
remember that we have to earn our name,
to earn your character: the
'character' of one who obeys
authority, like a true soldier,
the authority we have accepted,
however unreasonable, in the
name of Him who is above
all & who is Reason itself --
[I need not remind you of this
-- it is rather you who should
remind me -- I have suffered

so much in letting you go:
I thought perhaps, when it
was decided that our Sisters
should not be a separate
party under you as Supr,
I should not have let any
of ours go -- do not prove
me a fool in yielding not withdrawing you all]
I knew that you would
remember to earn the name
of one who submits `loyally',
as you said so well, cheerfully
& silently, to disagreeables,
[we know "that offences will
come"], however unjust, for
the work's sake & for His
who tells us to love those
we don't like -- a precept
I follow oh so badly! -- pray
for me --
of one who never criticizes so that it can even be guessed that she has criticism in her heart -- & who leads her companions to the same noble submission by her own noble example.

Miss Pringle the Supt of Edinburgh Infy, was asked by Mrs. Deeble to go to Ismailia, & for a party of 5 or 6 Nurses. Her reply was that if they, her Nurses, might form a separate party with herself among them to help in the discipline under one of Mrs. Deeble's Suprs, they might go --

I know that our Mrs. Fellowes would "help in the discipline" wherever she was.

I long to hear all your experiences.

That you may not suppose, but I am sure you would not, that my thoughts have not always been with you, several letters of mine must have been lost, owing to the early departure of the Carthage. And forgive a fidgetty old woman -- I ventured to say: do not (however superfluous=ly) do not breathe one word to any Nurse of your annoyances, great though they be. I knew the warning was not needed. But I was fidgetty -- You know what Hospital gossip is -- it would be all over the Hospl, go from Nurse to Doctor -- & from Doctor to Army Doctor -- & from Army Doctor to Whitehall -- & to War Office.
Let them hear of us only by our good work.

And you know what true dignity is. One of its attributes is: to communicate with an inferior only that which will raise her: not to seek her sympathy -- (you don't want her to raise you) only in that which will raise her standard of life -- that standard which the great Commander-in-Chief holds high before us all -- you & I don't mean conventional dignity of position -- but the true dignity which is of Christ. And pray for me that I may have these things -- for I have them not.

And if I might say so let us for the work's sake not breathe one word of our annoyances

even to friends -- much less to Nurses.

With regard to the "comforts" of the Carthage -- it is this which you did not want -- it is the cross of many to "endure hardness" -- it was your cross to endure comforts. And I know by late experience of my own this is the hardest cross when one longs to be doing hard work.

Much of this I ventured to write to you: do forgive me. I knew that you would remember -- [you gave me the kindest promise that, if you were told "not to look out of window", you would obey] that you would remember that the
faintest rumour of the insubordination of Sisters goes far to justify the War Office in placing them -- or as we should say in misplacing them. The War Office says: 'you must go out under our superintendents'. If the Sisters say: 'We will `behave well' if `we go out under Suprs we `like: but we can't unless we `go out under Suprs of our own' -- a man of the world will say at once, 'you are not the sort for us'.

By `behaving well', every Govt office means: loyalty not saying things against their immediate superiors.

This is absolutely indispensable in the Army. But in the Foreign Office the most distinguished
men will not get on if they
“go about saying things against
their chiefs.”
You will back me from
your own experience of the world
in saying that, if people talk
against those [illeg] in charge,
it is not malice, it is not
untruth, but it is unwisdom
-- those people won't get on
in good work as you have
often noticed.
I am sure that your kindness
will give no place for people
saying that you have justified
the War Office & proved me a
fool.
For if I had withdrawn you
when you could not go out
under your own Supt or as
your own Supt, the public would
have misjudged your Training School
& your cause & yourselves.
But if you knew how I have suffered in thinking over & over whether, when every thing went so contrary to our hopes -- I should have let you go -- in thinking over & over whether everything had been done that could be done to get you into the Field Hospitals, you would be sorry for me.

[You kindly wrote to me, when it was first proposed for you to go, in answer to a question of the Director Genl.'s -- that you would go to Gozo or Cyprus, so that you could once get your hand in among the soldiers]

{THIS SECTION WRITTEN IN PENCIL:}
I have to break off -- & you with all your kindness will say -- & I do too -- that I have said too much already

Forgive me.
Lea Hurst: Cromford: Derby
Oct 1/82
Welcome, welcome home, my
dearest Mrs. Fellowes: twice
welcome back to Alexandria
to fetch more of our poor
fellows. And thrice welcome
home after that.
And blessings, blessings on you
that you "feel you have
much good news to tell me".
How heart & soul & mind
in me thirst for it. How
I would have run up to
London to meet you if I
could. How I reckon upon
being in London to meet you
when you come back -- & to

hear all the "good news", I need
which not tell you -- which my whole spirit
goes out to meet & which
I know you will tell me.
What splendid work you
must have had after the
last battle -- & how I think
of the poor fellows nursed
by your skilful devoted
hands & minds -- & the
good work done so well.
And how I long to hear of
it all.
Thank you, thank you
again for saying you have
"good news" -- I have been
so anxious, so miserable for
you. But that does not signify
I trust you will have a good passage out & back -- And then home & to work, my Cape of Good Hope, I trust.

I am curious to know the manner in which delicate operations are performed at sea.

But I keep all my questions back, knowing that you will kindly answer them some time.

Thank God that you are here. And thank God that your health has not suffered. But I am sorry for your `bad finger'. Is that a poisoned finger?

How sorry I am not to see you now you well know & also how with my whole heart I say God bless you yours ever, with great love, my Cape of Good Hope Florence Nightingale

I did not receive your kind note from Portsmouth till this morning: I am writing to Mrs. Wardroper to ask: Is it well with the children? -- O may the answer be: It is well.
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Mrs. Fellowes
care of Mrs. Wardroper
St. Thomas' Hospital,
Westminster Bridge
1/9/82 London, S.E.

OCTOBER 2, 1882, ff1-7 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES & MRS. COX PENCIL
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED OCTOBER 2, 1882
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82/31 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 2 OCT. 1882
82/32 F.N. TO MRS COX 2 OCT. 1882

f2 {BELOW: A VII 30 IN PENCIL {WRITING ON ENVELOPE IN PEN}

Please forward A VII 30
{STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}
CROMFORD
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OC 2
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Mrs. Fellowes
care of Miss Crossland
Nightingale Home
St. Thomas' Hospital
Westminster Bridge
2/9/82 London S.E.

f3 {BELOW: A VII 30 IN PENCIL HI/ST/NCl/82/31
A VII 30
Lea Hurst
Cromford
Dearest Mrs. Fellowes Oct 2/82
I cannot let you go without another
word of greeting -- You are always in my
thoughts -- & another word of blessing
in that you so kindly say you have
"good news" for me -- That is the best of
news for me -- Thank God --

You have been 'grievously vexed' -- Forgive
me for the share I have had in it -- Would you rather not have gone out at all than have gone out in that way & under those circumstances? Forgive me for anything I may have said amiss in my long letter to you yesterday -- You cannot tell how I long to see you You have but a month more at longest of being "grievously vexed &c" -- -- how thankful you must be that you are not responsible for it -- or for any body. I have sometimes found in my life that the very hindrances I had been deploring were there expressly to fit me for the next step in life. [This was the case -- hindrances of years -- before the Crimean War --] May it be possible that this may have been the express way sent to prepare you for some important work hereafter in War & Military Hospitals? [Please God it may be so for the men's sake but then it must be done through the women] -- Now fare you very well and au revoir, And believe me to be very, very soon | please God! | your truly `loyal & devoted servant' Florence Nightingale
Thank you, thank you a thousand times, dearest Mrs. Cox, for your letter about the "Carthage" Nurses, & Dr. Pennington. You cannot imagine what joy it gives me. At least, your kindness did imagine, for in your great goodness you wrote off at once, & turned anxiety into joy for me -- Coming at that moment, it was ecstasy -- For I had had great cause for care -- No. Miss Stewart is not Miss Stewart of Crimean renown. She is not ours at all. But one of the National Aid Society Nurses & not a very energetic one (strictly confidential) -- Mrs. Fellowes & Miss Solly are our two, both St. Thomas' "Sisters" of Male Surgical Wards [All the St. Thomas' Staff are trained by us]. Miss King is not either one of ours. She is a Netley Nurse. We have other Sisters at Alexandria & Cyprus: one at Cyprus, Miss Airy, also a first rate "Male Surgical" Sister, from St. Thomas', one of those disinterested women who will give up a well-paid Matronship.
How much I thank you for your dear visit yesterday, dearest Mrs. Fellowes -- & how much I hope that your kindness did not overtire you. This is only a word of the tenderest & liveliest greeting to you & Miss Solly on your second Expedition to the East. Please thank Miss Solly for her letter received this morning -- & tell her (what I read out of a letter to you) about the Doctors'
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appreciation -- which
(& others things too) I hope to
read to her myself when
you come back.
I profit by your kind
permission to enclose a
letter thro' you to "Sister" Young
at Alexandria
Fare you well: fare you very
well: & better still au
revoir: au revoir.

God bless you: And He
will bless you --
ever yours
F. Nightingale

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{BELOW: CI & 11 HI/ST/NC1/82/34

PRIVATE {DIAGONAL}

CI 11  Address
    10 South St.
    Park Lane W.
    Oct 14/82

My dear Sir
I was extremely obliged
sending me that Telegram
from Cairo of Oct 3
concerning the health & work
of the Sisters, & yet more
for your kind note enclosing
it. I saw Sir Garnet
Wolseley's despatch & Telegram
concerning the Medical Dept
with great pleasure &
without surprise.

The Army Med. Dept can
only gain from any enquiry which may be instituted. And I have no doubt any such enquiry will be welcomed by you. Might I ask you to be so very good as to direct me to the name & date of the newspaper in which Surgeon Genl Hanbury's Report appeared? About the Army Hospital Corps. I was told -- this was before the War -- that there was to be a general enquiry into its organization -- possibly with

Sir Garnet Wolseley at its head Might I venture to ask your great kindness whether & when this is to take place? & any particulars that you might be good enough to furnish? as to its members &c. This too might be of the greatest service in making the Army Medi. Depr as efficient as you would wish in placing the whole Hospital Corps on a right footing in its relation to the Departmr: tho' it is evident that the enquiry might easily take
a wrong direction.
    I shall be at South St.
again in another week
& hoping that some day
I may have the great
pleasure of seeing you
again. I will not
trouble you, who must
be so occupied, with
a longer letter now about
these vitally interesting subjects --
but only beg you to believe
me ever your faithful servt
    Florence Nightingale
T. Crawford Esq MD &c &c
    Director Genl

My dearest Mrs. Cox
    I cannot thank you
enough for all your letters.
I trust & pray that not
a word of them may be
wasted. Any thing that
you will be so good as to
write to me from first
source, from what you
know so well how to gather
(& sift) among those whom
you see returning from the
War, will be terribly
welcome, & of the
greatest service.
    I wish indeed that Genl
Cox would write the organization he created in the Franco-German War before a battle. I know alas! so well how much in our Army Medical arrangements exists only on paper. The last Director Gen., tho' an excellent & conscientious & in a sense an able man, had no idea of enquiring, after framing excellent Regulations, whether these were carried out or not. And his own Medical Officers flatly disobeyed his Circulars & orders.

Mrs. Fellowes found time to run down to me in Derbyshire before the Carthage sailed again. I hear from all our Nurses.

{THIS SECTION IN PENCIL:}
Pray excuse these disjointed scraps -- I am so interrupted I shall be back at South St. in a week -- There are to be enquiries -- as you know. But Every thing addressed to South St. is forwarded to me at once, & will be, as I say, terribly welcome & I trust useful for the men to yours ever gratefully & overflowingly

F. Nightingale
NOVEMBER 4 1882 ff1-8 LETTERS TO MRS COX PENCIL & PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 (PEN)

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f2 (BELOW: A V 20

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LONDON

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(WRITING ON ENVELOPE IN PEN:}

Mrs. Cox

26 South Parade

Southsea

Southsea

4/11/82
Private {DIAGONAL}

Nov 4 1882
10, SOUTH STREET,  {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My very dear Mrs. Cox

Many, many thanks for your

letters. The Committee of

Enquiry has begun its sittings.
It embraces, as you know, a general
enquiry into Army Hospital
Corps, organization &c --
into Field & Base Hospitals,
Sea Transport for sick & wounded
-- & lastly into Medical
arrangements for during the recent
campaign in Egypt.

Any information or hints
that you could kindly give me

to put me on the track --

Any names of witnesses to
be examined who you
think would be useful --
especially of those who
would speak out --

would be of the greatest service.

Will you tell me whether
I should be at liberty to
mention with names (privately) what
you told me about Dr.
Pennington having applied to
Sir Owen Lanyon to buy
fresh provisions at Ismailia -- & no one
having the power to purchase:
And whether they would be good witnesses when they come home (is Sir O. Lanyon at home?) or whether they would deny all about it? Also: what were the details of the "wild" Medical "confusion" "before & after the battles"?

I shall try for Genl. Cox to be examined, if I may.

In answer to your question I have not heard of any Fund to furnish discharged Invalids with warm clothing &c. But if Genl. Cox would write to Col. Sir Robert Loyd Lindsay M.P.

2 Carlton Gardens S.W.

who is Chairman of the National Aid Soc'y; & is on this Committee of Enquiry, it would elicit whether the Nat. Aid Soc'y would do anything.

None of our Nurses are come home -- All ours (with others) are concentrated at Alexandria & in the "Carthage" detained at Alexandria. They have 9 per cent sick of the Force.

Success attend all your operations.

ever yrs
F. Nightingale

As far as I know, the "food" on
board the "Carthage" was good -- but ever the distributions were at such odd times. The Sick & wounded Officers were not, however, as well attended to at the Hospital proper, the common soldiers, sick & wounded. [I think however that, there, complaints were exaggerated -- One poor fellow (Officer) who died, whom you may have known,

could not eat or drink any thing -- & his life depended upon not exciting vomiting. People so often attribute to that word "he could not eat anything" the meaning that there was nothing fit for him to eat.]
November 10 1882
10, South Street, Park Lane, W.

Dearest Mrs. Fellowes,

Thank you for your note written just before you reached Alexandria. [I have not received anything since] And thank you yet more & again for your precious visit to Lea Hurst, so kindly made.

Anxiety filled me during the extraordinary stormy weather we had the end of October & afterwards, lest the "Carthage" should be at sea on her way home. Thank God you were not. The D.G. tells me you are still off Alexandria. And I hear from the other Sisters that
they see you occasionally -- &
send you their Convalescents --
& that there is not
enough work for your active
souls, while on shore they
have rather too much work
-- not for their wishes but
because more might be done
for the Enteric cases, especially
at night, were there more
Sisters. I suppose it
would not do to propose
that some Sisters should be
spared from the Carthage,
finding their night accommod
still on board the ship.
Dr. Crawford told me that
he had seen you at Portsmouth
& asked your opinion on some
things.

I shall have much to ask when
you come home.
If `roughing' was desired, Miss Airy
seems to have had enough of it.
But she writes such cheery letters.
God bless you all for your brave
hearts.
My love to Miss Solly.
The Committee of Enquiry x, which I think I mentioned to you, into the Army Hospl Corps, as well as into the Medical arrangements in Egypt, & into a proposed extension of the Nursing Service at home with the object of the trained women training the Orderlies in Nursing duties -- has been sitting already a fortnight.

x Your friend Sir Wm MacCormac is on it

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I am so hurried & interrupted. But let me say -- there is no soul in Army, War Office, Medical Dept, or Committee of Enquiry who does not sing the praises of the Sisters' war work. Several Telegrams have been shown me by the D.G. from the Doctors: `The Sisters have "worked nobly"' &c I saw one Colonel of a Regiment's letter: "the only satisfactory thing out here as concerns the sick & wounded has been the Nurses' work & the Carthage"

Everything that has as yet come out on the Comm: of Enquiry has shown how valuable the Nurses' work has been.

My heart trembles with [insert thankfulness para below here]
I do not know who can have told Miss Stewart that you "had written home complaints". It was not I. The only letter I have written to her (in answer to one she wrote me) was quite different from that, you may be sure, & was returned to me from the Ismailia P.O.

She has never made a "complaint" to me of you.

If you like to give her my kind regards, & tell her that I did not fail to write but that it failed to reach her, pray do. But, if not, not

I wish I could give you news one hundredth part as interesting as yours to me.
thankfulness -- but it trembles still. For upon this will turn very much what the recommendations of the Committee will be with regard to the last part of their instructions. Let no want of concord or discretion appear to mar that blessed work. And let no one be able justly to say what was said to me last month. "It is only Roman Catholic vows that can keep Sisters together". I am sure that you, my dear, dear friend, will do your utmost to prevent these things from being truly said. Let us be persecuted for righteousness' sake, but not for unrighteousness. God has great designs for you.

I saw dear Home Sister the other day full of vigour. Matron had not returned then from her holiday. I am afraid she is not much better.

With great love, God for ever bless you -- always yours

F. Nightingale
Mrs. Fellowes  
H.M.'s Nursing Service  
British Expeditionary Force  
Transport 32  
Hospital Ship "Carthage"  
Alexandria  
10/11/82   Egypt (or elsewhere)  

My dear Mrs. Fellowes 

Thanks for your letter of Nov. 16. In reply to your question: "do you think we "ought to stay out here until "nurses are ordered to return?", I suppose that you will continue your services so long as they are required by the authorities. 

I trust that by this time you & Miss Solly are transferred to the Gabari Hospital at Alexandria
where I am sure you are very much needed. And I am so very glad that Miss Airy who has done such splendid work among the Enteric cases, who need, as Doctors themselves now say, more Nursing than Doctoring, and Sister Cannell's party are gone to the Citadel at Cairo, where there was quite a cry for their skilled Nursing.

Miss Norman writes from

the Abbasiyeh Hospital, Cairo. They have Enteric at both Hospitals. The greater the "disagreeables" of Military Nursing -- ought not we the more to be glad to be there? There is an "unsatisfactory" struggle in all War Nursing which none can know but those who have done it: The more "unsatisfactory", (& I hid nothing from you:) the more I have always felt called to it.

Will you excuse a brief
letter? I am very much overworked.
Pray give my love to Miss Solly: & thanks for her letter.
With regard to your resignation, you will see that it is preferable for me to make no remark upon it.
I cannot thank God enough that you all (of our Sisters) are well. Others have I am afraid suffered.
Alexandria, as I know well, is delightful in November & December.
We are here in blackest fogs.
My sister, Lady Verney, is poor body, completely helpless with complicated Rheumatic Arthritis.

ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale

via Brindisi
Carthage Egypt
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Mrs. Fellowes
(H.M.'s Nursing Service)
Gabari Military Hospital
Alexandria
(or elsewhere)
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APRIL 12, MAY 26 TO JUNE 9, 1883, ff1-6 LETTERS TO MISS BLOWER & GRAND DUCHESS OF BADEN PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED APRIL 12, MAY 26 TO JUNE 9, 1883
I. helps to keep up good & high tone
   1. besides Lady Supt a Mistress of Probrs -- whole business to 'mother', teach, train & take care of Probrs
   2. lady of Committee shd keep up constant correspond with-out Nurses, District, Private &c
      Every Nurse shd be a little Missionary of good ways to keep Nurses up shd be her task -- to communicate with Nurses about joy or sorrow in their own homes.
      -- encourage them to write for advice -- communicate with private families she knows about their Nurses
      All our Suprs have Private Nurses.
      Irish Suprs have Roman Catholics -- Priest will not let them have join in prayer with Protestant Nurses.

II. we try to keep ourselves together by money gratuities annually for 3 years to all Nurses, ladies or others who have done well.
    This necessitates Annual Report from Supt, generally one of our training (for we never entrust our Nurses except to a trained Supt whom we generally know) -- before the gratuity is given. Thus we keep up our knowledge & our tie in some degree.
    Annual Meeting
    Xmas cards --
    but alas! we fall so short
    Matrons: Miss Pringle -- worth all we could do with her Nurses -- Miss Vincent.
    All our Nurses have not the faith & trust & love -- so necessary even materially, for good Nursing -- But our Home Sister! great
ability -- does every thing as in presence of God --
want of highest religious motive we deplore in
Nurses -- not want of morality, uprightness & kindness
-- we have that -- may be from wave of irreligiousness
over our land -- men of lower classes either "heathen"
or "Salvation Army" -- women of upper classes play at
High Church -- or are Rationalists -- or as they please
to call themselves, Agnostics -- Some prefer of
most religious women prefer entering High Church
Sisterhoods to what they regard as our more `secular'
work.
"Antagonism by Progression" -- In God's plan we
often do as much good by rousing those antagonistic
to us to do the same good in their
own way as by
doing it ourselves --

one practical difference -- see H.B.C.'s letter
varieties -- waves in our living material for Nursing work
waves of splendid, waves of indifferent gentlewomen
at present many applications, few good ones --
Many are called but few are chosen --
not fit to control themselves, \( \cdot \) not to control others
reasons
1. Schools rising up all over London, Edinbro', Dublin
Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow, Belfast -- great
Training Schools for Nurses -- thank God -- and many of
these are under our own Suprs
2. Women's intellectual life developed in England
High Schools -- University Colleges -- Colleges for Lady
Doctors, for Art & Music. Education, teaching, literary
work, more attractive than Hospital work --
but not an 'all round' education like Nursing
Still teaching a grand employment whether in Schools
or Colleges, as well as in Nursing -- Elementary School.
Mistresses also a new profession. All tends to
raise women more to the level God made for her.
3. Another side to question -- reason why moral
quality of ladies who come to us not quite what it was. Home &
family life does not now supply moral discipline
it once did. Young ladies not accustomed to obedience
-- to idea of duty prevailing every trifle -- to nice household
ways as once -- as they began to think of independence
other than in marriage -- to think of going into professions
of maintaining themselves, the other idea of a strictly family
life went out. Devotion to home duties best preparation for
high devotion to Hospit life
There is good in all things. God's school the best
He is training His own world. He must do it in
His own way. I only watch & try to learn what
it is He would have us do -- how He would
have us follow Him
4. Ladies do not come to H.R.H. as Nurses.
Too many come to us. In England primo geniture
& the inequality of fortunes left to sons & to daughters
is in our very blood. the proportion of gentlewomen
who have to maintain themselves & even their families
is large. This may account both for number who
swarm about any opening to professional life -- & for
their not coming from highest motives or from
any great fitness
5. In Germany Baden & Berlin movement came
from on high -- highest lady of the land -- with
us it comes from below -- etiquette that the Crown
or Royalty shd not patronize effort of this kind
till it has succeeded.
Much too inclined to fashion in England. Whenever
we have become fashionable, we have declined in
devotion & in the best things. If Royalty were to make
us the fashion, what wd become of our higher motives
except in as far as loyalty is a higher motive. But we
often degrade it.
To theorize about causes less useful than to suggest measures
10 South St.
Park Lane W.
June 23/83

Dear Sir James Caird

I trust that you have been keeping Sir Wm. Wedderburn up to the scratch in enlightening & crusading about Ld Ripon's true policy.

When is the reading of his paper on "Raiyats' Banks" to come on?

Pray excuse me for not enclosing the Proof before.

The amount of violence,
continuous & virulent, against the Native Jurisdiction.
Bill, & under colour of this against the whole of Ld Ripon's acts, is appalling.
It is like the rush of the poor children at Sunderland -- as blind, as ignorant and, one fears, as fatal --
If Sir W. Wedderburn could stem the rush it were much to be desired.

Excuse this note.
I have been ill --
And with kind regards to Lady Caird if she will allow me believe me ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

My dear Sir
I have been anxiously awaiting the fulfilment of your most kind promise to make an appointment to see me on some matter which, you wrote, you wished to speak to me about.
But I have waited in vain. I know how busy you are.
Any afternoon next week that you would be pleased to fix about 5, if that
hour suits you I would keep open for the great pleasure of seeing you.

2. This Cholera is a terribly anxious time. In how many people's minds Quarantine & Cordons seem to substitute themselves for Sanitary measures as preventives. And how curious a retrograde step this is! I hope you are satisfied that everything has been done that could be done in averting Cholera

among our troops. But the Mortality is extraordinary in peace time. We had hoped that we should have been freer. I have been asked whether trained Nurses are to be sent out to the Native Cholera patients, as well as Doctors. And one trained lady volunteered to me. Should you advocate anything of this sort?

3. Hoping to see you so soon, I had reserved a question, prompted by the Reports from the Medical Officers upon
the our Sisters' Nursing in the War in Egypt which you were so very good as to send me. It was this:

referring to a "Confidential" letter which regarded the Civil Nurses on board the Carthage, we should be very anxious to know whether the other Nurses are supposed not to be obedient to the Medical Officers, obedience is quite as much required, I may say more, of the Civil Nurses than of the Military Nurses.

We are anxious to know whether you have been led to the conclusion, by what you have heard, that the Civil Nurses have shown themselves less amenable to discipline in carrying out the orders of the Medical Officers than the Netley Nurses.

Having regard to the report about these two Sisters of ours on board the Carthage, we are much afraid that it might lead to such an impression on the part of some of the
Medical Officers.

From what I have heard personally, I am induced to think that any such impression would be incorrect; & that the fault really lay with the Carthage superintendr of the Nurses, & not with the Nurses themselves.

We should regard it as a very serious defect if our Sisters & Nurses did not learn quite as strict obedience -- indeed a more strict obedience -- both to the Medical Officers & their female Superiors --

than would be required in any Military Hospital.

I rather regret not having sent to your kindness this question before. The fact is: I had written it some weeks ago, but in the hope of seeing you from day to day upon other matters, I did not send it.

Pray believe me ever your faithful & anxious servt

Florence Nightingale

Dr. Crawford

Director Genl

AUGUST 13 & 20, 1883, ff1-9 LETTERS TO MISS CADBURY PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

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83/5 F.N. TO MISS CADBURY 13 AUG. 1883
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My dear Miss Cadbury

Thank you so much for your long & most interesting letter. I rejoice that Miss Gibson is going at once on her holiday & am thankful that you think her better.

It is very alarming & uncomfortable how many Nurses contract Typhus Fever at the Parish Hosp. This is so avoidable:
and I fear the Head Nurse of the Fever House, tho' a good Nurse, can give you small satisfaction in the care she takes of the Probationers under her. Perhaps she is incapable of such supervision.

About your grave question as to the Night Supcy: indeed I do feel how essential a Night Supr is to you: will you allow me to think it all over, as regards Miss Gibson? With a message to the Nurses I must end as yours ever
F. Nightingale

My dear Miss Cadbury

I am so glad that you have come back so rested & well from your holiday. How I wish that I had time to write all I could wish. But one thing I am sure I need not say: I was quite appalled by Miss Crossland's account of Miss Gibson's health. I am sure

that you will not allow her, till she goes on her holiday, to go into the Wards, & that you will send her on her holiday on the earliest possible day. Your kindness will have forestalled me.

I am so pressed that I am quite unable to do more than bid you 'God speed'
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Letter to Miss Cadbury for nurses 20 August 1883, HI/ST/NC1/83/6, 45807

Will you say to your Nurses what I cannot say how deep is the interest always in my heart for them. They know the first beginning of Trained Nursing in Parish Hospitals was made at Liverpool under Agnes Jones. That beginning was the Pioneer. But every fresh staff of Nurses are Pioneers. They, the present Nurses & Probationers are, or ought to be, now the Pioneers -- Pioneers in obedience, skill, gentleness, trustworthiness -- for they are trusted by God with His sick must prove themselves worthy of this trust. Pioneers in learning Nursing, -- & without obedience there can be no Nursing & no learning, or training -- as they will know when they have in their turn to train others.

May God bless them: we know what His blessings are (in the Sermon on the Mount) May God give to them & to me hearts and eyes and hands & feet. F.N.

DECEMBER 1 & 2, 1883, ff1-9 LETTERS TO RESIDENT ASSISTANT PHYSICIAN, ST. THOMAS HOSPITAL PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

83/7 F.N. TO RES. ASST. PHYSICIAN, ST. THOS. HOSPITAL 1 DEC. 1883
83/8 F.N. TO RES. ASST. PHYSICIAN, ST. THOS. HOSPITAL 2 DEC. 1883
Immediate      F1
To the
Resident Assistant Physician
  to be left in
    Charity Ward
    St. Thomas’ Hosp
Florence Nightingale
  1/12/83
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{BELOW:     Dec 1/83

10, SOUTH STREET,   {PRINTED ADDRESS}
      PARK LANE. W.

Sir
  Dr. Ord has been so very
  good as to admit
  my maid, Fanny Dowding,
  to a bed in Charity Ward.
  And he kindly said
  that she had better be
  enter this afternoon.
  Dr. Armitage who has been
  attending her almost daily
  is afraid of the hurry to
  her of moving her (somewhat
  unexpectedly) to-day, as
  from fear of haemorrhage
  she has been kept absolutely
  quiet in body & mind,
  tho' she is anxious to go into

St. Thomas'
  I will send her, if you
  will allow me, on
  Monday & will send
  to know what hour is
  best
  Commending her to your
  kind care
    I beg to remain, Sir,
    your obed serv
Florence Nightingale
  [end 8:982]

To the Resident Assistant Physician
Dec 2/83
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

Sir
By Dr. Ord's orders [8:982]
the patient for Charity Ward,
Fanny Dowding, will be at
St. Thomas' at 11
tomorrow (Monday) morning.
Might I venture to request that she may be carried up to the Ward,
as she has been kept perfectly quiet here, for fear of haemorrhage?
I know that I need not bespeak your kind care for her.

pray believe me
your faithful serv\tFlorence Nightingale [end 8:982]

To the Resident Assistant Physician

JUNE 5, AUGUST 20, SEPTEMBER 19, 24 & 25, OCTOBER 1, 1884, ff1-19 LETTERS TO FRANCES GROUNDSELL PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE f1 {PEN}
10 South St. Park Lane W.
June 5/84
Frances Groundsell If you would like to have a day or two at your uncle's, I find I can spare you till Monday or Tuesday next. Please answer:
F. Nightingale

Miss F. Groundsell
Dr. Whipple's
4 Chichester St.
St. George's Square
5/6/84
S.W.

Claydon House: Winslow: Bucks
Aug 20/84
Dear Frances
I am very glad to hear such a good report of your father & mother -- my kind regards to them & of yourself. Would you like to stay till Monday or Tuesday, in next week, instead of going back on Saturday? If so, write me word --

God bless you
yours faithfully
F. Nightingale
Claydon: Sept. 19/84
Dear Frances,
You are now going to be left in #10 South St. with Mrs. Durney. And we will see what the little woman can do --
You will take charge of all that Ellen is in charge of till I come home -- And you yourself will be under the charge of Mrs. Durney, under whose charge will be the house.

You will forward all my letters & papers to me here. Ellen will give you the address --
You will write to me & tell me how far the workmen have got on with their work, if any -- especially with the Drawing-room floor --
Before I come home, Mr. Vare's men will have to come & clean all the windows & put up the Drawing-room
curtains: but I will write to you about this --
You will have plenty to do: And may you learn to do it well.
All the books & papers lying about must be put back in the places where I left them --
Mrs. Durney will take charge of the Accounts --
I cannot write any more at present.
Any papers or parcels not forwarded to me here are to be put together

to be given me when I come back --
I hope that you will be comfortable -- And may God bless you --
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Dear Frances
I thank you for your letter --
Will you tell Mrs. Durney that being very sorry that her cold is still so bad, as she also tells me, I have desired Dr. Armitage who did her so much good before,
to call upon her: and she may send his prescriptions to Squire's to be made up -- & I should be glad to hear from you how Dr. Armitage says about her. I will write again to-morrow about your wages & board wages. God bless you yrs ff fully F. Nightingale

Claydon Ho: A IX 5 Sept. 25/84
Dear Frances
I send you your Wages viz. from June 25
1/2 month at £14} 14. 2
+ £ 3} 4. 9. 2
2 1/2 months at £15} 3. 15
+ £ 3}----------
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Board Wages (Sept 23 - Oct 21) £ 2. 16
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£ 7. 5. 2
And I hope that you will be able to put something into the Savings Bank out of your wages.
I have raised your wages to £15, tho' I had cause, as you know, to suffer much from your want of skill. But I hope to be able to raise them to £16. And if I find when I come home that you have put something in the Savings' Bank & that you have done well in your now somewhat responsible post, I hope to be able to add to what nest-egg you have in the Savgs Bank.

And may God bless you & lead you in the right way.

is the fervent prayer of yours faithfully Florence Nightingale

I hope you are well -- & I doubt not the Doctor will be able to set Mrs. Durney to rights, to whom my kind regards.
Dear Frances

I expect to be home in about 10 days: but it will depend upon Lady Verney who is very ill. I am no better & little able to write. Most people would pass off your letter to me with: You silly child

But I am anxious, as you have good sense, to show you why you [next 2 paras not on film, not verified]

are a silly child

You say you are "disappointed" - do you think I am not disappointed? You did twice what in the whole course of my nursing life I have never known done but twice, & never by the same person more than once. You did it twice in then days.

If you had done it to any one else rather than me, I should have parted with you at the end of your month. Any one else would.

You say: I did not say that if you did "anything wrong" I should not raise your wages." No: people don’t say so: they part with you. I did not. And I raised your wages to £15.
Now think -- what you would have had, if I had raised them to "£16" after the 2nd month -- Just 2/6 more.

Now think what you have had more.
10/10 to put in the Savings Bank:
And the chance of £1 to pay your journey home -- (tho' it is quite unusual for a

mistress to grant a holiday to a maid a very few weeks old) -- that is to say you have had 8 or 9 times the half-crown you are moaning & mourning over -- And you have had a promise of more for the Savings Bank now --

Do not make me wrong in keeping you --
My dear child, I would gladly have suffered the very serious loss of

my small strength & health if it had done you good.
Now I can write no more.

May God bless you --
And no one shall look in your face when I come home to see if you are not ashamed of yourself -- I am sure you will never be so silly again dear Frances:

F. Nightingale
One would have thought that, merely out of self-interest you would have known better than to write such a letter -- But I hope you don't think F.N. only of interest.

My dear Sir
I have never thanked you for your kindness in sending me your Regulations &c for Nurses.

Dr. Maclean has written to me telling me of his retirement from Netley. The Warrant for septennial appointments is, I believe, out -- is it not? --
May I take this opportunity of giving you & ourselves joy of several of your beneficent measures -- especially for that of the Examinations of Medical Officers for the grades of Staff Surgeon, Brigade Surgeon &c &c &c --

May success attend your most difficult, honourable progress!

Pray believe me ever your faithful servr
Florence Nightingale
T. Crawford Esq MD
Director Genl

10 South St. Park Lane W.
Dec 2/84

Dear Madam

I am indeed exceedingly grateful for your kindness in writing me such a full account of Doctor & Nurse. It is a delight to know of such a successful case -- & that you suffered so little & are now so robust. It does one's heart good.

You are so kind as to say that you would give any further information.
I understood or may have misunderstood Miss Crossland that you knew something of Fitzroy House, Fitzroy Square, as a place where ladies who have no home & no friends in London might go for say an Operation, their own Doctor & his own Nurse attending them.

Pray, if I am mistaken, do not trouble to answer this.

The questions it was sought to ask of a lady who knew Fitzroy House were:

- would a lady=Patient be comfortably tended there?
- what sort of person is the Lady-in-charge?
- is she a trained Nurse?
- are the rooms comfortable?
- is the sick diet good?
- what sort of place, compared with a good home, is it?
what sort of interest does
the Lady-in-charge take
in her Patients?
& does she attend
operations?
   Pray excuse my asking
questions about a place
you may know nothing
of -- & in that case put
my letter in the fire --
   And pray believe me
ever yours faithfully
   Florence Nightingale
Miss Emily Callwell

JANUARY 14, 1885, ff1-10 LETTERS TO MISS ANDERSON PEN & PENCIL
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED JANUARY 14, 1885

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Miss Anderson
Parish Infirmary
Brownlow Hill
14/1/85    Liverpool
My dear Miss Anderson,

I have been vainly trying for a moment's time or strength which is the same thing to wish you every New Year's joy that Infinite Love can give -- but I am always wishing it you in my heart.

You have left your remembrance as Night Supr in many hearts in St. Thomas' Nurse Franklin, Night Nurse in

Albert, is talking of you still, I am always hearing of Miss Anderson, how good she was as Night Supr: so "respected" by the Nurses. Night Nurses often in a difficulty -- then Miss Anderson so helpful would you let Sister be disturbed -- would show Night Nurses what to do & help them -- then would keep the Ward during an operation -- & when the operation case came
back, not standing by but helping so much at the bed -- kept such a cheerful, holy tone in the Ward -- so important always knew when Night Supr Miss Anderson came in.

Then the best Sisters say: Miss Anderson never satisfied with her own work -- always aspiring higher.

Oh! there I recognise Miss Anderson. I know she

is never satisfied with her own work now -- always aspiring higher -- And that is the true good work.

I know how she must influence the Nurses now & raise the whole Night Nursing -- And I hope she does not find it dreary when she thinks of this

The good Night Supr is truly giving God "Glory in the highest -- & on earth peace -- good
will towards men" --

What a noble calling!
scarcely any thing nobler.
How I should like to
hear any thing you can
tell me of your work --
It must be very heavy
now. But His
"strength is made perfect
in our weakness" --
What should we do
with out that promise?
My best love to Miss
Gibson -- & my kind regards
to Miss Palmer, please.

I have but a sorry
account to give you of home
affairs "Home Sister" has
been very poorly & is
staying here at this moment
Matron too is very ailing --
Miss Pringle, of Edinburgh,
has been obliged to go to
Pau in the Pyrenees for
the winter.
Sister Albert (Miss Stewart)
dined here last night with
Home Sister -- She is
particularly brisk & bonny --
So is Sister Airy, (not=
f9 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} in pencil, overwritten in pen
withstanding Diarrhea &
Dysentery) at Cairo in Egypt
-- very heavy work on Night duty now --
as cheerful as a bee.
Miss Estcourt is thriving --
is now night Staff Nurse
at her own request in
Alexandra -- She is to have
that Sister ship, for Miss
Isla Stewart is leaving.

I can fancy how you have
exercise for every gift
& talent where you are
I trust you are quite well.
It does my heart good to hear
them talk of you.

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{THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

Now, again God bless
you & your work, very dear
Miss Anderson:
Pray for
yours ever affly
Florence Nightingale               [end 12:377]
My dear Sir

Pray let me thank you with all my heart for your great kindness to Miss Williams whom you have appointed to be superintendent of Nurses at the Hospital for Wounded at Suez -- & for approving of a Miss Byam on Miss Williams' recommendation for one of her Nursing Staff. We understand that she has sent in for approval a second name.

This permission to her is a true kindness. Will you think me too encroaching if I ask -- not with Miss Williams' knowledge -- would you not think it desirable to allow her to recommend to you the names of the remaining two Nurses to complete the Staff of four? You probably think as
we do that it is important
that Superintendrs should
have Nurses with whose
character & qualifications
they are acquainted
Pray believe me
my dear Sir
ever your faithful & grateful
servT
Florence Nightingale

T. Crawford Esq MD
Director Genl

My dear Sir
Pray forgive me for
asking you if you have
news of Miss Williams
& her 3 Nurses whom you
appointed to Suez, and of
our four Nurses (Nat. Aid Socy
`Ladies' Branch') who accompanied
them.
I read with joy that
six of them have been sent
by you to Souakim, to the
Base Hospitals there.
Even if they suffer in health

it is still joy for them, for
they will have suffered
doing their duty where
they are most wanted.
But any particulars of
where & how each of the
8 Nurses is that you
will be so very kind as
to give me from your
(doubtless, daily) Telegrams,
or of the wounded, or Field
Hospital Orderlies & M.O.s,
f7 will be gratefully welcomed 
by my dear Sir, 
your ever faithful servant

Florence Nightingale
I wish that all eight Nurses were
at Souakim

F.N.

Dr. Crawford
&c &c

f8 {BELOW: CI & 16

HI/ST/NC1/85/4
CI 16
March 28/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir
Since I wrote to you, I
have been 'requisitioned' by
the "Princess of Wales' Branch"
(Nat. Aid Socy) for 4 Nurses
to go out & take the places
of those at Suez who
have been happily sent on
to Souakim
Might I ask you whether
there are any Nurses now
at Suez? or any Acting
Supt?
We cannot of course send
out 4 Nurses without a head;
but one of them must be chosen as competent to act as Supr over the others. We are acting under your authority certainly are we not? Might I ask some particulars about the Suez Hospital & what we are to do? We are told that the Nurses asked for are to go out by next Wednesday’s steamer & will find full occupation "immediately" on arrival, which is just what we want. But I question exceedingly whether they can be chosen, appointed & out-fitted by next Wednesday. It seems impossible. Pray believe me ever your faithful servr Florence Nightingale Dr. Crawford &c &c &c
My dear Sir

Thank you very much for your kind Telegram & note. We understand that you consider any further despatch of Nurses to Suez by the 'National Aid' unnecessary.

As response to your previous message (in your letter), one of our very best women, Miss Styring, a lady experienced both as a Surgical Ward Sister, & in superintendence is willing to go to Egypt. I therefore,

according to your desire, beg to send in her name to you as having volunteered for Egypt, & as one that we can strongly recommend. She is quite fit for a Superintendent if required; but would willingly go as Sister.

I trust from your letter that all the eight Sisters who went out in the "Navarino", Miss Williams being their head, -- including the four sent out by the
Nat. Aid Socy (Ladies' Branch),
are gone to Souakim
But the Ladies are now afraid
that they ordered two, Miss
Hicks & Miss Dowse, up the
Nile for their Dahabieh
& they are thinking of
recalling them by Telegraph
for Souakim. But I hope they are there.
I need not say how grateful
I shall be for your kindly
promised "latest news"
of the Sisters &c at Souakim,
& what they are doing,
& where they are, there.

With all my heart I wish
you the highest success in
all your arduous work.
You are doing wonders.
May you be rewarded!
I trust that the relative
you mentioned to me is
better.

Pray believe me
my dear Sir
ever your faithful servt.
Florence Nightingale

To the Director Gen.
Dr. Crawford

My dear Sir
You kindly sent back your
Acting Supr of Nurses, Miss
Williams, with her 3 Nurses,
by Brindisi mail, to Suez
Military Hospital, on Friday,
May 8. [They had brought
home wounded from Souakim by the "Iberia".]
Her orders were: -- employment
at Suez, or, if necessary,
Souakim: or possibly Cairo
I have just had from Suez
a Telegram from her. She says
that they have no employment,
or Nursing position given
them: asks if they
had better return:
begs for your orders and
advice. The last words
of her Telegram are:
"unexpected
"position less
"better return
"ask Dr. Crawford"
Probably you have had some
Telegram too on the subject.
May I ask your orders --

what you wish & what you
advise -- Kindly say:
And I will telegraph to Miss
Williams at once.
It is a very painful & disagreeable
position for her.
She was quite prepared to be
sent wherever they were
wanted, of course. They had previously
been sent to Souakim from Suez, i.e. on
their first going out.
Might I ask -- you have
been so very kind to her --
as speedy an answer as
can be given with due
consideration & enquiry --
as to what you desire them
to do.
Pray believe me
ever your faithful servr
Florence Nightingale
May I venture to ask: could
I send my Telegram when
I have received your orders,
to Miss Williams by
the same means by which
you Telegraph? or how?

Dr. Crawford
   Director=Genl
Dear Frances

I shall be glad to let you go home on Tuesday. Take a fortnight if you like it. And I trust you will enjoy it.

For your journey I will advance you a sovereign, that you may not have to draw your money out of the Savings Bank. You have still a little left of your Board Wages.

I am sure that you have taken every care of Mrs. Cordery.

Give my kind regards to your father & mother, & ask her if there is any book she would like to have. I have been so poorly that I have not been able to order a book to be sent you for her. But we can send one by post.

God bless you
With kindest wishes for
a happy holiday
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

From {PRINTED}                To {PRINTED}
Nightingale             Miss Lennox
Claydon House            Childrens Hospital
Steeple Claydon Bucks                  Belfast

So very sorry I fear
unable to reach London by
seventeenth or eighteenth please tell
me your latest day in
London     Reply paid

My dear Miss Pirrie
Miss Vincent will be
"very happy to show" you
"all" she can about her
Infirmary
   (St Marylebone Infirmary
     Ladbroke Grove Road
     Notting Hill W.)
"tomorrow (Monday) at 12
o'clock".
     God bless you
ever yours       F. Nightingale
I hope you got home well last night.
My dear Miss Pirrie

How deep is my interest, how intense my feeling for you & your work I need not tell you. Every woman must feel the same. You have done a noble deed in beginning. God will grant the success. You have already done great things. But to know that you may have, & that soon, a trained lady to speak to in the form of a Night Supr tugs at my heart & that hereafter no vacancy shall occur among the Nurses but shall be filled up with a trained Nurse. I rather deprecated your having Nurses from us, on the ground that Irish don't like English nurses. To help you must be the desire of us all. And as you tell me that you think the Belfast R. Hosp. cannot perhaps Miss Vincent, could by & bye help you with trained nurses. How did you like the St. Marylebone Infirmary? [You must have been amused at my sending you two
Telegrams & a note -- but when
I sent over to Miss Vincent on the Sunday to know when she could show you the Infy, she appointed 12 on Monday. And I was so afraid I should not reach you in time for your convenience.]
Pray, for all our sakes, observe some regularity in exercise & meals. The Doctors & ex officio Guardians seem so very kind, we do cordially thank them in our hearts for it -- but I wish you had some lady too.
Miss Herdman writes to me: `should you see my good friend

"Ella Pirrie, please give her "warm greeting from one who "loves & admires her". We all must echo that.
I should feel so very grateful to you if you could some day spare time especially to say what trained Nursing= help, particularly at night, you have secured. Please write to me.
I take advantage of your kindness to trouble you with a packet for Miss Lennox It is a book she wished for.
The Infirmary ground is yet unplanted. It seems ridiculous to offer you Rhododendrons from England. But if you think well, might we send you some? We have furnished the grounds of two London Workhouse Infirmarys with Rhododendrons which did well.

Is there any Flower Mission at Belfast? If one can get in flowers, & plants, a canary or singing bird in a cage, a tame cat which will not hurt the canary, it is a civilizer, is it not? -- in the Wards of an Union Infirmary. But I hope you have these cheerful things in your own rooms.

You wished for a book on Nursing. I am sorry to say that Smith's `Lectures on Nursing which I sent for are out of print. I send two others which I hope may be useful. And may I send `Smith' after you if I can find a copy at any place? I will not say farewell, or rather I will say fare you well, fare you very well, & hope that our friendship is only
begun. I trust you were not very tired on Saturday.

God bless you: and He will bless you --

and believe me ever yours with the deepest sympathy

Florence Nightingale

{THIS SECTION IN PENCIL:}

I venture to send Short Life: because it is so pretty Daddy Darwin & Gordon

for yourself & a dozen books of pictures &c for your Children's Wards if not too much for your luggage. [end]

{BELOW: CI & 19 H1/ST/NC1/85/11/2
envelope CI 19 with a brace of pheasants

Sir T. Crawford &c &c &c
Army Medical Dept
6 Whitehall Yard
Florence Nightingale}

19/11/85 }
Dear Sir Thomas Crawford 

May I give you joy, & give ourselves joy, of your well-won honours?

You have been very kind to Miss Williams (of Suez)

May I hope some day for the pleasure of seeing you again?

ever your faithful servr

Florence Nightingale 

DECEMBER 19, DECEMBER 21 & DECEMBER 25, 1885, ff1-9 PEN & PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford 

Some little time ago you were so very good as to say that I might fix a time when you would do me the favour of giving me a visit. 

I am ashamed to say why I have not profited by your kind leave before, which is from press of work, -- what must yours have been? -- & of illness, which I hope is certainly not your case.
But now I trust to claim your kind promise. I will not mention to-day, for you are sure to be occupied; but any day next week except Monday & Wednesday & Thursday -- or (not to interfere with your Christmas holidays which I hope you are taking) any day you will be pleased to name after next week about 5 o'clock, if that hour will suit you, provided you will kindly give me notice two or three days beforehand, I shall be so glad to ask you about many interesting things.

Pray believe me dear Sir Thomas Crawford ever yours faithfully Florence Nightingale

10 South St. Park Lane W. Dec 21/85

My dear Miss Pirrie

Good speed to you I am always saying in my heart. You cannot think how anxious I am that you should have lady-help, trained help. I hope that you already have that lady who you said was coming to be your Night Supr I hear with gladness that a sister of yours is to be a Probationer
of Miss Vincent at St. Marylebone Infirmary but most of all I trust that you are keeping strong & of good courage in your great work -- you who must be the nucleus of, I hope, a goodly future trained Nursing Staff at Belfast Infirmary which needs you & of perhaps a future Training School for Infirmary Nurses --

Pray God you spare your health for this -- & please God you have already one Lady Assistant --

Would you do me the favour to accept what I enclose, hoping that it may be some little help to one or other of your plans for your very large family, my little mother.

It is the Virgin Mothers, this season reminds me, that do the good.
Pray tell me if only by a card what helpers you have got.
And may God bless you my valiant woman --
A happy Christmas to you in making so many good & happy & a good New Year in the highest sense of the word -- & many of them -- for the sake of the cause ever my dear Miss Pirrie your faithful admirer
Florence Nightingale

Excuse pencil

Frances
with FN’s best Christmas & New Year’s wishes
1885
DECEMBER 30, 1885 & JANUARY 8 & MARCH 9, 1886, ff1-9 PENCIL
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN, }:

VII6
85/15      F.N. TO MISS PIRRIE      30 DEC. 1885 WITH XMAS CARD
86/1      F.N. TO MISS DAVIDSON      8 JAN. 1886
86/2      "      "      "      "      9 MAR. 1886

f2 H1/ST/NC1/85/15/2
"These are my thoughts for thee"
   And "Mercy & Truth are
met together" in Union
   trained Nursing
   & some "cards" for the
   little ones
      FN
Dec 30/85
Miss Pirrie

f3 {PHOTOCOPY OF A CHRISTMAS PSALM}

f4 {BELOW:  P10 }

10 South St.  P10  Jan 8/86  [12:379]
My dear Miss Davidson
   A good night to you
& a good night, & good
nights to you for every night in all the Year
1886 -- for yours ought to be
good nights, doing God service
-- & to all the Night Nurses
good nights.
   And would you do me
the favour of giving a kind
message to each of the Night
Nurses from me -- & tell
them that I asked after
them all -- & wished I could see them all.
& give my poor little cards
to the 13 Night Staff Nurses
& the one little Nurse-maid
merely as a remembrance
that I think of them in the night & bear them on my poor heart before our Loving Father -- in & out of their work.

God bless you: & God bless them all --
ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

Excuse pencil writing

Dear Miss Davidson
Are you going to leave us for St. Marylebone?
Then all the more do I bid you 'Good speed' on your work of Night superintendency for I believe there more charge is given over the Night Nurses by day as well as by night, & more responsibility.
"Rejoice", as St. Paul says to you. "And again I say "Rejoice" --
As an old woman you will allow me to say that extreme regularity in going to bed & getting up is the only way, the real essential for a Night Supt & or Night Nurse to preserve her health -- regularity in taking her meals & in sleep.

You can tell immediately where this is neglected in the health on Night duty.

I trust you will sleep well where you are going -- I should like to hear from you Pray preserve your health.

You asked me for a Surgical book 'more for a Nurse than a Student' -- Will you kindly accept two which I think are more like what we want than others? But the book has still to be written which we want.

God bless you in your career -- a career of progress till you are 80.

ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

MAY 12, 15 & 24, 1886, ff1-10 HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

VII,

86/3 F.N. TO FRANCES [GROUNDSELL] 12 MAY 1886
86/4 " " " 15 MAY 1886
86/5 " " MRS. FRANK ACLAND 15 MAY 1886
86/6 " " FRANCES [GROUNDSELL] 24 MAY 1886
A IX 9  
Claydon    May 12/86
Dear Frances
   Thank you for your letter.  
God bless you -- I hope you  
are getting on comfortably.  
I send you another £1 Board  
Wages -- No doubt Mrs. Neild  
spends your money for you  
as she does Nelly's.  It is  
nicer so.  
   I am sure I shall find  
the house quite clean &  
fresh when I come back.  
   You might write & tell  

f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}  
me what Mr. Vare is doing.  
I am not able to write  
much  
God bless you again --  
yours sincerely  
    F. Nightingale  
I hope you have good news  
of your Aunt.  

A IX 10       May 15/86
Dear Frances  
   I was very glad of your  
letter.  Did you receive  
a Sovereign all safe  
last Wednesday?  
   Please send me here  
by Parcels Post (carefully  
done up so as not to be  
injured)  
   you will find them in  
the right hand shelf of  
the loose shelves at the  
top of the book-case at
foot of bed in little Drawing-room

-- Mrs. Overtheway's Remembrances
-- Six to Sixteen
-- We and the World
-- A flat Iron for a Farthing
-- Melchior's Dream
-- A great Emergency
  (all six are clean nice-looking books of the same size) 5/ books --
  and
Ian of the Wind Mill
  a 1/ pamphlet

My kind regards to Nelly
  yours sincerely
  F. Nightingale

Dear Madam
  I received your note asking for Lydia Norman's character to-day. And yesterday I received one from her asking me to give you her character, but followed by a Telegram, asking me not to do so.
  I do trust that she has not behaved unhandsomely by you, & that she waited immediately on you, so as that her change of mind should put you to the least
possible inconvenience.

Your note shall be answered any how: I advised Lydia Norman to seek for a situation as kitchenmaid under a good, firm, kind Cook=housekeeper. Had she been otherwise, how gladly would I have thought of the girl, in whom I am greatly interested, as under your wing! As it is, I can only regret that she has been `off & on' with you.

Again hoping that she has not caused you trouble pray believe me ever faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Frank Acland

A IX 11

with kind regards & best wishes to Frances from May 23 } £1 for Board Wages

But I shall be coming home this week -- in haste Pray write God bless you

May 24/86

SEPTEMBER 14 & DECEMBER 25, 1886, ff1-12 PEN & PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE
Dear Sir Thomas Crawford,

You have kindly talked to me more than once of your wish that the Army Sanitary Comm: should be strengthened, especially as regards the work which you have so much at heart: the Sanitary work of your own Department (British & Colonial) & not only the Indian work -- that it should have the power of calling for all reports (even "secret Minutes", or whatever they are called) coming within its competence -- & that it should be made strong enough to influence the S. of S. for War to give the money & the Executive reality to what you recommend & it recommends in short that it should be re-organized to strengthen your hands & to be what it was intended to be at first.
We had eagerly hoped & expected
that you would have been
yourself the President of
the re-organized Army
Sanitary Comm: & would
have led its work yourself.
But you cut this ground
from under our feet the
last time I had the pleasure
of seeing you. You spoke
then of who should be its
President -- how it should
be made a strong Comm: --
& who should succeed Dr.
Sutherland, whom you had
so often kept at his post --
but declined yourself to be the President.

About this last: Dr. Sutherland's
successor: you mentioned
Dr. Hewlett or Dr. Cuningham
You also spoke of the great
necessity of the S. of S. for
War himself taking the
Comm: & its business in hand
& giving it a living life,
as Sidney Herbert did
[War Ministers change so often
now that they seem not to
have time to take anything
in hand]
Is it true that the crisis
is approaching: & that Dr.
Sutherland's intended
retirement is about to take place? [He did not seem to contemplate immediate retirement]
Is it true that the War Office does not intend to give him a successor? & that, if the duty has to be maintained, & if a fit man can be found, it will have to be done at the expense of the India Office which will doubtless make considerable opposition to this, in the bad state of the finances of India? Now, we must ask you what is to be done?

You will say, most truly, that as for the Army Sanitary Comm: as a part of the India Office having the weight of the present Army Sanitary Comm:, it simply cannot: & the Comm:, instead of being strengthened will have been weakened.
How to obtain a living force to be exerted by some one in authority at the War Office? We look to you to tell us.
Pray believe me
dear Sir Thomas
ever your faithful servr
Florence Nightingale
Sir Thomas Crawford K.C.B. M.D.
Director GenL
&c &c

[9:662]

Xmas Day
1886
10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Herbert
So I meet you again as
Night Supr. May all
Christmas blessings be poured
upon you & your work -- &
upon your charges, the Night
Nurses, whose work I often
envy. I am so fond of Night
Nursing. May the child
Jesus be born again in all
our hearts to-day.
I send 16 Christmas cards
with my love, asking you to
be so good as to choose

one for yourself, & send one for Miss Snodgrass, who
I understand is at Weston super Mare --
& choose, because you can choose suitably so much
better than I, for the following Nurses:

1. Nurse Hay Ophthalmia
2. " Hewlett Elizabeth
3. " Christie Victoria } I send two about
4. her nurse maid " } children on purpose
5. " Charity Babcock {Charity AND Babcock ARE CIRCLED}
6. " Moulton Christian
7. " Charlton George
8. " Ramsden Arthur

f2r
9. " Hanson Albert
10. " Church Clayton
11. " Williams Leopold
12. " Elliott Edward
13. " Mitchell Obstetric

And one more for fear I should have
omitted anybody -- perhaps your Assistant --
    I pray God for you & for them all in the
night season -- I send one card with an angel
hovering over the sleeping city. That is how
I think of Night Nursing -- May we all

f11 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

answer the angel as Mary
did:
Behold the handmaid of the
Lord: be it unto me according
to Thy word --

God bless you all, dear Miss Herbert
ever yours & theirs
    Florence Nightingale

[end 12:38]
B IX 7 with a parcel
Miss Herbert
    Night Supt
St. Thomas' Hospital
Xmas Day

DECEMBER 27, 1886 & JAN 1, 1887, ff1-10 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

VII,
86/9 F.N. TO MISS ANDERSON  27 DEC. 1886
87/1 F.N. TO MISS PIRRIE  1 JAN. 1887

"Northern" {DIAGONAL}
Miss Anderson
Parish Infirmary
Brownlow Hill
Liverpool
27/12/86

My dear Miss Anderson
  So you are appointed to
the Northern. And you have
my very best, my most fervent
wishes that you may have
success in the highest sense --
It is not now a question
whether you shall go or not:
therefore let us only think
of the future, which even, tho' it
may be a difficult one, let us
trust our Heavenly Father
who wishes the welfare of the
Hospital & your own, more even than we can do ourselves, that He will make it a prosperous one as He calls prosperity -- a blessed one in His sense of the highest blessings. It is His Christmas gift to you -- And I hope you will kindly let me know from time to time how you are going on, for I shall be most anxious -- I do not know when you go.

I am so grieving with Miss Gibson for her great trouble & grief. And I am so very sorry for poor Workhouse Infirmary losing you. Now, I will say no more but loving Christmas greetings & let me be ever affectionately yours

Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC1/87/1/2 pencil, envelope

Miss Pirrie

F. Nightingale

1/1/87
My dear Miss Pirrie

Do I ever forget you & your poor charges & your great work? Never. I was so thankful to hear from you some months ago & to find that your path was less difficult & on the whole prosperous -- & that you had some help --

I am hungry for news -- And I trust that you may

kindly find time to give me a word how you are going on.

May the best of New Year's blessings from our Loving Almighty Father rest upon you -- Glory to God in the highest -- you are giving Him the glory He likes best -- & peace on earth -- He takes our cares & burdens, & gives us His love, joy, peace --
& goodwill towards men --
    His goodwill to us, &
ours to one another.
    God bless you again &
again.
    I send my little £5.5
Do not give it to the
Board, unless you judge
it best. I meant it for
a little nest-egg, for you
to supply any wants of
Patients you thought pressing
-- any little amusements --
But do as you think well
with it.

I send some Xmas cards
for your children.
There is no greater interest
I feel than in your
glorious career --
ever yours overflowingly
    Florence Nightingale
10 South St. Park Lane W. [6:483-84]
Jan 1/87
My dear Miss Lennox

The best New Year's blessings be yours: be poured out on you & your little charges & your work, to whom & to which you are so devoted. A blessing upon every one of your children. How is too that little boy you told me of about 12 years old, who had to get a wooden leg, & got a little pig instead & made the pig fructify for his family? And how are the boys on board the Training ship, who did so want a Matron? That is what the boys in the Gordon Boys' Home want so much now.

Thank you many, many times for the pretty green Irish cushion=cover you so kindly sent me in the some months ago. And thanks for your good Christmas wishes, dear friend. This is the children's time; pray that the child Jesus may be born anew in our hearts.
I send you my little contribution. Don't give it to your Committee unless you judge it best. I meant it for a resource in case you wanted anything very pressing for your children. But do exactly as you think well.

How is Miss Pirrie? and how is the Workhouse Infirmary under her? She seems to make progress.

You will think I am all questions -- And so I am

I want to know so much about you all.

Now, fare you very well, dear friend. Go d bless you again & again. And He does bless you.

Ever believe me

sincerely & affly yours

F. Nightingale

Miss Lennox with F.N.'s very best love & best good wishes for her & her work for the New Year 1886 & some Cards for the children

3 New Year's cards with every New Year's blessing for dear Miss Pirrie. And a packet of cards for the little ones' Twelfth Night

1887
MARCH 25, MARCH 29 & MARCH 30, 1887, ff1-9 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

By desire of Mrs. Wardroper
To PORTER: St. THOMAS HOSPITAL

Please direct Nurse Griffiths
(from Lady Belper)
to Elizabeth Ward
Florence Nightingale
25/3/87

To enquire
A1 wait
a verbal answer, please
Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
F. Nightingale
29/3/87

Dear "Sister Frances" How is she? It was good of you to write. Indeed she is one of my oldest, dearest friends --
May God bless her -- and you all -- And He will bless her.
Please give her my dearest love -- & commend me to her prayers -- as I pray for her -- But how many would be glad to be in
her place.
   God bless her again and again.
   Tell her it is her loving & grateful old friend --
   ever yours faithfully
   F. Nightingale

I am sure you will tell me if there is anything you could wish me to send her. I do not like to send any thing hap hazard; you are yourselves such admirable judges of what it might be possible for her to take.
   F.N.

To enquire {DIAGONAL}
   A verbal message, please
   Sister Frances
   39 Kensington Square
   F. Nightingale}
   30/3/87 }

10 South St.     March 30/87
Dear "Sister Frances" May I ask you to be so very kind as to let me know how my dear old friend is -- I wish she may be less suffering -- She is surrounded with love & with those she loves -- and with God's love -- May she feel His everlasting arms always under her --
   Is there anything she would like from her
   loving old friend
   F. Nightingale
I trust these are ripe [They are from the very best fruiterers].
But I almost doubt their ripeness.
May God give His beloved sleep!
My best thanks for your note,
& very best love to her --
F.N.
30/3/87

To enquire after my dear old friend with tenderest anxious love --
I pray for God's strength & best blessing for you & Sister Laura -- And He will give it.
Passion Week & Easter are coming --
ever yours
F. Nightingale

with a gallipot

Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
F.N.
2/4/87
**f5** H1/ST/NC1/87/8/1

10 South St  K4  April 2/87

To enquire after her  with
dearest love --
to pray for the Love of God &
of Christ, more tender, more
fervent than that of any of us,
to show itself in its Passion of
Almighty strength to her & to us
may we not call it the His
Passion of Love which showed
itself in this His Passion Week?
& to ask especially after Sister
Frances & Sister Laura --
And she will pray too, I know
for her poor old friend

F.N.

**f6**

To enquire  K5  Wait HI/St/NC1/87/9/2

Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
3/4/87
Palm Sunday

**f7** H1/ST/NC1/87/9/1

10 South St.  K5  April 3/87

To enquire how the dear, very
dear Patient is --
God's best blessing on her
& on you all --
Her 'sweet patience', I am
sure, ever lasts.

F.N.

APRIL 7 & APRIL 8, 1887, ff1-5 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

**f1** {PEN, }:

VII13

87/10  F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES  7 APRIL 1887
87/11  "   "   "   "   "  8 APRIL 1887
f2 H1/ST/NC1/87/10/2 envelope

Wait with a gallipot
Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
7/4/87

f3 H1/St/NC1/87/10/1 pencil

10 South St. April 7/87

To enquire
most anxiously & with dearest
love
& also after Sister Laura
& you all
ever her old friend
F.N.
I send some Orange Jelly
because I thought that
last sent was too stiff.

f4 envelope H1/ST/NC1/87/11/2
Wait
Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
8/4/87

f5 H1/ST/NC1/87/11/1 pencil

Good Friday 1887
To enquire after her
& after you all
It is He who says to-day:
Let not your heart be troubled
Neither let it be afraid

I will send the Champagne tomorrow
as you desire -- Shall I send more
Orange Jelly? F.N.

APRIL 9, APRIL 11 & APRIL 16, 1887, ff1-8 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN
To enquire {DIAGONAL}

Wait {with a bottle

& a gallipot

Sister Frances

39 Kensington Square

9/4/87

Easter Eve 1887

To enquire --

Did she know that yesterday

was Good Friday? did she

take any notice?

I was glad that S. Laura was

able to go down --

It is very many years that she

has never missed in her

goodness writing me an

Easter blessing
Wait with a gallipot
Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
11/4/87

April 11/87
Dear Sister Frances
How can I thank her enough for her Easter blessing? Did she really write it herself? Or did she dictate it? But whether written or dictated, it was indeed an Easter blessing. Yes: that we may "rise again" with Him at this time, here, to a new life & new thoughts & hearts
This to enquire after her body. The rest I know is all right & after your bodies --
God bless you all.

F.N.
I send Orange Jelly. May I send anything else?
To enquire {DIAGONAL}
   Wait K10 with a gallipot
   Sister Frances
   39 Kensington Square

16/4/87 HI/ST/NC1/87/14/1

10 South St. April 16/87

Thank you so much, so very, very much, dear Sister Frances,
for your full letters & accounts
of her, & her interest in the little boy & in all -- Thank you so much
Father, into Thy hands we
commend ourselves, body & spirit --
Tell her, if you say anything, with my heart's love, that I do that continually.
How critical the news will be to-day.
We can only say: He loves with an Infinite Love.

Thanks, many thanks for all your kindness & consideration for me.
Can I send anything?
F.N.

APRIL 19 & APRIL 23, 1887, ff1-6 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN
How is she, dear Sister Frances --

As you say, if she were to answer, it would be: "Ready for either".

May God bless her & you all.

Have you accomplished the moving?

I was so grieved about the Port Wine

It is scarcely likely that you will try it again: & what you gave is no doubt quite as good as what I send. It is the same, a very pure

Port Wine, which Sir Andrew Clark ordered for my brother-in-law when apparently in a hopeless condition -- And he recovered.

ever yours

F.N.

I hope this little Panada without sauce or ornament may do.

She is one of those who are not fed by "bread" alone but by the Holy Spirit.

Please thank S. Laura very, very much for her most kind letter -- a sad delight -- I will write --

God's peace & God's life be with you all. I am sure you pray the same for me -- How I grieve for you all but "the Garden of Paradise was only reached thro' the Garden of Gethsemane". [end 3:219]
87/17 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 26 APRIL 1887
87/18 " " " " 28 APRIL 1887
" " " " 30 APRIL 1887
(ENVELOPE ONLY)
87/19 " " " " 2 MAY 1887

10 South St. April 26/87 [3:219]
Thank God that she is better
May the improvement continue!
Many thanks for your let-

with my very best love to her

I send the Panada --
& hope she may like it -- Can we send anything else?
F.N.

wait with Panada
of Leveret
Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
28/4/87

May the news be good!
Is it well with her? But it is well with her,
whatever happens --
God bless you all -- & dearest love to her -- & love
& thanks also to yourself & S. Laura --
I send some Panada made of Leveret by way of
something "unexpected". It is quite simple & pure.
Will she like it?
I wonder whether she would care to know that
one of our "Sisters", lent to the Military Hosps in Egypt for the last 5 years, has returned home, saved from the wreck of the "Tasmania" off Corsica, last Sunday week, after a terrible ordeal. She was "scarcely at all afraid", thought her "Sisters" were singing "Eternal Father, strong to save" for her -- quite cheery.

wait
Sister Frances
39 Kensington Sq
30/4/87 HI/ST/NC1/87/19

To enquire with heart's love.
May she be blessed always.
Thanks so many for your notes.
2/5/87

May 5, May 6 & May 13, 1887, ff1-8 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

To enquire after our beloved friend
With great love
I will try & write her some account of our "Nurses employed abroad" -- I have nothing printed.
We sent five to the first Egyptian War -- lent to Government -- who on their return resumed work immediately with us.
On the second Egyptian War we were applied to both by government & by the Red Cross Socy -- & worked at Souakim took over the Fever Hospital at Suez, & the Nurses sent up the Nile were (happily) detained at Asouan where was the great press of Fever -- I wish I had strength to send her
some more interesting details -- but will try to do so --

The last Sister of ours who has just returned home worked throughout both Wars -- viz for 5 years -- in Egypt. She was returning by the "Tasmania" -- one of the largest P. & O. steam-ships, when the ship was wrecked at 4 on Sunday morning 17th off the rocks on the Southern point of Corsica. The women were landed with great difficulty, chiefly in a life-boat, with numbers of children, after having been some 6 hours on the bridge of the Tasmania under heavy seas. The life-boat was all but swamped on landing -- under a cliff. Sister Airy was almost the last

to leave the ship. She had had the presence of mind when the ship first struck to dress herself, to bring a cloak -- On landing, like St. Paul, they made a great fire of sticks -- And her cloak did duty to put on the women, while she dried the night-clothes -- for many of the ladies were in their night-things & without shoes. The cold was intense. After this, the "savage" islanders, again like St. Paul showed them the most generous kindness -- When all the 3 boats came in, there were about 90 women & children. They climbed the cliff & took refuge in two poor cottages. The Nursing was done by S. Airy. She had saved her money: "so fortunate, sewn up in her stays"

"because I had it to lend to the many who had none"

I must stop, I will try & tell more

Tell me what I might send her, please & more pleasant news --

May 6/87

To enquire with great love
Ale twice daily
bacon &c for breakfast
fish or meat for dinner
at night milk & biscuits
With 3 bott: Valentine's Meat Juice  
Sister Frances  
39 Kensington Sq.  
13/5/87  

May 13/87  
I am so sorry for your account of "irritability of stomach"  
-- I dare say, if you like Valentine's Meat Juice, you have used it. But I cannot resist sending you some. We have used it extensively & successfully among the worst cases of Typhoid in Egypt & I have just used it successfully for an old servant, thought to be dying, in Derbyshire. But I have a horror of outside advice, like mine -- You will have been the right advisers.  
Excuse haste  
God bless you ever hers & yours F.N.
Could you be so very good as to let me know, dear Sister Frances, by one line, so that I may receive it to-night, how she is -- Pray God it may be better But He knows God bless you all with tenderest love F.N.

Your news is grievous, dear Sister Frances. How very, very kind of you to send -- God be with us -- And He is with you.

I suppose the Doctor does call it a "relapse"? I wish I could think of anything to send. You have no doubt tried ice, if it does not hurt her, with the wine or brandy she dislikes least & soda water. I believe she dislikes soda water & milk iced too much to take it. The very small "half tea spoonsfuls", as you say, are the hopeful thing.

"I scarcely felt at all frightened, for I knew He was quite near, you know", as our `sister' said in the wreck of the Tasmania.

What more can one say? But it is a hard trial, a relapse -- God save -- ever hers & yours (not to keep the Sister) F.N.
f1  {PEN, }:}                   VII
87/25  F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES  15 MAY 1887
87/26    "    "     "      "     16 MAY 1887
87/27    "    "     "      "     21 MAY 1887

f2  H1/St/NC1/87/25/2 envelope
   K21    No 2     | with a bottle
Sister Frances
15/5/87

f3  HI/ST/NC1/87/25/1
   [3:221]
No 2     15/5/87

Dear S. Frances
   It just occurs to me -- here is a bottle of that
enormously expensive very old brandy -- you are sure I only
mention this because it is really not like other
brandy -- which is ordered for Patients who cannot
ordinarily take brandy but whose life hangs
on taking some stimulant of the kind --
perhaps with a little ice --
   I know not how to recommend -- but I do know that
Patients have found this Brandy takeable & have not
disliked it.  ever yours F.N.

f4  H1/ST/NC1/87/25/2b pencil  [3:221]
To enquire please, after our dearest friend
   with tenderest love -- & blessing
16/5/87

f5  HI/ST/NC1/87/27
   May 21/87 [3:222]
My dearest love & prayers
   I tremble to think of what the news may be
tho' I should not.  All is in the hands of the most loving
Father
   It was good of you to write last night
A little line, please:
my tenderest love & most fervent prayers to
God's love for her
& warmest sympathy for you; & Sister Laura,
please & all of you in this great trial -- the
but oh how far from being the greatest --
It ought to be joy. Christ tells us "we ought to rejoice"
"because" He is going "unto the Father". But we
cannot quite,
I am glad you are with her again.
Could you be so very kind as to post a little line
to me to-night
Is there anything I could send?

To enquire with deepest love
O what will the answer be?
Thanks for your letters -- with warmest sympathy

so glad if she can like the Panada --
May God's best blessing rest with her --
tenderest love
To enquire with heartfelt love. May 25/87

To enquire anxiously & with tenderest love after her & after you all.

F.N.

Wait
Sister Frances
or Sister Laura
39 Kensington Square
29/5/87

Whit Sunday
Thank you so very, very much for your note which I received by the last post last night
You all have been watching thro' the night -- And I have watched much with you, & her.
The Holy Spirit will not leave you "comfortless".
As He did of the cowardly disciples, He will make brave men & women of us to-day, if we will have Him. But you are brave already.
Perhaps she is in the Immediate Presence already.
What joy! for her.
**f2** HI/ST/NC1/87/34/2

wait
Sister Frances
or Sister Laura
39 Kensington Square
31/5/87

**f3** H1/ST/NC1/87/34/1 pencil

Whit Tuesday
To enquire
May the Father & the dear Saviour & His Holy Spirit be very near -- not only near but quite touching (like the woman: If I can but touch the hem of His garment)

Thank you so much for your note yesterday.

**f4** HI/ST/NC1/87/35/1 pencil

Only a verbal message) 6 eggs please
Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
1/6/87

**f5** H1/ST/NC1/87/35/1 pencil

I send the fresh eggs but alas! there is no more hope here below
I send them in the hope of a verbal message from your kindness.
She is communing with the Father Almighty whom she loved so well already
1/6/87

JUNE 2, 1887, ff1-4 PENCIL & PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FN

**f1** {PEN}

VII²³
87/36 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 2 JUNE 1887
87/37 " " " " " " " "
(LETTER ACCOMPANYING WREATH FOR MARY JONES)
wait

Sister Frances
or Sister Laura
39 Kensington Sq.
2/6/87

I cannot write. I can only ask, & pray.
And what must you all be feeling!
And she? the joy, the glad surprise, the child-like recognition. What we call unconsciousness may likely be the highest consciousness --
Thursday.
Has she been able to take any nourishment since she became unconscious?

Not in memory but in greeting
of the friend of God,
Mary Jones, Mother Superior,
who has now, after this life's patient service,
been taken home by Him
who has ascended up on high & led captivity captive,
to be one with Him
in glorious service for ever,
& has left us mourning but not cast down.
`Who follows in her train'?

This Cross & wreath
are humbly offered by
her poor old Florence Nightingale
Thursday in Whitsun Week
1887

JUNE 3 & JUNE 6, 1887, ff1-7 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN
Dear Sister Frances

Thank you so much for your full account. I feel very anxious to know what Dr. Dickenson said -- not that I should ever think for one instant the having Dr. Dickenson was depreciating Dr. Roberts -- far from it. Alas, that I can only send my poor prayers & blessings. But God sends, Christ sends His Holy Spirit. She has it. Pray that I may -- Ask her for her prayers -- ever yours & hers

F.N.

in deepest sympathy with you all

Has Sister Laura had some sleep? And you?

(WRITTEN SIDEWAYS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF PAGE:) June 3/87

(SMALL PRINT, PAPER BACKSIDE:)

LMA (FN)
10 South St                           June 6/87

How very kind of you, dear Sister Frances, to tell me about the funeral to-morrow, so deeply interesting to me, so that I can be with you in spirit.

It will be a hard day for you all. [May I trust that you will take food with you for between "10.30" & "4.30" -- we may be of the earth without being earthy]

But for her all hardness is over -- Death is swallowed up in victory -- for her & for you too -- who are "steadfast & unmoveable -- always abounding" in the work which was hers.

Thank God that Sister Laura is having some rest. I hope too she may go back after the funeral to Mother Ethel. Will you give her my sympathizing love?

The Mother who is taking her Communion now from the hands of Our Lord Himself will be thinking of you too in her joy, & hoping, believing you can feel some joy too all of you -- whom she so loved for her sake.

I will not trouble you with my weak words.

God & Christ will be with you -- & perhaps she too -- Why not? She now dwells in Him, as we all may, according to His promise.

We take not our leave of her but meet her there.

ever yours

F.N.  

[end 3:224]
My dear Sister Frances  How good of you to write to me about the blessed funeral day -- & to send me the dear mother's own 'Litany of the Dead' -- I shall value it dearly, dearly.

Thank God that Sister Laura is better -- But I trust she is going to take more rest, as you said.

It would be so good of you to come here some afternoon. But I should be so sorry if you were to come when I was unable to see you. I have very heavy work just now [what must you have?] & am worse, I am ashamed to say. Let me hear from you when & if you purpose coming -- yours ever affectionately  F. Nightingale
I am so very sorry -- I fear I should only be bringing you tomorrow (Saturday) in vain for me. Thank you, thank you so much -- Some other day, I hope} God bless you -- convenient to you. } ever yours with love to Sister Laura F.N. 10/6/87

My dear Miss Maxwell I have been so very sorry to hear of your disaster contracted in the good cause -- & therefore heroic -- & of your relegation to the Scarlet Fever Ward -- But I heard of a little boy on your bed. He had cause to be happy in your disaster -- May you soon be quite well -- I have been longing to see you: God bless you yrs ever F. Nightingale [end 12:383]
June 30/87
10, SOUTH STREET,    {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.        [12:38:38]

My dear Miss Maxwell
  I am not in the least
"afraid of" you: but I am
desperately "afraid" lest you
should not do what is
exactly the best for your
recovering perfect health.
  I did not quite understand
dear "Home Sister's" letter -- Or
rather I (mis)understood that
you wanted to be off to
Scotland as soon as possible.
Hence my fixing Tuesday --

It would not be the best
  obviously
for you to go to Eastbourne "from
"Saturday or Monday till Tuesday" only.
  If you will kindly let
me know as soon as
your plans are settled, --
what day or days you
will be in London "between
Eastbourne & Scotland", -- it
will go hard with me
but that I shall find an
afternoon for you -- a
"later day" than "Tuesday".
f6

But would it not be better for you to go straight from Eastbourne to Scotland & not to do anything in London then except pass through? If so, as I hear that you are `pluckily' returning to us, the causes of your illness --

after Scotland --
-- May all good & success attend you! -- then may I not see you when you return from Scotland to St.

f7

Thomas?
I do so rejoice that you have been happy here in the work. It was good of you to write.
God bless you ever faithfully & hopefully yours
F. Nightingale

[end 12:384]

f8 HI/ST/NC1/87/44 AIX 12

Claydon Aug 19/87
My dear Frances
I was very glad that you had enjoyed your holiday -- & hope that you have been happy & comfortable since you came back.

The Queen has written a letter for every body who subscribed to her Jubilee Fund. I will bring you your copy when I come home.
I am obliged to write in haste to send you
f9
And now, dear Frances:  God bless you
in haste yours sincerely       F. Nightingale
Have you watered the plants & the Ivy?
How are the cats?

f9v
July 18 - Aug 17 = 30 days - less 14 for your holiday = 16
Board Wages:  16 days = £1.12
Journey          1.10

£3.2
8/ in hand

Recd July 16  £3.10
"     Aug 17    2.16

£6.6

Board Wages Aug 17 - Sept 14 2.16

£3.4 in hand
Not that I mean to be away anything like so long.
You can give your 2/ a day Board Money to Mrs.
Neild to spend for you.
with a small parcel
& 12 fresh eggs

To the
Mother Superior
30 Kensington Square

F.N.
21/9/87

10 South St  Sept 20/87
My dear Sister Frances
 How ungrateful you must
have thought me in not
answering your letters -- so kind
& so full of what interests me
most. But never can you have
thought me less interested
in all that concerns the beloved
children of my dear friend.
What is she doing now? how
much she must have felt
know now -- how
much have enjoyed -- how much received
in the Immediate Presence --
Does she know what we are
doing? As you say, it seems
years since she has left us --
You feel, I know, the burden of
taking up her mantle. But
God gives the power & the grace
It is like Jacob wrestling with
that mysterious visitant --
[what a scoundrel Jacob had
been -- I don't mean there is
a likeness there] & finding
Him to be 'Love' -- & himself
blessed --
I hope now that you are
settled down & pretty well.
And I know that you have
'raised the altar' to God --
And when we are weak, then

are we strong.
Pray give my love to S. Laura --
I trust that she has recovered
strength.
And remember me to your Lay
Sister.
I was sorry that you sent back
anything. May I not
return the books? I was in
hopes that they might be of
some use to you among your
Patients.
Once more many, many
thanks for the few notes of music
& precious bit out of her
Hymn book.
Does it ever come within your possible work to send Sisters to nurse in the Hospitals of India? I remember many years ago asking your dear Mother. But she negatived it -- (to Sir B. Frere, also dead now)

Clewer sent a few years ago Nursing Sisters under S. Lucy to nurse & train in the two Civil Hospitals of Calcutta, & in the small Lying-in Hosp. (an off-shoot)

to nurse & train native Midwives -- And these Clewer Sisters have done capitally -- & have had all possible means & authority given them by the Medical Officers --

Now for the first time in India Nursing Sisters, either from the London General Hospitals or from Nursing Sisterhoods, are to be introduced into Military
Hospitals. They are to begin in Umballa, a North of India Station, & at Rawul Pindi -- a Sup't & 6 Sisters in the first -- & a Sup't & 12 Sisters in the latter.

Would it come in the least within your call to undertake either of these? If you would entertain the idea at all, shall I send you what particulars I have? Or shall I put you in communication with the

Surgeon Gen'l empowered by the Govr of India to act for them in this matter, now in London & who came to me about it -- a very sensible man, I thought

Pray that the thing may turn out well -- [the influence of good women & skilled Nurses over soldier Patients is unbounded]

For if it succeeds, it will certainly be extended to all the great Military centres of India. And if it fails it will be a death-blow.
I have not troubled you with the reasons of my silence -- I was more ill than usual -- I went into the country to my sister who is a sad Invalid & found business instead of rest -- I mean independently of what I could do for her, poor soul -- Since I returned, we have been breathlessly busy -- partly with Indian Sanitary business -- partly because, after 27 years our Matron at St. Thomas' has resigned. And we have had up from Edinburgh also one of ours for her Successor. But thus two great Hospitals have been disturbed. Pray for us. I know you are interested in our things, because she was. God bless you ever & all your work, Sisters & Patients, & poor, & children -- How is the little boy who was so devoted to her? Show me your forgiveness by telling me of your well-being -- ever yours & Sister Laura's devotedly F. Nightingale
I trust you don't let the work be too much for you.
If it is quite out of the question your undertaking any Indian work, please send just the word. No, (LARGE PRINT)
by the earliest post you can --
If on the contrary the word Possible. (LARGE PRINT)
Pardon me for asking this

FN

I have been turning over in my mind what you were so good as to ask me, viz., about a proposal to allow one or two night "sisters" for special cases at the Herbert Hospital. And I cannot forbear troubling you with these few remarks or rather questions:

I think I understood you that there are very few serious cases in the Herbert Hospital and most of them, I suppose, are among Artillery "invalids." But taken as a whole you would perhaps say that the great building is rather a sick barrack than a hospital. Its pavilions are so separated (that a nurse cannot have more than sixty-four sick on one floor. And she might have only thirty-two (or even twenty) on a floor.
Would it be possible so to arrange the cases that the one or two or three bad cases requiring (occasionally) night nursing should be in the same ward or floor?

Systematic night nursing, I understood you to say, was not at all required. (And indeed I know that, at Netley, where there are so many more "invalid" bedridden cases, the night "sister" has often nothing to do all night: the patients are "all asleep.")

What you propose is simply to detach a nurse for special duty, as the medical officer should judge needful. The "partitioned room" for the National Aid Society's nurses is no doubt in the nurses' block, which is too far away for effective work. I hardly see how you can have night supervision from there. But a telephone to Miss Caulfield's room would bring her at once.

In each pavilion there is a nurse's room & scullery in line. Could one of these rooms be given up to the night nurse? If you detached two nurses for the night work, could one of them be on duty & the other at hand in this room?

What occurred to me after thinking over what you had said to submit to you & to ask you was this: would it be possible to have the bad cases on one floor of the same pavilion? If so, could the night nurses have
one of the ward rooms for the time? (with a telephone to the superintendent's room?) But if the bad cases were in different pavilions, might it not be necessary to have a similar arrangement for each?

In the great difficulty of having one woman alone at night in that great building with perhaps two bad cases requiring her care in different pavilions--& in the great unwillingness to leave those bad cases without trained female night nursing, if it is desired, pardon me if I have submitted these things for your consideration, merely. And thanking you for your most kind visit which I trust will not be the last....

I am so very sorry not to be able to see you. I have quite knocked up & am obliged to put off all appointments. Nothing else would prevent me from what I so much wish--I still hope to see you at some future time.

[end 16:472]

OCTOBER 16 & OCTOBER 21, 1887, ff1-9 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN 

f1

VIII,
87/46 F.N. TO MISS PRINGLE ["LITTLE SISTER"] 16 OCT. 1887
87/47 F.N. TO MISS PRINGLE 21 OCT. 1887 CONTINUED IN NEXT FOLDER

f2

{BELOW:
Oct 16/87
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRSS}
PARK LANE. W.

Ever dearest "Little Sister"


 Yes, surely: 22 beds &
  3 cots  ?

-- shall we have

2 doz. big flannel red jackets
  for the big beds
  & because the little cots sometimes
  overflow into the big beds,
  shall we have

1 doz -- little red flannel jackets?
  But we must have some one
  to make them up -- And I don't
  know what pattern you like;

So, after all, all the trouble
  will come upon you of ordering
them -- & sending me in my Bill.
I don't think it is extravagant to have 3 doz -- because an occasional holiday to each jacket certainly makes them last longer -- Shall I send you the money beforehand? Send me in my Bill now, please.

God bless you ever my dearest "Little Sister's loving F.N.

Many Thanks for Mr. Burdett's paper & the "Hospital"

Miss Pringle
St. Thomas'
21/10/87

H1/ST/NC1/87/47/1a

Dearest, ever dearest "Little Sister"
I feel so very anxious for you and would know how you have settled the Elizabeth succession. It is as important as "Jamie "the first & sixth" succeeding Q. Elizabeth -- I see Miss Goodman tomorrow, as you know; & if I might have one line from you first, or Miss Crossland, tho' I don't like to ask you to write, I should be glad.

If it is Miss H, would
she could have had 6 months staff duty, first, before she was settled!
    I am so sorry for all these uncertainties for you --

1. I return the "Hospitals" Comm of Matrons' invitation to you --
    I do not quite know what you wish me to say about it; so I have put down a few considerations to submit to you, without any opinion one way or the other.

2. About a photograph of the Statuette: I do not know of any, but then I did not know of the Statuettes at St. Tom's till a fortnight ago --
    As I mentioned, I remember seeing a small vignette of it (probably stolen) on the title page of the first Edition of Miss Yonge's "Good Deeds" -- or a book of some such title -- "Golden Deeds" perhaps --

3. If you would & if you could come to me for an hour at 6 on Monday evening,
how glad I should be --
but I don't like to press it --
perhaps, if not you, Miss Crossland.

I must send off Messengers in haste. I have been feeding the Police at Grosvenor Gate who were almost worn out. I hope you are not. Pardon my poor considerations God bless you ever yours F.N.

OCTOBER 21, 1887, ff1-5 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

It is difficult to suggest whether or no a Matron should accept the invitation of the "Hospitals Association" to join the "Committee of Matrons", without knowing what the Committee does when it meets.

1. Does it meet for mere kindliness & social communication?
2. Or for seriously discussing certain points of administration &c given out beforehand, & for which those members who choose prepare such questions or such answers as they may think useful?
[N.B. It is difficult to guess how Matrons=regnant
can find time -- ex-Matrons could do so -- to
attend these Meetings, But that is for each to decide]

1. It is far from certain that even mere social
Meetings may not do good. It is shocking how
often there is a jealous, not friendly rivalry
between Hospital Matrons, chiefs of Training. Schools,
And instead of their being union all working for the
great cause. [Only the other day a Matron of
a large Hospital & Training-School, one of ours,
said to me: "you have had great losses -- you
refused one lady because she was too young, whom

[2]
"I took, & she is now Matron of a large Irish
Workho: Infy; & you refused So & so, &c &c"
"How so?" said I innocently, "I call those great
gains: they have all been trained & placed so
as to do great work". "O", said she.]
But these Social Meetings, tho" they may be good
for bringing Matrons together, will not be good
for improvements

2. If on the other hand, they meet seriously to
discuss points of administration, in which they
want information & counsel, there are two different
kinds. As to questions material, it might do
good as to questions personal regarding the
management of & influence over Nurses & Sisters,
over women, still less over communications with men, I doubt
whether any good Matron could bring herself
to discuss these delicate & sacred subjects.

As to the questions which can be discussed,
there is this consideration: [I have constantly to
see official men who generally write beforehand
the subjects they wish to discuss -- I have to "get it
"up" before they come. Often it takes me the
whole day.] A Matron who wishes seriously to
gain information or a final decision upon any thing of importance or to give it must "get it up" beforehand, in order to be of any use Has she time? Is the labour worth it? Oct 21/87 [end 12:397]
in haste

10 South St. Park Lane W. 10 Oct. 26/87 [6:654-55]

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your letter, & for your kindness to our Holloway friends. I am glad that poor Bratby is better. You do not think that coming South for the winter would be best for him? or that he would consent to it? Poor Ann Allen! I will order her an additional 3 lbs. Meat weekly -- & some Ervalenta from London,
of which they are very fond.
    And I will ask Mr. Yeomans
to supply her with the
"good ale" you wish, if he
finds that no one else
supplies it. If you
would kindly tell me any
thing else, I would do it.
Perhaps you would wish
her to have two eggs a day.
She now has one.
Lizzie Holmes: I am sorry
    my good friend is suffering
    so much.
    & glad that the Lea

Hurst people are doing
something in the village.
Please continue, I know I
need not ask it, your
kind attentions to our
friends -- {PENCIL BEGINS:} & please remember
me to each of them
I am very sorry to hear of any
    begining of Typhoid Fever --
we were in hopes the water
difficulty had ceased.
We have had sad work
here -- with rioters every
day for a week in
Hyde Park & Trafalgar Sq.
The police have behaved with admirable pluck & patience: but are almost worn out. It is a hideous & degrading spectacle that we are not able to do anything with our vagabonds & our unemployed but drive them about from street to street with our fists.

With kind regards to Mrs. Dunn, ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale
C.B.N. Dunn Esq

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Finnish lady 10 South St.
Nov 12/87 [13:492-93]

Ever dearest "Little Sister"
You are so accustomed to deal with these cases that I think this might well be left to you. But as you ask me I believe this is the way we should answer the ou application: --

viz. send the Special Regulations, & ask for answers,-- state that you have no vacancies till? June next, or -- as the case may be that the Secretary is absent for a short time
that you do not train at St. Thomas' for "private" nursing that "foreigners" are generally only admitted by you to be trained for some post in their own country as Matron or Head Nurse &c that if she decides to wait till ?June, would she for the chance not promise which depends on her answers &c &c &c of being admitted would she tell you what prospect she has of a post in her own country? or something to this effect

[It has always appeared to us too great a risk to bring a woman from her own country, who could not possibly be seen beforehand unless she was recommended by referees whom we intimately knew, -- for us to find her a post here, -- not only because she might prove unfit, but because Institutions here might not choose to have a foreigner -- At the same time we have had excellent foreigners. But Finland, you see, is a good way off. She
probably knows Russia better than we do. But why does she not try Russia? [The best Institution for Lady Physician Accoucheuses was in Russia. The Grand Duchess' Nurses were excellent.]

However, I would say nothing of this kind to her -- Only, if you think well, just suggest Russia -- Possibly there may be political reasons against

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Her age is in her favour. Should she be asked in case she decides to wait till June whether she speaks & understands English spoken -- with ease? [end]

Elizabeth Ward
It seems a pity to move Miss Herbert who does Night Supr so well, & who likes it.
On the other hand, it is certainly the safe thing to put conscientious Miss Herbert into Elizth, under your government, rather than a one year old Probationers -- & safer even than Mrs. Hannay

And should she it turn out desirable to put a new Sister into Block 2, it will certainly be necessary to have tried Miss Herbert in a Ward first.
On the whole therefore, as you ask me, I should be inclined, among people available, to put Miss Herbert into ElizTH, & Mrs. Hannay into the Night SupCry. [end 12:398]

Do you know that Miss Hogg is promoted to be Sister SuperintendT of Haslar. This is the naval Blue Ribbon. I am so very glad that Miss Crossland has taken a week's holiday. She needed it. May the weather prove propitious! And you? God bless you ever dearest "Little Sister" yours F.N.
Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

You were so good as to say some weeks ago that you would kindly pay me a visit which always gives me such great pleasure. But you have not done, as I hoped you would, made an appointment to come & see me --

I am compelled by Doctors' orders to leave London for total rest for a time; but would so gladly see you before I go, if you could kindly appoint any day, 

after to-day,

in the afternoon this week about 5.15, except Thursday, that would suit you ever most faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

VIII 4 letters to Frances [Groundsell]

after lots of missing letters by FN are incoming, from Crimea period
Pine Acre Sunningdale Berks
Dec 23/87
Dear Frances
I send you your Quarter’s Wages, which I have much pleasure in raising to £20 - What shall you be able to put by this Christmas?
I wish you with my whole heart all the best & choicest Christmas & New Year’s - blessing which our Heavenly Father in His infinite Love has can give - & to Mrs. Neild with my kindest regards the same.

Will you thank her for her letter which I will answer - & write Of the 4 Rabbits, ask her to keep one for yourselves, & to send me two - but- they must come the very first thing in the morning by rail - Or they will not be here ‘till Monday or Tuesday.
The other rabbit ask her
to give to Mrs Thomason.
If rabbits come next week,
she may send them all on
here -

I return Messenger’s
paper; because it is not
right Only one Cock
Pheasant went to Dr.
Sutherland & no Hen.
Some one must have had
2 Hens for the Brace -
Ask Mrs. Neild to tell/ask him
to make it right -

87/52 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 14} [8:1000]

Pine Acre Sunningdale Berks
Xmas Day 1887
Dear Frances
with heartiest Christmas
greetings to you & Mrs Neild
to whom I will write
Pray send on the Christmas
cards to
Miss Fanny Dowding
with the Honble Mrs. Bagot
Mereworth Castle
Maidstone
Kent
If you put a piece of Card=
=board to prevent the Cards from
being bent, fold back my
Envelope so as to make it small

enough to go into another
Envelope without bending the
Cards, which you can fell
thro’ the Envelope, pray do.
in haste
sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
(the following f doesn’t seem to fit anywhere)
& to put down the Extra
hours, please, on a separate
sheet of paper -
    and he need not use the
best paper, please - I gave
you a whole packet for the
Dining - room
    I send Xmas Cards for
Messenger with my best
Christmas & New Year’s wishes
    in haste to save the
post, because I am only
just up & writing in the
dark,   sincerely yours
        F. Nightingale

87/53 signed note, 1f, pencil   {archivist: A IX 15}

Pine Acre   Dec 27/87
    10, South Street,   {printed address:}
        Park Lane. W.
Yes, please: Send me the
brown paper parcel, but put up
very carefully. It is a picture
& must not get broken or
injured.
    [The coffee all got out & ran
about the parcel.]
    Send too Blackborne’s cap,
please -
    Yours, dear Frances,
        F. Nightingale
Dear Frances

I am too ill to return home, as I had hoped, just yet. And I am going, with Lizzie, across by Oxford to Claydon on Monday, for 2 or 3 weeks - You would like to come to Claydon for a fortnight - And that would enable Lizzie to have a complete holiday at home - if Mrs. Neild can spare you you might come on Wednesday - write me word by what train

Please bring with you my old black skirt - not the satin new one - the pair of big lamb’s wool knitted stockings - & the book "like Christ" (stuffed with papers) on the top of the large Revised Bible in my bed-room -

I hope you & Mrs. Neild are well - Nelly will return to South St. on Monday by train to Waterloo Station [I will telegraph the hour] at 6.37 p.m.

Ask Mrs. Neild to have her met at 6.37 at the Windsor entrance - Waterloo- & brought home -

I send you a Cheque of £2.2 -

God bless you
sincerely yours

F. Nightingale
Immediate

ANSD 16/1 J. J. F.
Re Dr. Sutherland

J.J. Frederick Esq.
Army Sanitary Comm:
Horse Guards
London S.W.

Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC1/88/2

Claydon Ho: Winslow: Bucks
Jan 15/88

My dear Sir

I was struck down last night almost by my sister, Lady Verney, telling me, as of a thing that of course I knew, that Dr. Sutherland was dead!! And Sir Harry, on being questioned, said he was “sure” he had seen it “in the paper 3 weeks or a “month ago”

Would you be so very kind as to telegraph to me as soon as you receive this:

Nightingale

Steeple Claydon
Bucks
telling me the truth -

I cannot find it in my heart to ask Mrs. Sutherland whether her husband is dead!
My old friend!
I was in constant, almost daily communication with her till Dec 20, when
I was obliged to leave London by Medical orders for total rest. [I took it as far as I could at Pine Acre; was no better; & came on after 3 weeks here]
But Mrs. Sutherland promised to write. And I have not heard from her

But the last accounts from her & from you were so good that I was not uneasy.
And I have heard from so many of his friends since, Sir D. Galton, Sir R. Rawlinson, & others, who would have mentioned any thing happening to Dr. S., & did not Any how, I am sure that you will be so kind as to telegraph to me immediately
Pray believe me my dear sir, in great anxiety, ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale
Sister Frances
Mother Superior
S. Mary’s Convent
39 Kensington Square
London W

88/3

Claydon Ho: Winslow: Bucks
Jan Feb 1/88

My dear Sister Frances
I have not lost sight for a moment of your wish for a thoroughly Hospital-trained lady for your Incurables - & to train the Sisters - but among our people have not found one who would suit you who was not fully engaged.

There is a lady, Sister Airy, who was years at St. Thomas’ as Ward Sister, then elsewhere, the last 5 years in the Egypt War Hospitals - a devoted religious woman, as Nurse quite of the highest order, fully
versed in “Hospital routine” — whom I could recommend as sure to do a good work among you — a lovely temper — but who was going/appointed to India to a Military Hospital there — only the India Office Doctor will not “pass” her for India. This was only settled yesterday It is to me the most grievous disappointment; for they will not find her equal — But I wrote to her immediately, mentioning your want — I have not/have not had/been time to hear from her.

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She is Miss Sybil Airy — till tomorrow (Thursday) at the Nightingale Home St. Thomas’ Hospital Westminster Bridge S.E.

If you would like to see her, & talk over the matter with her, would you write to her at once? or even telegraph to her? I write to her again to-day, mentioning this, & asking her, if possible to delay
her departure another day, in case you should wish to see her - 
but at all events to write to you, saying if anything prevents her from entertaining the idea - 
Her (home) address, is -  
51 Ashburnham Road 
Bedford - 
If she would undertake your Incurables even for a time, I know no one who would do your work so well. [She is a true lady in the highest sense also]

You kindly ask after me - I was sent out of London bodily by my Doctors to rest after extreme exhaustion which affects even my eyes. But tho’ I did my best I have not had one day’s rest, & am returning to London 19 South St. 
How can I thank you for the plant so kindly sent twice? & for your letters? I trust you are pretty well God bless you 
ever yours sincerely 
in her dear memory 
F.N.
10 South St March 1/88
My dearest Miss Pringle

I have written & enclose a letter to the Secretary of the York Road Lying in Hospital (whom I only know by a slight correspondence) for Miss Formby, if you like to send it, according to your request. [I send her £2.2., to conciliate her for you]

But for ourselves, we always insisted, as perhaps you know in the Midwifery School we kept for 6 ½ years for Nurses, & have always stoutly stood by it since, on 6 months’
training (2 months in large *out-door* practice)
& then would only certify not as Midwife
but as Midwifery Nurse. In most, if not all of
the places where these 6 months’ women afterwards served, the Doctor was not “9” but 2 miles off - that he
might even be in the next street
[N.B. All abnormal as well as normal
cases were under the skilled Midwife at
the head of the School]
Would it not be better probably, in order to obtain
admittance to the York Road Lying-in Hospital, for Miss Formby to apply to some of the
St. Thomas’ Medical Officers, Dr. Gervis or
Dr. Cory?
And should not Mr. Arnold White take
this matter in hand, we having done what
we can to ascertain the best place to go
to for his purposes?
[I should deprecate “Endell St.”, but if
York Road fails, will talk farther
about it]

I want to clean up my own ideas
about Miss Formby’s “high enterprise”
by a little confab with your superior
practical knowledge:
we are not sent, are we?, except to the
lost sheep of the house of – Britain –
Is it not a higher “enterprise” to be
District Nurse to “25” poor Holborn “families”
than to “25 agricultural families” in
E. Africa? or even to be a trained Sister
in a Hospital Ward?

[end 8:389]
If of those wretched boys who rioted for 3 weeks in Hyde Park & were driven about by the Police, a number could be trained & organised by competent men for some Colony into a Mettray, a Rauhe Haus, or a ‘Dutch settlement’ (I do not say it is possible), that would be a “high enterprise”: and one would say even to a trained Sister: Go, if you have a calling to look after their health & morals.

If of those poor seamstresses & London workwomen - often on the verge of prostitution but not prostitutes -

a number could be trained & taken out to Colonies by competent ladies (I do not say it is possible) as domestic servants, perhaps as working women in outlying farms, & at least as good wives far from the towns, that would indeed be a “high enterprise” & a high calling even for a trained Lady Nurse to “mother” them out.

But to take 25 “sober, industrious,” healthy Agricultural Hampshire families”, out to the Colonies, is an interesting thing as benefiting & raising the individuals, but could almost be done by a devoted landlord in England.

[And is there much more to be done for 25 good labourers’ families in East Africa, (possibly less) than in Hampshire in influencing & looking after them. Only no one thinks of giving a day at £200 a year to look after them in Hampshire?]

Seems not the present plan rather a step not to the depauperization but to the pauperization of England - not to reformation but the reverse - taking away the “sober & industrious” & leaving the idle drunken & destitute
It is not those who are doing well here, or anywhere, but those who are doing ill or going to ruin - our last sheep; that one wants to save. Does one want to take the best labourers & workmen out of England, or the worst, & save them?

[The best, the young & sober stone-masons near Lea Hurst are emigrating to Ohio - leaving the idle drunkards behind
Is this a movement one longs to help?]

Everything about Emigration is interesting

Everything about the reward & prosperity of good labourers

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But it might almost be said that this/it is another step to filling the Gaols & workhouses here to take away the best & leave those boys & girls who populate prisons & Unions - but whom no one thinks of giving a lady to help & reform.

In short, the plan may be a good thing as benefiting individuals who deserve it - but is it a great work - a ‘high enterprise’, a saving of our lost sheep, a depauperization & reformation? I don’t know.

Does not the work of a trained Hospital Sister, certainly of a trained London District Lady Nurse partake much more of all these things?

Why do not people seriously think of taking & reforming a wretched London court of “25 families”? [Miss O. Hill did.]

All the while I am enthusiastic about Emigration - but for the lost sheep, as far as we are concerned.

ever, dearest Miss Pringle,
most affectionately yours
F. Nightingale

March 1/88
April 30/88
My dear Miss Peddie
  Miss Monk has been so kind
as to write & tell me of the
changes at K.C.H. & that
you are now "Home" Sister -
I hope I may give you joy
& give joy also to those who
have to be under your care.
  The 'Home' Sister has need
to be so motherly, so
disinterested in matters
of sympathy; giving so
much, exacting so little -
so impartial & generous -
carrying all her charges
on her heart before God -
I often think it is the
most trying & responsible
position in the Hospital
- almost more so than
that of the Matron -
because the 'Home' Sister's
charges change so continually
Few are the perfect Matrons
but fewer still are the
perfect 'Home' Sisters -
I wish you from the bottom of my heart the
highest success, for I
know you will aim at
the highest. And I trust that your health is now good; but I fear you take too little exercise.

The Classes you give yourself begin directly? And do the Professors give Lectures & Clinical Lectures to Probationers, & Nurses as well as Probationers?

I should be so glad to know after you have had a little experience of it how your new post fits you, & whether it pinches anywhere.

God speed you -

is the fervent prayer of yours ever affly

Florence Nightingale

I have been unable to write before from illness.

88/6 signed letter & envelope, 5 ff, pencil {postmarked: LONDON W 4 AP 22 88}

To the
Mother Superior
S. Mary’s Convent
39 Kensington Square

22/5/88
W.
May 22/88

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

Very dear Sister Frances
I should have answered your kind note about a Matron for Port Said & about Suez before - But unluckily had no help to give. We were asked before for a Matron for P. Said, but had no one to spare -

We are sending out at once 2 Sisters (at least one is a step Sister) to a Mahometan Hospital for women & children at Cairo under the Khedive; who asked for our Sisters, because it has an English Doctor -

And we are sending out another immediately to start Lady Ossington’s little new agricultural Colony in S. Africa in all women’s work - I have pocketed my principles, & allowed/got her the 3 months’ - (they give no more-) training at York Road Lying-in Hospital - & the Examn & certife of the Obstetrical Socy. You know under dear Mother we always required 6 months to qualify as Midwy Nurse - & would certify only as Nurse - not as Midwife - Hence you will say my principles are gone to the bad - & truly -

You know we asked dear
-Mother to undertake York Road -

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We are now asked to undertake the Nursing of the abnormal cases of out-door Lying-in Patients, which require skilled nurses after delivery, about 150 a year, of St. Thomas’ Hospl. I do not think we shall - not unless we could hook a Midwifery School on it -

You have not any papers of dear Mother’s, have you? which you could kindly lend me, showing her system of training our women in midwifery on the out-door Lying-in cases at King’s College Hospital, of which our pupil Midwives always had 2 months’ under their Midwife when the men-students were away - (after 4 months in the Lying in Ward of training)

Neither of these African Expeditions are quite within what we consider we are here/there for - But we did not feel we cold refuse -
May 22/88
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Very dear Sister Frances
4. You do not know, do you? of
one who would do for a
Matron of the 130 boys at
the Gordon Boys’ Home - Bagshot
- to have charge of the health
as well as sickness of the
boys - to ‘mother’ them, in fact -

That too does not come
quite within our province.
But we shall have to do
if, if we possibly can, by
enquiry.

I would send you all
particulars, if it were not
troubling you - & you thought
you could help us -

Yes: I have indeed though
of you during this time - may
God prosper you! I trust
you are pretty well - & S. Laura
come back - & my little
friend, who came to see me? -

It was very kind of you
not to give my address -
I have had a 3 months’
serious illness - you kindly ask
- & am not yet out of bed -

And the change in the
Governor-Generalship of India
is such an anxiety - Pray
that that may turn out well!

The Military Sisters who
went out - they had never
seen anything but a Civil
Hospital before - to take
charge at Rawul Pindi in India
are full of pluck & vigour &
difficulties, as they write to me
    God bless you
    ever yours
    F. Nightingale
I think dear Mother would
    have liked to hear about
all these things in her
universal goodness &
therefore I trouble you
about them - But do not even
write, however much I should like to hear
from you, unless there is a ‘Yes’ to my 2 questions.

88/7 initialed letter & envelope, 3ff, pencil {archivist: 15} [8:1023]

To the
    Mother Superior
    Sister Frances
4/7/88

    July 4/88
Dear Sister Frances
    I am so grateful to you for lovely flowers
from a place so dear -
    I trust things are going well with you -
& your training of Sisters -
    You were so good as to write to me about
a lady for the Gordon Boys’ Matron - I could not
recommend the post to one who wanted “a better
“appointment”, or who wanted to be “near London” -
And we are going to spare one who had been
with us in different posts for nearly 11
years rather reluctantly - for love
of the work - The work is hard - the
conditions are not good - the salary is not good
It would not have suited that lady
Pray for us that it/this may turnout well

Thanks: I am not much better - I should so
like to see you - But I am so driven now
especially
Give me a better report of yourself -
ever yours
F.N.

88/8 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 17} [8:1001]

Sept 24/88
Telegraph. Claydon House, {printed address:}
Steeple Claydon. Bucks Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Frances
Thank you for your letters -
I am so glad you enjoyed
your holiday
& the Irish Exhibition -
Can you find a large, fat
book, called “The Book of
“Health” on the top of
the little tall book-case
in my bed room close
to the Dressing-room door?
If you can, I will tell

you where to send it
I enclose a Cheque
for 3 weeks’ Board Wages,
tho’ I am not likely to
stay away do long, for
you to pay Mrs. Neild -
God bless you
sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
Telegraph Sept 25/88
Steeple Claydon Bucks Claydon House,
             Winslow, {printed address:}
             Bucks.

My dear Frances
  I have great pleasure
in sending you your Quarter,
& hope you will tell me
how much you can put
in the Savings’ Bank -
  How much did you
put in last Quarter?
[letter cut here]

    Sir Harry’s brother, Mr. Calvert, is also here - &
    quite an Invalid -
    There are only we four -
    but still I don’t think
we are an uncheerful
four - Praise God for
it. I hope you too
are a cheerful four -
    [cut off]
    I am glad the cats are
so much cleaner; but
I hope they will soon be
quite clean

FN
I should like to hear any
thing you can tell me
about the house & what
Mr. Vare’s men have done
I hope you all go out
every day
10 South St Dec 7/88
Dearest ever dearest “Little Sister”

Our dear young charge is now in the Immediate Presence - how sweet to her! She has passed the rough waters - 'Joy, joy’ to her, happy soul! She has gone home -

How much she knows by this time! how much she has to enjoy -

I was just going to send to you to enquire - I have been expecting it ever since your dear note last night

Will you take an opportunity kindly of telling her mother how deeply I feel with her?

She has parted with her dear sweet child willingly -

If I could do anything to help in the funeral - I do not know the mother’s circumstances, - I would gladly -

At all events I should like to send some flowers -

It would not be a mere farce in such a case as this - For she is now a precious flower in the Lord’s crowns - Or rather, He is holding His flower in His hand

I hope you have not been up all night

Thanks for sending ever yours
F.N.
Dear Miss Peter (if I may call you so) You are returning soon to Edinburgh, I believe And I hope you will allow me to claim the privilege of seeing you before you go Would Monday or Wednesday suit you at 5 o’clock or half past? If not, pray tell me what will suit you. & with kind regards to Miss Rayner believe me, I pray, most faithfully yours Florence Nightingale

Dear Miss Peter I send you the little book you wished to have - I wonder whether you will approve it - Perhaps you are gone - I most earnestly hope that you are beginning under the conditions you & we wish for - & bid you success from the bottom of my heart. God bless you - ever most truly yours F. Nightingale
March 15/89
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Sir

Mr. Shore Smith, formerly
of 30 York Place, who
dealt with you to his
great satisfaction for
several years, recommends
me to try your Meat
as being a great Invalid
& obliged to be very
particular about my
Meat. He tells me
that you are kind enough
"always to do your best
"to change or to improve

"anything"

Might I request you
to send me a fore
quarter of your best
small Mutton - well hung
- & I prefer of course
four-year old Mutton,
if it is to be had
And might I ask you
to be so good as to tell
me what day you
will be able to send me
this Mutton as a trial?
I am sorry to ask you
to send so far -

Pray oblige, Sir,
your obedt
Florence Nightingale

Mr. Welsh
Mr. Welch
March 29/89
10, South Street, Park Lane. W.
Sir
I am much obliged to you for sending the Fore-quarter of Mutton last week. We thought the Neck ‘ate’ better than the Shoulder, tho’ off the same piece.
Would you be so good as to send me a Neck of Mutton well hung & a Leg of Mutton well hung to try. The Leg need not come before Tuesday, if you prefer it. It must be, please, Meat which you can thoroughly recommend to an Invalid.
Please to send me My Acct as I always pay weekly
Your obedt
Florence Nightingale

April 15/89

Sir
Would you please send us a well hung Neck of Mutton - The last was very good - And would you direct your man to wait for your Acct to be paid?
We did not think your last Leg very good which we hung till to-day -
Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Mr. Welch
The Mother Superior  
(Sister Frances)  
S. Mary’s Convent  
39 Kensington Square  
24/5/89  
W.  

{archivist: L6}  
10 South St Park Lane. W. May 24/89  
My dear Sister Frances  
Indeed I did at Easter pray that Christ might rise again in all our hearts, as I am sure you did for me – She who is gone to the Immediate Presence always wrote to me at Easter as you are kind enough to do  
Yes: I dare say some, those who were so far advanced as she was, “know our affairs” – in God as it were; We say we believe that God or Christ dwells in us & we in Him – and that must become, must it not?, more & more perfect hereafter – But ‘seeing in God’ must include seeing as God sees – that is, with the peace that passeth understanding – Otherwise there are things here that would grieve them so much. And I am sure Sister Laura’s absence would grieve her.  
Thank you so very much for your letter.  
I am so very sorry for your health being such a source of anxiety – We are all anxious for it And I am so glad that your worldly affairs which I will not call worldly – those for the Hospital & yourselves, which are heavenly – are in a way prospering; & less of an anxiety to you. And I hope your Hospital Nursing is prospering – # That is indeed an ‘envious’ little strip between you & the Hospital –  
Should it come in your way to know a Roman Catholic lady, with the high practical qualities of a Nurse, (not a ‘vert’ –‘vert’s are
too much under the priest, are not they?) who
would not object to have some months’
training as a District Nurse in a non-Roman
London Training School - such a one is
wanted in Dublin - But she must understand
cleanliness & all Sanitary things - & not
almsgiving - Do not look out for her. But
if some one should come in your way, (not
a nun or Sister), whom you know, would you
kindly let me know?

Excuse pencil

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You are very kind to ask after me - I have had a very
bad winter - & one unusually full of anxieties, both public
& private - both Indian Sanitary & London Hospital anxieties -
She who is gone would like to know that
Military Hospitals in India have now begun with
their Nursing Staffs - & these have won their
spurs already in outbreaks of Cholera, & in
nursing the Sick & Wounded in War Expeditions -
Also: that supplying the millions of Hindoo women
who die rather than see a man Doctor with
women Doctors, Midwives & Nurses, and training Hindoo
women to be such, has made a good start under
Lady Dufferin, both in our States & in native States

London Hospital Nursing a great anxiety -And
the movement called the “British Nurses’ Association”
a very big anxiety indeed - And how to oppose it?
Humiliation is better than fashion - more fruitful
every way - Nursing is getting far too much a
fashion -

God bless you ever -
ever yours affectionately

F. Nightingale
Miss Clara Peddie  
King’s College Hospital  
W.C.  
28/5/89  

May 28/89  
10 South Street. {printed address:}  
Park Lane W.  

My dear Miss Peddie  
How kind of you to remember  
my poor old birth day. And your  
roses were as lovely as your kindness.  
And how much your long letter  
interested me. Do not judge of  
me by my silence - it is not the  
heart’s silence - I think of your work  
& long always to hear about it, &  
that you are well & successful in  

the highest sense  
God speed  
May I ask to be kindly  
remembered to Miss Monk  
& believe me  
ever most truly yours  
F. Nightingale  

{note in another hand:}  
The sheets enclosed  
dated July 12th G67, July 17th G68  
& Friday G69, are for  
the Council of the  
Nightingale Fund.  
One sheet marked Private  
I destroyed  
A.L.P.
89/8 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: G 67} H1/ST/NC1/89/8

Memorial (B.N.A.)
10 South St July 12/89 [12:532]

Ever dearest “Little Sister”

With regard to signing this Memorial, we think that, — believing as we do that you not only see no objection to it, but that you share, and to a vivid degree, the conviction of the objections to the course of the B.N. Assocn, & of the mischief that course is doing to the steady quiet progress of Nurse-training & Nurse life, — it is highly important that you should sign — The blank

the absence of your name would leave would be so important/serious that those who are taking the course we think so disadv/unhappy for Nurses would of course take advantage of it to represent you as being on their side —

It is not as if you or we had been forward to appear in the ‘fray’ — for fray it is — On the contrary we have, as you are aware, done everything we could to avoid it— perhaps more than we ought to have done,
judging by the result - which is that, unhappily, party-spirit, which ought of all places to be banished from a Nurse’s life is raging furiously -

The opposition to the B.N.A. Registration Scheme has by no means originated with us - & other considerable Hospitals & Training Schools are even more convinced of its evils than we are -

To take a public part in the matter as experience & judgment dictate has been forced upon St. Thomas’ - do you not think so? & consequently upon you.

We also think that Miss Crossland should sign, as being in charge, under you, of the daily instruction & ‘home’ of the Training School - that is, if you see no objection

Sir Harry Verney has signed the Memorial, as Chairman, which I now return

I think Mr Bonham Carter’s signature, which is in Sir Wm Bowman’s possession, should be obtained, as his name has been prominent -

ever yours

F. Nightingale
10 South St. July 17/89
Ever dearest “Little Sister”
    I have written to ‘Home ‘Sister’, that I think she had better keep to the/your day mentioned for her holiday, 24th, on all accounts, if you have arranged it with her so - & have told her the reason why viz. my sister’s great uncertainty about leaving London -
    And I have asked her to come to see me Friday or Monday, which ever suits you -

    Thanks a thousand for her/your List. Do you think you would be so very good as to put the books for them to it -
    God bless you -
I shall hope to see you after Home Sister’s visit ever yours F.N.
Pss Xtian’s Meeting at Mansion House to-day -
The Lord will pilot us through
Ever dearest “Little Sister

At all times I do so love
to see you - I have unluckily
an appointment to-day - But
if it would not be inconvenient
to you to come at 3.30
for a short time, we might
talk over your feelings with
regard to this Memorial -

I have kept no copy of my
note to you, which ought to
have begun, to “Miss Pringle” -

I am much exercised in
mind about not signing
myself - it seems so cowardly -
But the advisers on our side
seem so confident that I

should reserve my signature
to the opposition we should
be compelled to enter to a
Charter - which opposition would be a
legal document - Nevertheless
I should have liked to sign
the Memorial - because the
Nurses (I don’t mean St.
Thomas’s) wish it

Please do exactly as you
think best, who only can
judge, about Nurse Jackson
I have no opinion whatever
about her powers - I never
saw her - & I only took
part in it/her admission because Sir
Harry had been applied to
more than once, & was
anxious about it

ever yours
F. Nightingale
My dear Miss Pirrie

It does always rejoice me so to hear from you, brave woman! - making progress as so brave a woman deserves and thank you very much for sending me the photograph of your probationers. I am so glad that you have won a night-nurse for your men-patients, and have a probationer of your own training in it. that is a victory. - and also that you have appointed a head-nurse to the Lisburn Workhouse Infirmary. So you see you are really now a Training School for Infirmary nurses. But do pray, get away for a whole month this year. It is absolutely necessary, or you will knock up. The Guardians will surely let you put a substitute in your place for the month - And tell me that you going away in the Autumn. I am afraid you can’t get away before.

As for the Midwives; I hear of your desire “to give all your probationers” “Midwifery training” with fear & joy - - I do not know exactly the arrangement for the Lying-in wards at your Infirmary; but you have, I believe, a ward to await Lying-in, delivery wards (query 2?) that one may always be standing empty to be cleansed and aired) and recovery wards. Forgive me for asking questions - it interests me so very much. (You know
we had a training school for midwifery nurses for six years & a half.

- What is the average number of lyings-in annually with you?
- What is the average death-rate among them? Mothers? Babies?
- What is the average number of puerperal fever cases, or septicaemia, if any?

You have, I understood, a good old-fashioned Midwife, and her assistant, with both of whom you are satisfied.

[Strictly between you & me, the really good old-fashioned Midwife is sometimes a more useful & thorough person than the three-months'-old midwifery practitioner; “trained” - as they please to call it - for 3 months in a Lying-in Hospital here - where she probably sees nothing like the number of cases that you have - You have doubtless a Doctor to call in for the abnormal cases and the sick, cases.
- What is your proportion of normal, and what of abnormal cases?
- Does the Doctor give the probationers Midwifery instruction?

Does he come in from the Medical & Surgical Wards to the Lying-in Ward, & go out from it to those other Wards?

After a good, thorough 3 months’ practical training, such as you can approve, in your Lying-in Wards under a good Midwife, do your probationers have any out-door practice among women lying-in at home?

The examination and certificate of the Obstetrical Society which you mention, is doubtless excellent as giving your candidates a standing, but you & I beware of thinking that it is anything more, - that it teaches anything. A young woman, of good
Private

education - used to get up subjects, and
put her knowledge into words, - can
pass the examination triumphantly,
and get a first-rate certificate, and
know little more what to do in practical
Midwifery & how to do it than an Ignoramus. (All
this is strictly private-) or at least far
less than the good experienced old-
fashioned Midwife, who could not pass
the Obstetrical Society’s Examination
to save her life. ¶

No doubt, you do not consider your
3-months-old probationers as Midwives,
but Midwifery Nurses - and to know
abnormal from normal cases, and when
to call in the physician Accoucheur.

[In the Midwifery Training School which
we kept, we would not admit Candidates
for less than 6 months’ training - and of
which two were spent on out-door cases -
The Midwife, who was an excellent Midwife,
first-rate
delivered all cases, normal & abnormal.
And the Physician Accoucheur was only
called in in cases of great difficulty;
And yet, after all this practice, we only
certified them as Midwifery Nurses, and
not as Midwives. We had not a single
puerperal accident, during the whole
time; and as far as we know, those
whom we trained have had most success-
ful careers since. In the last year of
our School we had alas! puerperal fever
from causes outside the Lying-in Wards,
and we closed our Training School in
consequence: [FN’s hand:& have been too much pressed by other work to
re-organize it]

Pardon me this little history -]
I do not like to take up your precious
time with answering my questions, my
dear friend, but anything that you
ever are good enough to tell me, is of
the strongest interest to me, as I am
sure you will know.
God bless you & your work always.
   and Believe me,
   Yours overflowingly,        [FN pencil]
   but anxiously
(signed in FN’s hand) Florence Nightingale
My love to Miss Lennox, please

{archivist: M8}
   Miss Pirrie
   Belfast Union Infirmary
   Belfast
22/7/89

89/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen {not in FN hand} {archivist: F 51}

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
               Park Lane. W
               Aug 16.89

Dear Sir,
   I am so very much
   grieved for the terrible loss that
   you have had, which is your
   little children’s loss as well as
   your own. I hope you will
   be able to make arrangements
   satisfactory to yourself as to
   the care of them. But the
   loss is irretrievable. My deepest

   sympathy is yours. We may
   believe that the gain is hers.
   God be with you and your
   children is the earnest prayer
   of
   Yours faithfully
   (signed) Florence Nightingale
Could you be so good as to send us a nice sirloin of beef for tomorrow about 12 or 13 pounds. Thank you for the care you have taken about supplying us.

89/12 signed letter, 2ff, pen [most not in FN hand] {arch: G8} also in roll 5 signed by FN and env by

{printed address:} 10, South Street, Park Lane. W.
    July 20.89

My dear Miss Peter
I have never thanked you for your most kind & useful & instructive letter, both about your own district work, which seems to be so blest among the patients, and also of the training which your two nurses, Miss Robin & Miss Thomson, had been having in Glasgow, & the cases they had been attending during their Maternity training. It was all most deeply interesting to me, for it was so precise, not vague or general. You have been now 3 months more
at your blessed work, and I
should so like to hear more of
it, but do not like to ask you.
{the writing in bold is very large}—and/the less because I
hear a terrible complaint
against you, and I echo
it with indignation. I
am told that you are
much up at night, not
in deeds of burglary, but
sitting up with the patients
at their homes. Now my dear
friend, this will not do. Upon
the superintendent really falls the
heaviest day-work and no mortal
power can do the day & nightwork
too. You wouldn’t let one of your
nurses do that — and I know very

well what day & nightwork is —
Miss Peter, I charge you lay aside
ambition “to be more than human.
What on earth would they do
without you? If you were to knock
up! For all our sakes, do be wise
& prudent.
I am not quite so naughty as I
appear in not answering your
good letter before, for, first of all,
I had sent it to Mr. Bonham Carter
to whom it was of course useful,
and he has been on a health trip
to Norway, from which he has just
come back, but with a dislocated
shoulder owing to a carriole upset,
and secondly we have had a great
drive of business. But I always
carry you on my heart, if that
will do any good. Thank you so
God bless your work — [FN hand, pencil]
And He does bless it.

ever yours hopefully but
anxiously

Florence Nightingale
May I be remembered

to Miss Guthrie Wright?
It is delightful to know

how the Patients
appreciate your Nursing.

89/13 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 19} [8:1002]

Sept 12/89
Telegraph Claydon House, {printed address:}
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Winslow,

Bucks.

Dear Frances
I have just received your
note — And I shall be very
glad that you should have
a three weeks’ holiday — &
not return to South St
before Monday Sept 23,
which I think completes
the 3 weeks — Elizabeth
left here last Monday — &
Nelly started home on
the same day — Elizabeth
took the Sacrament here
& I am sure took it as Christ’s
guest. She did very well
here -
I have scarcely been out of
my room since I came -
from illness ------------
Lizzie’s ankle seems pretty
well
Pray give my kind regards
to your father & mother.
God bless you - & don’t
let Him grieve that you are
no longer so much Christ’s
guest.
Sir Harry seems aged but
as active as ever. & yet
more anxious to do good.
Lady Verney, I hope, is
less suffering -
ever sincerely but
a little anxiously yours
F. Nightingale

Oct 15/89
Telegraph Claydon House,
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Winslow,
Bucks. {printed address:}

Dear Frances
I believe I shall come
home, & Lizzie, on Saturday.
I am so very sorry for Mrs.
Neild, & anxious to save
her so that she can be
{approx 4 lines have been blanked out}
My kind regards to
Elizth, who I suppose came
home yesterday
If Messenger comes, tell

him that we shall want
him on Saturday to meet
us.
God bless you all -
Give my kind regards
to Mrs. Codlin
Claydon. Oct 17/89
Dear Frances

Thank you for your letter -
I think, if you can wipe & dust
the green curtains so as to make
them quite clean, they had
better be hung up -
You can go on preparing:
but I think we shall not
come till Monday - & shall
be with you, please God,
about 3 -
Pray give my kind
regards to Nelly, & tell her
the same - who will have to order
in things & to Elizabeth -
God bless you all -
Sincerely yrs F. Nightingale

The Mother Superior
(Sister Frances)
6 Edward Road
S. Leonard’s on Sea
20/10/89

I will make enquiries & answer
your question. The thing is: that
it is a VERY difficult question
to answer - I should say, for
a Training Hospital “not in London”
unhesitantly Edinburgh - But
you want a County Hospital.
I entirely agree with you that
lectures & examinations instead
of practical work are the object
of the majority now swarming into
what they call Nursing. That is why
we are obliged to be so strict in
sticking to a year’s training.
Give me a few days to answer &
enquire. I am on the move -
Can you tell me if S. Laura, now of
Warminster, who has been at University C.H.
(would that do for you?) is gone to
India?
ever yours  F. Nightingale 20/10/89

Sister Frances
6 Edward Road
S. Leonard’s-on-Sea
6/11/89
Nov 6/89
My dear Sister Frances. It is not for want of
thinking & enquiring that I am so late in answering
your question about the best place for a year’s training
for your “Girl of 23” - May she prosper in all ways!
The Matron of St. Thomas’ reminds me that we have
had two good Nurses trained from a place close to you:
the Buchanan Cottage Hospital, S. Leonards on Sea
Both the Matron & our Home Sister (Mistress of
Probationers) combine in thinking
Miss Tatham
Cheltenham General Hospital
Cheltenham
would be a good place for you - (Miss Tatham was one of ours.
They ask: Would the “drill of a large Hospital” be good for a “girl of 23”? They doubt it - But if you think so our Matron would recommend Leeds. But Leeds is almost as much of a big town as Liverpool.

There is another difficulty: All the Hospitals are poor now-a-days - The Matrons are often compelled to take in more Probationers (who pay) than they can manage for the sake of funds - And they can only pay/give particular attention to those whom they are training for themselves. This is a real difficulty in making a choice

I am going to see one of our great Lady authorities tomorrow. I have been waiting to see her - But I fear I shall not have much more to tell you -

I grieve to hear of your health - may you be better for the winter!

I hope still to see you in this world

Fare you very well -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

89/18 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: CI 23}

Private Dec 3/89

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Thomas Crawford

Long ago you kindly promised me a visit, but have never kept your promise. Sir Douglas Galton tells me that you are considering a point for me: viz. who should be Dr. Sutherland’s successor, we having lost Mr. Hewlett -

& whether there should be two, one for India &
one for home - & who?
Might I ask you kindly
to let me know, if
possible, by tomorrow
(Wednesday)?
If I could hope to see you
tomorrow at 3.30 or
4, I should be delighted;
but at such short notice
how can I expect it?

Yours ever sincerely
Florence Nightingale

89/19 signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pen {mostly not in FN hand, indicated in bold} {postmarked: LONDON 4 DE10 89 7} [8:1025-26]

Dictated {archivist: L 6}

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
Dec. 10.89.

Dear Sister Frances
I am so very sorry that I have
not been able yet to find time
to ascertain Sister Laura’s exact
destination In India, but I will
and I was waiting to write to
you till I could. I believe I
know how it is, because I was
shewn some papers from the India
Office some time ago. It is not
very reassuring, I believe that the
trained Sisters under Miss Lock
who were sent out, and who did
such signal good service at Rawal Pindi, and the Black Mountain and in two choleras, have been moved by Lady Roberts’ desire to another immense district containing sixteen stations, so that each will have half a nurse a piece; and Sister Laura has been appointed to the Rawal Pindi District with untrained Sisters under her. But this is only conjecture, and I will obtain exact information for you and myself.

(Sister Laura wrote to me before she went, very kindly, but entirely about training, and not saying precisely what she was going to undertake - only that she believed that she was to go to the Punjaub)

I wrote to her, as you may suppose telling her of the great change in the minds of military doctors and how/what infinitely higher ideas of the knowledge and training essential to Nurses, whether Sisters or not, they had now. She replied very kindly. but I heard no more.

FN hand:

I too feel very uneasy.

May He whose Love is infinite
pour upon you & yours
the choicest Christmas blessings
is the fervent prayer
of yours ever
for the dear “Mother’s” sake
F. Nightingale

{archivist: L10 10.12.89.}

To the

Mother Superior
St. Mary’s Convent
39 Kensington Square
W.
Dec 31/89
10, South Street, [13:215]
Grosvenor Square. W. {printed address:}
Dear Miss Masson
You have been good
enough to write me two notes.
You must not suppose that I
have this appointment in my
hands. But if you would like
to see me, as I have not
had the opportunity before, I
should be very glad to make
your acquaintance “between 4 eyes.”
I could see you this
afternoon at 5, but I think
to day may be busy with you
& noisy out of doors = or tomorrow
(New Year’s Day). If neither of these
will suit you, please offer me one
of two days – With heart felt good wishes
for a happy New Year for you, ever
sincerely yours Florence Nightingale
Dear Madam

I cannot say what I feel about the loss of your dear husband - to yourself - about the loss of his wisdom & goodness to St. Thomas’ & ourselves.

But his battle is won:

he is safe at home -

The sorrow can cease only with your life.

But in this agonizing grief there is joy. When two have lived together in soul & heart as you and he have, death is scarcely even a separation Death cannot touch such love as yours & his. - cannot touch what you have been to him and he to you. You may well say: “O grave, where is thy victory?” & thank God for what has been, for what is.

I once heard a lady say: of a similar life; “it was closed like a long summer’s day in solemn joy for us both”

Your dear husband will ever continue, please God, to rule your life unto the end - let him not see you in hopeless grief. That would spoil even the happiness of heaven to him.

But pray for St. Thomas’; which was near, I know, to his heart & yours. Pray for us, that we may trust God’s love absolutely And may our Heavenly
Father whose love is only
bounded by His infinity,
    His almightiness, be
your stay & comfort, &
that of St. Thomas’ Hospital
& all who belong to it.
This is the unceasing fervent
prayer of yours overflowingly
    Florence Nightingale
I can write no more -
Sir Harry Verney told me you
    would wish to hear from me
Or I should scarcely have
intruded. If you will
allow me, I will write
again.
Mrs. Stone         F.N.

To enquire     {archivist: A XVI 11}
Mrs Stone
St. Thomas’ Hospital
(Treasurer’s House)
28/2/90

90/2 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private {in another hand Answered {archivist: CI 24} March 5/90

10, South Street, {printed address:}
    Park Lane. W.
Dear Sir Thomas Crawford
    It would be very useful
to me to know how much you
are satisfied with Mr. Stanhope’s
programme in the Ho: of C.
on last Thursday, as far as it
goes.
    You were so very kind as to
say, the last time I had the
pleasure of seeing you, that
I might ask you any questions
at any time, regarding the
things which are so near my
heart, & of which you are
so great a master.
    Do you frequently come
into London now? If when it is convenient to you, & you could give me a day or two’s notice, you could grant/allow me an hour in the afternoon, I should be very grateful. And it might save you some trouble in writing to me. Five o’clock is my best time. But it is so cold after dark, with a good chance of fog, that Any time after 3.15 I would gladly make yours, if you would kindly fix the appointment beforehand.

Pray believe me ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale
I trust Lady Crawford is pretty well.

90/3 signed letter, 2ff, pencil archivist: CI 25 13/3/90

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Sir Thomas Crawford
You have probably seen the enclosed pamphlet, which was the last thing Mr. Hewlett did. - the I.O. sent out copies to the Govt. of India (& I believe, to the Presidency Govts.) Do you think well of it as being practicable? I have more copies if you should wish to give any -
I am penitent for having kept you so long the other night, tho’ it was very profitable to me – And I am afraid my room was very cold.

But it is to Lady Crawford I ought to apologize – If you have any names to give me for what we were talking about, may I ask for them?

I thought perhaps I might have spoken too confidently to you.

But I never feel secure in any prospect. For you know there are many counsellors. And in the ‘multitude of counsellors’, there is not safety – But there is a good Providence.

Pray believe me ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale
Private
10, South Street, March 14/90 {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square. W.
Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

On Monday, when the Navy
Estimates are on, the question of
an “improved Dietary for the Navy”
will come up.

I am asked (by an M.P.) whether
“any form of food might
“advantageously be introduced
“into the Navy” which has
succeeded as “portable food
“for an Army on the march”? 

There are so many fads now-
a-days about made foods
that I should not venture to
advise without such an
authority as yourself.

[Is there not some wonderful
Sausage in the German Army?] 
I shall not expect any answer
to this troublesome letter,
unless (without much thought)
you wish to put on a Post
Card the name of some improved
portable food you would kindly
recommend, that I might
receive tomorrow night or
Monday morning at latest.

With every good wish
yours ever sincerely
Florence Nightingale
March 27/90
Ever dearest “Little Sister”
   I shall be so glad to see you on Saturday -
   I am delighted when you honour me by letting me send something -
       6 Picture books (Life of our Lord)
       2 “Convalescence” - a very great favourite of mine - but perhaps it is for older children - And it requires some one to tell them the stories of the pictures at the end of faithful Roman soldier
       at Pompeii
       - of Admiral Casabianca’s boy standing to his post in the burning ship
       - of the Three who kept the Bridge
       - of Excelsior
   1 A Modern Giant-killer
       who tames the 3 giants, Water, Fire, Steam, to a beneficent use, instead of killing them, is, I think, very pretty.
1. A Soldier’s Children,
in which the prayer of
the little boy “for all
“the poor naughty ones too”
is, I think, beautiful
1. The Parables of our Lord
is too black
6 promiscuous ones
(not directly religious)
5 (Smaller) play ones
1 Dandelion Clocks - the 3
last beautiful - but perhaps too old
for children
God bless all yours
F.N.

90/6 envelope, 1f, pen {in another hand: Re Dr Sutherland’s Memoir-ette in Times
Confidential}
{FN’s hand} J.J. Frederick Esq
Army Sany Comm:
Horse Guards
S.W.

31/3/90
10 South St Park Lane W.
April 19/90

My dear Miss Pirrie

I am so grieved (but not surprised) that you are so/poorly & so glad that you are going to take a really good holiday -
I charge you: take a real rest. And I venture to send you a small subsidy which I hope you will condescend to use as it is intended, because the greatest gift that you can give your Infirmary is your own health, &

as that is God's best present to the Nursing of it - I pray that He will give it - fervently -
And do you help us by throwing off all care for the time

God speed you -
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

You kindly ask after me -
We have had a very anxious winter - & I am in a dilapidated state -
I am so glad of the Belfast Guardians’ great doings &c - tho' I wish the Lying-in Wards were not on the “third story” but separate & more isolated. F.N.
Miss Paget  PRIVATE
I think it is 19/6/90
would be 10, South Street, {printed address:} [8:398-99]
when there is Park Lane. W.
a little more time, for
you & me to go over this
subject. She was here 3
hours. And I hope some
mistakes have been
cleared up.
1. She calls Midwifery
   Maternity. You, her
   Council, mean by
   Maternity training
   training for Monthly
   Nursing for the poor.
   She went on repeating
   that Maternity training
   in the Lying-in Hospitals
   is perfect, till a lucky
guess brought us to the
same side of the shield.
She then said that there was no monthly
training AT ALL in the Lying in Hospitals-
2. So it is with almost
everything. A very few
words between the Council
& her would set her in
quite a different position
of usefulness - e.g. as to
   a. what are her duties
   as Inspector
   b. what are the duties
   of a District Nurse
   c. what is Mrs. Craven’s
   book for
   d. a Report is generally
   supposed to be of facts
not opinions - she is
honestly ignorant of this
e: is she to be allowed an
adequate time to inspect
each place - or is she to
be hurried over it as at
Bolton in order to furnish
the Council with something
by a certain hour - I understood
her to say that she had only seen 3 cases
f.3. is more hopeless - she
a. is perfectly ‘papier/table rase’
in SANITARY things
anxious only to keep out
of scrapes - & has no
idea of the difference
in possible sanitation
between Hospitals &

Homes of the sick poor
b. the same thing must be

said e.g. in personal
cleanliness of Patient -
& washing ‘between Patie
blankets’ &c &c She is
not rather inclined to
deride doing things for
home Patients that can’t
be done for fifty in a Ward - her
Ward charge at the London

Except that she is so
clever, good & lively,
her Hospital & Midwifery
experience & love are decidedly
against her doing well
in District Nursing
Midwives’ Institute
4: The loves of her heart are
   1. the London Hospital
   2. her Midwives’ Institute
& here she is positively dangerous
   She gave me her Prospectus -
   You have probably seen it -
   She is perfectly aware of
      the ridiculous, if it were not
      awful, nature of the
      Obstetrical Society Exam:
   She is perfectly aware
      that the first effect of
      Registration would be a
      vast number of incompetent
      Midwives
      And she is partly aware
      of the great want of
      training.
      Yet she sticks to this
Institute
      as the Panacea -
[I think I should write her
   something upon this.
And ought I to communicate
   with Mr. Rathbone on the
   result of our interview?
He is at least as much
   wanting as she is as to
in the defects pointed out
   of her as a District N. Inspector]
5. She & I went thro’ the whole of my notes - She entering keenly into it but as if nearly all was new to her -
   I understood her to say that she went to only ___ cases at Bolton “There was no time” She had to give in her Report at a certain hour.
   My wonder is that the Report was so full as it is.
   She said that the Bolton Committee was so thoroughly ‘up’ in Sanitary matters & she was so afraid of being asked questions of what she knew nothing that she evaded the whole thing.

*London Hospl*

   She told me a great deal about this - all to the credit of Miss Lückes & the arrangements - none to the credit of the building.
   Here she was thoroughly at home - About District Nursing she was like a clever child -

{printed address, upside down:) 10, South Street, Park Lane. W.
Bloomsbury

There were 10 Nurses when she was there - one 6 months old - all the rest under 3 months old. It is hardly necessary to say more. Yet it is evident from what she says that there is much falling off in the other London District homes even from the Bloomsbury model -

She says Miss Mansel’s manner to the sick is perfect.

Both she & Miss Mansel dwell upon the absolute necessity of a General Superintendent to answer questions from the different Local Supts on what they ought to do. She says: She is constantly asked these questions on matters of which she knows nothing.

[She treats all this rather too much as a good joke but except about her Midwives’ Institute is never stupid]
Miss Paget says that the discipline of the Nurses towards the Sisters is much better at the London than at St. Thomas'. With regard to Probationers, she says her own charge was 50 Patients & (I understood) 10 Probationers. But probably she meant 10 Nurses x & Probationers - How could the Probationers in either case be properly attended to? x They call them all Probationers at the London. I was very glad to see Miss Paget. It is so very useful to have outside trained opinions. But she does talk very fast.

{written across the page} What learnt at Bloomsbury: Nursing the room (Sanitary arrangements in this)

What learnt in London Hospl in the Wards
Duties of District Nurse (Mrs Craven how far she saw the work done indicated in those questions in room Bloomsbury Bolton

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

Dear Sister Victoria

Matron tells me that you want some toys for your little charges - I shall be so delighted to provide them. At the same time she says that the very little people things destroy their toys so much - But there are picture-books on linen, & india rubber toys - Would it hurt them perhaps if they put these in their mouths?

What are the toys fit for very little children? I should like to know what you would like - I think so much of you & of your children, like "Charlie of the Angels," & how one instructed the others that "God was waiting outside to carry home" one who was dead - & how Charlie fought with his jealousies & his naughtinesses - That was real religion. And what
an opportunity it is to
teach children real religion
in a Hospital Ward -
& make the poor little
brats rich -
    I suppose all that I
used to hear of are dead
or discharged.
    But to return to the toys:
would you be so very good
as to choose yourself for
your different ages
to the amount of £2,
& send me the Acct.,
or if you get them at
any stores, I will send
you £2.
God bless you & your
    Nurses & charges,
    & believe me
    ever yours sincerely
    Florence Nightingale [end]
Miss Elkington

(in another hand: Florence Nightingale) env black-edged
    Sister Victoria
    Victoria Ward
    S. Thomas'

9/7/90
July 17/90
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Sister Victoria
   It quite cheers me up
   - your kind letter about the
dear babies -
       I enclose £2.1 with
your Accounts & many, many
thanks - and 4 books
not exactly for the children
but for yourselves -
   You have “Jackanapes”, I dare
say, & “Daddy Darwin”?
   “Convalescence” is very
pretty for an older child
   With love & God bless you
      ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

env black-edged

{archivist: C81} with a small parcel

Sister Victoria
   Victoria Ward
   S. Thomas’

17/7/90
July 23/90
10, South Street, Park Lane. W.
Welcome back to Sweden, dear friend - And welcome back here this autumn.
I have failed in getting a book of my sister’s for your which is out of print. But I hope to have it when you come back. Thanks more than I can say for all your kindness.
F. Nightingale
Miss Brinck

Miss Frances Groundsell
10 South St
Park Lane
25/9/90 London W

Miss Frances Groundsell
10 South St
Park Lane
7/10/90 London W

Steeple Claydon 3.33 p.m. [13:386]
Miss Lennox
children’s Hospital Belfast
so grateful for your letter
x pretty irish work a brave good year to you
x Miss Pirrie Gods blessings
on new year to you both Nightingale
Mr. Burdett  
B.N.A.  
10, South Street, Park Lane. W.

April 28/91

Dear Mr. Rathbone

Thank you for writing to me. And in answer to Mr. Burdett’s request to you, I scarcely think that my letter meets the present exigencies of the case.
Private
(Registration ) May 26/91
(of Nurses: )
(Charter)
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

In answer to your kind & weighty letter received on Saturday, I shall be so glad to see you to-day, if you can make time at 5 o’clock or any hour after 3.15 this afternoon, as you wish for “early this week.”

Could you tell me whether Sir Michael Hicks Beach refused the Licence on technical grounds as not within his competency, or whether he decided the question on the merits in which latter case he would probably be consulted by the Government, if as you say the B.N.A. are intending to apply for a “Charter”? Might it not be better that the Government should be persuaded to postpone taking any steps in the matter - either by way of “Committee” or “R. Commission” for the present - (assuming that they are not prepared at once to grant the “Charter”) so as to give time for consideration as to whether any official enquiry is
desirable & possibly in the hope of allaying controversy.

There is of course the difficulty to be faced that the B.N.A. are proceeding with their 2nd List of trained Nurses which they announce for publication on January 1, 1892.

I shall have much to hear and some things to shew you when I have the pleasure of seeing you.

How happy should we have been if the refusal of the Licence had ended their mistaken action & set both sides at liberty to join in common work for the good Nursing cause.

Please, a verbal answer as to whether & when you can come to discuss the matter.

Pray believe me ever yours truly & gratefully

Florence Nightingale
Dear Mr. Rathbone,

I will send you in the course of to-day or to-morrow the headings, as you desired yesterday, of what you & I talked about for your letter to the D. of Westminster.

But, for the reasons I gave you, I must be entirely foreign to any plan or discussion between the two Princesses: or to any design of showing my letters to the Prss of Wales for the purpose of converting the Pss Xtian. Besides which,

I must assure you for a fact that my “a Pss Xtian is not only unconvertible by my “authority”, but just the contrary.

Also: let me say that I could not be mixed up in any way with Mr. Burdett, who is the most unscrupulous of men - & of whom we entertain much the same opinion as Pss Xtian does and - as you do.

admiring at the same time genuinely his ability & activity in the Pension Fund matter.

Let me therefore say to your kindness that you will please write your letter.
to the D. of Westminster &
not to me for him. But I
will still do (as you desire
it) what you said about
my adding to it in a letter
to you for the D. of W. my
convictions about the
1. badness of the B.N.A. Register
2. that we are not ready
for any Registration.
The D. of Westminster who
was called in as a Doctor
must of course prescribe
what he thinks right for
the case of the two Princesses.
I wish him success from
the bottom of my heart.
But I can have nothing to do
with the Prescription - You
will kindly allow me to say this.

It is not, as you well know,
from want of earnest feeling
about this most miserable
break in the Nurse-cause.
Rather it is from my most anxious desire that this
breach should be healed,
(which it would not be
by my interference between
the Princesses) - & that
this most mistaken action
about Registration should
be stopped, for which you
& we are doing our possible.
I was most thankful for
what you told me about
Bd of Trade & Pr. Council
May I hope for the "certificate"
from Miss Stains, signifying that
this is only for ______ such a time?  

ever yours sincerely
Pardon me. F. Nightingale
91/5  signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: A XXV 4}

B.N.A.  May 31/91
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Mr. Rathbone
I am afraid you will have thought me very dilatory when I was anxious to be just the contrary - I have been so hindered
God speed you in this task - this important letter -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

91/6  signed letter, 5ff, pen, black-edged paper {arch: A XXV 5}

B.N.A.  June 3/91
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
Dear Mr. Rathbone
I hope Irish Land business is to your satisfaction.
- thank you very much for your most telling speech &c.
- Thanks for your packet of June 1, and in reply: the beginning x 4 pages of your letter to the D. of W. are VERY GOOD.
- illustrations of principles, like this, are so necessary. I agree with you as to the part marked out with pencil by you - because 1. it will only repel Princess x you say you are going to add to them
Christian to tell her to join anything of Mr. Burdett’s
[The Duke can say what he thinks best]

2. Holiday Homes are repudiated by the most kindly & experienced Matrons. Nurses prefer going to their friends - or, if none, being helped to the Sea &c with a friend

3. It is a good thing for the Nurses to be helped to the Pension by their own Hospl - a bad thing by “benevolence”

N.B. I presume all this/much of your letter is for Private Nurses - & that Miss Stains’ Certificate is for Private Nurses.

I conclude that the Nursing Homes, see II are for Private Nurses.

II. The first part of your “doubtful addition”, marked by us in red - may not that stand? omitting the word “Schools” which must always be attached to Hospitals.

We are advocating Homes for Private Nurses as the only way to keep them straight - a stray Private Nurse is a wretched being - as the proper substitute for Registration at present

Need you be afraid of making this “suggestion” to the Duke? You are not offering “advice”.
III. I am afraid we don’t think that the “Chancery Barrister’s” work will have much influence on the “jury of public opinion”, however much he may be supplied with “Materials”. Is it to be a book or a pamphlet? Will people read EITHER on this Nursing Registration matter? They are gratified with, alas!, the personal & party acrimony. They don’t care for anything else.

IV. You have the materials for “a more definite exposition of the short comings of the “B.N.A.” for the Duke’s private information. It will not do for any of us to disturb the characters of the nurses by NAME: privately or otherwise,

letter, to Wm Rathbone 3 June 1891

{printed address:} 10, South Street, Park Lane. W. [16:934]

4. About Chaplains:
   Is it not the case that in the large Hospis the Chaplain does not “deteriorate” - he is bad to begin with & bad to end with. He is generally a ‘job’ an elderly man, put into a ‘snug berth’ by some Governors? (as a Matron used to be put in to a Workh. Infy., say a “greengrocer’s widow”, “second “cousin” to one of the Board?)
   As for the man at the London Hospital, did he not begin ill & end ill? not “deteriorate” [end]
Now God bless you in your work - and He does bless you
ever yours gratefully
& sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Mr. Bonham Carter says you wish to see his (unsent) “letter to the Times”
Might I ask you to return it to me?
F.N.

-2/3-
Would it be too much to ask your great kindness to have a copy of my “Headings” made - & to give me back the original for reference in case of need?
F.N.
Dear Mr. Rathbone

Thank you for your packet received late last night. We are very grateful to you for your wise & unwearied pains.

Your letter to the D. of Westmr is excellent. I have no "suggestions" to trouble you with, which I think would be of practical use as additions to it. (you kindly ask)

2. I do not "refuse" that my "Headings" should be sent, as you say, "confidentially "to the D. of W." tho' I should prefer that your kindness should merely accompany them with the explanation that they were notes intended for yourself & myself.

[I am entirely aware of the "irritation" of Pss Xtian & her advisers against poor me. And I fail to understand how men of the world, as e.g. Sir H. Acland, should, without my leave or previous knowledge, have crammed me down the Princess' throat in a way which has created animosity & greatly injured the cause.]
3. I should prefer, if you would
   be so very kind as not for
   the present to make the further
   use of the "Headings" (which
   I did not know were to go
beyond yourself) by way of
materials for a pamphlet or
otherwise, as I wish to try
& put them into better shape

4. Kindly allow me to explain
   some misunderstanding about
   the B.N.A. Register mistakes
   In your valuable letter of June 1
you added at the end in your
own hand: "It may be well
   "to add as a P.S. x on a
   "separate sheet so that the
   "Duke can use it or not as
   x to your present letter to the Duke
   "he may deem best, a more
   "definite exposition of the
   "shortcomings of the B.N.A."
I thought it very desirable
   (for the Duke - not confidentially
   NOT for the public)
& said/answered you had "ample materials"
for it. Nothing impresses a
man so much as an impartial
statement of the actual mistakes
May we hope that you will
do it now & that you will
make use of the data which
Mr. Wainwright of St. Thomas’
is preparing?
   [In your last night’s letter you
say that you “have neither the
“time nor to do the work”
i.e. of “writing this for public information” -
But my answer concerned only your
question of writing this for the Duke’s PRIVATE
information.
Private  
{printed address:} 10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.  

What shall we not owe to you for  
all your labours & what if  
you can put a check on this  
untoward movement?  

You doubtless know, if it  
is true, that the “decision  
“of the Bd of Trade is not  
“final but can be re-opened.  
“And that the President has  
“Agreed to receive a deputation  
“from the R.B.N.A.”  

You must be full of other  
business –  
ever yours sincerely &  
gratefully  

F. Nightingale  

I give you a deal of trouble –  
Thanks many for the return of my poor  
“Headings.”
My dear Sir

Thank you very much for sending me that copy of the letter of the Board of Trade on May 5 to the B.N.A?

I sent you by Mr. Bonham Carter’s desire some criticisms of the Liverpool Infirmary on the entries in the Nurses’ (B.N.A.) Register - I believe it was rather returning them to you.

Might I ask you to be so very good as to tell me at your convenience whether you have finished your analysis of the names purporting to be from the several Hospitals of Nurses in the B.N.A. Register?

& what use is intended to be made of it?

I have not yet wished you joy, I cannot condole with you, on account of that very foolish & vulgar letter of Mrs. Fenwick’s, signed by her & Mr. Brudenell Carter & Sir T. Crichton Browne, in the “Times” some time ago.
It has had the effect of opening the eyes of some Physicians.
Could you kindly tell me whether you hear anything more of a Deputation to be received (some time) from the B.N.A. to/by the Board of Trade? or what they are going to do?
Pray excuse me & believe with me with our best thanks for all you are doing so wisely & so well yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

J.G. Wainwright Esq

J.G. Wainwright Esq
Treasurer’s House
St. Thomas’ Hospital

25/6/91
PRIVATE  B.N.A.   June 27/91
The London Hospital
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

Could you do me the great
couragey, tho’ I am afraid I do
deserve it, of telling me
what was the result of your
efficient mediation by means
of the Duke of W. (by desire)?
Also: what the B.N.A. is
now doing, whether active
or passive?
Are they going to send a
“Deputation” to the B. of Trade?
is the B. of T.’s decision against
granting a Licence “not final”?
[I presume that Pss Christian
did not seize the valuable
opportunity afforded her of

withdrawing from the President=
=ship of the B.N.A.
by the vulgar & ignorant letter
in the “Times” signed by Crichton
Browne, Brudenell Carter, & Mrs.
Fenwick?]
II. If I am not troubling
your kindness far too much,
(you probably have heard of
the troubles of the London
Hospit from Miss Rosalind
Paget) - what advice did
you give?
The “London” fears the (too true)
machinations of the Fenwicks
- the falling off of Subscriptions
- the possible withdrawal of
the “vote of confidence” in
Miss Lückes, the Matron –
owing to the agitation set on
foot by the enemy at the each
of the possible “Quarterly Meeting.”
I need not say that anything
you are good enough to tell
me about the B.N.A. &
Pss Christian that is
“confidential” will be sacred
to me. [end]
I fear I did not help you
at all as I ought

May all your efforts
for Irish Legislation succeed
is the earnest prayer
of yours every gratefully
& apologetically
Florence Nightingale
If I may send on Monday
forenoon for any answer
you may be good enough to
give, I shall be deeply
oblighed.

F.N.
July 4/91
8 a.m.
10, South Street, {printed address:}
   Park Lane. W.
Dear Mr. Rathbone
   More thanks than I can count for all that you have done & are doing in the good Nursing cause, & for your kind answers to me.
   In answer to your note, received by the last post last night, asking to see me to-day "about the "Hospital Commission", I should take any of your wishes almost as a command. I am thinking how to do so here. Unluckily I had yesterday promised to see some one from the country whom I cannot put off.

And I conclude that you are going out of town for Sunday when I could see you. And also I feel that I can be of so little use to you in this matter.

But if you kindly wish it, & it is possible to you, I would make time to see you to-day at 3.30 for an hour -

1. Have you or could you get Dr. Quain’s Dictionary? [I have not & could not get one in time] In it you will find an Article of Sir Douglas Galton’s on Hospital Construction & another on Hospital Organization or Government
or some such title) signed either
by Galton or Bonham Carter.
There are also two Articles by
me on Nursing & Nurse-
training. [I have looked in
vain for a copy of these]
From these 4 Articles I think
could be gleaned many of the
questions you wish to have
asked you by the Lords Comm.
2. Have you a copy of my
Paper of “Suggestions”? I have
not. But I see it in the
Lords Comm: Report (Appendix)
of last year. [Did you send
it them?] In this I have
said all I can say about
a Matron’s duties, & organization
in regard to Nursing.
    see p. 2

I do not think I could
suggest any questions to be
asked you but what would
flow out of these papers -
    About Hospital Government
generally, is it not the case
that the main thing is to have
1. a lay Administration
with a Chief Executive Officer
(be he called Treasurer or
Permanent Chairman) who gives
his time with a Consulting
committee of business men,
meeting regularly, taking the
opinion of the Medical Officers
2. body of medical Officers Physicians & Surgeons
with Residents & Medical School
3. selected body of trained
Nurses under their own Matron
herself a trained Nurse, with
a Training School for Nurses.
I am, grieved to be of so little use to you.
God speed your efforts in this really difficult work - so misunderstood ever yours sincerely & gratefully
F. Nightingale

91/11 signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: A XXV 9}

July 4/91
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Mr. Rathbone
I think perhaps it would be better now, if quite convenient to you, that you should come, please, at 3.30 today. And if you are really staying in London tomorrow (Sunday) naturally - which I doubt - I could then send you any thing you thought omitted.
On second thoughts, I think that there is not much about Government or Matronship of Hospitals in my articles on Nursing in Quain but more about the current examinations & tests in training Nurses, showing unintentionally how futile any General Public Exam. or Registration ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Matronship is in my “Suggestions” (Lords
Your Evidence July 8/91

"Lords"

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

Dear Mr. Rathbone

This is most valuable evidence - & I hope will have a strong & lasting effect.

Do you give it to morrow (Thursday)? And does the Lords' Committee report this year or next?

I have been so pressed that I cannot say what I would & what you desire. I can only wish you success & bless you for what you do -

The only remarks I can now make are

1. bottom of p. 1

"with the latter," as corrected by you:
does not "the latter" here seem to mean the "Residents" & not the entire "Staff"?

2. p.1 to p

As you have mentioned

my "paper", "Appendix F", would it not be well to put in "especially page 605" being the one about the Matron’s authority, as this is the thing you want looked into particularly (& not e.g. about pauper girls p. 604)
I do not know whether, as you go into Workhouse Infirmaries, you would like to mention the great difference between them & the large General Hospitals.

(a) In the Workh: Infirmaries, there are no Doctors & no Medical School in the sense there are at the large London, Edinburgh, Liverpool &c Hospitals - There is/are a Medical Supt & his Assistant or Assistants - a very different thing.

(b) There is a very different proportion of Nurses to Patients - a different sort of hierarchy, in short. The consequence is that a great deal is done by Patients for Patients & by pauper helps, except in the very best Workh: Infies, which is never done in large Hospitals but by Nurses & Ward Maids.

Agnes Jones herself said to me: “the Nurse is more like a House Surgeon & Supt Nurse” That is a long time ago - But I have information up to this date of this/ese cases tho’ matters are greatly improved. But this is more for you than the Lords, perhaps. [end]
Private July 19/91
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I am so grieved at your being laid up. You have been working at 1000 horse (or rather man=)power -

God bless you for your labours, none of which will be lost.

I trust you are going abroad with Mrs. Rathbone “on the 31st for 3 months” in order to labour more for God’s good cause’s.

Thank you very much for what you say about your evidence before Lords’ Committee.

I am so glad that the truth has been spoken at last, & with power.

I should indeed like to see your Evidence

You will be able to do much with Lords Sandhurst & Thring.

[Strictly between ourselves Lord Sandhurst has shown that he has not much more insight than Lord Kimberley, whom you justly call “supremely ignorant.”]
But you will not throw
    yourself back now with work
    I trust - we trust - we
    all of us trust.
2. Thank you for sending
me the Proofs of Mr.
Montague’s Registration
of Nurses Proof, which
is excellent. I will
write about this anon,
as you kindly desire -
    May God bless you
& He does bless you
    ever yours sincerely &
gratefully
    Florence Nightingale
Thanks past counting for your
beautiful flowering plants.
I have had your Miss Stevens
as Type-writer. What a
clever woman she is
    F.N.
July 20/91
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Mr. Rathbone
I am so glad that you
are going on well. Pray
take care.
In answer to your letter,
I am afraid we must
take you at your word
& say, with you, that
Mr. Montague’s Proof
may stand over till you
return in November - may
your return be with
quite recovered strength.
We cannot supply remarks
on it before you leave.
2. Lords’ Comnee Evidence.
I shall be so glad to see
yours.
Ideas as to Heads, such
as you ask for for Mr.
Fanshawe it is difficult
to give without reading
evidence. If an analysis
of each witness were
supplied, heads might be
given -
And Mr. Bonham Carter
authorizes me to say that
Mr. Fanshawe may apply
to him. But will not
Mr. F. be shortly going
away on his own holiday?
Now once more
good bye and God bless you
& believe me
ever sincerely & gratefully
yours
Florence Nightingale
You lovely flowering plants
still continue coming
to your thankful
F.N.
Confidential  July 22/91
10, South Street, {printed address:}
   Park Lane. W.
My Dear Sir
   I think your Memoir-ette
of our dear friend admirable
But I think there are one
or two things which would
add to its value, & if
too late for this, would do
for a longer notice
somewhere else.

1. the difference of his work on the two R. [14:1037]
Commissions - On the 1st
Sidney Herbert wrote the whole Report himself,
except on a few sentences
but Dr. Sutherland got up the evidence
On the 2nd (India) Lord Stanley  [end]
(Derby) S. Herbert died in 1861, being then President, Dr. Sutherland wrote nearly the whole of the Report. The result of this Commission was not only for the soldier but for the whole native population. All that has been done for them sprang from this Commission.

1st The result of the 1st Comm: was 4 Sub-Comms
   a. B. & H. Comm:
   b. Organisation of Netley Medical School (both for India & home)
   c. Organisation of heads of Army Medl Dept
      D.G. Sanitary: Medl
   d. Regulations &c

On all these Dr. Sutherland was the Active Member, Sidney Herbert, the President.

2nd The result of the 2nd Comm: was, as said, the beginning of a Sanitary organizn, for all over India of Civil & Military, Native & European health. In all the following changes of this Dr. Sutherland was consulted. His work was, as you know, immense. If you could give me more time, I could say more, but am doubtful even of saying this.

I entirely agree with you that all controversy must be avoided. And I put down here not the private part. [Lord Stanley expostulated]
with me that we ought
not to do the civil part
But we carried it.

In 1863 Ld Lawrence
went out as Gov. Genl,
and I saw him, &
‘cracked’ by Dr. Sutherland
laid down the plan
with Ld. L.]

Even/None of this, note you must
not use without my
looking over it, please.
You give me so little
time
ever yours sincerely
F.N.

Please do not send the enclosed
note you ask me for for the Times,
unless it is necessary.

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I think, what you might
say in a notice is:
1. the civil native result
of the 2nd (India) Commn
and
2. while not implying
that the Report of the
1st Commn was written
by Dr. Sutherland, he
certainly give the Report
its present shape by
putting the Crimean
experience prominently
forward to S. Herbert

J.J. Frederick Esq
The Would you kindly
tell me the last
hours of our dear
friend -
    & how Mrs. Sutherland
is - & how she bore it
& anything about the
funeral.
    This is of course, for
myself alone - just
as one of Mrs. Sutherland’s
own letters would be.
        F.N.

91/16 signed letter, 2ff, pen [not FN hand] {archivist: F 7}

July 22/91
10 South Street
Park Lane. W.
To the
Editor of the Times,
Sir,
    Tho’ unwilling to [ref 10:12]
trespass upon yr attention,
may I say that it would
give me infinite pleasure
if you are able to insert
in your world-circulated
paper, the notice of Dr. Sutherland,
the great Sanitarian which
I understand was sent
you this morning with a
note from Dr. Marston.
I was associated with Dr. Sutherland in his Sanitary labours not only in the Crimea and Scutari Hospitals but also in the 14 successive years after our return from the Crimean War - I may say I was his pupil both in Sanitary administration & practice and as anxious for my Master’s fame. May this serve as my apology for troubling you. &

I beg to remain

Sir,

Your obedient Servt

(Sd) Florence Nightingale
Sept. 28/91
Telegraph Claydon House, {printed address:}
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Winslow,

Bucks.

My dear Frances
I shake hands with you,
& welcome you back, &
enclose your Quarter’s wages –
And I also send tomorrow your Board
Wages for 3 weeks which
you will give to Mrs. Burge.
I am glad to think you
find Kate looking brighter: I
will write to her tomorrow if
I have not time to-day.
We are so pressed for time
here –
Would you be so good as
to look on the top of the
low book-case nearest door
of the large Drawing room which goes out on the
landing, for some pamphlets
of mine which have been lying there for several years - called “The Dumb shall speak & the Deaf shall hear” &c. and choose six of the cleanest & tidiest, & send them down here, well-packed, so as not to rumple them.

Also, will you ask Mrs. Burge to send to Mrs. Zanelli (whose address she knows) a packet of “Leisure Hours” to read - You know where to find them. If you are reading a story in the last two or three, you need not send those till the story is finished. Make up the numbers you send for Mrs. Zanelli as well as you can to be consecutive.

91/18 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper {archivist: A IX 25}

Oct. 17/91
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Frances
Without a moment to write, I send you 3 week’s Board Wages to give you to Mrs. Burge
God bless you affectely yours
F. Nightingale

91/19 envelope, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 26}
Messenger
11/Nov’91
**91/20** signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper {arch: A IX 27} [8:1003]

Nov 16/91
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Frances

Thank you for your note. I am very glad that Mrs. Burge is so much better. But I have written to her to say that she cannot come back to South St. till I have made up my mind after hearing a full account that she is fit to return.

Have you heard of Mrs. Codlin the mother?

Kindest regards to Kate: affectionately yours

F. Nightingale

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**91/21** signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: A IX 28}

24/11/91
Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Frances

I think we shall be home in less than a fortnight.

But I send you £2.2. which is 3 weeks' Board Wages which you had better give to Mrs. Burge.

God bless you

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
My dear Frances

Thank you for your letter.

You think that you & Kate are going on quite well? Because, if you would wish to arrange anything better for you two, I should like to do as you think best.

Kindest regards to Kate

Ask her to write to me yours & hers F. Nightingale

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My dear Frances

I send you £5.

Please if Mrs. Burge asks you for money tell her to write to me not you. I had not forgotten Mrs. Hancock. But we did not keep her address. She is very welcome to some meat if you know her address. Lizzie thinks it is somewhere near Hammersmith.

With every kind Xmas

wish to you both,

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
Dec 28/91  
My dear Frances
   Thank you for your very nice letter -
   Yes: you can give the Christmas boxes - We give them now all in stamps - The tradesmen’s List is in the Cook’s book - but where Mrs. Burge’s book is of course I cannot say - Lizzie will make it out for you as far as she can of her List.
   I will send you some more money -
   With every good New Year’s wish to you & Kate ever affectionately yrs. F. Nightingale

{archivist: A IX 32}  
Miss Groundsell  
10 South St  
Park Lane  
29/12/91 London W
Claydon Jan 3/92

Dear Frances

We have put off returning for a day or two, partly because Sir Harry is so poorly, & there is so much to do, & partly because I am so poorly. Mrs. Verney & her 4 children have had to go to Rhianva for a fortnight.

Mrs. Fred is here with her three, taking her place with “Grandpapa” - Mr. Fred is gone to India for some months: to escort the Siamese Prince.

I am glad Messenger is pretty well again.

I am very sorry that Kate’s teeth are still decaying. It is evident from what the Doctor says that she must be far more careful in cleaning them, if she would keep, as is so desirable, her remaining teeth.

May God bless you both affectionately yours

F. Nightingale

I conclude the pink & white curtains in the Drawing-rooms were taken
down - & the green curtains must be carefully wiped - & hung up after the windows are cleaned -
    I am sure you will do all things nicely -
You & Kate - & the Charwoman when necessary. My kindest regards to Kate.

FN

92/2 incomplete, torn letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper 4{arch: A IX 31}

Jan 7/92
(printed address:) Claydon House, [8:1004]
    Winslow,
    Bucks.

My dear Frances
    We shall be home, please God on Tuesday next, Jan 12.
    Very likely Mrs. Verney & Miss Ellin will come on Wednesday 13th for one or two nights. They will have the Green Room - make it look cheerful for them - & Lizzie’s room -
    Of course the room that was Mrs. Burge’s will be
{the rest of the letter is torn away}. 
92/3 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: C I 27}

Strictly {in another hand: A. Hayes} Jan 19/92
Private {printed address:} 10. South Street, Park Lane, W.

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford
   It is a long time since
I have had the pleasure
of seeing you.
   And now I am writing on
a business of great importance
to Siam, on which Mr.
Frederick Verney tells me
he has written to you,
asking whether you would
recommend Surgeon Major
Irving for the post of Court
Doctor at Bang-kok.
   Mr. Verney will have told
you the difficulties, the
opportunities of the post -
the great opportunities of
doing good - } the moral as
& of doing evil}

92/3
well as professional qualities
   wanted. the discretion
   necessary for being a real gentleman
If, in addition to writing
   or telegraphing to Mr.
   Verney at Bombay, you
   could possible see me &
tell me what you cannot
write, both about Surgeon Major
Irving or about any other
Doctor whom you would
recommend it would be
doing us a great favour.
If you are coming into London,
I would gladly see you,
if possible to me, any afternoon
that you would kindly
appoint beforehand. Or if that is not convenient to you, would you kindly write to me? [I need not say that anything you wrote would be quite confidential.]

Pray believe me ever your sincerely

Florence Nightingale

I hope Lady Crawford is well.

F.N.

**H1/ST/NC1/92/4** signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper {arch: C I 28}

Strictly Jan 22/22

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

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

I am extremely obliged to you for your Telegram & for your letter of this morning

I believe your great kindness will not think me importunate if I ask one question: Our question is: NOT what are the Director General’s grounds for refusing his sanction to Surgeon Major Irving’s appointment in Siam but whether you consider them sufficient to prove him unfit for it: that’ would be enough for us without asking any further
reason - Or whether you 
  would decline to say that 
  he is unfit.

One more thing however: so 
  much stress is laid upon 
  obtaining the NATIVE 
  opinions of competent 
  men on the spot for an 
  appointment so peculiar 
  as this of the Court Doctor 
  in Siam. Could any 
  valuable opinion be obtained from 
  any good man or men 
  (natives) "on the staff of the 
  "Egyptian Army", on which

Surgeon Major A.E. Hayes 
  has served, about him

Mr. F. Verney has been introduced to some 
  of these men 
  Your opinion about Dr. Irving/Dr. Hayes 
  is most satisfactory 
  But “Infinite possibilities of 
  “reforms opened out” 
  & also “infinite possibilities” 
  of the other kind according 
  to what the Officer & perhaps 
  also his wife are who 
  will be recommended to 
  the post.
  I understand from you 
  that Dr. Hayes has been 
  asked whether he will 

accept the post. Would 
  you also kindly tell me 
  what his answer it? 
  Pray let your kindness 
  pardon me 
  & believe me 
  ever sincerely yours 
  Florence Nightingale 

Excuse this hurried note.
92/5 telegram, 1f, pencil {postmarked: BAKER ST. (NO 66) B.0 W P FE 16 92

S. Audley St
Welch Butcher

Paddington at Baker St. W.
Your neck mutton tender and
excellent please let us have
leg mutton as good for
tomorrow Wednesday Nightingale

92/6 signed note & envelope, 2ff, pencil {archivist: F5} [12:444-45]

10 South St June 4/92
Whitsun Eve
My dear Sister Charity

It is very difficult to find
books for women - as you said

I send you Andersen,
which is always a favourite -
& a whole set of Mrs. Ewing’s
lovely books. But I am afraid
you will think “Jackanapes”
& the “Short Life” too sad -

I will send some others
God speed you -

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

with a parcel of books

6 eggs

& for Miss Sally

a little orange Jelly

Sister Charity

(Miss Ferguson)
Charity Ward

4/6/92
10 South St. Park Lane W.
June 9/92
My dear Sister Frances, my
dear friend I feel
most deeply interested in
your plans - Might I know
a little more about them?
Might I know about what
Medical attendance the
Hospital is to be under?
And have you any of the
Sisters or Nurses other than
yourself who have had
any Hospital training?
I rejoice beyond measure
that you have so wonderfully
paid off the last of the
Mortgage debt. Need I
say that I wish you the
highest success in every
thing? you & yours
Pardon my writing in pencil:
Pardon my delay in
answering. I know your
kindness will -
May God bless you in
every way.
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Have you a ?Lay Sister
still with you who was
good enough to come &
see me once when the
dearest Mother lay dying?
My kind regards to her,
please, if you have.
{archivist: L II}
To the
Mother Superior
(Sister Frances)
S. Mary’s Convent
39 Kensington Square
10/6/92 W
10 South Street June 11/92

My dear Sister Adelaide

As you were good enough
to condescend to a wish to
have this frightful book, I
hasten to lay it at your feet.

It is like the Midwifery books
which represent the Art of
Midwifery as a performance
of a series of the most
terrific operations

Gynaecology besides
delights in a natural history
of bacilli & a catalogue
of the interesting species
assembled together in
Bacteriology. But I was

amazed & somewhat
comforted to find that
they did want “a trained
Nurse” in one place with
a knowledge of “cleanliness”

As you know your
humble Petitioner spends
her life, (like a ghost who was
looking for his hand for
200 years in my brother
in law’s house) in looking
for, in any Appendix to any
Gynecological or Midwifery book, rules for the care
of mother & infant in
Monthly Nursing for the poor -
as there are still a few
women, I believe, who lie in naturally - If you can find any such, will you kindly direct my attention to it? & particularly any which teach the Midwife or Monthly Nurse to teach the mother how to feed & wash her baby -

I wish all blessings on your head - & am ever 
yours sincerely & hopefully 
Florence Nightingale

Excuse pencil -
Dr. Cullingworth has been so good as to send me his fly leaf of

the rules as to Antiseptics & cleanliness for Midwives with mother & infant - for which I am exceedingly obliged - 
If the subject comes up, will you thank him for me?

F.N.

Is there any Midwives’ Midwifery book which gives a poor chapter on Monthly Nursing?

{archivist: G 3}
{in another hand: Letter from Miss Nightingale on Midwives}
Miss Christie
(Sister Adelaide)
(Adelaide Ward)

11/6/92 S. Thomas’
You know how deeply interested I am in your enterprise. God bless it!

I think with you that scarcely any thing is more difficult than the question of these poor Incurables, whether they linger on for years, or whether under good care they recover.

There is perhaps nothing sadder in the whole world than to have cured an Incurable child & to find that there is nobody who wants it back.

Then, the other question you propose:— Scarcely any Doctor will give a certificate that a Patient is dying. At one time we might have filled St. Thomas’ with dying Patients, certificated by Doctors that they were “cases” “to be benefited by Hospital treatment.” But the reverse is also the case: Dying men at St. Thomas’ have left all the luxuries of the Hospital to go (with the
consent of the ‘Doctor”
to die at home -
But very few of the Homes
    which admit Incurables admit
    men - only women & children
    The “Hostel of God” is to
admit men, I believe. They
wrote to me. But with many
pangs I was compelled by
stress of business not to
answer.
As you say, how little one can
do generally to impress the
dying - And yet I don’t
think this is quite true -
Night or evening is the
best time - a few words
recalling words they once knew.

    How often one is reminded
of the parable of the
highways & “hedges”. Those
who have never heard
Good Words or not for years
come in, while we who
have been taught from
infancy are busy & therefore
we “cannot come” -

{archivist: L I2}   black-edged pale blue env
Miss Nightingale
    To the Mother Superior
    39 Kensington Square
    W.
3.7.92
July 4/92
My dear Sister Frances

I know I shall never finish my letter unless I rush brutally into the midst.

I think there can be no harm in that sentence about me. You know I feel that interest in every morsel of me. But I am afraid I must protest against that word “also” - As it is, people will find out my address & make me a reference. But if my address were put down, as a reference, multitudes of people would come merely to gossip -

I wish you all the highest success - & hope to hear more.

We have had much more than usually painful occupation lately. And this has made me sadly a delinquent in corresponde

Forgive me - and God bless you & yours ever yours
F. Nightingale

{archivist: L I3}
No 2.
To the Mother Superior
39 Kensington Square
W.

4/7/92
To the Sister Frances
Madam,

Miss Nightingale
wishes to say that the red
& blue marks in her
letter did not mean
anything in particular.
The Blue mark under the
word “Hospital” was merely
to show that it was not
a good paper to advertise
in, & the Red mark under
the Dr’s name was to
show that she had
heard a great deal of
good of him.

{archivist: L I4} [not FN hand]
7/7/92
To the Mother Superior
39 Kensington Square
W.
Commn No 1614/1216
Wm Magee
has been in my service since January
he has been uniformly sober & punctual & quick / attentive & obliging
both in his indoor work & his outdoor work
scrupulously honest & faithful
to duty.
doing his best – clever & handy in many things – clean quiet & very obliging
I have every reason to be satisfied with him
& should wish him to return to my service
F.N.
London 23/8/92

{letter dated 30 October 1938}

{archivist’s note:
Wm. Magee seems to have married Frances Groundsell see letter from F.N. to Frances but no mention of Wm.}

With letter of LH Shore Nightingale to Mrs Magee, from Lea Hurst, Holloway, Matlock, Derby. Dear Mrs Magee, I send you a written testimonial from Miss Nightingale about your husband. I think this is the rough copy which she made for her own use. I think you will like to have it as a memory of them both. Perhaps it was sent to the Corps of Commissionaires after 6 months service to say that she was glad to keep him on at South Street. It is dated 23 August 1892.

I also send you a photo of Lea Hurst take nearly in the year. I think it shows the garden side of the house rather well… I hope you are keeping well and cheerful.
Aug 26/92
Telegraph, Claydon House, {printed address:}
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Frances
I send you a Cheque
as you will have
some more payments
to make - & to pay Messenger
I hope to hear from
you tomorrow morning
and I will write.
My love to Nelly. I
expected to have the
Tradesmen’s Week from
her this morning. But
it has not come -
My love to Kate -
Remember me to
Messenger -
Pray do all of you what
you can for poor Quiz
& kittens -
I have had much
to do here -
God bless you all
in haste yours affectionately
F. Nightingale
My dear Frances

Thank you for your letter.

Mrs. Broome will come on Tuesday - And I am sure you will try to make her comfortable, and show her every thing as far as you can. And make her room nice, & get a few flowers to put in it.

You will be glad to be relieved of the linen which Mrs. Broome will undertake. And I am glad to relieve you of it.

And partially of the furniture -

I have received neither books nor letter from Nelly, for which I am very sorry.

Yes: you may charge me four days’ Board Wages for Messenger’s food - I forget whether you understood that the rug which was always crumpled up - close to the books on the floor at the bottom of my sofa
in the Drawing room was
to go to be cleaned. As you
know, it wants it.

God bless you.
I have been so pressed
with business here. There
is no one here but Mrs.
Fred & I & the children.
Sir Harry varies from day
to day. Mr. Fred is away
for his health.

My love to Nelly &
Kate. & say a good
word for me to Quiz.
poor Quiz. Give her plenty to
eat & drink - & plenty of good words
& balcony. yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

92/15 signed letter 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 37} [8:1005-06]

Claydon Sept 10/92
Dear Frances Thank you for your letter. I
was very glad that your own family were
so much better than could have been
expected.
I enclose a Cheque:
3 weeks’ Board Wages
from Sept 13 £2. 2.
For your “Card” 10 6
2 12 6

But if you remember I particularly desired
you to get the 10/ from Lizzie, to whom I
had given that & other monies -
Nelly has not written to me - Rude little Nelly! You may tell her that
Mrs. Fred Verney and I have had much communication about her future -
I shall not be able to write to her unless she writes to me.

We are rather overdone here -
Sir Harry is, thank God, rather better -
If you can find the two large Volumes
of the "Boys' own Book", in the Drawing-room,
one on the table in the window,
one on the long table nearest the door,
would you kindly take them to St. Thomas' for Leopold Ward
I hope you have been so good as to

do up those letters & papers on the floor in the corner of the small Drawing-room between the arm chair & the folding door.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Broome-

God bless you both
I hope you have been so good as to

God bless you both
yours sincerely F. Nightingale

I am obliged to have some of Ellen's teeth drawn & others stopped.

92/16 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 38} [8:1006]

Claydon Sept 26/92
My dear Frances
I send you your Quarter. And I hope your family are pretty well - Would you, if I do not come back by say this day week, like to take your holiday without waiting for me - that is, almost immediately - Are the things put back in their places so that Mrs. Broome could manage, & Kate?
Write & tell me what you should like
I do not mean that I shall be late this
year as I was the two last years -
nothing like it. But I may not be
back quite so soon as I expected.
I hope you all of you go out every
day. And I hope you read prayers.
I have heard from Nelly.
Mr. Fred Verney, I am sorry to say, is not
quite well yet. Mrs. Fred is with him
at the sea.
God bless you
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
I shall write to Mrs. Broome tomorrow

92/17 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 39}

Oct 3/92 [8:1006-07]
Telegraph Claydon House {printed address:,
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Frances
I wrote yesterday to Mrs.
Broome to say that
I should not be back
till the beginning or
more likely middle of
next week - that
Miss Irby might come
a day or two later -
for a very few nights -
& that I hoped you
would do what you
liked about your
fortnight’s holiday -
If you liked to go
immediately, that you
would -
Did she think she could
manage, if you told her
where she could find
the things?
I had not time to write
to you - for the post
went early - But I
asked her to read
this letter to you -

Sir Harry was delighted
with his stay at South
St. & all the better for
it. Thank you all
So was Mr. Morey
God bless you -
yours, hoping that you
will do what you
like best
F. Nightingale

92/18 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 40}

Claydon Oct 21/92
Dear Frances I am glad that you
have come back all right but sorry
that you had such bad weather at home.
I send you (in great haste) some
money £2.2 for 3 weeks’ Board Wages
£1 which I had put up in a
Registered Envelope for
you to make a present
to your parents - but it was
too late So now I send it to you
Dear Sir

Harry has been very ill tho' now much better.
But Mrs. Verney is ill in her room with a very bad cold.
Altogether we have been much pressed.

Kind regards to Kate
God bless you all
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Claydon: Oct 22/92 7 a.m.
Dear Mrs. Broome
I have been coming home every day, - but always detained here - gladly detained for there is much to do - But we have had illness - & now Mrs. Verney is shut up in her room with a very bad cold -
I should however be home soon -
I send you some money in case you need it. £5    cash
£2.2   Board Wages
I am very glad of your letters -
I will write to Kate to whom my kind regards - as soon as I can -
I know you take good care of them all
God bless you all -

in great haste

{signature seems to have been cut off}
I am always very poorly - & as you may suppose much pressed (you kindly ask)
I am sure you have taken & do take, good motherly supervision of Kate & given good instruction to her - She is a good hard working girl - I hope you are all comfortable. I have written to Frances
F.N.
92/20
Claydon Nov 14/92

My dear Frances,

I dare say you will be so good as to tell me how the Dentist told Kate to clean her artificial teeth - She tells me that he said they were so dirty he was obliged to take them all out of the frame to clean them - but she does not tell me with what he told her to clean them - Was it simply with soap & water?

One very good plan is to put them in very hot water for a little when taken off at night. But this can only be done if there is no gutta percha in them. Is there gold or gutta percha?

Please tell me when I come home which will be, please God, on Wednesday.

You will, I know, be Mrs. Broome’s helper about the furniture - about which you know all - & also about the tradesmen, as she did not come till after I was gone.
I shall depend upon you, with my love - And so will she.
I am so very anxious to have the Drawing-room sweet & fresh, - which it has not been, - that I am not going to have the curtains put up in either Drawing-room & am going to move the middle round table out, as you know, from the large Drawing-room. I hope all the floors are nice.

I want Mr. Vane to make some little contrivance to each drawer of the new Tall-boy in my Bed-room to hold a card for me to write upon what is in each drawer - but he cannot have the drawers out, till I come home & unlock them -

With kind regards to all,

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

{archivist: A IX 40}
Miss Frances Groundsell
10 South St
Park Lane
London W

14/11/92
Dec 16/92

10, South Street, Park Lane. W. [12:386]

Dear Mr. Wardroper

Thank you for writing to me about my dear old friend “Now the labourer’s task is o’er.” She had laboured with heart & head & hand, indeed.

Her last years would have been sad & forlorn but for you. You make her happy - God bless you.

She had the elements of greatness in her - Now she has entered, as you say into blessed rest. But next to her will be a life even greater than here yours sincerely

F. Nightingale [end 12:386]
Mrs. Wardroper
She is going on now towards perfection being perfected, as we all may trust in God to be - She seems to us to be calling out to us
{insert from another sheet} And she who learnt so well how to train on earth
Nurses for their future noble career on earth “practising for Heaven.”
may be supposed to be still herself in “God’s own Training School” in Heaven & as such speaking to us to be always pressing ever forward, forgetting those things which are believed which we are sometimes too proud of - namely our progress of we illeg/during the last years Hard in this Chapel where she worshipped for so many years this day in this case we this day We are trying to commemorate her memory - But the truest memorial to her is to follow her quietness & firmness in this age of noise & talk
but above all her
conviction that this training
must embrace moral discipline
& that no amount of knowledge
or even skill can make a
good Nurse - for the best
woman must be the best
Nurse
such a woman has
unlimited influence over
Patients & over all around,
above/over & under her
if she is otherwise she
lowers the tone instead
of raising it.
Man does not live by
bread alone - & still less woman
-4-
  this Nurse a true nurse in
  the sight of God as well
  as of men & of her fellows
  must look not only
  for money but for fellowship
  & the home of a Regiment or rather a company She must not
  be an irresponsible
  nomad - but be one of
  a some not of an Army
  to which she can do,
  from which she can receive
     good
  but of a/small some company
  under supervision - & the
  help of sympathetic supervision
  This is homely advice
  but ah what should
  we do isolated & without
  such a home?

-5-
A rolling stone
gathers no moss is an
old saying & a true one
With Mrs. Wardroper there was no
flying about. Her Hospital was
her home - indeed she could
scarcely be got out of the Hospital
for a brief holiday - or even a
little drive or amusement.
Her heart was in her work.
Offered to Frances with Florence Nightingale’s best wishes for a good New Year 1893 & many good New Years

Signed note, 1f, pen (archivist: A IX 65)

27/3/93
National Society’s Depository
We have had difficulty in taking the silver paper off the beautiful illustrations. Here are 3, Resurrection of Christ, we cannot manage. Will you? And two more copies, I believe, are due to us – Payment of Acct enclosed With thanks Florence Nightingale
Miss Deyns  A  17/5/93
(printed address:) 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W. [13:856]

As soon as we have Miss Deyns’ acceptance, I am to send her a Form which Miss Lückes gave me for Miss Deyns to fill up & send her
Miss Deyns must wear uniform - Miss Lückes will send her the material for dresses & caps
The Probationer provides her own aprons & sleeves

She need not attend the “Preliminary Training”
Miss Lückes proposes to put Miss Deyns
(1) 3 months in Wards beginning with Children’s Ward
(2) 3 months with the Out-Patients X
I demurred at first to (2) because the Out-Patients’ Doctors do do & can do so little about diets X this includes morning & evening in the Wards. + one day we with eyes & another with ears.
But I accepted afterwards (conditionally upon asking you), because they seemed to have such a number of out-cases which then & there are ‘done’ by the Nurses under Doctors’ orders - which would be a valuable experience for Miss Deyns, among the Bucks poor people -

What do you think?

Then we agreed that Miss Deyns should learn all she could about young babies washing & moving helpless Patients

We discovered a good many things as you may suppose - but these are what it is most pressing to ask you about.

I made use of your kind letter

F.N.

Miss Bella Deynes
Fenny Stratford
Bletchley
Miss Frances Groundsell  
Thornham Green  
near Lynn  
Norfolk  
14/6/93

{archivist: A IX 42}

June 14/93

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

Dear Frances

I was very glad to have your letter. And we shall be very glad if you like to stay at home till Tuesday - returning here by Tuesday night.

My kind regards to your parents & Aunt - who I hope will continue better, all three.

Pickle sends you his duty. & he was very much concerned when you went away.

Sir Harry has been to Pleasley in Derbyshire - & went down two coal-pits, giving Mr. Morey the slip. We were horrified enough at his going to Pleasley.

God bless you

faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

July 9/93

Dear Frances

Would you do me a favour? It is to go with Mrs. Bowler this morning to Church at St. Thomas’ - not to let her go alone for the first time.

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
Dear Sir Henry Acland

I am so very, very sorry that I have been unable to answer your two kind letters before. But I could not help it. And I am still more sorry that I cannot see my way to writing the letter to you for Princess Christian’s “Annual Meeting” on Monday. But I cannot help it.

Yet I must not recall to you that what you wish me to write would not
have the effect your kindness 
supposes.
or that we have acted all 
along on a principle & in 
concurrence, with so many of 
the principal/chief Hospital 
Training Schools -
That would be only 
fatiguing you.
The only thing that occurs 
to me to suggest for your 
consideration, as you desire 
such suggestion, is, you will 
say, in the Nurses’ interests 
in our view, & not in 
yours: namely that

you, in taking the Chair, 
should not commit 
yourself to approval of the 
whole scheme of the 
Association, and that you 
should point out the 
difficulties which will 
occur in working the 
“List” (we will not call 
it ‘Register’). You might 
possibly say that you 
‘are desirous of giving the 
‘Association the opportunity 
‘of making its objects 
‘known to the Public, & at 
‘the request of H.R.H. 
‘had taken the chair - dilate
'upon the benevolent
'objects, & point out that
'the Association wishes to
'afford a certain amount
'of information to the
'public regarding the
'qualifications of Nurses
'whom they may have to
'employ, & by its Charter is
'empowered to do this -
'that the value of the
'information must depend
'to a great extent upon
'the character of the
'Hospitals in which they
'have been trained, & their
'ability to afford a proper

{archivist: H 40 a}
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'training - And a great
'deal of experience will
'be required on the
'part of the Managers
'of the Association, and
'much discretion needed
'in compiling such a List;
'that Nurse training is
'still in its infancy'
&c &c &c
You might possibly wish
to add that 'there is
'no public authority for
'licensing Hospitals to
'train Nurses; or otherwise,
'for submitting Hospitals
'to any conditions as to
'training, and the public
'will have to judge for
'themselves as to the value
'of the training of the
'Hospital mentioned on the
'List.'

You will, of course, desire
that you as Chairman
to avoid introducing any
matter which would
lead to controversy; and
it would probably be
unadviseable to introduce
remarks of this kind
in an opening address -
but possibly you could
do so in your final words
upon closing the Meeting.

2. I feel that in making
these suggestions, at your kind
desire, I am proposing
something which is
hardly practicable.
You can hardly refer to
the opposition to, or (say)
differences of opinion on
the subject of the R.B.N.A.
without giving the occasion
for controversy, or say rather
for further one-sided
attacks on the opponents
And this would of course
place you in a very
disagreeable position.
I do not therefore suggest
by any means that you
should kindly say anything
about such opposition
being that of persons
who are conscientiously
doing what they consider
best in the interest of
Nurses. If it were true
that “a few words from”
me “would change the
“tide of affairs,” such a
suggestion might be made.

**But it is not true:** is it?

It is of no use writing
to the Duke of Westminster;
nor moving for a small
Committee - you kindly
ask. Surely if there

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were any way for a
compromise (and I, alas!,
do not see any whatever,)
the occasion of a public
Meeting is not the time
or place for bringing it
forward. The public meeting
is not the Executive or
the Council of the Association
- is it? - An Annual Meeting
must be only an Annual
Meeting for the public to
attend & hear about the
Association, must it not?

To offer myself as an
adviser is impossible
3. The upshot seems to be - and you can hardly imagine how it grieves me to write this - that I am, I am afraid, reduced to writing that I see no way open to do as you desire. - that I am confident, knowing as I do, all the circumstances, that any "letter" from me to be "read to the Princess" - "or to the "Nurses" - i.e. the Meeting would be altogether beside the mark - that the differences are differences of principle and not of words -

- that the Princess cannot be regarded as the real director or controller of the movement - & even if she were, she has, as you so truly say, entirely identified herself with her prompters - that no Committee could bring her about any useful result. How I wish that we could help you! I would gladly eat dirt, if we could honestly do so. But we cannot.
God speed you -  
Pray believe me  
dear Sir Henry Acland  
ever yours faithfully & sincerely  
  Florence Nightingale  
P.S.  
Thank you for your kind caution  
  against newspaper correspondence  
  We decided immediately on  
  seeing the answer of the  
  Secretaries of the R.B.N.A  
in the “Times” of the 6th (to  
our letter in that of the 3rd)  
that we would make no  
reply. I trust that there  
has been nothing objectionable  
in any words we have printed  
or published.   F.N.  
I shall send this letter by train.

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No 2 -4- July 22/93  
  Confidential  8.30 a.m.  
My dear Sir Henry Acland  
I have just received  
AFTER having written  
the foregoing pages,  
your 3rd letter. written  
after seeing Pss Christian  
1. It distresses me  
beyond anything you can  
imagine that I cannot  
alter -  
2 You ask me to “see”  
or to “ask to see” the Princess.”  
  Knowing as I do all  
the circumstances I cannot  
but feel that it would  
{last line is cut off}
3. Whoever suggested to you that “Mr. Burdett was an adviser on” our “side” was entirely misinformed. It is EXTREMELY NOT SO. Perhaps I had better say no more.

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

I am extremely sorry that I could not write before.
I send this letter by train -
F.N.

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A passing remark:
We were told from Edinburgh where the Princess addressed 2000 people, that the “confusion” was “hopeless” between the R. British Nurses Association & the Queen’s Jubilee Nurses - The President of the latter, the rules of the latter are in direct contradiction to those of the former.

F.N.
Private  
Jul 27/93
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane, W.

My dear Sir

Welcome home - and thank you for your letter of July 6 from Pontresina. I earnestly hope, with all our many friends, that your health will have been entirely restored.

With regard to the subject you write to me about, viz. the proposed interview of yourself with the Princess Christian, to be “arranged by Mrs. Dacre Craven”, I shall be very glad to see & discuss it with you, as you kindly invite, any afternoon after to-morrow about 5.30, convenient to you, provided I may know as soon as possible.

I have been for 40 years & shall always be most deeply interested, as you say, in every thing that concerns the real training & true welfare of Nurses. But appointments come thick & fast every day more than there is time for.

I conclude that you wish
to have our discussion speedily. This week Princess Christian had her Annual Meeting. But she may be going abroad. I believe I could say Monday afternoon if you wish it; but I will write as soon as I hear from you.

With kind regards
believe me yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
J.G. Wainwright Esq
Treasurer’s House

93/8 signed note & envelope, 2ff, pencil, black-edged paper and env
{arch: F 6}

Aug 29/93
My very dear Miss Ferguson

I was so glad to see you -
Please let me send £1 for your poor little girl whose outfit you are so good as to busy yourself about: or others & 3/ to pay for your cabs, because it was I kept you
Outfits are so necessary -
God bless you -
ever yours sincerely
Is there any F. Nightingale book you would like to have?

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Miss Ferguson (Sister Charity)
Charity Ward
29/8/93 St. Thomas’
Miss M. Stewart No 1

My dear Harry,

In answer to yours:
Her “special characteristics are,
1 I think extreme kindness to Patients
   body & soul – she interested
herself in every one as an
   individual not only as a ‘case’.
omit [Without one ‘goody’ word, she
influenced almost all for
good. And she had Patients
who had never heard a
‘good word,’ who could scarcely
speak without an oath.]
yet (or perhaps therefore) she
maintained an excellent
discipline.
2
   as a Nurse she was first-rate
in Medical as well as in
Surgical Nursing
3 Among many good Head/Sisters
Nurses she was remarkable
for tender & minute care of
her Staff Nurses, qu omit [yet she ‘stood
‘no nonsense’ - they were
always well ‘in hand’]
4. a good trainer of Probationers
always firm & always appreciative
not making favourites
5 always unselfish - always
devoted
6. orderly & method in all
her arrangements
x if she had anything good to eat,
she always reserved a part
for her Night Nurse. Tho' we
have had excellent Sisters, she
was the only one I have known who
took such care of Night Nurses
Yet she “stood no nonsense.” They were
always well “in hand.”)

7. good judgment, decided
powers of organization (a clever housekeeper)
great tact in dealing with
people of various views - X
She was
8 ½ years at St. Thomas’
(including
(3 1/4 years Male Medical Sister )
( 4 " Male Surgical " )
As you say, she left just as
Miss Pringle came Nov. 1887
It was Miss Pringle sent her
to us in 1879 (March)
xx this was more developed
at Donnybrook than with us
Still I think we have a right
to say it. [I have been told
by independent people that
she reformed Donnybrook in
almost every respect - & gained
many friends to the Hospital -
so nice she was with members of
Committee & Visitors
a clever housekeeper. x
x But I hope she will have
a housekeeper at Brompton
It was the worry of housekeeping
when she was due among the
Patients that 'did' for her at
{rest of the page is cut off} [end]

H1/ST/NC1/93/10 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper {arch: H 27}

Nov 2/93

Dear Sir
I am extremely sorry that
it is impossible for me
to see any one but those
who have long standing
claims upon me - for I am
entirely a prisoner to my
room from illness, & am
overwhelmed with work
I was not aware that
my little note had
"appeared" any where
We find your "Daily
"Graphic" of immense use -
it has actually superseded
in Hospital Wards where

the men Patients take
newspapers the "penny"
& halfpenny "dreadfuls"
which used to be our bane.
Believe me
faithfully your
Florence Nightingale

The Editor
or
E.S. Grew Esq
initialed note, 1f, pen and pencil, black-edged paper {arch: A IX 44}
[but this shd be 94/1 by date]
To Messenger
   You might in case of not finding Mr. FitzRoy apply
   at the Police Station close
   to Paddington Green
   on the Harrow Road for
   7 Manor Place, the address
   he gave
   Feb 14/94 F.N.

signed letter, 4ff, pen {archivist: H 41}

PRIVATE March 25/94
   Easter Day
   {printed address:} 10, South Street,
   Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Henry Acland
   Thank you for your letters.
   Claydon can never repay the debt it owes you except
   by deepest gratitude.
   We are grieved that you are so poorly, & I trust you
   are improving.
   The Empress Frederick came to see me before she
   left England - wise & business-like & charming yet more
   than ever.
   I waited till I had seen her before I answered your
   kind letter. And last week I was too much immersed in
   work & cares & weakness to be able to write.
1. I do not believe that either the British Nurses’ Association or the Council of the Queen’s Jubilee Fund are qualified by knowledge or experience to have a voice in devising “any arrangements” “to qualify Training Institutions” to train, and 2. as to furnishing names to a Central Body, what is that but opening the whole question of a Public Register - and falling back upon the analogy (or no-analogy) of the Medical Register & Medical qualifications?

3. “The Queen’s Trustees or “Council” are established for a limited object - are in no sense a Body representing the educational side of Nurses. And there is not the least reason to suppose that they desire to undertake the duties you would cast upon them, or that it would be practicable or desirable that the attempt should be made to make use of them for such a purpose.
4. The suggestion as to Sir H. Ponsonby would not avail. There is no spark of such a consensus of opinion between the R. Brit. Nurses Ass: & the leading Training Schools of London, Liverpool &c &c. Edinburgh &c as would render the services of a mere go-between of any avail. And Sir H.P. would be nothing else. He has no knowledge of the subject to enable him to make suggestions.

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5. With reference to a Central body, which should decide on what Hospitals are capable to train or not, being guided by certain regulations, such as you suggest should be laid down by the R.B.N.A. the Queen’s Jubilee Fund Council & other persons, the time is not ripe for any such scheme. The public opinion of Hospitals, as has been seen, would not submit to any dictation. And what is more important, the Hospital managers are
not yet imbued with the
perception of what is
requisite for the proper
conduct of a Training School
Mere regulations &
“arrangements” will not
teach them. The task of
the Central Body would
be a very invidious one
& could not be carried
out in practice.
The Empress Frederick is
in accord with me, I am
almost sorry to say, that
your proposals are not
practicable.

Your kindness always
wishes me to answer
your questions & proposals
fully, according to my
best experience.
But I will not
unnecessarily lengthen this
letter. only to wish
you a happy Easter.
And you will pray that
Christ the Lord shall rise
again in each of us
yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale
For all your kindness
may He reward you!
& bless you!
94/3 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: F39} roll 3b

April 12/94
{printed address:} 10, South Street, Park Lane. W.

Dearest Miss Masson
   I should be so very sorry if you were to be in London & I not see you. Could you kindly come & see me at 5.30 or 6 to-day? Or if that is impossible at the same time tomorrow, if that is consistent with your return to Oxford?
   Thanks for your lovely flowers - ever your affectionate
   F. Nightingale

94/4 signed note, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 66}

To Messenger
   Please take this box to 109 Jermyn Street by 4.30 this afternoon - but keep your cab & ask Mr. Louis Shore Nightingale to let you take them/it on to Waterloo Station for him because the box is so big - You know the platform for Romsey South Western rail To-morrow (Monday) please bring a small box of flowers from Dickson’s, Covent Garden ready at 8.30 a.m. here You had better take a cab here - F. Nightingale 26/8/94
Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

Your kindness & your wisdom have never been forgotten by me. May I prefer now an earnest & I hope not very audacious request?

I am very much interested in the Sanitary Committee of the Bucks County Council. They hold their Sanitary Conference on October 24 at Aylesbury,

They say: it would be “magnificent” if Sir Thomas Crawford would give us our opening address -

Is there any possibility that you would be able to favour them thus?

I will leave it to Mr. Frederick Verney, the Chairman of this Sanitary Committee to describe it & say how useful your
Address would be -
    as indeed it would.
    Pray believe me
dear Sir Thomas Crawford
ever yours sincerely
    Florence Nightingale
To give ourselves a better
    chance, I think I will
    send this not without
    waiting for the more
    formal note/letter of Mr.
    Verney who is in the
    country.

    F.N.

94/6 signed letter, 2ff, pen {archivist: CI 30}

10, South St. Park Lane. W.
    Oct 6/94
Dear Sir Thomas Crawford
    Will your gentleness
    think me unpardonably
    trespassing if I presume
    to hope that you may
    kindly reconsider your
determination not to give
the opening address to
the Sanitary Conference
at Aylesbury.
    The Conference Day is
    put off from the 24th to the
    31st of this month. If
    you would relent, Mr.
    Frederick Verney would
    meet you anywhere to
discuss particulars -
You do not know how
great a help to the few
Sanitarians in Bucks
your personality would
be. It would do our
cause the greatest
service. “We do not want
“a long address,” Mr. F.
Verney writes to me:
“What Sir Thomas could
do for us without” - he
hopes - “great exertion
“is to give to the Conference
“the encouragement of
“his presence & his sympathy
“& his counsel in a few
“opening

“words” - “saying e.g.
“how much interest is now
“being aroused by sanitary
“self-help - & how much
“may be done by a proper
“use of existing
“administration, & how
“much by bringing
“people together interested
“in the work who are
“all striving after one end.”
It is not a long
scientific speech we ask,
but a short opening
address to a Staff of
Workers, who want
encouraging & stimulating.
who want the esprit
de corps & the method
& discipline & organization,
of which a man like
yourself has seen so
much, & the advantages
of which he knows so
well. You are the very
man you/we want. "Then,
says Mr. F. Verney, "if
you would stay a bit,
& take part in the debate,
as you felt moved to
do so, this would be
very kind."
Am I very importunate?
Put me in the fire, if I am.
yours ever sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Claydon House Oct. 29/94
Winslow
Bucks
Dear Frances
A parcel of bound
books, Macaulay’s History
of England, 5 Vols:
which has not been
opened, is lying on the
floor in my bed-room
close to the dressing-room
door - I think it had
better be unpacked &
the books taken down into
the Drawing-room &
carefully covered up
from the dust.
There is also the parcel of Mr. Jowett’s Plato, also I think 5 Vols:, which now, I believe, lies on the floor in my bed-room under the large round table - Those I think had better be unpacked & taken down to the drawing-room & covered up.

The books on the little round table in my bed-room might form a separate parcel for the drawing-room.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Reynolds & Bessie -
And speak to poor Barglar - & tell him he ought to write me a letter - He did look so miserable when we set off.

We got thru’ our journey very well - The people at Euston were so kind & attentive, for Sir Harry’s sake, whom they all remember -
But I was very ill yesterday

God bless you all yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Claydon House
Winslow Bucks
Dear Frances
Thank you for forwarding my letters
Pray put only the address as above
on my letters - &c -
ever “care of” anyone
I hope you will have a good journey home. God bless you
Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Oct. 30/94

Miss Frances Groundsell
10 South St.
Park Lane
London W.

Claydon House Nov. 22/94
My dear Frances
I have received your letter.
If you would like to stay over Sunday & go back to South St.
on Monday , I think you might.
I will write to Mrs. Reynolds to-day
& say so - & that you will write to her & tell her which day
you will come, because I shall not receive your answer in time to let her know -
I am glad you are so much better -
Pray give my kind regards to your father & mother & aunt.
   God bless you
yours sincerely F. Nightingale
I hope you will find Mr. Vare’s work all right.
   You will pay Mrs. Reynolds, of course, 2/ a day for your Board -
   Write to me, please -
   F.N.

94/10 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 48} [8:1009]

Claydon House Nov. 29/94
My dear Frances
   Thank you for your letter -
   We shall not at all events come home this week - so that you will have plenty of time -
   I hope Bessie is helping you - Give her my love -
   Please tell Mrs. Reynolds with my kind regards that we shall
not come back this week & that I hope to write to herself tomorrow
  God bless you all
  in great haste
ever/yours sincerely
  F. Nightingale

I hope your Aunt continues better - Does she wear flannel next the skin?

94/11 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 49}

Claydon Dec. 21/94
My dear Frances
  Your List helped me very much.
Will you help Mrs. Reynolds with addresses &c &c in the List I now send her?
  I will, if possible, send you the List of Xmas Boxes & some money by early post tomorrow - Will you help Mrs. Reynolds with/to make the Tradesmen’s List -
  God bless you
  yours sincerely
  F. Nightingale
Claydon Dec. 21/94
Dear Frances,

I send you the List of Xmas Boxes generally given by Lizzie. Also a Cheque for £14/4.15-6

You had better buy that number of stamps -

I told Mrs. Reynolds that I generally laid in £3 worth of stamps for Xmas boxes. If she has done so, you had better buy your stamps of her - & give her £1.10, which I think will more than cover what she will want for the Tradesmen’s boys - Then there will be £2 left for your Board Wages

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{\£1. 5. 6} \\
\text{1. 10.} \\
\text{2} \\
\text{\£4. 15- 6}
\end{array}
\]

I do this, because I have almost finished my Cheque Book, & cannot afford 2 Cheques till I have another

I wish you all a happy Christmas

sincerely yours

F.N.
94/13 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 51} [8:1009]

Claydon Dec. 27/94
My dear Frances I am very glad indeed that your Aunt is somewhat better. & trust that the improvement will continue -
You may, if you please, go to Day’s or to any Stationer he recommends you to & get 3 Pocket books for 1895 about 2/6 each - [I am afraid it is rather late in the year to have much choice]
one for yourself
one for Mrs. Reynolds
one for Bessie
with a good Calendar
with leaves for Accounts - at the end space for each day in the Year for a Diary
And plenty of useful information
I generally ask for a “Gentleman’s “Pocket book” for myself, because they are so much better & have no stories or pictures which are so much better in the Periodicals -
And give one to each with my love,
God bless you all -
I am sorry to be so long away -
I enclose your Quarter with my best wishes yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

95/1 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 52} [8:1010]

Claydon Jan 4/95
My dear Frances
Please pay the enclosed Account from Miller, if correct - Lizzie says the “Oct. 20" part is -
Mrs. Reynolds will give you £1.
Please feed the Birds in any place where they will be quite free from the cats - - And remember
that crumbs will only multiply the sparrows. What a nuisance the house next door was! If we want to save the robins, to hear them sing in the winter, & the blackbirds, to hear them sing in the spring, we must have meat-y things to feed them with, for only sparrows will eat bread.

We have a robin here which comes in & out of my dressing-room in haste & has its own plate yours sincerely & chair to sit on

F. Nightingale the bar.

Give my love to Bessie & ask her to write me another letter

How is your Aunt?

95/2 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 53} [8:1010]

Claydon Jan 7/95

Dear Frances

Would you be so good as to go to Massey’s & get me
2 doz - of the largest (outside) Envelopes
50 of the next size - but I should prefer the inner flap reaching as far as my pencil mark
25 of the smallest size (yours
Would Massey also send me a packet (5 quires) of the rough “Old English Paper” of which I enclose a pattern. Please ask him to be so good as to send them all down by return of post, that is to-morrow (Tuesday) (the day you go to him) to me. Claydon Ho:

Winslow Bucks

put up so as not to crumple.

[If you cannot get the middle size at Massey’s, probably {paper cut off} {you could?} get it at Henni {paper cut off}]
II If tickets come in an Envelope from the Dental Hospital, please forward them at once -

Thank Bessie for her letter - yours sincerely F. Nightingale P.T.O.

If you cannot get match the Envelopes I want, let him send a few of the nearest match he can by return of post & send the rest later -

95/3 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 54} [8:1010-11]

Claydon Jan 11/95

My dear Frances

I do not quite understand why you could not change your Cheque - You had better go to the Bank & change it there - If you go tomorrow (Saturday) it must be before 12.

Did you write your name on the back?
I send a Cheque for Board Wages &c
We have severe frost & snow here.
- the trees all white with rime -
- the birds are starving, the sparrows & starlings fight for food & drive away the blackbirds & the small birds
- two sparrows will drive away a Jack daw -

  God bless you
  ever faithfully yours
  F.N.

I hope your Aunt is better again -
If you like Mrs. Reynolds to send her some soup in the form of Jelly, I am sure she would. Shall I send her some more Whiskey?

F.N.
I am very sorry that Pickle is lost, but I had rather he was lost than killed by a dog. He was the only cat worth a mouse.

95/4 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 55}

Claydon Jan 7/95
Dear Frances
  I cannot remember whether the “Easy Chair” mentioned in Mr. Hindley’s Bill is the one which always lives by my Bed, or one of the Drawing-room Chairs _ You will tell me - But meanwhile I want to pay Mr. Hindley’s Bill - Yours faithfully F. Nightingale
Claydon
Jan 29/95
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Frances

Could you find in my
Bed-room
1. a roll of very large
white foolscap (clean)
Reports of the “Nightingale
“Fund” for 1893 - It is a loose
flat roll with an india rubber ring round it - quite nice &
clean - It lay till I
went away in the square
chair by my bed - or
thereabouts - No doubt
every thing was moved
when the workmen came
in - but perhaps you
can still find it -
2. a book, tidy but not
handsome, called

“Jubilee Institute proceedings”
It was also lying on
the same chair.
Mr. Bonham Carter
wants these two things -
If you can find them
or anything that looks
like them, will you
take them down into
the Dining-room - & write
a little note to
Hy Bonham Carter Esq
5 Hyde Park Square
W.

that they are there -
& will he be so good
as to come & look if
they are the right ones?  
Or shall you take them to him to see?
II. Sir Douglas Galton says that he sent by post to me at South St - “at or about “Christmas” a thin pamphlet with a cover & my name written in pencil on the cover by me, called “The “Soldier’s Hygiene” by Surgeon Col Evatt - or some such name as Hygiene I cannot find it in the parcels you have sent me. Could you just look & see if by any mistake it has been left behind? at South St? 
III. I was thinking of having one of the book-cases just came, opposite my bed where the Tallboy is near the Dressing-room door - & the Tall boy to go where the other Tall boy is behind the screen & the other Tall boy to go where that little piece of furniture is behind the door on to the landing - But perhaps it had better all wait till I come home - I am going to write about some Bills - yours faithfully  
F. Nightingale
Feb 1/95

Dear Frances

I send you this Cheque for Bills (which I will send) & Board Wages.

It is just possible that Mrs. Shore Nightingale may come to South St. for a few days - I am sure you will make her comfortable

{written in right margin} yrs fflly
F. Nightingale

Feb 7/95

Please pay these two Bills, dear Frances

S. Hall £4. 6
Cannon £7

£11  6

I shall have more to send
Don’t send the receipts
Mrs. Reynolds will make anything your Aunt likes
in soup or jelly &c  F.N.
London Feb 9/95
Dear Mr. Treasurer

St. Thomas is in my heart. For 35 years past I have been intimately acquainted with the current work and daily history of the Hospital & the Training School. I cannot therefore but sympathise with you most fully in your present endeavours.

It is now 35 years ago that, through the generosity of the British Public & Army & the cordial co-operation of the Governors of St. Thomas’ Hospital, I - after searching experience among London Hospitals - was instrumental in establishing a School for Nurses in the old St. Thomas at London Bridge. Through that School, my connection with and interest in the Hospital has continued till the present time. And, though
precluded for many years past by
the state of my health from visiting it,
I have, through others, been kept
acquainted with it. My very
affectionate personal relations with
your late invaluable Matron, Mrs.
Wardroper, who was the first Hospital
Matron to be Head of the Nursing
& Lady Supt. of the Nursing Staff,
and with her successors & the
trained Lady-heads I cannot speak
of here.
When in 1871 preparatory to the
opening by the Queen of the grand
building of the new Hospital, the [FN omitted first new] School was called upon to provide
for the largely increased Staff of
Nurses required, it was already found
to be equal to the occasion, and all
the Wards, as they became rapidly
occupied by Patients, were supplied
with excellent “Sisters” (Head Nurses) &
Nurses, who in their turn became
trainers of others - Am I not
justified in saying that, in the
improvements in the Nursing
organisation of Hospitals & in the
education & training, moral &
technical, of Nurses which have
been effected since that time,
St. Thomas’ has taken a leading
part.
We appeal to the public to support
St. Thomas. because we believe it to
be a thoroughly good Hospital
What do we mean by a good
Hospital? It is distinguished by a
high tone of morals, by admirable
organization, by the wise & liberal
devotion of the Doctors; - it is a place
where any good mother of any class
might be glad to see her daughter
on the Nursing Staff. Such it must
be to be a good Training School
whether for Nurses or for Medical students - a place where the essentials of good doctrine & good practice exist. Add to this where the shape & construction of the Wards admits of windows on both sides - & is such that one "Sister" (Head Nurse) can overlook the whole - [The "Sister" is the keystone of the Nursing hierarchy, thro' whom the Matron overlooks Nurses, Probationers, Wardmaids, Patients] All this we find at St. Thomas’ May I venture to call attention here to the moral effect of such Wards over the Patients’ future life? The men cease to swear; the women learn notions of decency, order & cleanliness that may be carried out at home. The children hear “good words” - perhaps for the first time. They gain good & give good even in the adult wards & even with the young men. A little
boy of six came in to a man’s ward
who literally could not speak without
an oath. He appeared to know no
other words. But under the influence
of the “Sister”, he became the little
missionary of the Ward, without even
preaching, as goody children in
story books do. When he said his
little prayers to the Sister who had
taught them to him, with his arms
round her neck, she could see with
the tail of her eye a man in the
next bed put his head under the
bed-clothes to hide his tears] - perhaps
thinking of the time when he
prayed at his mother’s knee. At
later time when he was not in the
St. Thomas but with some “Sisters”, he
would not even ask for sweets, given
away at Christmas time, because it
was not “right” for him. If that is not
religion, I don’t know what is.
Four years he was with us. Then he died.
{after “perhaps” there are faint diagonal lines drawn through the text.}
How many years is it since St. Thomas has had occasion to turn out a Patient?

One more question: as Science goes on, do not Hospitals become more expensive? Highly trained Nurses supplemented by Wardmaids are more expensive. Doctors order more expensive diets & appliances. Everything is supplied. Nothing is spared. Whatever is ordered is had. No one asks where the funds come from.

Where things have been worked up to this high pitch, what a pity to let them be starved.

May I be allowed to express my sense of the great help afforded to this Nursing movement - at first far from being generally understood or approved by the outside Public - by the willing & enlightened support of the Governors, of the Medical & Surgical Staff, & lay Staff of St. Thomas' Hospital.

That the Sick Poor should be deprived of the valuable benefits intended for them by the enforced idleness, so to say, of so many beds now vacant, must be cause of extreme regret to all who are acquainted with the excellent management & organization of the Hospital, lay, Medical & Nursing.

And if you are successful in bringing home to the British Public a perception of the very large amount of suffering which would be relieved or removed by the opening of the vacant wards, I cannot but believe that their
generosity will be moved
to supply the requisite means.
We appeal to them to support
a Hospital which from no
fault of its own has seen its
means of usefulness for which
it exists curtailed.
   All Success attend you
   Pray believe me
dear Mr. Treasurer
yours most faithfully
   Florence Nightingale
I beg to give £100
wishing I could afford
ten times more –

F.N.
J.G. Wainwright Esq
   Treasurer of St. Thomas’ Hospital
95/9 signed note, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 59} [8:1011]

Claydon Feb 15/95
My dear Frances
    I think we may return on
Tuesday or Wednesday, but I cannot
yet tell:
    I should like when I come to go
into the drawing-room first which I
have not seen for more than a year -
    & to have the small Drawing-room
      well warmed.
God bless you
   yours sincerely   F. Nightingale

95/10 signed note, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 60}

Claydon Feb 21/95
Dear Frances
    Please send me
the length & breadth of each bed
    for which you want blankets -
& how many you want
    I am sorry not to be coming
home yet for a day or two {printed address, vertical:} 10, South Street,
   Yours sincerely
     Park Lane. W.
   F. Nightingale
Claydon March 1/95
My dear Frances

Will you be so good as [8:1011] to pay these Bills for me
(you need not send the receipts)
Blackborn £1. 17. 7
Dickson 1 4

£3 1 7 {x ends here}

(It has just occurred to me)
that this is your BIRTH-DAY.
May God’s blessing be upon it,
& may He always lead you
by the hand. We cannot
go far wrong if we go no
further than where He
leads us.

And will you accept this

(present of a sovereign)
(which you will find)
in this Cheque -

I should like to know
whether the water-supply
is all right now, as I
was told it was frozen -
But that would not
effect my coming home.

I hope to be back
on Tuesday at latest
& will write again

yours sincerely

F.N.

Kind regards to Bessie
signed note, 1f, pencil

10 South St Sept 1/95
[this letter has a large X drawn through it]
Dear Frances
  If you are uneasy about your mother, to whom my kind regards, & if she feels unwilling to part with you, you might stay till Friday. I will telegraph this to you in the morning.
  God bless you
  yours faithfully
  F. Nightingale

[note]
Please return to
  Frances E. Magee
  19 Lancaster Road
  Notting Hill
  W. 11

95/12 initialed note, 1f, pencil & pen {archivist: A IX 61}

Claydon March 3/95
  Dear Frances We have another fall of snow here & severe frost - Lady Verney is ill in bed
  I am afraid I shall not come back till late in the week - I will write - Pray tell Mrs. Reynolds, Bessie & Burglar
  God bless you
  yours sincerely
  F.N. Turn over
Please ask Mrs. Reynolds to make & send a jar of very nice jelly to

Mrs. Joseph Coleman
Steeple Claydon
Bucks

F.N.
Please tell Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Holmes always thanks for what is sent her.

95/13 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private April 17/95
(printed address:) 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

May I come again to your kindness for the most valuable help which none but you can give?

May I enter at once into the matter in hand?

I have lately received from the Govt of India thro’ the I.O. some fresh & good Sanitary material in answer to some questions of mine, referring chiefly to the Conference at Belvedere of Engineering & Sanitary experts with
representative natives of Bengal - and a Bill for drainage works in Bengal &c &c
Also to the result of inquiries made in the Punjab as to the connection between a water-logged soil & malarial fever
Also as to the organization of Village Unions
These papers are extremely interesting - And not the least interesting are some by native Vice=Chairmen of Municipalities -one especially on the scarcity of water in Bengal which is almost a history of native views.

The Govt of India gives its consent to these papers being presented to Parliament And what we are anxious to obtain is an Article reviewing these papers, but not published till they are presented There is no one who would do it with any thing like the power of yourself, if you would be so very good as to undertake it
Don’t say nay. You are such a good friend
It would be well to publish it in the XIX Century or some such periodical if they will take it, rather than in the Medical papers.

Believe me always

yours most sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Confidential

I have also received dated March 8 from Lord Elgin a Circular (& List of questions) to the Govts of India about a proposed “Village Sanitary Inspection Book” — But it will be doubtful whether this can be included in the Article, as it does not seem to have reached the I.O.  F.N.  [end 10:229]

June 11/95
10, South Street, Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

I have thought much of you during your illness & absence; and I trust that when you return from Switzerland, I may be able to ask for a visit from your kindness.

May you entirely recover your strength in your tour is the earnest wish of yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Pray excuse pencil

to J.G. Wainwright Esq
June 18/95
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Waterloo Day
My dear Miss Easton
(Sister Elizabeth)
You must have thought
I was long in coming - But
I was enquiring ‘all along
‘the line’ for the best books.
You wished for a book on
“Obstetrical Surgery”
because you had so many
operations of that kind
And I have been recommend-
ed a very good book
on “Abdominal Surgery”
(Greig Smith’s) which I
have got.
But on the whole I think
you preferred
Erichsen - & I send you
his very best Edition -
2 Vols: Say if you
like it - & say if there
is a third Vol: coming
or come in the publication
You have my very best
wishes that you should
succeed as one of the
key-stones under the
Matron - as one of the
Great influences over
Staff Nurses, Probationers,
Wardmaids, Patients,
both technically &
morally.
The highest success be
with you
yours hopefully &
cheerily
Florence Nightingale
Excuse pencil
{archivist: P 9} {in another hand: Miss Nightingale }
Sister Elizabeth
(Miss Easton)
{archivist: 18.6.95}
95/16 {archivist: B IX 4} Claydon [12:465-66]
(Miss Allardyce)
I have been a long time
making enquiries - but
here I am at last
You wished for a Surgical
Dictionary - Heath is
not only the best but
the only one. So I hope
it will meet your purpose.
You also wished for a
photograph of me - I have
no photograph of myself
& I do not know
where to buy one -
But you have my sympathy
& highest good wishes,
for you & your flock -
Won’t that do as well?
To-day is Waterloo Day -
the splendid endurance
& sticking to their posts
- not of veterans all, but
of boys, many of them.,
just out of School. Their
loss was frightful. But
they saved Europe.

And I too may think of
Inkermann Day - the
battle of the common
soldier - still more
splendid
O for that ‘esprit de
corps’ among our Nurses
- that holding high the
standard - regardless of
anything but duty &
love of the comrade!
Let us all be Standard
Bearers.
ever yours in good hope
Florence Nightingale
June 19/95

My dear Sister Ophthalmic
(Miss Shuter)

You never performed your promise of asking me for a book you would like. So I send you Nettleship, but I dare say you have it already -

Tell me some book you would like.

I hope you get more reconciled to the darkness -

& am ever your affectionate friend
F. Nightingale

Sister Ophthalmic (Miss Shuter)

{archivist: P 5}
{archivist: 19.6.95}
June 20/95
10, South Street, Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir Thomas Crawford
I seem to be always tormenting you; and you are always so kind to me.
Am I trespassing too much on your kindness if I ask you if I may be allowed to nominate you on the Council of the “Nightingale Fund” for training Hospital & Infirmary Nurses?
At present & for years past it has never been necessary for the Council to meet more than once a year to pass the accounts.

But the number is reduced to its minimum, five - and two of the members are almost incapacitate, one by absence & one by illness - We are hoping to add two other younger men; and we feel that occasion might arise when your experience & advice would be most valuable.

Our faithful & active Secretary, Mr. Henry
Bonham Carter, would call upon you if you happened to be in London at any time that you would kindly appoint, if I might hope that you would accede to our prayer. With many thanks for all your kindness pray believe me ever yours sincerely Florence Nightingale

95/19 signed note, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 67}

Mr. Solomon 24/8/95
Please send a pound of quite ripe black grapes & oblige F. Nightingale

Pay
Dear Miss Moriarty

I give you joy that you have an appointment that you like; and above all that you have Miss Vincent - as you say - One would like to know a little more about the appointment: is there to be a Resident Medical Supt? & if so who? does the Matron have the appointment & dismissal of the Nurses? I am so glad that probably Miss Vincent can give you some of her "training".

Thank you for your kind letter.

It is rather hard upon you to have to train for the Lying-in Wards - It is so difficult for you to get good training in London Lying-in Hospitals And 3 months is quite too short a time - Then much the most important part of the matter is to teach the poor Mothers
the monthly Nursing of the baby & indeed the Nursing of it till it is a year old:
how to feed it
how to clothe it
how to wash it
It is said, for instance, that the health of infants is actually degenerating from the want of knowledge of the mothers that milk is a food.
You have a fine opportunity at Isleworth to bring in this kind of instruction - But it must be slowly used.
Shall you have a Midwife over the Wards for Lying-in Patients at the new Brantford Infy - Or will there be a Medical man?
And what are to be the Nurses or Nurse?
I have known something of Midwives among the poor in London - And not one of them gave anything but the most unwise advice to the
mothers about the feeding
& none at all about
the cleanliness -
There is one Lying-in Hospl
whose training is much better
than the rest. But
what the Pupil Midwives
learn is lost & forgotten
when they set up for
themselves.
What Lying=ин Hospital did
you intend to go to?
I am afraid that there
is much too much regard
paid now to books
instead of beds in training

"dipped in ink", as the
Hindoo expression goes,
we are all to be - the greatest
mistake that can be
made. Beds must
come first; books
afterwards. We had
a Training School for
5½ - years at one of the
great Hospitals once -
We had to give it up,
because infection
spread from the General
Wards - And this of
course requires the
greatest care wherever
the Lying-in Wards are within the Parochial Infirmary. Are yours under the same roof? But what I was going to say is: that we always gave 6 months’ training & 3 months by bedsides at home & still we would not call our pupils Midwives but only *Midwifery Nurses*. Miss Hampson, who was one of our Sisters at St. T’s, is now the Matron of the great Rotunda (Lying-in) Hosp at Dublin & the training is excellent there. But they only call their Midwives *Nurses*. Excuse my writing in pencil. And excuse my many questions, because I feel such interest in the matter.

ever yours faithfully F. Nightingale

There is now among Doctors after their years of student-ship a very just outcry that 3 months Midwifery is too little F.N. [end 12:691]

{archivist: N 6 Letter from Florence Nightingale gift of Nurse N.H. Lee}

Miss Moriarty
S. Marylebone Infirmary
Notting Hill W.

{archivist: 30 Oct 1895}
April 2/96
10, South Street, {printed address:}
   Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir
   You were so good
   as to say that you
   wished to see me -
   I have not yet been
   able to leave my room,
   but if you will excuse
   this, I should be very
   glad if you would
   kindly fix any afternoon
   at 5 or 5.30 except
   Good Friday (tomorrow)
   Yours sincerely
   F. Nightingale
J.G. Wainwright Esq

{archivist: H 28}
J.G. Wainwright Esq
   Treasurer’s House
      St. Thomas’ Hospital
2/4/96
April 23/96
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir
I do not know whether
you expected an answer
from me to your kind note
I shall thankfully keep
“Tuesday 28th about 5 o’clock”
open for you - as you are
so good as to offer -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
J.G. Wainwright Esq

J.G. Wainwright Esq
Treasurer’s House
St. Thomas’ Hospital
25/4/96
April 29/96
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir
I shall be very much
obliged to you for 12
(instead of 6) more
10/6 Concert Tickets
for Saturday
& beg to enclose a
Cheque for £6.6
I am afraid I kept
you very late yesterday,
but I was so much
interested in your
conversation.
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
J.G. Wainwright Esq

May 8/96
Dear Frances
If, as I suppose, the
“real leather” will last
longer than the “leather”,
& if the sofa is a
“comfortable” one for
your mother, & good
& strong, you may
order at Harrod’s
the one in “real leather”
for “£4.4 - & carriage
paid to “Hunstanton”
"about 3/6" - And I hope it will be a comfort to her
     yours faithfully
     F. Nightingale
Harrod had better send his Acct to me
     F.N.

96/6 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil & pen {postmarked: LO 65}
{archivist: A VII 11} roll3b H1/ST/NC2/96/6

June 27/96
10, South Street, {printed address:}
    Park Lane. W.  [13:855]
My dear Miss Blower
     I should be grieved indeed not to see you as you & your Nurses are passing thro’ London on a welcome errand.
     On Friday July 3 I fear I could not see you So pray don’t separate from your Nurses for me If it were possible for you to come between the visit to Windsor & the going to the Duke
of Westminster’s without too much fatigue to you, I would keep Thursday afternoon open for you, if I did but know about the time. But don’t hurry yourself. I suppose it will be quite evening before you arrive on Wednesday July 1 at Mrs. Acland’s. If you could kindly answer my poor little questions even by a post-card, I should be able to arrange my time. I want so much to hear about your work in Manchester.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

{in another hand: From Miss Nightingale}
{archivist: A VIII 11}
Miss Jessie Blower
53 Ardwick Green
Manchester

27/6/96
10, South Street, June 29/96
My dear Miss Blower

It is clear that you cannot come to me between the Queen & the D. of Westminster.
My Wednesday afternoon is already taken up -
And I think we will/would say "Thursday morning between 10 and 11", as you kindly propose. But that would be to half kill you.

Therefore I will see you, please, on Friday morning in good time say 10 15 after all, if that will enable you to go by the 12.10 train, as you propose.

Could you kindly tell me the unmarried name of the lady which I have stupidly forgotten, who preceded you, I think, in your present post, & who married a clergyman? If you could kindly telegraph it to me, I would gladly re-imburse the telegram.

Hoping to see you so as to hear about your work ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Miss Jessie Blower
51 & 53 Ardwick Green
Manchester

29/6/96

signed letter, 2ff, pencil

London July 25/96

Dear Miss Harrison

I regret infinitely

that we are quite

decided for their own

sakes not to admit

Probationers at St. Thomas’

Training School for Nurses

under the age of 24.

When the time comes,

it might be possible

to make the other

arrangements you desire

At St. Marylebone

Infirmary the Matron

(who is one of ours)

admits them at 22,

but, she tells me, that

is too young - I strongly

advise you to go on

with the Nursing of

children for the

present & wish

you every success in

persevering for the

future. You are not losing

time F. Nightingale
There must be some mistake - It is not possible that I could have engaged in “dispensing the medicines “at Scutari”.  
F.N.

96/10 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: P 6} [Carpenter]

July 27/96
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Sister Christian
I am sorry to be so troublesome - But I find it impossible to keep to what my wish & not my power dictated - viz. to keep several afternoons open this week open till the Bishop of Ripon could make the appointment with me which he was kind enough to desire - We are so crowded during the fag end of a Session Also: I could not see more
than one person at a time
It is years since I have
been able to do so -
The fact is: I was in
hopes the Bishop of Ripon
meant to give me some
advice -
I still hope he will be
able to make an
appointment to see me -
but I am afraid my
Tuesday (tomorrow) is gone
already.

It is only by scrupulously
ignoring all “interviews”
except those on business
that I keep any time for
work at all -
[I have had as many as
17 applications by one
mail from America]
I am sorry to be so
troublesome
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Aug 8/96

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

Dear Miss Helen Taylor

Thank you for your note about poor little Rosie. I dare say the Samaritan Socy provides clothes, & I suppose the Charity Organizn does. But still as she has a poor little body of her own, tho’ one legged, I think she must have clothes of her own, must not she? Could you be so very kind as to provide them with what I enclose? I am so driven for time, tho’ not I dare say more than you are - You can find full employment for £1 with the Children - I don’t think they are poor in St. Thomas’ where they hear more Good Words than anywhere else - But they certainly are very poor when they come out

God bless them -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
Aug 19/96
10, South Street, {printed address:} [12:482]
Park Lane. W.

Dear Miss Helen Taylor

Thank you for your note about your Rosie-O! The ecstatic joy of a “pail” & “spade” by the sea-side! But she must be active on her crutches to use a “spade”.

I am still gladder to know that she returns to St. T’s who has been a father to her, tho’ she has lost a leg -

yours sincerely
F.N.

{archivist: F 25} with the food
Sister Elizabeth
(Miss Helen Taylor)
Elizabeth Ward

[end]

21/11/96

with a book
Sister Florence
Florence Ward
St. Thomas’
Private Nov 21/96

10, South Street, Park Lane. W.

Dear Miss Allardice

I send you “The Old Missionary”: Sir W. Hunter is a man who has spent many years - of his life in India & knows what he is writing about. It is a lovely story, I think. I have not forgotten the books for your men. Yesterday you kindly mentioned to me the things you taught your Probationers which you considered ground work: such as Diets Lotions &c

Would you kindly put down for me in the briefest manner the things you do consider our ground work - Medicine & its “component parts” are, as you said, not our business

yours sincerely

F.N.
Dear Mr. Rathbone

I did not receive your kind letter, about the “Zenana Bible & Medical Mission”, (Famine Appeal), dated Jan 13 till the last post last night Jan 16.

Lord Kinnaird must have circulated his appeal before Ld G. Hamilton yielded & sanctioned the Lord Mayor’s appeal - There can be no doubt that the Lord Mayor’s Fund is the best channel. Besides, there is a serious objection to the Zenana Mission

About the urgency of the Famine there are not now, I suppose, two opinions - It is a symptom of the increasing & excessive poverty of the Ryot that he cannot stave over one bad famine/harvest without, alas! probably hundreds of thousands of Deaths from starvation.

It is pitiable that we who are so zealously trying to do the ryots good, & are so proud of our law, peace & protection, cannot understand the Ryots - Our boasted Civil Courts
even do him harm by interfering between him & the money-lender [You probably understand all this better than any one.] Rice won’t bury - But the Ryot used to have immense stores of Millet underground which tided him over a bad harvest. Now all this drifts away to the best market in the money-lender’s hands, which grab it by virtue of the Civil Courts’ finding -

We hope to get a Select Committee this Session to discuss the Indian Budget, & to show how heavily our great army weighs upon the native -

That is all very well; but Lord Ripon’s policy was worth 30,000 men to us - No enemy could ever get in if the great Agricultural population were contented We have to consider this. & also the Civil Courts - & the Famine as only a symptom - the disease being the Ryots’ poverty -

I have to thank you, oh so gratefully, for the beautiful flowering plants which come every week & delight my life - tho’ I feel as
if I were always
preying upon you –
You kindly ask after me
I am almost a prisoner
to my bed & entirely to
my room – But I am
able, thanks to my Heavenly
Father, to do a good bit
of work yet – And I
hope to get down-stairs
in the spring
God bless you
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
I take the liberty of enclosing
your Envelope

To Mr. Rathbone
F.N.
{pamphlet: How People May Live and not Die in India by Florence Nightingale}
April 20/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Very dear Sister Frances
How good of you to
write to me. I wish you
evory the highest Easter
blessing, & every success
in your new house & Hospital.
I shall think of you on
your day of Consecration.
How much happiness &
even joy you will give -
We are in the same
heavy pressure of business
(which I am thankful to
have) & ill health - And
you are in the same pressure -
But I trust your health
is not worse.
Could you tell me without [8:406]
much trouble
-What was the curriculum
of the 6 months of the
Probationers for Midwifery
Nursing in the Ward under
our dear, dear friend
-what practical teaching they
had
-what theoretical -
-what practice among lying
in women at home? & under what Midwife? The Midwife in the Midwifery Ward delivered all cases, normal & abnormal, I believe. -was Sir W. Priestly called in at all? It would be very kind of you & valuable for me if you could give me this information - But don’t weary your dear self about it.

May I send you this poor little Cheque for your Hospital - would it were more! [end 8:406] God bless you, & He will bless you - and I know you say God bless you to me - How much does that blessing mean! ever yours, dear friend F. Nightingale

{archivist: L 15} To the Mother Superior (Sister Frances) S. Mary’s Convent 39 Kensington Square 20/4/97 W.
My dear Harry

Thanks for your note -

I am very glad you are going to discuss “Regulations for Rural Nurses” And

{there is a wavy line drawn through the rest of the paragraph}

I shall be very glad, as you kindly propose, to see you on Sunday afternoon.

I had perhaps better say now, anent the “Queen’s Jubilee Institute”, that Mr. Rathbone wrote me a long (typed) letter some time ago, saying that he had heard I was going to see Mr. S. Holland, & urging me to urge him to send the

Jubilee’s “well trained” Nurses “all over England” “as fast as possible” - that that was the main thing -

Mr. S. Holland came the same afternoon - & you know what he said to me viz. that they had £50000, & that there was no longer any stratum worth having to tap - that they had come to the end of the best strata - & that they had no longer the “well-trained” Nurses &c &c -

I therefore did not mention Mr. Rathbone’s letter to him or even to you - nor did I acknowledge it. {line ends here}

Now for the rural Nurses - From many sources I had heard of the annexation of the Rural
Nurses by the Jubilee Inste
- of the appointment of the three
Inspectresses under Miss Peter -
- of the Jubilee’s two “Standards” -
- of the so-called “standard”
trained at Plaistow for 6 months
for Rural Nurses &c &c &c
I am not indeed trying to
inform you - probably you will
say I am trying to misinform you
Nor do I understand the subject
of the ‘two Standards’ -
All I want to say is: that
it is by the testimony of
knowledge-able people & Doctors
a subject of national importance
the FEEDING, ESPECIALLY the FEEDING,
clothing & cleanliness of children,
especially under 2 years of age,
that indigestion under that age
is rarely or never cured - through

I understand
that the Plaistow Nurses
do visit the mother twice a
day for a week after delivery
& once a day for another week
What I plead for is that
it may be an express purpose
of these Rural Nurses if they
do the delivery &C to see
the BACK BABIES - THE
PENULTIMATE or even older
babies - The mothers are
always delighted to show
them if they are in good
condition & make an excuse
for them (they have a “cold"
or something) if they are not
in good condition - {the last six lines have a vertical line beside them in the margin}
97/3b initialed note, 1f, pencil

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Please consider all
this “Confidential” 1, 2.
Indeed, please return
it to me.

F.N.
1/7/97 {in another hand} See within 3 July/97}

{3 ff follow signed by H. Bonham Carter}

97/4 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil {archivist: G 4}

June 11/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Miss Christie
How good of you to
write to me about Nurse
Cooper - I send to enquire -
with a nose gay, if you
think well to give her a
few flowers - I have not the
least idea how she is
nourished - & our cook is
not a good one: But if
you would tell me anything
that she may have & would like, I would
do my best to get it for her
ever yours sincerely F. Nightingale

{archivist: G 4}
To enquire after Nurse Cooper
with a nosegay

Miss Christie
St. Thomas’
11/6/97
June 11/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Miss Christie
Could you come & see me tomorrow (Saturday)
at 3:30 [I have an unexpected clear time] or
if you are too busy in Matron’s absence, could
Miss Haig Brown? But I am afraid you are both
of you too busy.
Could Miss Walker
or Miss Boyd Carpenter
(Sister Christian)
But don’t disturb yourself.

Any one/Sister whom you like to see me would
be welcome & would bring me news of Nurse Cooper -
I am afraid of being very inconvenient to you
at such short notice.
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
{archivist: G 5}
Miss Christie
Matron’s Office
St. Thomas’ Hospital
Westminster Bridge
11/6/97 S.E.
97/6 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: F 40}

June 11/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dearest Miss Masson
I am so glad you
have Homerton - God
speed you - & give you
much good to do
& so sorry not to
be able to see you
now - I am so driven
but ever yours
F. Nightingale

97/7 unsigned notes, 32ff, pencil {archivist: A III 8}
[ca. May-July 1897?] [12:699-704]
I
Remarks of an Expert of standing
on Poor Law questions
I.f. Undesirableness of Medical
Inspectors -
He says that these must inspect
& report upon the treatment as
well as the food, ventilation,
cleanliness (& I suppose F.N. Nursing.)
that they ought to be men
of higher standing & higher
salaries than the Medical Officers inspected
- some of at least of whom are
excellent & very well paid
that there would be heart-
burnings & uprisings either on
one side or the other
either the Medical Officers
would, & justly, rebel against
the Inspector put over them
& over
& their experience, who
might be a clever modern person/Doctor with all the modern fads - & in that case you would not get the high class Medical Officers who, some of them at least, are really high class men - to & peacefully serve under his reporting
Or you must be at an ENORMOUS expense to secure a Medical Inspector of standing who would really be an authority over/among the Medical Officers & might legitimately report about them -
2. Besides (he said) Doctors are hardly ever men of business - they have not habits of business - they are not punctual, nor orderly - nor over cleanly -

Private

F.N. was not sufficiently ‘au fait’ to know that Medl Inspectors would have to inspect the treatment - which seems to her impossible - They would have of course to inspect the Sanitary condition, food, ventilation, cleanliness, cooking - state of Patients as to cheerfulness, good condition, decency, &c
Private
For the rest, she entirely
agrees with the estimate
of the “Expert”, No. 2, after
more than 40 years’ exp
3. The “Expert” said, that it
was a subject bristling with
difficulties, - that it was
quite unfair to make the
pauper more comfortable
than the poor hard-working
man who has to pay the
rates - & it was also
discouraging him from
saving, & frugality, if he

10, South Street, could get more
Park Lane. W. comforts in his
old age without it

II
II “Expert”-
Old people, infirm people
in Workhouses are much
better than we are, & are
more agreeable, especially
the old women, to talk to -
They always remember a kind
word or a flower I have
given them out of my
button-hole - they have it
pressed in a book against I
return - They like flowers -
I send the Matron plants,
& tell her to plant them
out in the garden, & let
each Ward have a flower
in a glass.

The old women are much
superior to what we are -
always ready to go halves
with each other in a screw
of tobacco or tea - so kind
to one another.

The young trained Nurses with
“fringes” are not half so agreeable to or so kind to the poor old Patients as the pauper Nurses often are - The old women like to be served by fellow paupers “they’re of our sort, as one of the old women said to me. And the pauper Nurses are very kind, keeping the old things/souls dry, guarding them from bed sores, while the young “fringes” are often hard, almost always imperious & set-up, & not putting their hand to the plough.

{on a separate scrap of paper: 2nd page, 3rd letter}

{archivist: 11}

III

Workhouse Schools

We have too much book-learning teach them to be cook-maids, nurse maids, house maids - so I can get them all places - & do. teach them to read their Bibles but get them animals, cocks & hens, rabbits & dogs. And let them learn from the animals - we can learn much more from animals than animals do from us - obedience from the dog - but if one cock leads out the rest, they all follow him & if one hen leads them rest
back, they all follow her -
teach them kindness to
animals - they/animals are so much
better than we
[I remember seeing a row of
Nightingales sitting on the
bar of the fender all
warming themselves - they
had all been taken from
the nest - at night they
went to bed i.e. they were
put into their cages]
I don’t hold to so much
grammar & book learning
for Workhouse children.

F.N. entirely agrees: We see
so much of it - that is in
those great Workho: Schools,
where the great cooking
range for some hundreds
leaves no room to teach
any single one cooking -
nothing but the commonest
place will take these poor
girls when they come out,
& generally they can’t keep it
And they come back with
lost characters to the Workho:
or to the Workh: Infirmary,
where they are the most
perfectly helpless beings you
can conceive - they can do
nothing - not even answer
when they are spoken to -
A kind Matron wd often
find them little places -
or take a couple into her
own house to teach - but
they can do nothing]
“Expert” said the Workhouse
Schools in Birmingham were
very bad - they did not
even teach the boys how
to eat: 7 would eat out of
one plate or 5 drink out of
one cup - But that, he said,
was years ago - [It was F.N.
who asked him the question
because she flatters herself
the big Workho: Infy at
Birmingham is now very
(printed address, upside down:)
10, South Street, good But he did
Park Lane. W. not know this Infy
He had never inspected it
IV How to manage the Guardians
   “Expert” —
You don’t know how to
    manage the Guardians,
Never abuse them — Above
 all, you must not make
speeches against them —
What I do is
I call upon one Guardian
   - I drink tea with her/his wife
another’s wife/who’s not at home & drink
   tea with her/his wife — This is the
most efficacious method —
I almost always find afterwards that
She has spoken to her

husband — & henceforth
    there is no difficulty
with him —
    But you don’t know
the right way to set
about it.
I see in my mind’s eye
   Ly Monteagle sitting at tea
with a Guardian’s wife:
And if my gentleman
accomplished so much
with the Guardians by this

means, what will Lady M
accomplish?
I see the “Assistants”
(most difficult of all)
coming for Miss Pringle.
One may say here at once Probationers need first-rate trainers, both in skill and in character. Where are the Probationers to come from?

F.N. The nuns must be at the head of all - But will they ever admit lay Probationers or lay Nurses into their building?

F.N.? Hierarchy This is important nuns M. No: not into their lay Staff Nurses R.C. building: but into the lay Probationers R.C. Hospital (see IV) Probationers Ward Maids (paupers) (archivist: 14)
If all nuns could be trained,
people would take the
Nurses they train - not otherwise
X Do the Bishops know
anything about the Nuns
at Paris when they put
all these restrictions upon
nuns about not nursing
men - not sitting up at
night -
X but people won’t take
Nurses trained by untrained
Nuns, so that these Nurses
could gain a livelihood?
School of Nurses under trained
nuns like their lay School.

_Nursing in Poor Law Hospitals_
Miss Pringle contradicts some
her experience limited Limerick
even there her good Bishop will not
hear of lay Probrs at present
Nor of nuns making night rounds
pamphlet seem to think Probs will grow
up all at once
(also that Probs don’t want first-rate
trainers both in skill & character)

 Provided the Irish L.G.B. will forbid
all pauper Nurses at once. p.19
That will leave them stranded — And
Miss P. says some of the pauper Nursing
is actually good (bed sores)
1 Does the writer speak for all Ireland —
or for the South? or for the North?
2 Mr. Balfour’s Bill 4 Lady Pembroke
3 Dublin Hospitals so small & so numerous

{archivist: 16}
operations require the best “trained” Nurses
Night Nurses ditto
not raw Probrs
Operation Theatre - one Sister & one Probr

II -5-
There are no “recognized City Training Hospls” in London/Dublin
p. 16 Impossible for Probationers to do the
4.15 “night duty” “in turn” - {archivist: 17}
   How long is the “turn” to be - not less
   than 2 months
   Operations ditto - must be attended
   by a trained Nurse (3 years’ training)
   with a Probationers if you please

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Difficulty about nuns is that they are
directly amenable to their Bishop
Night duty the most responsible
so Operation duty
Night duty must have regular hours of
sleeping by day

Pamphlet
Nursing in Poor Law Hospitals Dr. Smyth
Monteagles [Irish Workhouse Reform Association]
The pamphlet is exceedingly instructive &
suggestive - but one needs to ask
some questions about it p.16 p. 19
It seems to think that, if the employment
of Paupers in Nursing be forbidden by the
L.G.B., Probationers will grow up all at
once, fit to employ on night duty (the {archivist: 18}
most responsible of all) “in turn” - & at
M. there are no operations p. 7

“operations” - which require the best trained
Nurses & the most aseptic (what he
calls “scientifically clean” -)

One thoroughly trained Nurse & one
Probationer may be employed at an Operation
p. 8 see M -

It is indeed the indispensable aim & end
to get rid of pauper Nurses - But can
this be done by a L.G.B. Order - or
otherwise than by introducing 3 years’
[Where are the Probationers to come from?]
=trained Nurses - when ready - p. 16
{the following paragraphs have a diagonal line drawn through them}

I conclude that he means R.C. lay
Probationers & R.C. trained Nurses - M. Yes

It is always to be considered that
Nuns’ Hospitals are, more or less, under
their spiritual superiors - You must
work your reforms under the nuns; not
in spite of them {line ends here}

Miss Pringle contradicts some of Dr.
Smyth’s statements - But her experience

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is limited

Does Dr. Smyth speak
for Ireland generally? or/No for the South?
or for the North?

He speaks for the South & for Naes (Midland County)
Even her good Bishop will not hear of
lay Probrs at present M. He has changed his
mind & now thinks
that it may be done

Nor of nuns making night rounds
That will come

And Miss P. thinks some of the pauper
Nursing actually good - see no bed-sores
& straw mattrasses
changed (& burnt) every
fortnight [end]
1 qu F.N. Lady Pembroke’s 12 Probrs Only 5 Probationers not to be found
2 qu Mr. Balfour’s Bill M. won’t pass before Easter - Monteagle wants to alter some part - see
3 Dublin Hospls - so numerous & so small p. 7
4. qu Hospl mentioned by him qy St. Vincent - Miss Cameron
the only one which the R.C. authorities will admit training from -
What “recognized City Training Hospitals” are there in Dublin? only St. Vincent & Mater Misericordiae

X How long is the “turn” to be? not less than
F.N. 2 months

p. 16 Summary
1 Nursing by Paupers - No
2. one trained Nurse for day duty. Certainly
3. Probrs ) instead of paupers & Wardmaids][F.N.
4 Night duty “in turn” (see above X
5- Fever Nurse in Fever Hospl Certainly
6- “Fever Probr” (certainly not “at night night in Fever most dangerous

time
Also: Never exchange between Fever Hospl & Infy

7 Night duty must not be done
as it were promiscuously, without organization
8 ? pauper wardmaids
9 Inspection Medical Yes
10 Lady Inspectors - “thoroughly trained”
 where to be found?
Miss Pringle very averse to the “British “Medl Journal”

III -7-
F.N. Difficulty about nuns is that they are directly amenable to their Bishop
Night F.N. 3 elements should be
? ? 1. lay L.G.B.
 2. female under one female head qy Revd Mother
 3. Medical {archivist: 13}
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F.N. Night duty the most responsible
so Op must have regular hours of
  sleep by day
F.N. Operation duty responsible X
p. 10
Men nurses ought to be trained
F.N. just as much or even more
  than Women Nurses
  & never to sleep in the Wards
X F.N. understands from Lady Monteagle
that all “operations” of any consequence
are sent to Dublin - & that
nothing worse than a fractured bone
is ever treated in a Workho: Infirmary

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F.N.
  have you Industrial Schools? M. Yes
  trades taught - but difficult to dispose of the boys afterwards
  Dr. Richards - Priest (Oblate) - they
  often
  of St. Charles’ College
  Notting Hill
  return to the
  plough -
  girls don’t - do well
Lord Monteagle I won’t have Workhouse
Schools without the nuns

IV
Lady Monteagle - Dr. Smyth is a
  R.C.
F.N. What a good thing -
Lady M. his pamphlet - “Nursing in Poor
“Law Hospitals” has been submitted
to the Bishops, including the Archbishop
of Dublin (a restive personage) &{archivist: 19}
wonderful to say, approved - There
will be no difficulty in that quarter.
Lady Monteagle - Miss Pringle’s health was almost ruined, because she had to sleep more than a mile from her work. The nuns, though they loved her dearly, would not or could not admit her into their building. And she was sometimes called up at night, there being no one else but paupers. But she would never complain.

Now she is at Ruthkeel (our Parish Workhouse: Hospital) where there is unhappily an outbreak of Typhoid, tho’ it is but a small Hospital. But there are too few nuns, even at Limerick - 300 beds - 6 nuns And they will never sanction more nuns, nor lay Nurses -

Lord Monteagle made the very same remarks that I did on the preceding questions, which gave me some confidence. He has now an Executive Sub-Committee on Nursing, sitting at Dublin. - ballotted for from his W Irish Workhouse Association - And it is a splendidly representative Commee, consisting of Guardians & Priests!! Doctors!! some ladies &c

Lord Monteagle does not wish to commit himself to some propositions in Dr. Smyth’s pamphlet, which will be brought forward - The Executive Sub-Committee will not report till after Easter - He wishes to be prepared Dr. Smyth’s pamphlet very important
if only from its recognition by all
the Bishops -
But you can see p - 9 marked & passim
that he has no idea of the organization
of lay Nursing
that he thinks “Probationers” as plentiful
as blackberries - to be picked up
everywhere - whereas Lord Monteagle
says - where are they to be found?
Even Lady Pembroke has only been able
to get 5 out of her promised 12.
F.N.
[It is just the same as when we began.
We found the M.D.s here & all over the Continent
knew nothing about Nurses]
About Gerald Balfour’s Bill - to sort
or as he calls it “dissolve” the Workhouses

into for children
 Infirmaries
 Lunatic Asylums
 &c &c
it was/has been read once
& second reading will be when House
meets after Easter

II -5-
You do not denouce the
weeds in a field, but
you cultivate it.
Nothing can be done
without
1. the trained nuns
2. accommodation & maintenance
   for lay R.C. Probationers
   or Assistants
3. lay Probationers who afterwards
will be accepted by the
Public as Nurses & be able

P.T.O.
Ly Pembroke  10 lay Probrs
Miss Pringle  R.C. or Ch of Eng.
going to send her one more
to earn their own livelihood
Otherwise there will be
no inducement for them
to come (there is a line drawn through this paragraph)

Qy - Were there respectively
at the North & South of Dublin
a Workhouse Infirmary for
R.C. Patients with nuns/R.C. Sisters at the
head & another for other Patients
with Anglican Sisters at the
head? Or was there one
Anglican Supt over both,
with nuns (R.C. Sisters) under
her over one?
What does Lord Monteagle
expect from Mr. Balfour’s
statement? 21/5/97

Amelioration of material
conditions - Miss Pringle
Ly Pembroke puts Decent
Apartments &c as a
sine quà non
But is there any chance
of the Guardians affording
them?
Nothing is said by Lady
Pembroke as to who is to
pay the “salary not less
“than £20 a year”
It is an immense step
that Ly Pembroke has
already 10 Probrs & will
have 11 training already
(at her own expence)
But will the Guardians
pay their salaries - &
provide "Decent Apartments
&c see p. 2
Note - It may not be amiss to
say here that in the first
beginning of reforming English
Hospl Nursing, the first necessity
was found to be proper accommod
-ation, - proper meals, proper supervision, so that

Dr. Smyth’s {archivist: 23}
Slip 1 not only “needs the
“supplement of trained Assistants”
but “needs trained nuns -
Slip 2 last sentence of all
but where are the training
Schools? an Association
does not make Training Schools
you can’t put trained Nurses
under untrained nuns
are the nuns trained as at
Paris?
Are Nurses as plentiful as
blackberries? to take
the place of the paupers
have you only to write a note & get one?
Nearly the whole paper is taken up with the evils of pauper Nursing which are but too apparent-

But you do not/never do away with an evil by denouncing it - or by Regulations against it

If

1. you have trained nuns
2. accommodation & arrangements for training lay Probationers
3. if these can gain their livelihood afterwards as

as trained Nurses - But the Public certainly will not accept them if they have not been under trained nuns.

Certainly no one not a Patient to live or sleep in the Wards
Slip 2

Nursing Duties
must not include for the Nurse
- washing bandages
- water beds
- vessels
- dusting
- cleaning bedstead
What assistance is the trained Nurse to have for these most important duties, whether Probr, Wardmaid, or one for whom Nurse is responsible
You cannot do away with pauper Nursing by a Regn
You must substitute others where are they?
But where are the trained substitutes? As well say you [the preceding 6 lines have 2 lines drawn through them]

{in the right margin}
won’t have a labourer but only a gardener in your garden & take no measure to provide a gardener

[end 12:704]

{archivist: 24} roll 3b undated [c1897] seems FN contemplated diverting money from Fund from St T and Marylebone to midwifery training: 97/7

write to Hy B C -

to assist the Metropolitan Nursing Assn in maintaining its School for Hospital trained Nurses 2 having regard to the present means afforded for training Nurses in Hospls the amount of pecuniary support hitherto given to St. Thomas’ & to St. Marylebone Infy may be gradually diminished & that possibly
in the future training of Midwives may be regarded as a desirable object for the Fund

Miss Gordon

proper answer to an address

(archivist: 25)

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Is not this printed sheet just all that has not been done & is not doing?

As for "Miss Beresford" - will she be a help or a hindrance? Is she practical?

Private

Lady M. was here on Tuesday leaving for Ireland the next day for the rest of the year - as usual most interesting - She knows so much behind the rose - read me a good many letters, one from the R.C. Hierarchy on the details of Nursing [Shall we have a conference of the Archbp of Canterbury & Bp of London &c on the same?]

one from the Bp of Waterford asking for a "certified!! "trained Nurse" from us !! I think Ly M. was convinced that such a person could do nothing - And it dropped

one applying for a 2nd Miss Pringle!! where is she?
Private
Lady Pembroke on one side
Dr. Smyth on the other
But Lady P. has none of
the ‘nous’ of her sister, Lady
Lothian
[will the nuns accept the
“Pembroke” Nurses”?]
You see their (R.C.) Bps &
Archbps issue their edicts
& believe them obeyed –
they are to settle the Battle
of the Nurses.
Every thing turns on
training the nuns.

Your papers & comments
have been of the most
immense use to Lady M
They have not been wasted
Miss Pringle says
Lady P.’s Probrs keep changing
You remember Mr. Peel who
says the W. Infy Patients
like the pauper Nurses
so much better than our
trained “fringes” who will do
nothing – [I think 7 – so
unfortunate.]

[end 12:704]
My dear Harry

I would much rather have asked you first as to the value of my convictions which are all against the present proposal. But I shall probably yield to you as usual if you argue differently.

The state of things implied in the printed paper (which I return) is not, has never been & is not likely to be –

[And I heard on Tuesday that Ministers are withdrawing their present Bills in favour of Ireland, & are hoping to]

Private

give a sop to Cerberus in the shape of County Councils & the like –]

Printed Paper

2 & 3 But it is the R.C. Probrs we want – to serve if possible under trained nuns.

Committee – Miss Dunn & Miss Wilson certainly know their business – But who else?

[Dr. Smyth is rampant. And Ld M. says he cannot cope with him]

The training of the Nuns is the one thing needful – Miss Pringle has been applied for in several quarters – & specially by the Bp of Waterford [Confidential]
who has written to Lady M.

Miss P. has laid the difficulties
of the Limerick case in writing before the
Bp of L. And I am to hear
the result.

To resume: Printed Paper
Are not 9 & 7 virtual
contradictions? “defining duties”

11 Salary!? . I think Ld M.
must have shown me the paper
- for he quite laughed at this
“Why, he said, £20 can’t be
had for Miss Pringle’s (desired)
Assistant” He took away the paper

12. “Decent Apartments” - but
these are just the things which
cannot be had for love or money

“structural alterations”
And the Bill is given up.
It seems to me that this
forking out a year’s
training from England
for one is like the cuckoo’s
one egg dropped into the
hedge sparrow’s nest &
turning out the young sparrows
Either our year’s trainee
will turn all the young
sparrows out of the nest
Or she will be a useless
& hopeless element of
unmusical discord.  

[end 12:705]
July 16/97

10, South Street, Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir,

I have not forgotten
that you were good
enough to say that
you would come &
see me any afternoon
after the Jubilee was
"well over" - [I hope the
Jubilee is well over.]
Would you kindly
appoint any afternoon
at 5.30, if that hour
is convenient to you,

after Sunday next,
provided I knew soon,
& could keep it open, -
- or give me the choice
of two afternoons -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

J.G. Wainwright Esq

J.G. Wainwright Esq

Treasurer’s House
St. Thomas’ Hospital
Albert Embankment

16/7/97

S.E.
This comes from taking evidence from a Chaplain of an Almshouse

Mrs. Hely (Anne Ayre Hely [14:1044-45]
did not come out in
“August 1854” to the
“Crimea”
The British Army did not
come till September 1854
No Nurses were sent out till
November 1854 (sent out in Oct)
& we were the first -
There was no “frost-bite” in
August
All the pressure was over
in August 1855.
The excellent Dr. Parkes
was sent out in August
1855 with a large body
of Nurses, (notwithstanding

Private remonstrances from
of course the Crimea that there
would be no Patients
to send him) to Smyrna
And the answer was that
Govt wished to have a
post at Smyrna -
Dr. Parkes applied to be
under me, probably because
he foresaw the difficulties
& wished to be under the
“Old Original ‘Cow & Snuffers’”.
But I reluctantly
deprecated - Smyrna was
too far - & I had already
2 Hospitals at Scutari
(one of 4000, the other of 2/1000 beds)
& 3 (afterwards 5) in the Crimea — Besides, before, we had no stores, no nothing to spare — Now we had no Patients to spare — The large Hospital at Scutari was like a Convalescent Hospl

[A ‘scratch’ crew of Patients was made up for Dr. Parkes by direct orders from home]

I do not remember that Dr. P. had a Hospital on the “Dardanelles” — But as I said my information as to what he did was not official but only friendly.

I remember the name Renkioi.

Mrs. Hely was a perfectly respectable woman: the widow of a village apothecary.

She was recommended to me by Dr. Parkes, not “on my return from the “Crimean War — [I did without any maid of my own for some years, I think] but afterwards She had no capacity for either Maid or Nurse, but then no Nurse was a Nurse

And she was quite respectable

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My cat is quite respectable — he neither is untidy nor disobedient — & tho’ the hero of a hundred fights, is not a brawler. He is quite respectable — but you don’t give him the Red Cross, tho’ he once saved the house from thieves.
97/11 envelope, 1f, pen {archivist: A IX 68}

ask if Mr. Nettleship is returned & if not when he will return

Mr. Nettleship
5 Wimpole St.
F. Nightingale
26/8/97

roll3b H1/ST/NC2/97/12 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil & pen {postmarked: LONDON ?? SP 8 ??} {archivist: P 1}

Sept 8/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.9 [12:501]
Dear Sister Charity
[beautiful name!]
I stupidly forgot to ask you whether there is any book you would like, either for yourself, or to help you with your Probationers, or for your Ward.
But don’t let the Probationers speak in Latin when they might speak in English -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale [end]

{archivist: P/1}
Sister Charity
(Miss Loyd Still)
Charity Ward
St. Thomas’ Hospital
S.E.
8/9/97 {in another hand: offering her a book}
97/13 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: O 1}

Sept 8/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sister Adelaide

I send you
12 fresh eggs from the
country to make custard
for your ‘operations’ who
are so good & so patient
- only they won’t eat -
& some jelly & potted meat
which we make ourselves;
just to see if they will
take it -
And I will get your book.

God bless you
I am sure you keep your
Ward cheery - It is a Ward
with great suffering & great
opportunities  F. Nightingale

97/14 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: O 2}

11/9/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sister Adelaide

Could you tell me
whether your Patients were
able to like what was
sent on Wednesday

yrs sincerely

F. Nightingale
initialed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: O 3}

Sept 17/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W. [12:502]

Sister Adelaide
You shall have your
Hart & Barbour’s a new Edition
Gynaecology too
is coming out
because you will make
such good use of it.
In training Probationers
however, I say to you
what I say to all of us
& what a celebrated
Doctor said to me: ‘She
‘knows as many words as
‘I do; but she does not
‘know how to make a
‘Patient comfortable’ F.N. [end]

initialed letter & envelope, 2f, pencil {archivist: O 4}

18/9/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W. [12:501]

Soup
Dear Sister Adelaide
I send you some soup
for your poor case that
wants nourishment
every 3 hours -
Is there anything
else I could send?
God speed you
ever yours [end]

F.N.
with soup
Sister Adelaide
Adelaide Ward
St. Thomas’
18/9/97

97/17 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: O 5}

Oct 1/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Sister Adelaide
Thanks for your letter -
I am sorry that your poor
Patient has had to be
moved. But I send you
her soup all the same
& a yellow pear
& 4/6 fresh eggs from
the country which I
think always come handy,
with your bad cases
yours sincerely
F.N.

97/18 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: O 6}

Oct 3/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Sister Adelaide
I send you a little
soup for a poor sick
case. You have such a
heavy Ward -
How is the poor Puerperal
Pyaemia whom you had
to have moved?
Yours sincerely
F.N.
Nov 15/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Sister Adelaide
Was it you to whom
I promised Hart &
Barbour’s book on
Gynecology long ago,
long ago?
If it was, here it is.
May it be useful to
you! big as it is.
yours sincerely &
lovingly
F.N.

{archivist: G 7}
with a book
Sister Adelaide
St. Thomas’ Hospital
15/11/97
Feb 5/98
10, South Street, Park Lane. W.

My dear Miss Jenkin
(my dear Sister Adelaide
   alas! no more)
Did you hear a howl?
   that was me.
Do you remember
   Milton’s line
“My sudden rage to tear thee
   joint from joint”
That was me
   But the whole of Adelaide
Ward will share in my
   feelings - & even patients
yet to come

Feb 5 is generally
supposed to be the end
of winter - but with us
it is the beginning of
winter: for our Sister
Adelaide is to leave us
desolate -
   You do not say how
soon you are going -
I want to see you,
tho’ I am afraid I
shall cry & howl the
whole time
I have been interrupted again & again during this short effusion -
Pardon my feelings -
I could AT PRESENT see you any afternoon during the next week that you could make it possible to come at 4 o’clock - And if you will tell me I will write & ask

Matron for leave
N.B. I think nothing is more wanted among poor women at home than what is given in Adelaide -
God bless & speed you
Yours sincerely & affectionately
F. Nightingale

[end]

98/2 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil {archivist: O 9}

Sunday Feb 6/98
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
My dear Miss Jenkin
I shall be so glad,
I mean so sorrowful to see you again to-day as soon after 4 as you can come - to bid good-bye
Take a cab.
If I am too late, then tomorrow please - at 4 ever your affectionate
F. Nightingale
a verbal answer please
Miss Jenkin
Adelaide Ward
St. Thomas’ Hospital
6/2/98

98/3 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil

Feb 7/98
10, South Street, Park Lane. W.
My dear Sister Adelaide
(Miss Jenkin now, alas!)
I return your “Birthday” book,
& will send Tennyson
to your address -
Nothing can console
me for your forsaking of
St. Thomas - but yet
it is a little comfort
not to break off the
tie - outwardly at once.
I don’t even know
your new name but
am ever yours F. Nightingale

{archivist: 0 10} with a book returned

Miss Jenkin
Adelaide Ward
St. Thomas

7/2/98
98/4 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Feb. 28/98
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir
I am very grateful to you for coming on Wednesday next at 4.30 that you may administer the Sacrament to yours very sincerely Florence Nightingale
The Revd
Arthur Gordon

98/5 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: F 41}

May 30/98
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
My dear Miss Masson
I have had to give away my Saturday - And now I have only Friday to ask you to be so good as to come & see me on (if you possibly can without inconvenience) at 5.
   ever yours
   F. Nightingale
98/6 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 69}

Messrs. Novello May 31/98
1 Berners St. 10, South Street, {printed address:}
        Park Lane. W.

Please send
10 copies of
   “Order for Burial of Dead”
(as used at Mr. Gladstone’s
funeral)
        F. Nightingale

98/7 signed letter & envelope, 3fff, pencil

Christmas Eve: Dec 23/4/98
10, South Street, {printed address:}
        Park Lane. W.

Dear Sister Victoria [12:506]
   Will you accept some
toys for our children’s
Christmas tree on Dec 31.
   and my best wishes
for a merry Christmas
& a happy New Year for
you all, which I am
sure you are trying
to secure for them -
Poor little things - they
are never happier
than in Hospital -
   Is there any thing
that you would like
that I could get for
you? Pray say.
   You are very busy
now I dare say.
   I shall hope to see
you some time when
you are less busy &
my cough is better
   Yours sincerely
   F. Nightingale

{archivist: Dec 29, 1953 From Mrs. Strangman Sister Victoria}
Sister Victoria
Victoria Ward
Dec 24/98 St. Thomas’

00/1 envelope, 1f, pencil {archivist: {A IX 70}

Please an acknowledgment
To the Editor of
   Manchester Guardian Fund
       26 Charing Cross
F. Nightingale S.W.
18/7/1900

00/2
envelope, 1f, pencil

{archivist: {A IX 71}
with F. Nightingale’s love [12:508]
   1 brace Partridges
Miss Gordon
   St. Thomas’ Hospital [end]
11/10/1900
XXX1/12 U/1 unsigned letter, 1f, pen {archivist: A IX 73 n.d.}

_Messenger pay_
Messrs. Suttaby
   2 Amen Corner E.C.
   Please send me a Bible
like the one I send for a pattern
with all the “Additional Matter”
& strongly bound like the pattern.
   If you can match it exactly,
please send two copies.
   If not, please send one as like
it as you possibly can. And
I will consider whether I will
have another copy.

U/2 incomplete note, 1f, pencil

   I should be glad if you
will send me the two little
parcels from Day’s -
   also the Circulars that
come
   Also, would you kindly
look in the Drawer of my
little table by the little
sofa in the Drawing-room
And you will find four
pill-boxes - You had
better send them all, please

{archivist: A IX 72 n.d.}
I was a good deal upset
   by my journey, thank
for enquiring
   Lizzie & Nelly are well
But Lizz/Nelly does not like
   the kitchen range here
I hope she will conquer it
   instead of letting it
Then follows incoming letters, after XI 12

from Mary Inglis, My dear Florence 1853

A XI March 17 1855 to Madam

XII.2 Sarah Whittaker to FN 1 May 1855 etc. V3/55

incoming list

V1/53, (no date) 1853, Bedford Square, Mary Inglis to FN, recommending Nurse Ker

V1/55, 17 March, 1855, 9 Ferdinand Place, Camden Town, Hampstead Road, London, Agnes Wharton to FN, asking for possible news of her son whom she cannot trace

V2/55, 27 April, 1855, Castle Street, Reading, Berkshire, Mrs. S.A. Farrants to FN, asking for news of William Snell a patient of FN

V3/55, 1 May, 1855, Sarah Whittaker to FN, asking for information about Charles, her son’s state of mind before his death

V4/55, 13 May, 1855, Presteign, Radnorshire, Mary Bowen to FN, asking for news of her husband’s state of mind before his death

V5/55, 15 May, 1855, St. Mary’s Gate, Derby, Fanny Kerry to FN, asking for news of her brother, John Kerry who was wounded at Inkermann

V6/55, 21 May, 1855, Teddington, Ann Grinter to FN, asking for news about a dear friend, John Payne who was wounded and in hospital [Gunter?]

V7/55, (no date), Miss F. Tebbutt to FN, explaining that she is a Unitarian and for this reason FN may not wish to continue to employ her

V8/55, (no date), The {illeg Braring?}, Englefield Green, Mary Jackson to FN, thanking FN for news of her brother’s death and asking FN to give a recent small box she had sent to some other deserving man

V9/55, (no date), Washam Chapel, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, Mrs. Pettiger to FN, asking FN for news of the death of Martin McNight, a friend’s husband

V10/55, (no date), Calforth, near Swillbrook, near Preston, Lancashire, John and Elizabeth Kellet to FN, asking for news of their son, Robert Kellet who, they believe, was brought to the hospital in Scutari
V1/56, 19 February, 1856, 9 Wellington Mews, Leadbury Road, London, Elizabeth Grundy to FN, thanking FN for a recommendation re her sons’ placement in school and relating her own efforts to obtain nurse training (another letter is enclosed)

V2/56, 16 July, 1856, 2 Hague Street, Bethnell Green Road, Eliza Sullivan to FN, thanking FN for her present and asking for FN’s help in the discharge of Corporal Tye

V3/56, 24 July, 1856, 41 South Bank, Regent’s Park, London, E.M. Ecuyer to FN, giving news of her voyage home from the East and asking FN to adjust her wages

V4/56, 26 July, 1856, Abbey Mere, Plymouth, from Elizabeth Bertha, S.M. to FN, forwarding requisition cheques and saying how much she misses nursing

V5/56, 27 July, 1856, from Margaret {Goodman} to FN, thanking FN for her care; does this also ask for testimonial?

V6/56, 4 August, 1856, Wyke, from Mary Jones to FN, asking FN to forward money left with her

V7/56, 6 August, 1856, 24 Norfolk Road, Avenue Road, St. John’s Wood, London, from Anne Ward Morton to FN, sending her a likeness of Lord Raglan and giving news of other nurses

V8/56, 8 August, 1856, Abbey Mere, Plymouth, from Elizabeth Bertha, S.M. to FN, returning money FN had lent to her

V9/56, 13 August, 1856, 6 Adelaide Place, Woolwich Common, from Elizabeth Edwards to FN, thanking FN for a present sent from the East

V10/56, 15 August, 1856, 5 Shepard Street, Mayfair, from Jane Harding to FN, giving details of her situation and asking FN’s help in finding a position

V11/56, 15 August, 1856, 27 Mortimer Street, Cavendish Square, from M. S. Wear to FN, informing FN that money lent to the sender has been returned to her account

V12/56, 16 August, 1856, from Eliza Barker to FN, congratulating FN on her safe return to England

V13/56, 16 August, 1856, from Elizabeth Grundy to FN, asking for FN’s assistance with regard to money and a situation

V14/56, 18 August, 1856, Besley, from Ann Clarke to FN, congratulating
FN on her safe return and asking about additional salary from the War Office

V15/56, 18 August, 1856, 3 Windmill Lane, Edinburgh, from Ann Sinclair to FN, asking if her previous letters with her expense account had gone astray

V16/56, 18 August, 1856, 3 Theberton Street, High Street, Islington, from Matilda Jane McPhee to FN, asking FN about further remuneration due to her needy condition

V17/56, 19 August, 1856, St. John’s House, 3 {illeg Times?} Square, Westminster, from Elizabeth Woodward to FN, telling of her care of a patient on the return voyage and of the money still owing her

V18/56, 20 August, 1856, 4 Houghton Place, Harrington Square, from Charlotte Taylor to FN, asking for a recommendation for one of the Scutari nurses

V19/56, 20 August, 1856, Blenheim, from Elizabeth Logan to FN, explaining that her wages are not yet settled

V20/56, 21 August, 1856, Chapel Court, London, from Margaret Williams to FN, relating the progress of her illness and asking for information about the salary paid to nurses on their voyage home

V21/56, 22 August, 1856, Winchurch, from Ann Tainton to FN, asking if the news in the papers of the Sultan’s gift to nurses is true

V22/56, 22 August, 1856, 24 Mortimer Street, Cavendish Square, from M.S. Wear to FN, repeating the she has repaid money lent to her in the Crimea with a reply not in FN’s hand [M.A. Wear?]

V23/56, 25 August, 1856, Dr Greer’s, Great Marlborough Street, from Elizabeth Grundy to FN, asking for FN’s help in receiving money owing to her

V24/56, 27 August, 1856, 41 South Bank, Regent’s Park, from R.M. Ecuyer to FN, thanking FN for money received, and asking advice about a doctor for a poor woman who has a cancer

V25/56, 28 August, 1856, 4 Graham Street, Edinburgh, from A. McLeod to FN, detailing why she is asking for FN’s help in obtaining monetary help for her mother and sisters from the Government, with a draft reply

V26/56, 21 August, 1856, Stony Stanton, from Mary Molony to FN, expressing the hope that FN is recovered from her reported illness
V27/56, 29 August, 1856, 6 Adelaide Place, from Elizabeth Edwards to FN, thanking FN for money sent from her own pocket

V28/56, 29 August, 1856, Haughtersham, from Jane Wallington to FN, writing on behalf of Mrs. Tuffell to ask about the gift of the Sultan and thanking FN for her kind personal attention to her own son when he was ill

V29/56, 30 August, 1856, 7 Burrey Street, Bloomsbury, from Mary Ann Brown to FN, asking for her share of the Sultan’s present

V30/56, {c. 30 August, 1856}, 41 South Bank, from R.M. Ecuyer to FN, giving the name of the woman suffering from cancer and thanking FN for her interest, including a letter from a Dr Roe recommending a Dr Fell, with a draft reply

V31/56, {circa 31 August,} 1856, from S.S. [Samuel Smith] to FN, outlining how wages for the voyage home are to be determined

V32/56, London, 1 September, 1856, from Eliza Tandy to FN, thanking FN for wages paid

V33/56, 2 September, 1856, Exton, Oakham, from Elizabeth Blake to FN, congratulating FN on her safe return to England

V34/56, 2 September, 1856, 4 Saville Row, from Emily Lee to FN, written on behalf of Dr Lee expressing his willingness to see a young woman recommended by FN

V35/56, 2 September, 1856, Pond Cottage, Pond Place, Fulham Road, London, from Christina Montague to FN, congratulating FN on her safe return and inquiring about the Sultan’s gift for the Crimea nurses

V36/56, 2 September, 1856, Headington near Oxford, from Anne Ward Morton to FN, giving news of the situations of several former nurses and explaining her defence of FN against certain accusations

V37/56, 4 September, {1856}, 23 Salisbury Street, Strand, from Caroline Bull to FN, asking for a testimonial of her work as a nurse and asking for news of any post she might fill

V38/56, 4 September, 1856, 4 Suttle Stone Gate, York, from Mary Ann Douglas to FN, asking about Mary Marks, a nurse who died in the Crimea

V39/56, 4 September, 1856, 41 South Bank, Regent’s Park, from R. M. Ecuyer to FN, thanking FN for her recommendation of a doctor for a poor woman and asking for her help in obtaining a position for a Mrs. Howell
V40/56, 4 September, 1856, Winchcomb, from Ann Tainton to FN, thanking her for information about the sultan’s gift and telling of her difficulties in finding a position.

V41/56, 9 September, 1856, 12 Golden Square, Aberdeen, N.B., from Ann E. Clarke to FN, describing her religious anxieties and thanking FN for her letter.

V42/56, 9 September, 1856, Fisher’s Gate, near Shoreham, Sussex, from Mary Robbins to FN, thanking FN for her letter and requesting any news of a suitable situation.

V43/56, 11 September 1856, Infant Orphan Asylum, 46 Ludgate Hill, London, from John Buckler to FN, asking for a reference for Mary Ann Howard, a former Crimea nurse who is seeking a situation at the asylum.

V44/56, 2 October, 1856, 2 Chapel Court, High Street, London, from Margaret Williams to FN, thanking FN for her support in her illness.

V45/56, 3 October, 1856, 2 Chapel Court, High Street, London, from Margaret Williams to FN, asking for help.

V46/56, 7 October, 1856, St Saviour’s, Osnaburgh Street, London, from Elizabeth Bertha, S.M. to FN, on behalf of her mother superior, thanking FN for her letters and expressing her regret that due to illness she has been unable to write herself.

V47/56, 11 October, 1856, 24 Greyfield Square, from Janet Carmichael to FN, asking FN to see her in order for her to learn the details of Mary Mark’s death (her sister).

V48/56, 19 October, 1856, {illeg} near Ross, Herefordshire, from Susan Cator to FN, thanking FN for money received and asking to see her when she comes to London, hoping to find a suitable situation.

V49/56, 26 October, 1856, 23 Villiers Street, from Ann Tainton to FN, informing FN she has secured a situation at St George’s Hospital and giving her address in London and hoping to see FN.

V50/56, 16 {November}, 1856, The Elms, Parson’s Green, from I. Jull to FN, {too difficult to read}.

V51/56, 17 November, 1856, The Elms, Pardon’s [?] Green, from I. Jull to FN, about a protegée of FN who cannot fill the position at Fulham currently available.

V52/56, 28 November, 1856, St John’s House, Queen’s Square, Westminster,
from C.P. Shepherd to FN, asking for FN’s help with a letter she has received and announcing her forthcoming departure from St John’s House

V53/56, 1 December, 1856, 2 Albert Place, Shepherdess Walk, City Road, London, from Jane Evans to FN, enquiring after FN’s health and thanking her for past kindnesses

V54/56, 12 December, 1856, 4 Graham Street, Edinburgh, from A. McLeod to FN, asking FN for assistance in finding a position in order to support herself

V55/56, 15 December, (1856), 45 Parliament Street, from I Jull to FN (too difficult to read)

V56/56, 20 December, 1856, Lea, from Emily Anderson to FN, congratulating FN on her return to England and sending her good wishes for the season

V57/56, 29 December, 1856, 20 Bosses Gardens, Brighton, from Mary Robbins to FN, thanking her the Sultan’s gift she has received

V58/56, (no date), 7 Little Chapel at Wardour St, 22 Tottenham Street, from A.R. Harnack to FN, asking the favour of an interview [Harrack? In 8995?]

V59/56, (no date), 5 Sheppard Street, Mayfair, from Jane Harding to FN, telling FN of her recent experiences and asking her help in obtaining a situation

V60/56, (no date), 3 Yeoman Row, Brompton, from Martha Eskip to FN, thanking FN for money sent to her at Scutari

V1/57, 13 January, 1857, Gordon Square, from Ann Elizabeth Clarke to FN, thanking FN for a book sent and explaining how difficult it is for her to find time to read

V2/57, 13 January, 1857, Trinité dei Monti, from Césarie de Bouchard, rel du S Coeur, to FN, (in French) giving news of Felicetetta

V3/57, 13 January, 1857, Faversham Union from Mary Tuffill to FN, thanking FN for the Sultan’s gift and asking her to write to the matron of the establishment

V4/57, 30 January, 1857, 32 Place de la Vigne, Bruges, from Sister Averlant to FN, in French, asking for FN’s help in the building of a home for poor orphaned girls

V5/57, 31 January, 1857, Old Bewick, Alnwick, from Anne Ward Morton to
FN, thanking FN for gift and recognition received and promising to visit FN on her arrival in London

V6/57, 31 January, 1857, 15 Burton Street, Mile End, New Town, from Charlotte Flexon to FN, thanking FN for her letter and asking to see FN about her sister’s gravestone

V7/57, 5 February, 1857, 12 Belgrave St, Belgrave Square, from E. Logan to FN, thanking FN for the Sultan’s gift and for FN’s help in securing her present agreeable situation

V8/57, 6 February, 1857, Old Bewick, Alnwick, from Anne Ward Morton to FN, telling FN of the considerations for her future work while remaining open to FN’s proposal

V9/57, 8 February, 1857, The Priory, Bradford, Wiltshire, from C. Chambers to FN, explaining her absence from town and inviting FN to visit her and the Lady Superior at Bradford

V10/57, 10 February, 1857, from C. Chambers to FN, telling FN that she will be in London and available to see FN only between three and four o’clock

V11/57, 13 February, 1857, Place de la Vigne, Bruges, from Sister Averlant to FN, (in French), thanking FN for her gift

V12/57, no date (1857), Ashby de la Zouch, Ravenstone, from Anne Hely to FN, asking for FN’s help in finding a situation

V13/57, 23 February, 1857, N. Brook Street, W., from Laura Cranworth to FN, reporting on the recommendations she has received Anne Hely

V14/57, 3 March, 1857, Clifton, from Emma Langston to FN, asking FN to make application for her to receive either the money or the brooch offered to former Crimean nurses

V15/57, 7 March, 1857, Lea, {illeg Samiston?}, Lincolnshire, from Emily Anderson to FN, asking FN to assist her employee, Keatley, to obtain the rewards offered to former Crimean nurses

V16/57, 9 March, 1857, 7 Mountjoy Square, N., Dublin, from Miss C. St. John Flinter, to FN, asking for FN’s help in receiving information about Mrs Susan Montagu, a former nurse in the East

V17/57, 10 March, 1857, Plymouth, Collumpton, from Gertrude Veysie to FN, explaining her present circumstances and her obligation to her sister
V18/57, 12 March, 1857, from E. Anderson to FN, promising to write at length the next day

V19/57, 12 March, 1857, St George’s Hospital, from H.M. Willey to FN, asking if FN can recommend Mary Parker for work in the hospital

V20/57, 13 March, 1857, Lea, from Emily Anderson to FN, acknowledging her gift to Keatley whose name had been omitted from those sent in to the War Office and asking permission to tell Keatley its real donor

V21/57, 15 March, 1857, Rio de Janeiro, from Miss A.S. Clarke to FN, telling FN that she had not received the decoration as her name had been omitted

V22/57, 17 March, 1857, from Emily Anderson to FN, thanking FN for permission to tell the truth about the gift to Keatley

V23/57, 17 March, 1857, from Emma Langston to FN, thanking FN for her personal gift which was intended to replace the official one

V24/57, 31 March, 1857, War Department, from W.E. Godley to FN, asking for addresses of the relatives of Miss Smythe, a former nurse

V25/57, 1 April, 1857, Lea, from Emily Anderson to FN, enclosing a letter from Keatley, now Mrs Hooton, written on her receipt of FN’s gift

V26/57, 5 April, 1857, 3 Upper Hornsey Rise, Hornsey Road, N., from Anne Ward Morton to FN, announcing her removal to London

V27/57, 28 April, 1857, from Anne Ward Morton to FN, giving news of other former companions and arranging to visit FN

V28/57, 29 April, 1857, from Anne Ward Morton to FN, enclosing a letter from Mrs Lee giving news of her situation

Jane Martineau letter to FN re HM 24 July 1862: doctor recommended increasing the opiates and stimulants, to have port wine, champagne, brandy when necessary, and a small quantity of ale at dinner,

FN comment on letter of E.C. Appleton, 10 Downing St., Whitehall re Mrs Ann Woodward: Dear U. Sam H1/ST/NC2/V1/63

I know of no “Invalid Home.” I wish
I did, for I would go there myself. I cannot “advise,” I have had enough of advising. not only for a life but for an eternity- Would
you kindly return the certificates (enclosed) to the writer & answer - as you think best.

Ann Woodward was one of those excellent inefficient women, so dear to excellent inefficient women, like Miss Morton. She knew nothing of nursing & was employed by me, (when I took her (when Koulali was broken up form which place I had her) in Hospl needlework & waiting on Miss Morton. I was surprised at my own character (herein inclosed) till I came to the doubt as to illeg
FN notes on back of letter of Dr Thos Williams 30 Sept 1864, H1/ST/NC2/V8/64

He means that I should look over with Mr Graham those site plans when it tells for himself. You think the “pigheaded” way has carried the day. It is the £25 subscription I had already. Well? Then they have not got a drainage outlet yet.

Letter to FN Oct 17 1866. We had for some time past been looking out for a lady with a knowledge of medicine to attend and nurse sick native ladies, in my mission in Delhi, when, a few months ago, Miss Osburn offered herself for the post. Some difficulty arose about raising her salary, and to present loss of time. She joined the “Nightingale School” at St Thomas’ Hospital. Now that she is now to some extent under your jurisdiction, might I venture to beg of you that she should not be appointed to any post until we find whether it is possible to secure her to Delhi or no?

Osburn letter clarifies the situation, quite different, an inquiry only.

Note on the back of a letter of Dr Williams, Florence Nightingale Museum H1/ST/NC2/V8/64 ref [14:673] [after 30 September 1864]

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H1/ST/NC2/V28/57 letter of Dr Williams, Swansea April 8 1865 to FN, re special general meeting of re Swansea Inf, I congratulate you and the cause on the fulfilment of your farsighted prophecy....Alex Graham appointed the architect for the new hosp. And I assure you that every member of our committee while they adopted the resolution of going through the farce of an “open public competition” were determined form the first to appoint Mr Graham as their architect because he was recommended by you. No authority could be held by a body of heterogeneous gentlemen in greater reverence than you have been in the affair by the Swansea Infirmary committee.....has lately visited the hosps of Paris and other places, caught typhoid fever, making recovery.
Regulations

My dear Harry

The “Regulations” have undergone another sifting at the “W.O.” (which I believe means {Mr. Talbot’s) (locum tenens)
at Dr. Sutherland’s hands & mine.
I will indicate 2 or 3 things to explain what has been done: -
1. The Supt’s salary has been taken out, because, they say, this is a matter of private arrangement between her & the W.O.

passim 2. The question of calling them “Sisters” instead of Nurses has been raised.
This is for your consideration -
“Ward Sisters” is a better name than “Sisters”.
But that entails a quiproquo as to what the Linen Sister & Extra Sister are - So I have taken out “Ward” - & I confess to an old fashioned prejudice for the name of Nurse. [It does seem ludicrous to call women "Sisters", who, like those Sydney women, are doing nothing but offering themselves to the Patients as wives -] Still I see the good of the title “Sister” - And it might warn the men against the escapades which have been & are taking place with the Nurses now about to quit - & break through that ‘kind of thing’ -
Whether the word used be “Sisters” or “Nurses”, it must always be printed

with a large initial letter -
3. I thought that Mrs. Wardroper had objected to the brandy alternative

I do -

The real rationale of interpreting the matter I believe to be this:

Malt liquor in an English Mily Hospl, with due care of the Supt, can be obtained & kept up good

Hospital Wine is - Hospital Wine

Nurses who can take Beer had better not have inferior Wine

Nurses who cannot, or fancy they cannot, take Beer, should have their wine glassful of wine (2 ½ oz.) daily - but not more, either of Beer, wine or Brandy. (the one wine glassful of wine as they please, at dinner or supper)

Women, & there are many, (not drinking women) who cannot do without brandy & water are not fit to be in Hospital at all.

[We made an awful mistake about poor Mrs. Kidd - Don’t let us run any risk again.]

Brandy should only be taken AT NETLEY on the Doctor’s order -

On the Doctor’s order, of course, any Nurse temporarily requiring wine or brandy, instead of, or partly instead of, or in addition to, her Malt liquor, ought to have it -

[On Foreign Stations, where good Beer or Wine may not be to be had, it is different.] And on such Stations the Brandy clause might be kept.
4. You will see that they & we have taken considerable pains about the Regulations referring to Nurses going round with medical Officers. (altering them several times) - I think, by adding some plurals, we have pretty well covered the ground now - [The treatment used to be constantly altered by Professors - & the Nurse receive her orders from Orderly or from Patient himself!! - after the regular visit, which she attended.]

But, if you can make it more secure, pray do so.

5. The last/penultimate Regulation & the last/penultimate Regulation but two I believe to be necessary with our present Supt.

[It is incredible how difficult, unless the Supt sees to it herself, both these things are to secure. (I dare say the Patients are just as well without the medicine - Still they are supposed to come in for it, & don’t)]

The last Regulation is quite essential - Wilbraham is always giving Certificates to women dismissed for misconduct - I have specimens of these by me.

6. I believe these Regulations will be issued by the W.O. in the form of a Circular -

{the following 4 lines have a double line beside them in the left margin}

But A Circular ought also to be issued to the Medical Officers - & above all to Genl Wilbraham - But I doubt whether you could suggest this. Would you consider whether when the
"Regulations" are approved by you, & sent in by you (copied) you might not suggest to the W.O. something of this kind: - that efficient working of the Regulations will depend very much upon the attention of all, Commandant, Principal Medical Officer, Medical officers, Medical Candidates, X Purveying Officers, being directed to them, as well as that of the Nursing Staff - & upon a request from the Secretary of State being made that all will do their best to give effect to them.

(There is a large star in the left margin beside the above)

X We know that there exists a printed Circular from the Army Medl Dept to "Candidates" (of which cognizance has never been given to us) about the Nursing Service. We know that in this the Supt is resolutely ignored. [This is a very common trick. They like to acknowledge the Nurses - They don’t like to acknowledge the Supt.]

This or some other Code or Circular should therefore be sent officially (printed) to the Commandant, Medical & Commissariat Officers, Medical Candidates & others interested as well as to the Supt of Nurses, so that every one may know what they have to do - [We have gone over the whole Draft anew & have consulted, in the additions & alterations, the result of the past experience

{from the first f}

How can we get the W.O. to make the last (proposed) Regulation binding on the Commandant & Medical Officers? not to give certificates.
My dear Harry

Could you add *(Netley Regulations)*

“The Quarters of the Supt & Nurses will be exclusively for their own use”

or something to that effect? -

[They are forcing us at the Herbert Hospital to give up part of our Quarters to a W.O. Officer’s sister!!]!

I saw Mrs. Dibble on Sunday -

She has hired a servant for a month on trial -

I believe that Mrs. Wardroper’s arrangement is that I should see herself on Thursday, the 6 Nurses Friday & Saturday, to teas, Mrs. Dibble again on Sunday -

Could you kindly look over the enclosed List of Mudie’s bound books & mark any you think suitable for the Nurses as presents, returning it to me as soon as possible?

I suppose Miss Wheldon is better educated than the others. ever yours F.N.
My dear Harry

I wrote to you on Monday at 91 G.T.

The only thing which pressed was this: -

Genl Wilbraham says the Netley Quarters will not be ready till "15th, if so soon" -

I have heard nothing from W.O.

Dr. Sutherland says (I know not on what ground) that the W.O. expected to hear from you "after Oct 31" -

If the Quarters will not be ready till 15th, Mrs. Wardroper (who is not well) wrote to me that she would be glad to stay at E. Grimstead till 10th.

This morning I have from her the enclosed - which treats of several things pertinent to my Memo.

Please return hers to me -

I think Mrs. Wardroper should have her option of staying till 10th, if Netley Staff does not go till 15th. (tho’ she now says she would only stay till 8th)

She is only too anxious.

I enclosed a letter from Miss Osburn to you in my Monday’s letter -

ever yours

F.N.
Not one can be done without -  
There is only one Guard Orderly  
to each Division for each watch  
of the night - & a special Orderly  
for each "special" case - every/each 6  
hours of the night. All these  
are Day Orderlies. F.N.

HI/ST/NC18/17/14 signed letter, 7 ff, pen

letter 14
Netley Night Nurses Oct 11/70
My dear Henry B.C.

‘L’homme propose, mais la femme dispose’  
when that ‘femme’ is: Mrs. Deeble.)
To the correspondence which you have  
enclosed to me, I have only to say: - we cannot  
but concur with it in one point, since  
1. we put in much stronger terms than is  
therein to be found that: -  
we considered the “Quarters” full to the brink  
for Sanitary safety as they were first approved -  
without Mrs. Deeble’s child & servant,  
a fortiori without the two Night Nurses.  
We did, (I believe - at least I know I did)  
remonstrate in the strongest terms, as soon as  
I knew of it against the danger to health  
of partitioning off to form ‘Servant’s Bedroom’  
the one remaining Window at end of row of  
‘Sisters’ Bedrooms’.

2. I have always concurred that the passage  
to Kitchen now marked ‘Store’ - was unfit for  
a woman to sleep in - on every account  
3. I never liked the plan of partitioning
off the Linen Store for 2 Night Nurses, not only or not so much because of curtailing the Linen Store as because the Sleeping Quarters were already overfull for health - because these/y were two bad Sleeping-rooms after all, - because one would have “to be entered through the other” - & because the “dotted red line” “partition” is out of the question (now proposed)

4. For health, the present plan is undoubtedly an improvement in many ways - I will only cursorily mention that we were positively assured:
   a. that nothing would induce the R.E.s “to give up their quarters” (who now write) -
   b. that Mrs. Deeble was the “only woman who would ask it” -
   c. that the P.M.O. who now writes & the Acting Commandt had assured both us & Mrs. Deeble herself (part of which she told me herself) that 1. the ‘Museum’ “Gallery” could not be given up as a private passage 2. that Mrs. Deeble was “asking for more “Quarters for herself than a Major=General” - &c &c &c

   I say again: L’homme propose mais la femme dispose.
But the relief to overcrowding in Nurses’ Quarters is not, by this plan, so great as might have been anticipated. for

But 5. I must point out that, tho’ the present plan offers advantages, there will still be 3 more people than we bargained for in the “Sleeping Quarters” — viz. 1. Mrs. Deeble’s child. 2. the 2 Night Nurses.

6. Putting myself into my old position of Matron, I cannot conceive any earthly consideration which, myself being myself, would induce me (a.) to have my “Sitting-room” at the other end of a great building, from the Nurses I was pretending to superintend — divided from them by a great hall, almost like being divided from them by a street. (b.) to have a Kitchen for myself at all — certainly not one much larger & better than that for the whole of the Staff. (c) to place a Servant-Girl (of 16 she was, when Mrs. Deeble spoke to me) quite alone to sleep —— where it is intended she should sleep — [To place a young girl to sleep alone in Chambers is a joke compared to it.] (d) to have a bed room for my maid servant-girl 3 times as good, in my opinion, as that of the “Sisters” or “Linen Assistant”.

7. If we agree to these plans, I think that the two Servant Maids should sleep together in the new ‘Servant’s Bed-room’ - (No. 31 C.) This would have a three fold \{definitely in the margin\} advantage. (1) 2 women are better than one to sleep in Chambers. (2) The over crowded Nursing Quarters are relieved of one - (3. & chiefly) that abominable blocking up of the one Bed Window next the “Sisters’ Bedrooms” by the “Servant’s Bedroom” may be removed -

But, in this, I should wish to be guided by Mrs. Wardroper.

There cannot be a doubt that a Supt is not a Supt (in our sense of the word) who has her “Apartments”, as Mrs. Deeble calls them, on the other side the street (Museum) especially in a Military Hospital.

There cannot be a doubt that Nursing discipline (in our sense of the word) will be greatly relaxed by it.

And Mrs. Wardroper may think that, the less in such case the Servant of Nursing Staff is mixed up with Mrs. Deeble’s, the better -

There cannot be a doubt that this family establishment of Mrs. Deeble’s ‘the other side the way’ (i.e. the ‘Museum’) is in direct discordance with the spirit of the ‘Regulations’ - (& with Mrs. Deeble’s own desire - which she has stated to me in writing within the last 2 months) viz. that the Supt should be liable to be ordered off in case of war at an hour’s notice to the Seat of War -

I have stated, or rather recalled, the considerations, so obvious & so frequently stated, that they scarcely need saying or recalling.

But I am not at all of opinion that we should oppose this arrangement -

Mrs. Deeble has obtained from the authorities concessions (most unwise, in my opinion) which the authorities had said she never should obtain -

She has obtained a Family Establishment
And the new Quarters (on 'the other side of the way') are strictly limited to her own uses -

Unless therefore Mrs. Wardroper sees more of something affecting our 'Nursing discipline', & wishes to urge anything besides what I have mentioned about the 'our' Servant's Sleeping in the other's (new) Room, I do not see how we can interfere with Mrs. Deeble's 'family arrangements' with the Hospital authorities -

P.S. The two new proposed Night Nurses' rooms are not very good. They are only stalls - one must be entered thro' the other. (which is very properly objected to elsewhere) - one has no direct window light - the one next the door will have a sorry time of it. [Night Nursing is after all hard work - and in my opinion Night Nurses should have each a separate good room] They are not very quiet rooms.

I should very much prefer dividing the room the other way, so that each would have half of the large window.

Still I see the objection: And I do not see either how we can possibly find better quarters for the Night Nurses -

I should very strongly suggest that the whole of this packet should again be shown to Mrs. Wardroper & Mr. Whitfield on the one side/hand & to Dr. Sutherland on the other for their remarks - And if it will save you trouble to send these of mine with it, by all means.

No letter from you was enclosed in the packet.

N.B. Miss Wheldon's presence in the Quarters makes Mrs. Deeble's absence less objectionable.

 ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Hy Bonham Carter Esq
My dear Harry B.C.

I send you one of the many letters of this poor woman -

[Recently I have had quite a correspondence about saving the Nurses’ Quarters at the Herbert Hospl - for Nurses. The authorities at the H.H. - (not the W.O.) wished to divide off part for some Officers - in a way which would have made it impossible for Nurses to live in them -

We won - And it is to this she alludes -

(her/one letters by her on the subject to the W.O. were/was so admirable as to put poor Mrs. Deeble’s - on the same subject of Quarters - to the W.O. in a very unfavourable contrast.)]

I sent this letter enclosed to Dr. Sutherland for information - & enclose his reply -

If you could tell me at your very earliest convenience (remembering that she will write to me 12 or 16 pages every day till I answer) what you think I had better answer to her - (vide Dr. Sutherland’s suggestion) I shall be very much obliged -

ever yours

F.N.
Mrs. Deeble  July 3/71
My dear Harry B.C.

I feel such concern about Netley — & (not the least) about the trouble it is giving you — But I am quite at my wits’ end about Mrs. D. {printed address, sideways:}

I feel more tenderly to her but also — 35 South Street, more hopelessly, since I saw Miss Park Lane, Torrance — who is evidently fond of her — W. — she says she is “so kind-hearted” — but who as evidently thinks the embarking Mrs. D. in a Supcy the most hopeless venture that cd have been made —

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[But then Miss T. says/admits: — “there is no one I know/you have like Miss Pringle — And you can’ spare her”-]

But — Miss R. volunteered to say: —

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initialled letter, 2ff, pencil

Mrs. Deeble
July 3/71
My dear Harry B.C.

I meant to have written some more remarks ({edge of page missing} Miss Torrance) on her - but have not been able

I agree with you - that you say “Is there {} (in my writing to her “about training generally at Netley “if we are not prepared to offer women”? - {}) in answering: No -

You know I think 1 - women can’t be trained in Military {}

2. specially not under Mrs. Deeble

Miss Torrance thinks 3. Mrs Deeble can’t train anywhere

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But Miss Torrance thinks/volunteered saying that I ought to write to Mrs. Deeble about things in general more specially about taking “presents” -

And it is about this that I want to consult with you - but cannot now -

I do not see how you can do other than write to her what you propose - tho’ she will have forgotten her own letter {edge of page missing} the time yours arrives -

N.B. Miss T. thinks the Netley pay &c ample yrs
F.N.

unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil HI/ST/NC18/18/21 roll 4, and paper

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My dear Harry

I am sorry to have kept these plans even a post -

But you see so many questions have been re-opened.

I was positively assured in writing that the partitions of Nurses’ bed-rooms were up to roof - Only two are

Also, that the Store-rooms off Nurses’ Day room had been “ingeniously” ventilated - I can see none -

&c &c &c

I had to write to Dr. S. to know whether there was any Sanitary or constructive objection to making partitions up to ceiling -

He says not -

I think these Quarters very good, very ingenious. But I think they would be 50 per cent. better with certain objections removed.

I do not think my Remarks 1 & 2 mere grievances but very solid evils - for Quarters which may be occupied as long as the Hospital is.

Dr. S. says: “Please tell them to reply as

“speedily as possible, in order that any changes may be made - as urgent orders have been sent to complete” -

He need hardly say that to us -

ever yours

F.N.

Embley
Romsey 12/10/69
Dear Sir,

Might I so far trespass upon your kindness as to beg that, when the "Adelaide", Screw Steamer arrives at Malta, by whom I am sending home invalided two sick Sisters & three sick Nurses, you would have the charity to go on board, & see Mrs. Langston & Miss Terrot, two of my sick Sisters & give them the benefit of your advice?

We have missed your invaluable kindness since we lost you here very much.

May I beg you to excuse my troubling you & to believe me
Yours very truly & gratefully
(Sgd.) Florence Nightingale

The Adelaide will sail between the 15th & 22nd of this month from here - with Convalescents for England -
Dear Mr. Rawlinson,

1. I have written to the W.O. to ask it what it will do to help in sewering Winchester.
2. I am getting estimates of the cost of sundry hospitals for you per bed.

I send a pencil sketch which was made to revise sundry defects in a plan for a new Bucks. Infirmary which is building.

If the lower floor instead of being offices, were wards, and the offices pushed out behind, it would about meet your requirements.

I have written to the W.O for a tracing of a new Regimental Hospital on this plan, which will cost about £80 or £90 per bed. Civil building might probably reach £100 per bed. [end]

I was very sorry to hear that you were uneasy about Miss Rawlinson's health.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) F. Nightingale
Hampstead [16:539-60]

My dear Sir    7 August 1861

I ventured to send (by the post) as you expressed a wish for my "Notes on Nursing" for your nurses, 5 copies of the last edition which is also the cheapest, altho' it contains many additions particularly in the 1st & 2nd chaps & a chapter, the 16th on "Minding Baby" which I added at the request of several "National school Masters who found they could make their school girls mind me by telling them it was for baby's sake".

I like your address about a Building Act. It is admirable - shews a complete mastery of the case, as regards densely peopled towns.

Your proposals would not altogether suit ours, because we build every man on his own ground, & flats are almost unknown. However the Paris experience shows it to be quite possible to have healthy houses in flats, - and we too have "Model Buildings" in flats which yield /have the average mortality of the other HI/ST/NC5/3/19
parts of London. If you would like to send me a draft of a building act "suitable for Glasgow, directed against the most prominent existing evils! always those most likely to recur, & could obtain for you every assistance, conforming it to our principles of sanitary legislation & Police. But perhaps you have already done this. God's hand has been very heavy upon me, for besides increasing illness incessant business He has taken from me the powerful friend, with whom for five years, this very August 7th I had daily co-operated for the Welfare of the Army & the loss is severe indeed. You must therefore excuse hurried letters & believe me sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale
What have the "Sisters of Charity" /"Sisters of S. Vincent de Paul" "done" for "our wounded soldiers & seamen?"

The only R. Catholic "Sisters" in the British Army in the Crimean War were: -

8 Sisters of the Order of "Our Lady of Mercy" of Bermondsey, some of whom with their admirable "Reverend Mothers" went out with the first & remained to the last.

== 10 Sisters of the same Order from Irish houses with a "Revd. Mother" from Kinsale.

== 5 Sisters of an Educational Order, which shall be nameless, as being found totally useless, they were sent home.

In the French & Sardinian Armies there were of course "Sisters of S. Vincent de Paul."

But these so far from assisting our soldiers & seamen accepted willingly & gratefully large stores & much assistance from our nurses, for
which I have letters of thanks from Marshall Pélissier, Insp. Genl. Baudens & the Soeurs Supérieures.

A Kaiserswerth Deaconess from the Prussian Hospital at Constantinople was also at Scutari & assisted us. This was the only foreign assistance we received.

In Oct. 1854 on my way through Paris to the Crimea, I went, furnished with letters from our Government & from Marshal Vaillant, to ask for "Sisters" from the Order of S. Vincent de Paul to accompany us. And they were refused - & this although, after an interview with Lord Cowley, he was so good as to send his Private Secy. with me, in order to strengthen my application.

I am on the closest terms of intimacy with Soeurs of S. Vincent de Paul, in whose house I have been allowed to study at Paris, & am quite sure that the false statements of their services to our "wounded soldiers & seamen" have not been put forward by them.

They were on all occasions our obliged.

(signed) F. Nightingale

[A further note on the same sheet shows incorrect statements had been made in the Times & people urged her to send this contradiction "It is not please to be made public"].
Letter, ff59-62, pen, copy, not FN hand


Letter from Miss F. July 4 1863
Proposed Officer for Admission of Sisters &c

My dear -

You asked me the day you went away to read over the "forms for admitting Sisters &c "and tell you what I thought about the matter. After doing as you desired I went over to your house desiring to have a little conversation with you and ______ on this subject, but other things put it out of my head.

The first thing that strikes me is the prominence given to the ideal Community, and in all the prayers throughout, the thoughts seem held down to the individuals there assembled, instead of being lifted up out of themselves.

I should prefer a service applicable alike to every person of any rank joining herself to the Society (for whatever office high or low) to a series of Services arranging all as it were on different steps of altitude.

It seems to me that differences of position in the family are secular rather than sacred matters and had better be left to the Superior to order and maintain, in her character as Head of the House. She cannot of course do this without reference to Christian principles and must found all her proceedings on these: But it seems to me that special engagements and promises solemnly made may hamper the individual freedom, but are not likely to promote a free & willing and sincere obedience to authority; and will be apt to fret and irritate those subject to them if urged by the Superior in support of that Authority.

Another point that strikes me is this. Since orderly and united action can only be expected as the result of unity in the faith; and since love and harmony
will be more or less perfectly maintained in proportion as Christian Charity in its widest meaning as described in the Epistle to the Corinthians, is understood, felt and acted upon by those who desire to be united in closer bonds with one another than with their fellow Christians in general, it is surely very desirable for the members of the Society at any rate - and I should think equally so for those to whom their services are offered (whether the Clergy under whom they are to work, or the sick and poor and the ignorant who are under their care) that there should be some enquiry and some guarantee with regard to the faith, and proficiency in Christian practise, of every one joining the Society. Will the Bishop act in such a matter without having any satisfaction on these points? Is the probation - of a year - or whatever time may be named - intended to be merely a practical preparation for work? If not, who is to ascertain the moral fitness and supply the teaching and cultivation that is found to be wanting during that period?

Are the Clergy to accept offers of Service and give weight by solemn services to domestic rules and arrangements, and suffer the Superior whose time must be necessarily very much taken up with other affairs (even supposing her in other respects competent to the duty) to take out of their hands the duty to become the sole responsible person both for preparing candidates for these difficult duties, and also giving assurance of their fitness afterwards, to those over and under them and to their fellow workers, who are quite as much concerned as any one else (and perhaps in some ways more so) in the fitness of the members of their body
Are people in general so well instructed in the grounds of their Christian Faith, and have they — speaking generally — been so well brought up “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” as to make it at all safe to take this for granted, as a matter of course? If not who is to provide for this part of the work and how is it provided for?

I only read this book of offices once through, but I think there is nothing of this kind; and my impression is that though we see the name of a Chaplain put forward in printed papers of the Society it is on these solemn occasions “Sisters” “Elder Sisters” and “the Superior” — who present the Candidates — and the enquiries are chiefly whether both parties are mutually willing and desirous to accept each other as companions.

And there are exhortations to “perseverence” without its being any way made evident whether the candidate does or does not know the right road to her object.

A Subscription to articles of Faith would be something—But ought it not also to be preceded by an examination of the candidate for admission as to her understanding of those articles conducted by a proper person — the Parish Clergyman — Chaplain or some one appointed by the Bishop (if he means to take the whole responsibility on himself as he seems to offer himself to do) or might not certificates of Baptism and Confirmation be properly produced and a letter recommendatory from her clergyman, supposing no particular enquiry or examination is deemed needful before the admission takes place.

You and I are of course likely to be prejudiced in our preference for the amended service (i.e. a very different one from any in the book)—But it appears to me that any one putting herself in imagination in the place of a
candidate must prefer yours for two principal reasons namely that to go into the community by that door is easier in as much as there is nothing that draws the person entering into undue notice or uncomfortable prominence - and there is a great deal to support and calm the Spirit in the act of self-dedication.

The other reason is that it is also easier to go out than it would be after all those peculiar particulars and precise questions & answers and public declarations of sentiments & intentions which would give the feeling of having begun to ascend a flight of steps and of having in future no possibility of moving, but onwards in the same direction or turning back and going downwards.

Though no vow is made it would not be agreeable to do the thing in a way that might expose you to be considered as a Deserter if you found it expedient to follow some other track of usefulness or duty at some future time."

Letter, f64, typed, original Hospital for Bradfield College

Enquiry for Mr Stevens.

115 Park Street. W.
July 5th 1864

My dear Sir Wm Heathcote

I only received your note of July 1 yesterday afternoon. And I happened to be particularly busy that day. This must be my excuse for delay in answering.

If we were asked to provide an Infirmary for 25 beds upon a population of 150, we should begin by asking (Hibernice) - What horrible sanitary wrong is there at home to be put right that you should require accommodation for such a sick population?

If they really ever have such an amount of Scarlet Fever or of any sick as 25 to 150, there should be most serious enquiry into the sanitary state of the school. And we would indicate the points to be inquired into: drains, sinks, W.C.s, stuffy dormitories, bedding etc etc. (In any building for 150 with which we have to do, we should consider 7 beds an ample allowance and be very indignant if they were all filled.)

Position If the School is in the open country, the Hospl. may be placed wherever it will get plenty of light and air. And if it is a long building, the end may be brought within 20 or 30 feet of the School - always bearing in mind that it must be out of reach of the noise of the play ground - and that, if the diets are cooked in the school kitchen, the Hospital part must be connected with the School by a covered way.

Accommodation Assuming the sick at 15 and the convalescents at 10, one sick ward for 12, one for 3 would be convenient. They should be on the
upper floor with a nurse's room and scullery between them. The convalescents might be on the lower floor. And the Matron should have her bedroom and sitting room on the same floor. Also Clothes room and Clean Linen room. Also a surgery for medicines etc. Two nurses would be quite necessary for the two sick wards, where there is certain to be much night work, besides a cleaning woman, who will have enough to do and must sleep in the house and belong to the establishment. The Convalescents must have a nurse, besides the Matron, - a bed-room and sitting room, a separate door and a separate play ground.

Cubic space The sick beds must have (in the 12 bed ward) not less than 1200 cubic ft - better 1500 - and (in the 3 bed ward) at least 2000 ft each. The Convalescents should have 1000 to 1200 cubic ft each in the bed-room. Unquestionably they should have a Day room too.

I have not had much experience among young sick of the educated class of men. But I once directed myself an establishment for the sick of the young lady class - chiefly governesses - and was both Matron and Head Nurse.

Now an Establishment for 25 sick and convalescents (of the educated class) is in fact a Hospital. And I should consider it better that it should have its own kitchen. For Scarlet Fever especially, there must be numberless messes prepared, which must be done in the Hospital fire-range. If you do these, you may as well do all the diets in the Hospital. At least I should think so.

I would give as a warning this: - all Ward Offices, now as a rule admirable in public Hospitals - are execrable in every educated infirmary I have ever seen - execrable as to position, construction, everything - (I would point out the Rugby School Infirmary) - whereas they ought to be better for the educated than for the uneducated.

[end 16:660]

Ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

34, South Street,
Park Lane, W
15th May 1865

Dear Mr. Rawlinson,

I have this morning had a letter from Sir John Lawrence speaking with despondency of the future progress of sanitary works in India, and enclosing this article (which please return to me) from one of the Calcutta newspapers.

Does it not appear that the way in which they are proceeding with the drainage, is not at all in accordance with your suggestions?

But, however this may be, the matter is of such vast importance and the Governor General is so good in giving me the opportunity of
corresponding with him directly on all these subjects - that I very much wish you would have the kindness to write me such a letter (about this Article) from the Local Government Act Office as you would have no objection to me sending out to Sir John Lawrence for their information in India.

The whole thing ought to come before your War Office Commission. But I wish to save time.

If you could point out tersely the errors they are committing - also the remedies - or general principles which ought to be kept in view, in a letter which I might forward, it might do much good.

I need hardly say that this letter of mine to you is strictly confidential.

If you could answer me, so that I might write by the Bombay Mail of the 18th, it would save valuable time.

Ever dear Mr. Rawlinson,

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) Florence Nightingale

HI/ST/NC5/3/23
My dear Madam,

I am very grateful to you for your most kind letter of July 9.

As you have honoured me with a request for my Photograph, I made enquiries in order not to seem ungracious. But, till now I have never but once given it, not thinking it worth anybody's acceptance - and that once was the Queen's - and that is the only 'once' I have ever sat for it vis. by command, which I could not help.

I send you by Book post a little book which I have less repugnance in giving because it contains accounts of many more than myself. The Vignette is done from a Statuette, the work of my cousin Miss Bonham Carter, which she did without my knowledge, since I have been ill (She too, alas! - and yet not alas! - is gone to her rest) When I made enquiries for you, I was told of this little book - and that this statuette was the most like - and then first I came to the knowledge of it.

I enclose one (also) from a drawing by my Sister, Lady Verney, with a little owl which I brought in my pocket from Athens some 16 years ago, and which was a great favourite with my family for years. It died, as if on purpose, the very day I started for the Crimea, 12 years ago.

You see this thing of my sister's is more than 12 years old. And I don't like it. It is too much of the "young lady" I can't fancy it can be like me. But they say it is.

Pray excuse this long story. And believe me dear Madam ever yours, with great truth,

affectionately & gratefully,

Florence Nightingale.

Mrs. Walker.

HI/ST/NC5/3/24
My dear Miss Torrance

I am quite sure that you will give my message to the Nurses better than I could give it myself - but this is the sort of thing that I wish I could say to them - they have been called by God (for we are only His tools) to this great work under you.

- but many are called & few are chosen - let them know that this is true in all God's works on earth as well as in His final calling of us to heaven.

let them strive to be those "few" who are "chosen" to establish in London the
great work of taking care of His sick poor, in the new And improved Workhouse Infirmaries. This is the first - let them strive under you, to make it a model for others. If there is one thing more than another that our great Master strives to shew us, by His life as well as by His Gospels, it is that He considers it an honour to serve the poorest and the meanest, that He will not give His crown except to those who have borne His cross - that He does not think much of a spirit of enthusiasm, but that patient courage - the

fighting the good fight through life, "Enduring Hardness is what He encourages & rewards. As His greatest follower St Paul, said & did, to run with patience our appointed course, that is our calling. Now what is our Nurses "appointed course"? Evidently: to bring the nursing of the poorest sick to perfection. And how are they to "run it?" By "Looking unto Jesus" for all our life is of nothing worth except to imitate Him. And what would He say to them now, if He were among them? -- Certainly He would say -- 1st hang about your Matron as bees about their Queen Bee
Carry every thing to her, - Complain to no one else - conceal nothing from her. Strive first and foremost to carry out her plans. A house which is divided against itself can not stand. 2. Be united among yourselves, let there be no jealousies, nor rivalries, except who shall do best.

Some may have the posts they like least - some those they like most - some Night Nursing - some Day Nursing. Did our Great Master & St. Paul always think about what they liked best? To take the part that is given you to do, & to do it, with all your might - that is the teaching which He lived & died to shew us. [For my part, I have done more Night-Nursing than any one for I have had to be Night Superintendent as well as Day Superintendent (& that for months & years together) & I think Night Nursing may often be made the best time both for one's self & Patients] 3. A Nurses life however much & even more because her heart is in her work, is full of worries & troubles - A matrons still more so I, for my part, confess that I never could have gone through the troubles & trials I have had, if it were not for that feeling: To this I have been called
to a work among his sick poor. He will give strength and patience & wisdom even to me who have none of these things.

4. They, the Nurses will have assistants under them, themselves under you & all under you - They are responsible to you to God, for setting always a good example to those young women, for teaching them all they can, instead of shirking work & laying it upon their assistants.

[illeg] have to answer to God for other's Souls besides our own. And many of the first shall

be last - & of the last - first. Lastly they begin work under advantages which have never been before. They have a Matron for whom I bless God every day that He has called her to His work - they have a new building which, take it for all in all is the best in London except new St Thomas's. They have authorities in our favour, they have none of the struggles which, going into an old Workhouse wear out a Superintendent & Nurse's life, for every bit of clean linen, almost every drop of Beef Tea that is to go into the Patients'
mouths - wards crowded up with 200 or 300 beds more than the building will hold every winter & all the rest of it - which makes good nursing almost impossible - is God to give them all these advantages - & they not to give Him anything? I am sure they will answer to His call. He has given them every thing which makes good Nursing.

Let them be good Nurses.

They were called to His work at Christmas time - the time when "Good will towards men" "peace on earth" is more expressly the message of our God.

When we are told expressly that we are to give "glory to God on high" by shewing "good will towards men" in the persons of His poor, His sick, His wretched, forsaken, sinful & degraded creatures. It was to these Christ came. And He came in humility of heart, in poverty of spirits. And it is only to the humble, not to the conceited or grasping that He gives His strength & his help. Let us not so much as hear of pride & arrogance & contentions among our Nurses. But let them take a pride in their common calling in doing it as well as possible. - for God's sake as well as their Patients - I shall
bear you all in mind
every day of my life, & be
most anxious to hear how
you get on. Every trouble
& every gain will be in-
teresting to me. And bye &
bye I shall hope to see
each & all of the Nurses, when
they have proved their
"Armour", & you can spare
them here to tea?
    I depend upon them, upon
each & upon all of them, to
uphold the credit of our
nursing - for all our sakes.
& above all to spare the
health and spirits of
their Matron by doing
for her all they can-

God bless you all
Ever your Anxiously Affectionate
    Florence Nightingale

London. November 4/70
My dear Miss Torrance
    I must bid you & our
Nurses God speed with all
my soul & strength on
the opening of the whole
Infirmary & the completing
of the Nursing Staff.
    Believe me, I pray think of
you & pray for you daily.
    I [illeg] & beg to offer for the
Nurses' room which I know
you have taken so much
pleasure in fitting up for
them the best thing I can offer
And that is: the remembrance
of our Lord's Communion
& Sacrament upon earth.
    Let the Nurses kindly,
when they look at this picture
& still more when they receive
the Sacrament, sometimes think of me - who would so gladly be among you but who am unable from constant illness - think of me in remembrance of Him whose servants we all strive to be - whose "Communion" is: that we should try to be like Him whose Sacrament is a promise from us that we will live & die as He did, to the utmost of our power, with God's help. To be "like Him" is to live for others & not for ourselves, is to consecrate our plan of life to the service of our Father in heaven as He did. Christ has expressly pointed out

some services (and of these the Nursing Service is so fortunate as to be one) in which He not only promises us "Communion" with Him, if we strive to do our part - as He did, but actually says that - He feels as if those services were done to Him personally & He were once more on Earth receiving them. When we are nursing the sick, we may actually be sure that He says to us: "I was sick - And ye nursed me". But how to do it, so that Christ may really look upon the service as done for Him? [I feel that - your dear Matron can answer this question
so much better than I can - yet - I will try in the very few moments I can spare for leisure and strength I never have - to show you how it seems to me.] One thing is - the great importance of the Highgate Nursing Establishment to the future Nursing in Workhouse Infirmaries - especially in London. With one exception, not in London, you are the first regular, complete, trained Nursing Staff, under a Matron of your own, in a complete & separate Hospital, who have been established for this kind of Infirmaries.

I need hardly remind you that you must show what Nursing can do for the sick - how from day to day it must always be improving - never be satisfied that it has reached the best you can do - not by fits & starts of fervour - not either by cold or lukewarm, hard or indifferent - or hasty ill tempered service - but by fervent continuance in well doing - by uniting in cordial obedience & fellow feeling with your Matron (of whose strenuous devotion to the work I could say many words, as you know that I do not like to say them to her face) for the welfare
of the sick.
2 This is it: -
The paramount importance of
faithful discharge of duty
of discipline & obedience to orders -
which I would I had words
to impress upon you, as I know
it from a life's experience.
You have a Matron who can
govern.
Can we obey as unto the Lord
& not unto men - that is
with a real hearty love &
confidence - & desire to carry
out - her plans - for the success
of the whole building &
Establishment of sick under
your charge?
I do not doubt that you
can.
And therefore I will only add

a wonderful example of the
power of intelligent obedience
which is now passing before
our eyes in the Prussian
Army which has overrun
France. For discipline
means: to obey intelligently
orders which are intelligently
given -
The Prussian Army, as
perhaps you know, is composed
of every man in Prussia.
That is, every young man in
Prussia - from the son of the
Prime Minister to the son of
the labourer (the rich & the
highly educated, just as much
as the poor, -) serves a certain
number of years in the ranks -
& is liable to be called out
in the course of a War -
It was said that it would
be impossible to require the implicit obedience necessary for success in War - from an Army composed in this way - that "gentlemen" would be too highly educated to obey - that soldiers would sometimes be found to say, `they knew better than their officers -'
It has been found just the contrary.
The highest education knew best the value of obedience - Knew best the essential necessity of it not only for success but for safety.
They were well led - & they obeyed well.

And that has been the secret of German success - a success so complete, so overwhelming, so astounding that there has been nothing like it in all the history of man.
Two French Armies - the bravest in Europe - taken prisoners - nearly 300,000 men & sent to Germany.
The Babylonish Captivity which we read of in Scripture, can alone be some guide to us of what this means as the crowning cup of misery for a country.
Paris is besieged.
And this splendid city with its two millions of men, women & children, is on the point of being bombarded by the Germans — if peace, for which our Government is trying with all its might to negotiate is not first made — As Christ wept before Jerusalem, may we not say He is weeping now before Paris? The poor people in all that part of France, which has been overrun by the German Armies, are without food, without shelter, their villages burnt — their cows, horses, and provisions, even to the seed corn for next year, carried off — their looms for weaving & tools for work destroyed, their clothing gone — And even in this dire distress they tried to feed & help the needy sick and wounded left on their hands. The peasant women, old & young, came to the Battle fields, bringing water, wine, bandages, bread — & help which in an hour or two
later would have been
too late to save the lives
of many hundreds - &
afterwards received them
even their enemy's sick &
wounded into their houses
& cottages - & nursed them.

What a lesson this
is for us Nurses:
In many cases they saved
the lives of those who
cruelly had injured
them - taking all they
had!
The wounded soldiers used
to be heard afterwards, each
calling out for his own
Special "Misses" - who, he said,

was the only person who
knew how to move him -
generally some old poor
woman who had thus
nursed him with her own
poor help before other
help came -
And in the Hospitals you
could often see the Frenchmen
& the German wounded
or sick laying side by side
the two enemies - & one
sharing any little comfort
that had been given him
with the other who
had actually stabbed
him with his bayonet
after the two had been
lying both wounded
on the Battle field
Oh what lessons of love
forbearance, & forgiveness
these are to us!
I have wandered from
my subject -
The fact is: that, for the
last 3 months & more I
have been wholly employed
in business for the sufferers
of this awful War - And
so I cannot help talking
to you about them.
What horrors have been
suffered hardly any one
knows - but those who
have themselves seen War -
How long, O Lord, how long?
- is all we can say - &

pray for peace.
You will not think I
am admiring the Prussians
- To continue the war now is
simple Savagery.
I only mentioned the case
to you of the wonderful
effects of "discipline"
in procuring a quite un
[illeg]success - as an
instance of the way & the
only way in which any
Institution can prosper -
The Germans shewed "discipline"
in killing life: may you shew
discipline in: saving life -

3. And the third thing
I would say is:—
which I am sure will find
an echo in every one one of your
hearts—
that every nurse, when
out of sight of her Superior
becomes invested with greatly
increased responsibilities—
& should try to discharge
them as in the sight of God,
who is, as we will know,
avways present.
And let me once more
return to our picture—
We seem to feel at the
Communion that we are
passing into the presence
of God & laying before
Him all our lives and actions

That— which always is in fact
we solemnly & distinctly
acknowledge—
May that remembrance be
in you & in me!
4. Your work & my work is,
in one word: self-denial— But
it brings with it under all
disappointments & trials,
the quiet assurance of having
done some service to God,
if done in a quiet constant
Spirit.
In quietness & in confidence
shall be our strength—
our "Communion" with Him—
our sense of His presence—
Even amid all the hurries
& worries & tiresome troubles
of a nursing life.

This is the difficulty. But we may say to Christ:
"Lord, I have never a moment without a worry How wilt Thou take up Thine abode in us & in what manner shall we be conscious of Thy presence?" - And Christ answers - "Whoever will take up his or her Cross & follow me", I am one with him or her!!

But mind He says to us: "take up the cross", we are neither to shirk it - nor complain of it - nor to rebel against it, but take it up.

As He did - in God's strength as St Paul did I have said a few hasty imperfect words, not worthy of the occasion, but such as I was able write in scattered moments. My words are interrupted - my thoughts are daily with you - my heart is all yours.

I ask you all - more & more every day to do (what I am sure you are doing) - to help your Matron in this undertaking to carry out the good of the whole Institution in the spirit of that "Last Supper", where eleven out of the twelve disciples of our Lord
gave themselves up, - thro' many shortcomings & much weakness still - gave themselves up to do their Master's Work - & to train other "disciples" for that work - always remembering: "except the Lord build the house" (the Highgate Infirmary - by far the best of any Workhouse Infirmary we have) "their labour is but bliss that build it." And the Night-Nurses may say: - "Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Your house has grown up by the labors of many - by the blessing of God.

If I need not repeat again how we may secure God's presence in the "house" He has built - as truly as any Church or Temple (for it is for His poor & sick)

We pray, looking forward to the future, that your "house" may continue to grow & increase - that you may continue to "build it up" - not merely in the sense of good nursing - tho' that is much, as Christ tells us - but in the higher sense of success in the nursing of good & noble
thoughts And lives – remembering that the true dignity of life is: to be engaged in His service.

And let us pray that the Highgate Infirmary may be made such that some may leave it with some seeds of human improvement sown in them – & that you yourselves may in after life on earth, in a future life in heaven look back to it – as the place in which you have tried to serve God in His Sick & poor Children with all your soul, with all your strength, with all your heart, with all your mind.

I hope to see you all, & every one of you in course of time, soon – But you can scarcely tell how driven I am by occupation & always a prisoner to my bed from illness. It is 16 years to day since we the Nurses landed at Scutari in the Crimean War – It is 17 years that I have had but twice one week's holiday except when I had Typhus Fever & was quite prostrate – which was a holiday.

God bless you all. And believe me all yours & ever yours in heart & soul

Florence Nightingale
My dear Miss Anderson,

I have been vainly trying for a moments time or strength which is the same thing to wish you early new years joy that Infinite love can give - but I am always wishing it you in my heart.

You have left your remembrance here as Night Supt. in many hearts in St Thomas' Miss Franklin Night Nurse in Albert is talking of you still. I am always hearing of Miss Anderson how good she was as Night Supt so "respected" by the Nurses. Night Nurses office in a differently - then Miss Anderson so helpful - would not let Sisters be disturbed - would show Night Nurses what to do & help them, then would keep the ward during our operation.
& when the operation case came back, not standing by but helping so much at the bed. Kept such a cheerful holy tone in the ward - so competent. always knew when Night Supt. Miss Anderson came in then the best Sisters say: Miss Anderson never satisfied with her own work - always aspiring higher. Ah! There I recognize

Miss Anderson. I know she is never satisfied with her own work now - always aspiring higher and that is the tone good work. I know how she must influence the Nurses now & raise the whole Night Nursing - And I hope she does not find it dreary when she thinks of this. (?)She gives Night-Supt to truly

Glory in the highest for earth peace

good will towards men."

What a noble calling! scarcely anything nobler. How I should like to hear anything you saw tell me of your work. It must be very heavy now. But His "strength is made perfect in our weakness" What should men do without that promise?

My best love to Miss Gibson? very king regards to Miss Palmer

please. I have but a sorry account to give you of home affairs. "Home Sister" has been very poorly in staying here at this moment. Matron Flo is very ailing. Miss Pringle of Edinburgh has been obliged to go to Pau in the Pyrenees for water. Sister Albert (Miss Stuart) ? ? Past ? with
Home Sister. *She is particularly dull & boring?. So is Sister Airy.
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? standing Diarrhoea &
Dysentery at Cairo in Egypt.
very heavy work. on night duty now
as cheerful as a bee. Miss Estcourt
& ? is now Night Staff
Nurse at the own ? in
Alexandria? - She is to have that
Sister ship for Miss Isla Stewart
& leaving.
I can fancy how you have
? for every gift & talked?

f101v
where you are. I trust you are
? well. It does my heart
good to hear their talk of you
now again God bless you &
your work. My dear Miss
Anderson. Pray for
yours ever affect.

Florence Nightingale

[end 12:377]

letter, ff102-03, pen f102 {B IX 2} copy, dated Dec 27/86

My dear Miss Anderson
So you are appointed to the
Northern And you have my
very best, my most fervent
wishes that you may have
success in the highest sense.
It is not now a question whether
you shall go or not; therefore
let us only think of the future,
& tho' it may be a difficult one,
let us trust our Heavenly Father who wishes the welfare of the Hospital & your own, more even than we can do ourselves, that he will make it a prosperous one as he calls prosperity - a blessed one in His sense of the Highest blessing. It is his sincere gift to you. And I hope you will let me

know from time to time how you are going on, for I shall be most anxious [?]. I do not know when you go.
I am so grieved with Miss Gibson for her great trouble & grief. And I am so very sorry for ? Workhouse Infirmary losing you.
Now I shall say no more

but loving Christmas greetings & let me be ever affectionately yours
Florence Nightingale
4 Sept 1872

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 reconnaissais avec plaisir votre bonté en rattachant mon pauvre nom à la Grande Oeuvre, parce qu'il me semble que c'est plus pauvre jusqu'à la plus riche, ont travaillé lors de la dernière guerre sous vos auspices, disons-le bien, et ceux de la Croix. Elles ont 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, fille unique de Sir Henry Verney, est morte hier. C'est elle qui a travaillé plus que nous tous ici en 1870-71. Elle était vraiment le génie de l'Oeuvre des Blessés. Dieu l'a retirée à lui, si aimable, si aimant et si aimée.

Les affaires incessantes et les maladies continuelles dont je suis accablé m'empêchent, Monsieur, bien à regret de faire plus que de vous offrir l'expression de ma profonde admiration.

Florence Nightingale.

translated copy, f106 Typed with some pen corrections.

f106 {archivist's note in pen at bottom: (Note. This letter is published, though not quite in full in Les Debuts de la Croix-Rouge en France (extraits des Memoires de Jean-Henri Dunant) p. 147 This book was published in 1918 at Zurich by Institut Orell Füssli. [Füssli]
LI/ST/NC5/3/28 To Miss Pringle.

Glasgow Association for District Nursing:

My dear "Little Sister"

I send for this Association

1. the Preliminary Report to our London District Nursing

   Except that people never read anything, this would give them
   a tolerably good idea of the experience put together.

   a). We do not think it possible to try to mix up Private
   Nursing of the rich with District Nursing of the poor: Because
   such a trial has always ended in the rich absorbing the poor:

   b). We do not think it right to mix up Midwifery Nursing
   with General Nursing of any.

   (In a hurried scrawl I gave you my reasons for this)

2. I send you also two copies of my letter to the "Times" on

   District Nursing.

3. Dr. Donald Macleod has written to me: but not to ask me for
   a 'rifacimento' of my "Una" which I might possibly have been able to do:
   but for an entirely new Article on District Nursing for "Good Words".

   It is not a thing which one can do 'at call' with an over-worked
   brain and worn out body: and with everybody asking one [me] to
   write some Report, Preface, Dictionary Article: or &c. &c. and with
   never an hour's rest since my Father's death 2 1/2 years ago: besides
   all old engagements. If I can do it, I will: but I cannot engage to do
   it: I am sorry to say:

   Ever yours
   F.N.

(I can hardly write this:)

   All our matters I leave to Miss Williams to tell you:

1/7/76 With best love: F.N.
Lea Hurst,
November 12th, 1879. [8:983-84]
7 a.m.

My dear Miss Mochler

Thank you (you know how deep a meaning lies in that one little word, strongly felt; Thank you) for all your care of my dear Mother and for your letters.

I am afraid that you see some change in her.

I am sure that she has much comfort in Thornton's Prayers: and in what is read or still more repeated to her, even if she misplaces her words, as when she said to you that Thornton's Prayer was a "nice letter".

I have been more struck than ever before, if possible, this year by how much she feels and knows and thinks and even remembers than she can express.

You know the power of expression goes first in old and weak and sick people.

I am sure that she has thoughts about God and Death and thoughts of tenderness and fears and anxieties that she is painfully conscious of her inability to express.

In that attack which she had here she told me so much. As in the two years before I was so struck with the activity of heart and conscience even when mind was almost gone, which led her so painfully to search out the truth of the religious words she had used so devoutly all her life.

It seemed that there was truer religion there than in all the words we so unctuously and deftly repeat. I wished I could always hit off the mood of her mind or rather conscience.

Sometimes she told me herself I did. Let us pray for her. Mr. Shore's tenderness for her is beyond all thanks. I hope his Thames Bank affairs are going on well.

I return my mother's prescriptions which I ought to have done before.
I saw A.P. I am sure you have a very real and high influence over him. Probably no one ever had such before over him. When he speaks of you, it is with tears in his eyes. And his mother told me it made him "quite poorly" to write to you. He came here in togger which would not have disgraced two Dukes. He told me of his own accord that the love of drink had quite left him: he did not care for it now.

I did not tell him what I knew that he had been met on October 1st coming back from Crich in a cart "not drunk as he had been before but intoxicated" I believe this was the only time.

I tried only to interest him and not to brow-beat or lecture him.

There must have been terrible folly on his Mother's part. She has given him, I am told, the "tit bits" I sent her: etc. etc. etc. And he is too dainty.

I should have said to Adam that I could not go on doing for her if he did not lay by something. But I earnestly hope he will send you money: has he?

He has Neuralgia and "Biliousness", the result of drink: but is much the better for Mr. Dunn's treatment.

I am doing what I can in the cause of thrift and saving. If I had my time here over again, I would give nothing (except in old cases) but on condition that they save.

I shall have much to tell you about all our people when we meet soon:

Mrs. Limb is wonderfully better: but oh the son is going to be married at Xmas and the daughter Limb will have to turn out. This is hard on both. Harriet Limb is going to put into the Savings' Bank doubled by me.

I have taken Henstock and Shardlow off the milk, (but Henstock not off the Cocoatine) after having seen them, and both having promised to put into the Women's Club, and into the P.O. Savings' Bank, doubled by me. I have left Debanks on 'milk', subject to her promise of putting into Women's Club and P.O. Savings Bank.

I saw her: she cried very much about her misdeeds as to Widow Gregory. I am sorry that there are sad reports about all of them Debanks and Gregorys including the John Gregory's. P.T.O.
I am sorry to give you a bad report of your little friend's health, Lizzie Holmes. She was ill, and I sent Mr. Dunn. He tells me (but he does not wish her or her mother to be alarmed) that the heart disease is making rapid progress. She is coming here today in the fly to see me.

Walker and Alfred Peach are both at work.

There is to be a free Tea on Saturday, for this is the Wakes. Last Sunday they had to have six policemen here.

I have doubled Alison's milk and am paying Jane for work today. She has mended 61 things.

I have doubled Martha Sheldon's milk (I have seen her and the famous counterpane is to be finished next week), and the Allen's milk and am draining their floor. I sent Mr. Dunn to them: and he says the younger has Bright's disease of the kidneys - dryness, meat, milk and eggs are necessary.

I will tell you about them when we meet.

Please tell Mr. Shore that the drainage at the Bratbys is successfully finished: and that I read his letter about the wells at Lea, to Mr. Yeomans. I shall have much to tell him when I see him. Please tell him that the Allens were very grateful to him for their new back windows.

The (Naughty) Henstock boy has been apprenticed to the Derby photographer. He has been both a thief and a forger. I pray that in this new scene he may repent and not become a gaol-bird. The poor mother is a spirit-tapping idiot about her children.

Miss Irby had an adventurous miserable journey back to Sarajevo alone. She writes not in good spirits. Four out of 7 of her girls are dead those who were in training at Prague for schoolmistresses.

Things crowd upon me to tell you: but they must wait till I see you soon: I have no time: this last month is so overcrowded.

Evermore thanks for your care of my dear Mother: God bless you: your affly
(Sgd.) F. Nightingale
P.T.O.

Please say to Mr. S.S.
Miss Irby writes from Sarajevo:
"May Miss Johnston go and see Mrs. Nightingale and talk to her about her grandfather Sir Fowell Buxton, and the
slave trade - a subject on which I never knew your mother not wake up to. Miss Johnston wants to go partly I think because she was so devoted for years to her own old grandmother."
Miss Johnston's address is
10 Ovington Gardens

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{BIX 13} {2}
10 South Street
Park Lane, W.
Aug 19th, 1880.

My dear Miss Mochler,

Seldom was letter more welcome than yours from Lea Hurst. I had been longing to hear and too ill and overworked to write.

I am very sorry indeed that you are going on the 26th. I was in hopes that you would stay till after I come. And when that will be I can hardly say. But I hoped to find you there.

I take the liberty of enclosing £5 and of asking you to be so good to spend it on the flannel you speak of for dear Mrs. Limb and, in anything else either at Lea Hurst or elsewhere that you wish for.

Lyddy Prince: I was very glad you sent Mr. Dunn to her. He says she has only Dyspepsia: but that is a bad "only".

Words cannot say how I grieve about Adam, nor how disappointed I am. And how much more must our Lord grieve and be disappointed in him, I still hope that He may give you a message to him.

Jane Allison I was going to ask you to be so good as to see particularly after. She has gone through a great deal. But I have only just learnt of her return from Manchester. I do not think it is at all pauperizing to help her much.

I am so glad of your account of the little Platts.

Should you think any of the milk recipients had better be taken off or any of the meats, would you be so good as to let me know?

I wish I could offer you a bed in this house, but alas! I cannot.

And now for little Lee: he is called the "little miracle". You know it was thought that he would never leave St. Thomas' again (Psoas abscess) But they had nursed him so well there that he is now
able to wear his new splint - a much better one than HI/ST/NC5/3/30
he has been able to wear before - He can walk a little - and has very little discharge now. And this very week he was "Presented" and I wrote to Ascot that he might return there. I have now sent to St. Thomas' to know if they think a visit (his mother's) would do him harm - (it is sure to discompose him and he is so happy) and if they could keep him till over the 26th. (They were going to keep him this week, because there has been a case of Scarlet Fever.)

I am afraid we must not however raise his mother's hopes about his future progress. She will probably think him looking worse than when he left her. It is only by comparison with what he was when he last came from Ascot, when the Doctors at St. Thomas' thought that "he might last for a few months" owing to the 'Psoas abscess' that we speak of his being a "little miracle". He is not better, and never will be as compared with his former past and his future. And you see how necessary unremitting first-class Medical advice is to him. He came back to us from Ascot worse than he went: altho' the Doctors at St. T's do not in the least

Now I have given you al the details I can till I have an answer from St. T's about his mother.

My love to all the dear old people you mention in the Village: Allens, Mrs. Broomhead, Mrs. Limb, Lizzie Holmes, and thank her Mother for her letter: I am afraid Lizzie Holmes not going to the Mill makes a difference: I hope the Mother does not work harder. Could you kindly ascertain about this?

You do not mention about our own children four: nor whether they ride. How I wish I were with them. Aunt Florence's loving-est love to them all: and to their dear Father and Mother. And pray tell their dear Mother that I have been longing to write to her and will: but have not been able.

I Hope what they call "my rooms" at Lea Hurst are occupied. Tell her I am afraid I am not coming just yet.

God bless you and all the place "on and on": as the Germans say.

Ever yrs. affly.

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

How is Mrs. Bratby? and could you see old Mrs. Peach at Critchley? And how is Mr. Haywood
and the penny School Savings' Bank. And does Mr. Wildgoose shew?
April 6, 1882

10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Madam,

In reply to your note, it is some years since I have had any direct information respecting the Sisters of Charity in Westminster - and I can only speak of my experience of this particular Society (St. Vincent de Paul) in France and of its general reputation here.

Their method of 'doing' their charity, so to speak, is considerably opposed to the principles which the Duke of Westminster and other enlightened leaders apply to charitable effort in the present day. Whether with regard to nursing or teaching - and may sometimes be called eminently successful in promoting improvident habits. They are proselytizers.

The Death rate of infants under their charge is always very high from their want of ordinary Sanitary precaution. And the Duke may probably recollect an instance a few years ago where this became public, in Westminster.

Pardon my delay in answering
& pray believe me
ever your faithful servt,
Florence Nightingale.

The Countess Grosvenor

HI/ST/NC5/3/31
Good speed, my dear Miss Huguenin: you have a great work before you: but I have no doubt you will do it.

I am afraid you will have wondered at my delay. But you did not answer my question what sort of books for teaching the Nurses & Probationers you wished for - nor whether you would consult Miss Crossland. So I consulted her - & this morning I sent for your kind acceptance:

Domville's Manual
Berkeley Hill on Bandaging
Hoblyn's Dictionary
Husband
Carter's Elements of Medicine
Huxley's Physiology
Neither Miss Crossland nor I could think of any easier surgical book than "Druitt." And I ordered a "Druitt" - but he is out of print.

Pray tell me if you want other books than these -
And pray also tell me how many beds you have & what sort of cases -
Your letter was immensely interesting to me but rather sad. However your Residents sound well.
I wish you had the engaging of the Nurses - or at least some considerable power over it & them -
It seems an uphill work.

God bless you & the work I should like to hear more of it - as well as of the 'classes' - & whether your 'skeleton' is in order. I cannot help feeling sorry that your Nurses "get certificates". I come in the way of seeing how much harm this does.

Excuse pencil.
Fare you very well - & believe me ever faithfully yours
with true sympathy
(Sgd.) F. Nightingale
Dear Miss Herbert,

So I meet you again as Night Supt. May all Christmas blessings be poured upon you and your work and upon your charges, the Night Nurses, whose work I often envy. I am so fond of Night Nursing. May the child Jesus be born again in all our hearts to-day.

I send 16 Christmas cards with my love, asking you to be so good as to choose one for yourself, and send one for Miss Snodgrass, who I understand is at Weston super Mare - and choose, because you can choose suitably so much better than I, for the following nurses:

1. Nurse Hay Ophthalmic
2. " Hewlett Elizabeth
3. " Christie Victoria I send two about
4. " her nurse-maid children on purpose
5. " Babcock Charity
6. " Moulton Christian
7. " Charlton George
8. " Ramson Arthur
9. " Hanson Albert
10." Church Clayton
11." Williams Leopold
12." Elliott Edward
13." Mitchell Obstetric

And one more for fear I should have omitted anybody - perhaps your Assistant.

I pray God for you and for them all in the night season. I send one card with an angel hovering over the sleeping city. That is how I think of Night Nursing. May we all answer the angel as Mary did.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to Thy word.

God bless you all, dear Miss Herbert

Ever yours and theirs

(Sgd) Florence Nightingale [end]
Oct. 17/87

My dear Sir,

Your wishes are law to me. And your account of the young lady of 18 who wishes to devote herself as a Nurse is so very interesting.

But have you thought whether 18 is not too young, both physically and morally?

There are sacred secrets belonging to the sick which 18 could not and ought not to be able to understand - and there are secrets the very reverse of sacred, the secrets of vice, about Patients which their Nurse must know if she is not to be made a fool of; and which one shrinks from any young women, gentle or simple, knowing. (Alas! the "simple" know them far too soon.)

A gentlewoman, or gentle girl, would either be shocked and run away. Or she would be hardened, which is the worse evil of the two. Then about the physical side - we do not take any one into our Training School at St. Thomas's Hospital under 23 - tho' I think we strive to make it a home where the mother of any girl need not object to seeing her daughter.

Whatever you take out of a woman in Nursing life before 23 or 24 you more than take out of her at the other end; indeed you may reckon two years for every one at this end that she loses at the other. Even in Children's Hospital I believe they take no Probationers under 20. (It is true that the present Matron of St. Thomas's (just appointed) who was Matron of the Great Edinburgh Infirmary for 13 years, came to us before she was 20, and has been in the Service ever since.

But the exception proves the rule (This lady is a pearl of the finest water,) and I think even she would have better health, had she entered later.

We even prefer not admitting gentlewomen earlier than 26 or 27, for two reasons: one that gentlewomen are younger in knowingness than those who have had to rough it: the other that posts of superintendents will be theirs if they persevere in the life * and 24 is too young to superintend.

Having laid these things, as an old Nurse and Trainer, before you and Mrs. Richmond, I will gladly see the young lady whenever we can make an appointment.

Pray do not think that I cry down Hospital life. To me it is the most sacred, the holiest of all. What is the highest character worth but to use it for those who have none? What is holiness for but to spend it for those who are unholy? And the lovely things one sees among Patients, the return of good feeling among those who for years have never heard a "good word" would alone make the life a delightful one.

Pardon me for not having answered your note before. I have been so
driven both by work and illness since I came back that I have scarcely had time to breathe, and shall be. But in November I hope to have a little more time and to make an appointment to see your maiden fair. May she run her noble career in life is the earnest wish of yours ever faithfully.

Florence Nightingale

How can I thank you enough for your picture of me: for my sister is more than delighted with it: That is what genius can do.

F.N.

W.B. Richmond Esq.

* i.e. after their year's probation.
My dear Sir,

I was struck down last night almost by my sister, Lady Verney, telling me, as of a thing that of course I knew, that Dr. Sutherland was dead!! And Sir Harry, on being questioned, said he was "sure" he had seen it in the paper 3 weeks ago or a month ago. Would you be so very kind as to telegraph to me as soon as you receive this:

Nightingale
Steeple Claydon
Bucks
telling me the truth.
I cannot find it in my heart to ask Mrs. Sutherland whether her husband is dead! My old friend!

I was in constant, almost daily communication with her till Dec. 20., when I was obliged to leave London by medical orders for total rest. (I took it as far as I could at Pine Acre; was no better; & came on after 3 weeks here)

But Mrs. Sutherland promised to write. And I have not heard from her. But the last accounts from her & from you were so good that I was not uneasy.

And I have heard from so many of his friends since. Sir D. Galton, Sir R. Rawlinson & others, who would have mentioned anything happening to Dr. S., & did not.

Anyhow, I am sure that you will be so kind as to telegraph to me immediately.
Pray believe me,
My dear Sir, in great anxiety,
ever sincerely yours,
Florence Nightingale

J.J. Frederick, Esq.
May 21, 88. [4:505]
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

My dear Miss Munro,

I think so much of your Egyptian Expedition - You must not, please, day, 'I may fail, & then I shall come back in a year.' But screw your courage to the sticking point. And you'll not fail.

Would you like to have the Scriptures in Arabic to take with you - for your own use, I mean? Or perhaps you have a copy already? Please say -

2. It is such a momentous thing to go among the Mahometans - not in order to convert them, but that they may 'see Christ' in us -
   In India the natives say: there are the Hindoos, & they know their religion & practice it - there are the Mahomedans, & they know their religion & they practice it, there are the Christians, who know their religion & they don't practice it" -
   And this is the great bar in the way of conversion.
   A Governor in India said this to me -
   We know they will not have to say it for you -
   The natives who are as sharp as needles have lynx eyes upon us now -
   But so have our own East-Enders - patients in Hospital - 'infidel workmen', as they are called, upon us -

3. I feel very anxious about your outfit. But you have more recent counsellors than I. I think the gauze flannel worn in India the best (inside) wear - And I always observe that natives them -
selves, who ought to know best, of hot climates do not clothe lightly. A flannel stomach-belt I think a great protection -

But whatever else there may be difference of opinion upon, there can be none on one point: To clothe loosely, to have nothing tight about one, is a sine qua non in a hot climate.

You know the "Sirens Stays" (to be had at any Indian outfitters) made of a cross stitch material like canvas? These are so recommended by those who wear them, as combining the utmost comfort with the necessity of having good stays for Nursing in -

I am sure you will agree with me that half the soul & health are squeezed out of a woman who wears tight stays - In a hot climate it is destructive, simply -

High heeled boots/shoes are the same - But I suppose nobody wears these now. Holland, 40 South Audley St., I am told makes inch heels (boots. But you will know all these things {word missing}

4. You feel yourself called to this Egyptian work - a great work it is - This is the accepted time when God will send His spi{word incomplete}

I pray for you hourly that He, full of grace & truth, will grant {word missing} abundantly.

Do you know that in the most ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics we found these words, "God"; "full of grace & truth."? They are in some of the Thebes Tombs - & in some of the Nubian temples -

There is as it were a foretaste of the Christian religion -

5. Not neglecting the temporal,

I trust that you will find you are able to put by almost the
whole of your "free salary", as we call it. The arrangements are quite as liberal as, if not more so than those for the Sisters recently sent out to the Military Hospitals in India by Govt. of India – for which we struggled so.

Commend me to Miss Hughes. I rejoice that you have such a spirited companion I shall be so anxious to hear from you –

I do not press more advice, for it must be tiresome – And you knew it all, I have no doubt.

6. Only, Please have a very loose dressing-gown to throw on at night, if you should have to get up –

All blessings attend you

ever yours most hopefully,

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale.

Letter, f130, typed copy

Confidential

10 South Street,
Park Lane, W,
13th March, 1890.

Dear Sir Robert Rawlinson

I have two, if not more, most kind letters to thank you for – which I do from my heart.

You saw that Mr. Stanhope brought forward in the House of Commons on this day fortnight his plan for spending four millions on Barracks and Camps (not in the Estimates) and for the re-verification of the Army Sanitary Commission.

Might I ask you (in strict confidence) whether you could recommend either Col. Tulloch or Col. Ducat for the Sanitary Engineer whom it is proposed to put on the Commission? And if either of them would take it? (Their knowledge of India would of course be very useful). It is very difficult to find such a man among the H.E.'s – who would do all the work of the A.S.C. You know (none better) what the qualifications needed are – so I need not mention them. He is to give his whole time to the Commission, as I understand (as Dr. Sutherland did).

Pray believe me, with kind regards to Lady Rawlinson,

Ever yours sincerely,

(Signed) Florence Nightingale

Excuse pencil.

HI/ST/NC5/3/37
July 23/90
10, South Street, Park Lane, W.
Welcome back to Sweden, dear friend, and welcome back here this autumn.
I have failed in getting a book of my sister's for you which is out of print. But I hope to have it when you come back.
Thanks more than I can say for all your kindness.
(signed) F. Nightingale
Miss Brinck.

My Lord Duke,
I regret my delay in laying before you, in conformity with your wish, the best information I could collect as to the difference of opinion between the British Nurses Association and other Nurses and Bodies connected with nursing, and especially the difference as regards the question of registration.
The reply of the Board of Trade appears decidedly to set at rest the expectation that the registry of the British Nurses Association can receive official sanction, for if they apply for a charter, the evidence which would be adduced would make it perfectly clear that they had not that concurrence of public confidence, which would induce the Privy Council to give them a charter, to undertake all the various work they contemplate. In any case, the necessity for a public inquiry, &c., would involve great delay, and in the meantime it is to be hoped that the controversy might in some degree be allayed; for we must all feel how unfortunate has been the personal bitterness which has been infused into the discussion of a field of usefulness affording scope for more than all the means and energy which we can hope to see devoted to it. It would indeed be a happy thing if the refusal of the licence ended the mistaken action as to the register and set both sides at liberty to join in common work for the nursing cause. It appears to me, as far as I have been able to collect and study the opinions on the subject, that almost in proportion to the...
experience and success of those engaged in the reform of hospital and other nursing and in the training & management of Nurses, is their dread of premature action in the matter of registration.

We are far from having accomplished a thorough reform of our nursing system, though we have made a very satisfactory commencement of it. When I became first interested in this reform, 32 years since, there were only two hospitals in which there was any systematic training of Nurses, and though there were in different hospitals a small number of good Nurses who had taught themselves, the great bulk of the Nurses, both in and out of hospital, were untrained and most incompetent and unreliable. Since those days, great improvements have been made, and we are at present improving very rapidly, but still the number of hospitals where they have such systematic training as could be relied upon to ensure Nurses who had passed through them being well-trained and reliable, is comparatively few. I really doubt whether you could find in the country 500 Nurses who could be safely registered, as reliable up to the point we have a right to expect from those thus authoritatively sanctioned.

It may be said, "Why not confine your register to these, and to those who have passed through hospitals which have a good system of training?" In the first place, you would register an accomplished and expensive staff of inspectors and officers, for inspection and inquiry. I do not see how we are to get these, unless Government took the matter up. In the second place, you would shut out and mark as incompetent a great number of Nurses, whom we are bound to avail ourselves of, as the best attainable, until the systematic training of Nurses has extended and gone on for some years longer.
It would not be wise or right to discredit those until there are the means of supplying their place by more efficient Nurses. While if you register good and indifferent together, the inferior so largely preponderating, the minimum of qualifications will inevitably become the maximum aimed at. Before we have got a fair average standard of nursing which ought to be insisted on, we should have stereotyped comparative inefficiency.

Nurses are not like Midwives or Doctors, who can be tested by examinations and patent results. Their moral reliability is even more important than their intellectual ability, and this can only be ascertained effectually by those under whom they have been trained, and under whom and with whom they have worked; it is much more important than with domestic servants, yet for these latter we do not like to rely on written certificates of old date, but refer to those who have more recent knowledge for a personal character.

The history of many women engaged in private nursing, who will probably be anxious to be placed on the register of the B.N.A. is often something of the following. It will show how deceptive such a list may be. "A young woman with considerable smartness, good manners and taking appearance, but without sound principles or fixed religious and moral character, goes to a hospital for her training, passes her examination well, and does her professional work skilfully, so as to gain the favour of the medical staff by proficiency in the technical part of a Nurse's duty, which meets their eye. Meanwhile, she has gradually betrayed the defective qualities of temper and principle which clearly indicate that she will never be fit to be trusted on
independent duty of to be put in sole charge of an invalid in a private case, where a woman of bad temper or with intemperate habits may inflict untold misery on her patient. Or perhaps something occurs which betrays her low moral standard without exactly causing a scandal or ground for dismissal, or justifying refusal of certificate, so that at the end of the period of training, she quits the hospital or Home with it but to the Matron's great relief, and would certainly never be employed by her on her staff, or if applied to confidentially, recommended for employment. She then engages with some private Nursing Institution and is employed by a Doctor who values her professional skill, and, at least for some time, has not the opportunity for discovering her defects of temper and character. This probably goes on for some years, during which time she is steadily deteriorating, but her Certificate gets her name placed on the register; and enquiry, always difficult where the career has been varied and independent, becomes less likely. The Doctor, who at first employed her, has probably ceased to do so, but unless applied to, will not publicly expose her, or has probably quite lost sight of her; and her plausible manners and technical skill will continue to gain her employment in different localities, in some cases even after gross misconduct has caused her dismissal.

It has been suggested by one whose experience and opinion on this subject are entitled to respect, that perhaps the practical solution of the difficulty which would probably work itself out, if not interfered with by official sanction and registration, may be the formation of local nursing schools & homes in different parts of the town and country, to which Nurses attached themselves, and the security of the public would be their character for care in admission and continued watchfulness over the Nurses who belonged to them. Some of these already exist in various localities. But I confess I am not prepared with advice or opinion as to the immediate settlement of this question
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To sum up the information I have received, and the opinion I have formed thereon:

The improvement in hospital training and nursing is not sufficiently advanced, nor is the number of adequately trained, reliable Nurses sufficiently numerous to make it safe or desirable as yet, to attempt a public register, which would be a sanction to an inferior standard of nursing and would tend to stereotype it. Such a register would give currency to those who least deserved it and injure those good Nurses whose names and position would be used to stamp as genuine and efficient that which was not so.

At some future time, registration of a public nature might be useful, but then the body to be entrusted with the selection of those Nurses who in the interest of the public can be safely registered, should be largely composed of those persons who have been responsible for the Nurses' training, and are thoroughly experienced in the subject.

(in pencil:) Yours FN

letter, f143, typed copy

Copy Private July 27/93 [12:567]

10 South Street,,
Park Lane, W.

My dear Sir,

Welcome home - and thank you for your letter of July 6 from Pontresina. I earnestly hope, with all your many friends, that your health will have been entirely restored.

With regard to the subject you write to me about, vis. the proposed interview of yourself with the Princess Christian, to be "arranged by Mrs. Dacre Craven", I shall be very glad to see & discuss it with you, as you kindly invite, any afternoon after tomorrow about 5.30, convenient to you, provided I may know as soon as possible.

I have been for 40 years & shall always be most deeply interested, as you say, in everything that concerns the real training & true welfare of Nurses. But appointments come thick & fast every day more than there is time for.

I conclude that you wish to have our discussion speedily. This week Princess Christian had her Annual Meeting. But she may be going abroad. I believe I could say Monday afternoon if you wish it; but I will write as soon as I hear from you. [end 12:567]

With kind regards believe me yours sincerely

(sgd.) FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

letter to treasurer

J.G. Wainwright Esq.,
Treasurer's House.

HI/ST/NC5/3/4
Miss Nightingale's letter continued.
Matron to be Head of the Nursing and Lady Superintendent of the Nursing Staff, and with her successors and the trained Lady Heads I cannot speak of here.

When in 1871 preparatory to the opening by the Queen of the grand building of the new Hospital the Nursing School was called upon to provide for the largely increased Staff of Nurses required, it was already found to be equal to the occasion and all the Wards, as the became rapidly occupied by patients, were supplied with excellent Sisters (Head Nurses) and Nurses, who in their turn became trainers of others. Am I not justified in saying that, in the improvements in the Nursing organization of Hospitals and in the education and training moral and technical of Nurses which have been effected since that time, St. Thomas's has taken a leading part.

We appeal to the public to support St. Thomas's because we believe it to be a thoroughly good Hospital. What do we mean by a good Hospital? It is distinguished by a high tone of morals, by admirable organization, by the wise and liberal devotion of the Doctors. It is a place where any good mother of any class might be glad to see her daughter on the Nursing Staff. Such it must be to be
Sheet No.3.
a good training School, whether for Nurses or for Medical Students, a place where the essentials of good doctrine and good practice exist. Add to this where the shape and construction of the Wards admits of windows on both sides and is such that one Sister can overlook the whole. (The Sister is the keystone of the Nursing hierarchy, thorough whom the Matron overlooks Nurses, Probationers, Ward Maids, Patients)

All this we find at St. Thomas's. May I venture to call attention to the Moral effect of such Wards, over the Patients future life? The men cease to swear, the women learn notions of decency, order and cleanliness that may be carried out at home. The children hear good words perhaps for the first time, they gain good and give good even in the adult Wards, and even with the young men a little boy of six came into a mans ward who literally could not speak without an oath. He appeared to know no other words, But under the influence of the Sister, he became the little Missionary of the Ward, without ever preaching, as good children in story books do. When he said his little prayers to the Sisters, who had taught them to him, with his arms
Miss Florence Nightingale's Letter continued.
round her neck, she could see with the tail of her eye
a man in the next bed put his head under the bedclothes
to hide his tears.

How many years is it since St. Thomas's
has had occasion to turn out a Patient?

One more question as Science goes on, do
not Hospitals become more expensive? Highly trained
Nurses supplemented by Ward Maids are more expensive. Doctors
order more expensive diets and appliances, everything is
supplied nothing is spared, whatever is ordered is had. No
one asks where the funds come from.

Where things have been worked up to this
high pitch, what a pity to let them be starved.

May I be allowed to express my sense of
the great help afforded to this Nursing Movement, at
first far from being generally understood or approved
by the outside public - by the willing and enlightened
support of the Governors, of the Medical and surgical
Staff of St. Thomas's Hospital that the sick poor should
be deprived of the invaluable benefits intended for them
by the enforced idleness, so to say, of the many beds now
Sheet No.5.
Miss Nightingale’s letter,
Vacant, must be a cause of extreme regret to all who
are acquainted with the excellent management and organ-
isation of the Hospital, lay, Medical and Nursing, and
if you are successful in bringing home to the British
Public a perception of the very large amount of suffering
which would be relieved or removed by the opening of the
vacant Wards, I cannot but believe that their
generosity will be moved to supply the requisite means
We appeal to them to support a Hospital which from
no fault of its own has seen the means of usefulness
for which it exists curtailed,
    All success attend you,
    Pray believe me,
    dear Mr. Treasurer,
    yours most faithfully,
    Florence Nightingale,

I beg to give £100
wishing I could afford
ten times more. F.N.
J.G. Wainwright Esq,
Treasurer of St. Thomas’s Hospital.
London.
Oct. 21, 1895.

Dear Sir,

You ask me to say a few words for the Anniversary of the Balaclava Charge to your veterans. I am often speaking to them in my heart, but I am much overworked. And what I speak in my heart is something like this - The soldier has such good stuff in him. 1. He really "loves" his comrade "as himself" - when he himself returns safe out of gunshot and he finds his comrade or his officer missing, he goes back to bring him off. How many have lost (or rather "gained") their lives in this way, killed or wounded. And there has been no swagger about it.

There are brave "home livers", brave cripples, brave invalids, as well as brave soldiers. These are not always fighting with bayonet and gun, but with the "world the flesh and the devil", not minding being "chaffed", keeping their bodies as the temples of God, just and truthful in all their doings.

2. And when he loves his God he really does love Him. Accustomed to discipline, to obeying orders exactly, he sets his heart to obeying the orders of God, the great Commander in Chief exactly; the orders of truth, holiness, and love. He becomes a real Christian, he resists temptation, he becomes pure, sober, active in doing good to others, to his wife and children first, if he has any.

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3. The soldier is so good to animals - the Horse Artilleryman to his horses; he may not have enough for himself, he may be sinking himself under hardship and exposure, but he will coax his horse to eat, and try and comfort him. And troopers will sally out after dark at the risk of their lives, after fighting
all day to find a wet ditch and bring back water to their thirsty chargers who have had nothing to drink all day, and who thank their masters for the muddy draught with quite a human affection.

A soldier is always kind to cat, or dog, or goat.

Does he always bring this humanity home?

Does he always bring his bravery and his discipline home?

4. When men drink they don't uphold the honour of their country, their sovereign, and their God. They sink lower than the beasts who never over-eat or over-drink themselves. A man who resists drink is perhaps a greater hero than the heroes of that battle, who stood to their (outpost) battery when surprised and gave time for Regiments to come up, which saved perhaps the face of Europe from being changed. So they now may save their village or their parish, if they stand firm, "rooted and grounded in love". At one great battle which had to be fought on the defensive and won, the men stood firm as rocks till they fell - not a man stirred. They did not fight for glory.

Where would England be now, but for them? -

And may we not say now, Where will England be if her men do not stand firm like rocks to the right, and the true, and the holy, and the loving? -

Is England better than she was for me? Let every man ask himself this question? Sometimes he forgets that we may fight the good fight - the good fight against the enemy - in common home life as well as in the field. (In India, a well known Commander in Chief whenever there was any thing hard to be done, used to say, "Call out the Saints, for Havelock never blunders, and his men are never drunk." You remember Havelock's heroic march in summer heats in the Indian Mutiny). The Saints, tho' "Chaffed", were they who won, and it is the Saints who will win, in what is called every day life.

5. In our Civil Hospital and Infirmary life, we find that - though of course the ward "sister" (head Nurse), morally and technically well trained, is the prime mover in keeping up the
tone of the ward; if three or four ill-conditioned men or women in a men's or women's ward of say 30 behave badly, they drag down more or less the whole Ward - but if well - they drag it up.

But I will tell you what is stranger still. In a large children's ward where the oldest was five or six years and many under one year, if the elder became quiet and good, the babies would stop crying.

Such is our influence over each other from the cradle to the grave, that God has ordained.

See ye to it,
Quit you like men!
Fight the good fight, never forget that you are the brave soldiers of God who loves you. You are fighting for Him and His England now.
God bless you and He will bless you.
Such are the thoughts for the old soldiers of their faithful servant,
Florence Nightingale

letter, f154, typed copy HI/ST/NC5/3/45

Feb. 14/96
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

My dear Sir

It gives us all joy, and Patients especially, of your re-opening of two much wanted wards lying empty for want of funds thro' no fault of their own. These wards also contain some of the latest improvements.

And I hope that all the money still wanted which you desire & deserve will come in.
I beg to send my £100, wishing it were much larger for the benefit is great not only to the bodies of the Patients but towards rendering those bodies able to tread a nobler, more useful course in life by the practical lessons they learn in the Wards of order, kindness, and moderation or self-discipline.
This is especially the case with the children.
It is delightful when a Hospital is a School of good morals to the Patients as well as a training School for Nurses & for Students. And such is St. Thomas' Hospital.
We rejoice that our President, the Duke of Connaught, is to perform the ceremony of opening the Wards.

I beg to remain, my dear Sir,
Yours very faithfully
(sgd) Florence Nightingale
J.G. Wainwright Esq.,
Treasurer of St. Thomas' Hospital
March 24/97.
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Georgina Franklin

Farewell & God speed! We shall pray for you every day - I hope Heath's Dictionary is the book you wished. (It is a very heavy 2 Vols) All blessings be with you. Here comes the 3 Edwin Arnold books.

A very devout Buddhist, a young Prince who received part of his education at Oxford, said to me; `What a much wiser & greater man St. Paul was than Buddha. St. Paul said: Be ye husbands of one wife: Buddha said: if you have one wife, you may have fifty. But Buddha was a great hero. (Gautama)

With regard to what you will find at Bombay, is not your Surgeon Major Genl. the great Inoculator Dr. Haffkine? 2. I live in hopes that the English Nurses will have native men-nurses under them for the men-Patients, & native women Nurses under them for the women–There are excellent native Nurses in Hospitals.

Fare you very well again
God bless you - And He will bless you.
Yours ever sincerely
(sgd) F. Nightingale

Will this Hold-all be useful to you?
F.N.

HI/ST/NC5/3/46
My very dear Sister Franklin

You cannot tell how glad I was to hear from you, nor how thankful to you for writing so soon. I shall be anxious to hear when you have begun your duties in the Plague camp. Pray present my kindest regards to your two companions — how well — I know all those duties will be performed.

I am glad to know of the Assistants under you. I believe Ayahs are often very nice people & teachable.

May God be with you — And He will be with you. Christ endured that intense heat at the Sea of Galilee which they say is the hottest place in the world.

We pray for you every morning to Our Father yours as well as ours, ours as well as yours. Then we are all one family in His blessed hands.

We have several Indians of mark in England, sent for over here to give their evidence before the "Indian Expenditure Royal Commission". The one from Bombay I have seen already. And I am to see the one from Poona very soon.

I have no home news you would care to hear. We have had a good deal of illness at St. Thomas; but thank God all have recovered or are recovering. I sent a Telegram with the main contents of your letter to Miss Gordon immediately for herself & Sister Arthur; but very likely S. Arthur had heard from you.

We have still this dreadful war between Greece & Turkey going
on, but we shall keep out of an European War.

People consider what an European War would mean now, but can hardly imagine it. With our arms of precision, our long-range guns, our "Maxims" & "Gatlings", & worst of all our Iron clads.

And now I must stop and remembering that you are never far from our thoughts wish you not good-bye but what that word means:

God be with you - as He is:

ever yours

anxiously & hopefully

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

letter, f158, typed copy

Copy

April 26/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Nurse Franklin

I hear that you are returned from India. I should be so glad to see you.

Could you come & see me at 5 to-morrow (Wednesday)? Or if that is impossible to you, I could perhaps make some other appointment in the afternoon - How long do you stay?

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

letter, f159, typed copy

Copy

May 27/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Nurse Franklin

I shall be very glad to see you again.

Could you come to-morrow (Saturday) at 5?

I could see you on Sunday or Monday afternoon - but it being Whit Sunday & Whit Monday, everything is so crowded.

Very many thanks for your beautiful plate -

Yours affect.

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale
My dear Nurse Franklin
Could you kindly tell me what I meant to have asked you when I had the pleasure of seeing you here - what little thing that might be useful to you I might have the privilege of getting for you.
Yours sincerely
(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

My dear Miss Franklin
I am grieved at your disappointment - & still more at that of your dear Mother about Chesterfield. And I am afraid it is small comfort to you that I think Chesterfield a poor stupid place - India seems to me the great Divinely-appointed sphere (tho' many look on it as sheer banishment) of the present day.
But I do pray that you may find the appt. that suits you - [end]
And we know that
"perfect wisdom, perfect love
"Is working for the best."
No: `not left entirely without guidance' indeed - Each is as much His care (as some one has said) as if there were no other on the earth.
I hope I shall hear from you - & I hope I shall see you, when your plans are settled before you leave.
Yours anxiously
(Sgd.) F.N.
Thursday, Aug. 25/98.
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Nurse Franklin

Thank you for telling me of your appointment as Sister in the Government Hospital, Hong Kong.

May all good angels attend you. You have Miss McInth.

I should be very sorry not to see you before your "leaving St. Thomas' "on Friday or Saturday". You must be very busy - But, could you come here to see me at 5 or 5.30 or 6 to-day, or if not leaving till Saturday, to-morrow (Friday) at 5.

ever yours
(Sgd.) F. Nightingale.
Dear Nurse Franklin

Thanks you very much for your letter. I hasten to send you the £1.14. - I owe you. I will take advantage of your kind offer to send something by you to the Nurse at Hong Kong. It will be a great thing for her your arrival - Let me hear from you when you arrive; pray.

Yours ever

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

My dear Nurse Franklin

We thought that you might like to take some things with you to Hong Kong -- perhaps give something to your friend Miss McIntosh the Matron of the Government Civil Hospl. there - who worked at Poona with you.

I send a box of Eau de Cologne (which I am told is always welcome)

a case of Scissors and a needle-case.

I sent £1.14.0 due to you nearly a week ago - but have had no answer - so I don't know if you received it.

I pray earnestly for all blessings on you & your work - all the best blessings.

ever yours sincerely
in haste

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale.

I hope to hear from you not only now but after your arrival.
Dear Mrs. Taviner,

Let me thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your kindness and wish you a happy Christmas & New Year.

May I send a writing case & will you kindly accept it? from

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) Florence Nightingale.

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Two short letters with envelopes addressed
"Sister Charity
(Miss Ferguson)
Charity ward
"with a parcel of books
6 eggs & for
Miss Solly a little orange
jelly give a delightful picture
Aug 29/93
"My very dear Miss Ferguson
I was so glad to see you
Please let me send £1 for your poor little girl
whose outfit you are so good as to busy yourself about, or others, p3/-
to pay for your cabs, because it was I kept you -

outfits are so necessary
God bless you
ever yours sincerely
FN
Is there a book you would like to have?
The 2nd letter is dated June 4/92. Whitsun Eve
10 South St.
My dear Sister Charity
It is very difficult to find books for women, as you said.
I send you Anderson, which is always a favourite - &
a whole set of Mrs Ewing's lovely books. But I am afraid you will think "Jackanapes" & the "Short Life" too sad. I will send some others "God speed you"

Ever yrs sincerely
FN

f185v letter with envelope

"To inquire after Nurse Cooper with a nosegay"
Miss Christie
St. Thomas'
June 11/92
Dear Miss Christie
How good of you to write to me about nurse Cooper I send to enquire with a nosegay, if you think well to give her a few flowers. I have not the least idea how she is nourished, & our cook is not a good one - But if you would tell me anything that she may have & would like, I

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would do my best to get it for her.

Ever yrs sincerely
F Nightingale

letter to Miss Christie

10 South St (Sister Adelaide) [8:403]
Adelaide Ward S. Thomas June 11/92 "with a book touches on midwifery"
"My dear Sister Adelaide,
As you were good enough to condescend to a wish to gave this frightful book, I hasten to lay it at your
feet. It is like the midwifery books which represent the art of midwifery as a performance of a series of the most terrific operations.

Gynaecology besides delights in a natural history of bacilli & a catalogue of the interesting species assembled together in Bacteriology. But I was amazed & somewhat comforted to find that they did want "a trained nurse" in one place with a knowledge of "cleanliness".

As you know your humble Petitioner spends her life, (like a ghost who was looking for his hand for 200 years in my brother in law's house)

in looking for in any appendix to any gynecological or midwifery book, rules for the care of mother & infant in monthly nursing for the poor - as there are still a few women, I believe, who lie in naturally - If you can find any such will you kindly direct my attention to it? & particularly any which teach the midwife or monthly nurse how to feed & wash her baby -

I wish all blessings on your head - & am ever yrs sincerely & hopefully

Florence N

Dr. Cullingworth has been so good as to send
me his flyleaf of the rules as to Antiseptics & cleanliness for Midwives with mother & infant — For which I am exceedingly obliged. If the subject comes up will you thank him for me? FN
Is there any Midwives Midwifery book which gives a poor chapter on monthly nursing?

In a note to Florence Stewart Feb 3/85 FN writes
Dear daughter of my old friend & of my still dearer old friend, Sir John McNeill, I should so like to see you. But alas! I am quite unable to see any one without an appointment, or to see more than one at a time. Are you staying in London? & will you make my excuses to Miss Paget? This week I am afraid I have no chance — FN

a loose half sheet says "Lord Mayo's loss is a great one — Not only was he the kindest of personal friends to me in the matter of Sanitary works & administration in India, But he had some thing grand & heroic

about him of which God knows there is little enough among statesmen of this present day here.

Excuse great haste &
believe me
   Ever yours sincerely
& gratefully FN.
Lord Mayo's children
asked for a Telegram to be
sent to Shere Ali, that
they forgave their Fathers
murderer & hoped God
would forgive him.

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I told my maids on my leaving
to give warning to your
nursery man - For all
your kindness ten thousand
thanks

f189r copy of letter

    July 20 89
My dear Miss P.
   I have never thanked
you for your most kind &
useful & instructive letter
both about your own district
work, which seems to be so
blest among the patients,
& also of the training which
your two nurses Miss
Robin & Miss Thomson
had been having in Glasgow,
& the cases they had
been attending, during their
maternity training - It
was all most doubly
interesting to me, for it was
so precise, not vague
or general - You have
been now 3 months more
at your blessed work, & I
should so like to hear more
of it, but do not like to
ask you & less because
I hear a terrible complaint
against you & I echo it
with indignation. I am
told that you are much
up at night, not in dread
of burglary, but sitting
up with the patients
at their homes. Now my
dear friend, this will
not do. Upon the
superintendent really
falls the heaviest work
& no mortal possibly can
do the day & nightwork too
you wouldn't let one
of your nurses do that.

And I know very well
what day & night work is
Miss Peter "I charge you
lay aside ambition" to be
more than human -
what on earth would
they do without you?
If you were to knock up!
For all our sakes do
be wise & prudent.
I am not quite so naughty
as I appear in not
answering your good letter
before, for, First of all
I had lent it to Mr Bonham
Carter to whom it was of
course useful, & he has
been on a health trip
to Norway, from which
he has just come back,
but with a dislocated
shoulder owing to a carriole upset, & secondly we have had a great drive of business. But I always carry you on my heart, if that will do any good. Thank you so much.

God bless your work
And He does bless it
Ever yours hopefully but anxiously

FN

May I be remembered to Miss Guthrie Wright.
It is delightful to know how the Patients appreciate your Nursing.

London
Feb 9/95

X I can not therefore but sympathise with you most fully in your present endeavours -

It is now 35 years ago that through the generosity of the British Public & Army & the cordial cooperation of the Governors of St. Thomas' Hosp: I after searching experience among London Hospitals was instrumental in establishing a School for Nurses in the Old St. Thomas at London Bridge. Through that School, my connection with & interest in the Hospital has continued till the present time. And, though precluded for many years past by the state of
my health from visiting it
I have through others been
kept acquainted with it.
My very affectionate personal
relations with your last
invaluable matron, Mrs.
Wardroper, who was the
first Hosp. Matron to be
Head of the Nursing & Lady
Supt of the Nursing Staff,
and with her successors &
the trained Lady head I
cannot speak of here -

When in 1871, preparatory
to the opening by the Queen of
the Grand building of the
New Hospital the Nursing
school was called upon
to provide for the largely
increased Staff of Nurses
required, it was already

found to be equal to the occasion
& all the Wards, as they
became rapidly occupied
by Patients were supplied
with excellent "Sisters"
(Head Nurses) & Nurses,
who in their turn became
trainers of others - Am
I not justified in saying
that, in the improvements
in the Nursing organization
of Hosps & in the education
& training, moral & technical
of Nurses which have
been affected since that
time, St Thomas' has taken
a leading part.

We appeal to the public
to support St. Thomas
because we believe it to
be a thoroughly good Hosp.
What do we mean by a good Hosp? It is distinguished by a high tone of morals, by admirable organization, by the wise & liberal devotion of the Doctors; it is a place where any good mother of any class might be glad to see her daughter on the Nursing Staff. Such it must be to be a good Training School whether for Nurses or for Medical students, a place where the essentials of good teaching doctrine & good practice exist. Add to this when the shape & construction of the Wards admits of windows on both sides & in such that one "Sister" can overlook the whole the "Sister" is the Key Stone of the Nurses hierarchy through whom the Matron overlooks nurses, Probationers, ward maids, Patients - All this we find at St. Thomas' May I venture to call attention here to the moral affect of such Wards over the Patients future life? The men cease to swear; the women learn notions of decency order & cleanliness that may be carried out at home - the children hear "Good words" perhaps for the first time. They gain good & give good even in the
adult wards, & even with
the young men - A little
boy of six came in to a
man’s ward who literally
could not speak without
an oath. He appeared
to know no other words -
But under the influence
of the "Sister", he became the
little missionary of the
Ward, without ever preaching
as goodly children in
story books do - when he
said his little prayers to
the "Sister" who had taught
them to him, with his arms
round her neck, she could
see with the tail of her
eye a man in the next bed
put his head under the
bed clothes to hide his tears

perhaps thinking of the
time when he too prayed
at his mother's knee -
At a later time when he
was not in the St. Thomas
but with some "Sisters",
he would not even ask
for sweets, giving away
at Xmas time, because
it was not "right" for him.
If that is not religion,
I don't know what is:
Four years he was with
us. Then he died. How
many years is it since
St. T has had occasion
to turn out a patient?
One more question:
As Science goes on, do
not Hosps become more
expensive? Highly trained
Nurses supplemented by ward maids are more expensive. Doctor’s order more expensive diets & appliances. Everything is supplied, nothing is spared. Whatever is ordered is had. No one asks where the funds come from. When things have been worked up to this high pitch, what a pity to let them be starved.

May I be allowed to express my sense of the great help afforded to this nursing movement - At first far from being generally understood or approved in the outside Public by the willing & enlightened support of the governors of the Medical & Surgical staff & lay staff of St T Hosp, that the Sick Poor should be deprived of the invaluable benefits intended for them by the enforced idleness, so to say, of the many beds now vacant, must be cause of extreme regret to all who are acquainted with the excellent management & organization of the Hosp. lay, Medical & Nursing. And if you are successful in bringing home to the British Public a
perception of the very large amount of suffering which would be relieved or removed by the opening of the vacant wards I cannot but believe that their generosity will be moved to supply the requisite means. We appeal to them to support a Hosp: which from no fault of its own has seen its means of usefulness for which it exists curtailed all success attend you Pray believe me dear Mr Treasurer yours most faithfully FN full signature

I beg to give £100 wishing I could afford ten times more - FN J.G. Wainwright Esq Treasurer of St T's H

From 10 South St Dec 7/88. FN writes to Dearest ever dearest "Little Sister" (was Miss Pringle, Matron at St T) our dear young charge is now in the immediate Presence - how sweet to her! She has passed the rough waters! Joy, Joy! to her, happy soul! She has gone home - How much she
knows by this time! How much she has to enjoy.

I was just going
to send to you to enquire -
I have been expecting it
ever since your dear note last night.

Will you take an
opportunity kindly of
telling her mother how
deply I feel with her?

She has parted with
her dear sweet child willingly.

If I could do anything
to help in the funeral -
I do not know the
mother's circumstances -
I would gladly.

At all events I should
like to send some flowers -
It would not be a mere
farce in such a case
as this. For she is now
a precious flower in
the Lords Crown. Or rather,
He is holding His Flower
in His hand.

I hope you have not
been up all night -
Thanks for sending
ever yours
FN

March 27/90
"Ever dearest little Sister"
I shall be so glad to
see you on Saturday.
I am delighted

when you honour me by
letting me send something -
6 Picture books
   (life of our Lord)
& will send more.
   2 "convalescence" - A

very great favourite of mine, but perhaps
it is for older children.
And it requires some
one to tell them stories
of the pictures at the
end of faithful Roman
Soldiers at Pompeii
Of Admiral Casabianca's
boy standing to his post
in the burning ship
Of the three who kept the
Bridge
of Excelsior.

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A modern Giant Killer
who tames 3 giants
water, fire, steam, to
a beneficient use,
instead of killing them, is,
I think, very pretty.
Soldier's children in
which the prayer of the
little boy "for all the
poor naughty ones too"
is, I think, beautiful.
The Parables of Our Lord
is too black.
6 promiscuous ones
   (not directly religious)
5 (smaller) play ones
1 Dandelion Clocks -
   the 3 last beautiful but
perhaps too old for children -

God bless all yours.

FN

Oct 16/87
"ever dearest Little Sister"

Yes, surely 22 beds &
3 cots?
shall we have
2 doz big flannel red
jackets for the big beds,
shall we have
1 doz - little red flannel
jackets?
But we must have some
one to make them up.
I don't know what
pattern you like.

So, after all, all the
trouble will come upon
you of ordering them, &
sending me in my Bill -
I don't think it is extravagant
to have 3 doz.
because an occasional
holiday to each jacket
certainly makes them
last longer.
Shall I send you the money
beforehand? Send me in
my Bill now, please -
God bless you
Ever my dearest "Little Sister"
loving
FN

Many
Thanks for Mr Burdett's
paper & the "Hospital"
(to Miss Grant, I've
copied these `letters'
as they are spaced on
each line)
In a card of thanks written from South St. May 28/89
FN writes
My dear Miss Peddie
How kind of you to remember my poor old birthday - And your roses were as lovely as your kindness. And how much your long letter interested me. Do not judge of me by my silence, it is not the heart's silence. I think of your work & long always to hear about it & that you are well & successful in the highest sense -
God speed
May I asked to be kindly remembered to Miss Monk & believe me ever most truly yrs - F. Nightingale

FN writes about the death of her Father and of a letter to J.J. Frederick Esq Army San Comm Horse Guards

8/1/74 [similar 1:275]
"My dear Father was taken from us quite suddenly on Mond morning at 8' o'clock. He had got up at his usual early hour - there was a large family party in the house; but when they ran in to him, he was quite gone. For him it is best so. He was quite ready to go. He was the best father to his people & cottagers I ever knew. But no one can tell what the break up
is to us: "For me especially who had never once thought that I should survive him & no last word or message! -
    yrs sincerely
    F. Nightingale

Franco German War
1870
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letter 35 South St. Dec 17 1870
To J.J. Frederick Esqre.
My dear Sir
As I see that your Anniversary Sermon for the "Surrey Chapel" Benevolence Society is to be tomorrow, I cannot help sending you my mite £2 to put in the plate or use otherwise, as you please. I wish it was more.

But none know better than you how the calls of these dreadful days seem to defy all power of meeting them.

    I send you the "National Society’s" way. But faster than we can publish our map, the terrible battle fields of France multiply the centres of misery. You will see on the map but 5 Red Crosses in the miserable "western" district South of the Seine where now we have 17!! (each {reckoning?} independent of Paris)
    But this is not all the misery; We, the "Ladies Committee" for the "widows &
**f201v**

Orphans", (whose Post card I enclose) have joined the War Victims Fund Society for the starving peasantry round Metz & round Sedan, who are literally stripped of everything, even of corn & other seeds for next year.

I will send you some papers when I receive more, having given away all I had. But only on condition that you will not suppose we want the "Surrey Chapel", which has already done so much, to do more.

I heard the most

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interesting account the other day of the peasantry in the Ardennes from Mr. Bullock, the gentleman who raised what is called the "Daily News' Fund", another fund for these poor people. He is gone out again to continue the distribution, & in a few days pursues his errand among the villages round Paris which are, we hear, in an almost worse state of misery & starvation.

He described the peasantry of the Ardennes, half agricultural, half manufacturing, as living in an almost ideal state of industry, frugality
morality & religion.  
Now they are stripped of all. 
And pillage & burning 
seems to have been 
inflicted on them, even 
beyond the necessities of 
an invading Army. 
But no one murmurs: 
no one begs - their savings 
are all gone, even to the 
last franc - They seemed 
quite surprised that any 
should have come to help 
them. "England has 
been to us like Providence" 
some said. 
- And so she has! 
God bless her! She has 
given not only of her 
superfluity but of

her poverty & even of her 
necessity. So many 
instances of this have 
come within my own 
knowledge. Congregations 
of very poor working 
 negroes in the West 
Indies have clubbed 
together their pence, & sent 
the sum to me "for the 
sufferers in the present 
war". National schools 
have given up their 
only feast in the year, 
& begged that the money 
might be send to "Children 
who are poorer than 
we are" 
- God help them all. 
England's "generosity 
& magnificent charity"
as the Crown Princess of Prussia (who has worked as hard as anybody,) truly writes to me, we may thank God for - and "all for love & nothing for reward."

May I ask the prayers of your Congregation not for myself, but for all the sufferers, the miserable men, women & children, helpless & almost hopeless but for God & the kind souls He has raised up to help them.

Oh when will the end come?

I trust that Mrs. Frederick & your little son are well -

Pray believe me

Ever yours sincerely

J.J. Frederick Esq Florence Nightingale

From Lea House, Matlock 00230

Sept 22/70 - 7AM.

My dear Sir

We cannot thank you enough for all you have done for us nor Mr. Newman Hall} for his admirable & deeply felt & deeply thought Sermon of which you have been so good as to send me a copy.

It was read aloud to our household on Sunday night, who were thoroughly impressed by it, & immediately followed by a collection.

This whole neighbourhood is, as perhaps you know, quite a seat of Wesley's, And it has worked immensely hard
for the sick & Wounded, everybody working in common. Children giving their pence, mill girls their spare time, poor women sewing shirts & trousers & refusing payment, collections made in the smallest Chapels in the hills. Mr. Newman Hall's Sermon will, I am sure, have a great effect.

It is the true doctrine, the heart of the matter, & puts this awful, unspeakable struggle which grieves two great nations & the world in the true light. The frivolity of the newspapers

in speaking of France as if she were a child to be whipped or a blackguard to be flogged has been base. Does not the threatened siege of Paris rather recall the words of Christ weeping over Jerusalem? & must we not suppose Him, in human figure & speech "weeping" far more over that "great city", Paris?

Thank you for your sympathy about the loss of the "Captain". It has been indeed a bitter blow to us. There was not a lad, perhaps, of
greater promise in England than Reginald Herbert
Such an earnest feeling of "duty", such simplicity,
such silence, such nobleness, very like
his ancestor Sir Philip Sidney, very like his father in many things -
he is safe, removed to God's heavenly service
which, we may thankfully believe, the boy performed.
But I had always thought he might in some measure have taken his Father's place in the Country -
His poor mother, was lying dangerously ill

at the time at Wilton,
& could not be told till ten days after her loss. She bore it very well.
The boy had just gone off his watch - Mr. May (the gunner) said, 5 minutes more, & he might have been on deck & he might have been saved - "Father, Thy will, not ours, be done."

Two or three years ago, when he was only 13, he saved a man from drowning. He never said a word about it - the men talked about it afterwards. And he was asked why he had not mentioned it. He said, "it was only my duty."
I only mention this to show what manner of spirit he was of -

    I have been trying all day for a moment to finish this note - in vain -

    You will know from the newspapers how the money & stories people have so generously given are employed - we have very many private letters besides. We have sent off a Trained (German-speaking) Lady Nurse with a mass of stores yesterday from St Thomas Hospl to Homburg -

    I trust Mrs. Frederick continues pretty well

    Ever yours most faithfully

    Florence Nightingale
There is an amusing remark in a letter from 30 Old Burlington St. London W May 12/57 to "My dear Sir John McNeill I send you with very many thanks, another sheet. Yours ever gratefully & faithfully F. Nightingale I direct my letter with a very great deal of pleasure I consider that you & Sir Alex Tulloch have been born on the arms of the people. A much higher triumph than a mere discernment of honors by the Crown. The poor Crown has been worsted. I am sorry for it. But

it was not our fault. I have been guilty of every kind of official subservience & cringeing to those in power - But I have never yet been able to direct to Lord: ?Panmure? "the Right -- Is it Palmerston Honble" for fear of its creeping out some day. "the Right Dishonble" a breach of decorum which would be as awkward as getting up in church to answer the preacher --

Note (there are more interest... letters in the big book)
A letter on reorganizing India & over throw the last system It was through a letter from

Mr. John Paget that FN
heard of the death of Mrs. McNeill [??]
March 5/96

My dear Miss Ekblom,

I learn more from you than you can learn from me.

Do you think you could be so very kind as to write down in English while you are at Edinburgh or in Scotland (you will have no time...
here) what you had the
goodness to tell me about
Aseptic things.
for instance
white linen smocks
short sleeves
your never touching
in a dressing or in using
the Catheter any thing
else about the Patients
before it
beds
sterilizing
no sterilizing in the
wards
you say, truly, that we have
gone back to Antiseptics
in the Wards.
Name of that gauze
you dislike
&c &c &c &c &c

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 so.

God's blessing be with you. And it will be yours ever in hope & love.

Florence Nightingale

letter, f225, typed, from Maj-Lis Juslin, President, Finnish Nurses' Association

letter, ff226-27, pen f226 {XXIII 6}

copy
In reply to a special invitation to attend the Balaklava banquet, Miss Florence Nightingale has sent the following letter to the chairman of the committee;

"Sir,
I beg that you will be so good as to thank the committee organizing the Balaklava banquet for the honour they have done me in inviting me to be present at the anniversary of the charge whose wounded we received at Scutari, and to say from HI/ST/NC5/8
me how deeply I regret that it is impossible for me to accept it, as I have been for years entirely a prisoner to my house from illness and overwork (for which work still I do thank God), but that I am ever the army's and their faithful servant, "Florence Nightingale".

October 25th. 1875.

Correspondence, ff228-38, typed copies of correspondence of Florence Nightingale & Mary J. Pyne (and Mr Robert Wigram)

1 (a) typed copy of FN letter to Mr. Wigram H1/ST/NC5/9

Miss Pyne
Miss Lees
Sir

I hasten to give you my poor thoughts on the subject of yours of May 31st. After considering it well over, it appears to me that there ought not to be the least difficulty about this. Would you not simply explain to Miss Pyne what the proposal is, relative to Miss Lees and generally the whole scheme as regard the Metropolitan Nursing Association? It is you, it appears to me, who ought to have the right to do this; and x x HI/ST/NC5/9
no-one can do it better. And I may write a few words afterwards to Miss Pyne, should you still think it desirable. Certainly, as you say, you are "bound" to Miss Pyne; and if you take her as it were into your counsel, she will no doubt cordially concur in carrying out the plan. (If I were in Miss Pyne's place, there is nothing I should like so much as this plan, if really pursued with vigour and discretion. It would give me a starting-point and a hold in my post, which no effort of my own, singlehanded, starting command of old nurses - myself a new Matron, could give me, and if Miss Pyne is the sensible person I have always found her, she will I believe be the first to enter into your views.)

I should add perhaps that your proposal of annexing the E. London N.S. etc etc was sent me in writing by Mr. Rathbone before I ever discussed the subject with him, but I do not say this by way of getting out of a difficulty, for in that part of the plan I see none. On the Contrary, I was immediately struck by the "beauty" of the proposal.

Ever your faithful servant
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

2. (Draft from M.J.P.) 13th June (1975) [1875]
My dear Miss Pyne

Mr. Wigram has sent me a copy of your letter renouncing the Matronship of the E.L. Dist. Nurses. He did not ask me to do anything with you, on the contrary he considers it "without remedy". But I do not see yourself in your letter. It seems to me written somehow outside of yourself.

I cannot help thinking that it is dictated by some misunderstanding or under the influence of some bug-bear which might possibly be set right. If I was inclined to make a joke when I feel very sad, I should say it was the letter of a lover who had taken dire offence at his mistress and who proclaimed very "finally" that he will listen to no explanation. But as I do feel sad, I will only ask, without expecting to receive any answer, whether possibly it may not be descending from the thing of the Work, and how the work can be best set on foot, to the personal things which concern only oneself, but in this of course I may be entirely wrong. Pray tell me that I am quite wrong, and believe me,

Yours very affly

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

I am not at home, having been obliged by the Doctor's orders to leave for a villa near town to take my mother to a red Villa like a Monster Lobster, in the faint hope of getting up her strength to enable her to go to her old home in Derbyshire, after which she craves cruelly.

F.N. - whom you so lately called your "shepherd".

[end 13:745]

6. M.J.P. to F.N.
My dear Miss Pyne,

You would be surprised and perhaps amused if you knew what an unspeakable relief your letter was to me. It was a letter from yourself and I fully appreciate and understand (even if I do not agree with) all you say, whereas your letter to Mr. Wigram was as it were not from yourself.

The reason of my relief is that you stay at Edinburgh. It is a very different thing "reconsidering the whole matter" and electing to remain where you are, in preference to taking something else, from what was implied in your letter to Mr. Wigram - and not told to me at all.

You will remember that you, like Miss Williams, never gave poor me the alternative of your remaining at Edinburgh at all till the present moment. I am a sort of Telegraph wire which only carries other people's messages and minds. You like Miss Williams told me that you had made up your noble minds "not to stay at Edinburgh beyond October" and you added that you wished for a District Nurses School. I had so little idea of seducing you away from Edinburgh that it was not till after, not only hearing from you but seeing you once, as you will remember, that it occurred to me to offer you Mr. Wigram's Matronship which we had declined for one of our Lady Probationers (with her consent) on the ground of her inexperience (she is now to be a St Thomas' Sister). And I had three interviews before your second visit to be, in order to make up my mind whether it was a thing to offer you.
(We had not then the slightest idea of the "National Association" becoming anything. Our Report had been disputed in Committee; had not yet passed, and I had made up my mind – as I think I told you – that the Nat. Assn. would come to nothing, and that we, the N.F. (Nightingale Fund) people would have to do it "off our own hook". It would be too long and too needless to tell you the very curious process by which it came about, all in a day, that Mr. Wigram's and the Nat. Assn. and we, so far as District Nurses became amalgamated) I have with little time or strength gone into this explanation because I inferred from something that was written, that Miss Pringle was under the idea that it was my proposal to you to leave Edinbg. I think I can (like the best friend I or any woman had – now gone home – who boasted that, though she had never made a marriage, she had prevented many) say that I have never brought away any Upper Officer from a Hospital, though I have prevented many from leaving. I will only now add that the point in which I differ from you is, that I cannot have the least doubt that power over the District Nurses will be much more secured to Matron or Superintendent under the proposed system than under Mr. Wigram's, where I did think any new Trained Matron over nurses not her own would have an uphill battle to fight, without any of the organization which in a Hospital secures even to a new Matron some sort of power over nurses not her own, but as you stay in Edinburgh – which may God bless! – I will not waste your time or mine with a totally useless discussion. [end 13:746]

My love to Miss Pringle and Miss Williams. And I congratulate you from having escaped from indecision,

Ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale.

M.J.P. to R.W. (draft) June 23, 1875
10 South Street,  
Park Lane W.  
July 11/80

My dear Miss Pyne

I received your Telegram late last evening. It put me in a great difficulty for on the one hand I honestly believe that unless they had had Miss Williams they are not at all likely to obtain a trained lady as Matron equal to you, and I have the strongest desire that the poor London Hospital should have a "famous" trained Matron; there is such field there.

On the other hand you ask me to do what I have never done before; In every case where I have exerted myself to have one of our trained ladies appointed Matron, I have been appealed to by the Hospital Treasurer himself or the Hospital authorities.

In one case the matron was almost entirely put into my hands. I do not think I have ever given a Testimonial without being asked by these authorities and never without having had quite peculiar opportunities of knowing personally not only the lady but the lady's work.

I am always obliged to explain to our trained ladies, who of course ask me for testimonials that this is what alone gives them value. Otherwise I am merely repeating what someone else testifies to. Although it is somewhat different when, as I have said, the Hospital Authorities come to me and desire me to find them some trained lady of ours. Then, of course, I do my best.

I do ardently desire that you should have the London Hospital if you wish it that I am speaking against myself.

I have another thing to say; it is not the immense difficulty of the London, as their entire satisfaction with their own nursing that I think a lady should know who seeks this Matronship. And......

(sheet ends; no continuation)
My dear Miss Pyne,

Indeed I do always remember you and Westminster Hospital - and at this time especially you have as you well know my warmest wishes for every good and perfect gift for Christmas and for many many happy New Years.

And will you fix some day next week to come and see me at 5, if not too much immersed in Christmas preparations - joy to the Patients and Nurses but, as I well know, business to their dear Supnt.

(At present I can offer any afternoon next week but it will not be so long.)

letter, f239, typed. Taken from News Review of the British Red Cross Society April, 1959. Immediately on his return from Geneva, Professor Longmore sent Miss Florence Nightingale, Henri Dunant's Pamphlet advocating the neutrality of the Medical Services and giving an outline of what was to become the Red Cross organization. Florence Nightingale's reply is most illuminating. [can't read

Typed copy, H1/ST/NC5/9

Hampstead
31st August 1864

My dear Sir,

I have to thank you very much for taking the trouble to send me H. Dunant's pamphlets. The War Office sent me the M.S. copy of the printed article with other papers furnished by you.

I agree with you that it will be quite harmless for one Government to sign the Convention as it now stands. It amounts to nothing more than the declaration that humanity to the wounds is a good thing.

It is like an opera chorus, and if the principle European characters sing it will never be cruel more I am sure if England likes to sing too I never will be cruel more," I see no objection. But it is like vows. People who keep a vow would do the same without the vow, and if people will not do it without the vow, they will not do it with it.

England & France will not be more humane to the enemy's wounded for having signed the Convention and the Convention will not keep semi-barbaric nations like Russia from being "inhuman."

Besides which though I do not reckon myself an inhuman person, I can conceive of circumstances of "force majeure" in war when the more people are killed, the better.

I was asked my opinion by the War Office when they sent me your MS or I should truly have thought my opinion worth stating. The question
appears (?) to me really one for Lord Palmerston to settle.
   Ever sincerely yours,
       Florence Nightingale
May 7th/73

"I have been seeing a good deal of our Probationers lately - also have had some of our ex-Sisters staying in the house - And it takes a great deal out of me for the reason that you say: - I have never been used to influence people except by leading in work - And to have to influence people by direct talking - is the hardest work, the one for which I am the most unfitted....... A more dreadful thing than being cut short by death is being cut short by life in a paralysed state. As for poor St Thomas's needs they are frightful.... And I have never seen poor Matron so overcome as when she came to tell me that she had no Sister to place over 'Alexandra'........

June 4th/73

" I sent you by Nurse H. 2 Autotype Prints for Miss Barclay which I understood her to say were favorites of hers. One is the Prophet Ezekial and one the Arch-Angel Michael, slaying the Evil Spirit.... [Besides the pleasure of becoming acquainted with Miss Wms it was quite a pleasure to my bodily eyes to look at her. She is like a Queen - all her postures are so beautiful, without being in the least theatrical.] Had she more experience her 'masterfulness' would be so valuable."

July 19/73

"I have seen Miss Barclay again. The only thing which will do her any good is to have September for exercise of body - rest of mind - & sea-bathing. In the meantime I do think what
she wants is: to be fed like a baby". (Here followed detailed directions.)".....
get the things out of my money.
Humanly speaking, I believe ---- would have been alive now, had there been any one to do this for her. And humanly speaking I believe that I should have got through the
Crimean War had there been anything of this kind done for me.
Miss Barclay.....brings with her 2 prints for the Nurses,
Christ blessing the children.
The Nutcrackers and Piper.
Please have them framed as she likes out of my money. And please tell me when you want more....
...Remember that there is danger too of unselfish people taking what they don't like, because they think: that is the finger of God - that He often guides that, He often guides the pure in heart by giving them a liking for what is His work for them - & that we may be misled by scruples as well as by following our own way.
I will not say another word, sure that our Almighty Father will lead ---. God guide us all."
"Lea Hurst"
Aug 11th/73
"----- did what was best and wisest. The rest is with God......But He is displeased when we enquire too anxiously. A soul which
has really given itself to God does His will in the present and trusts to the Father for the future. Now it is 20 years to-day since I entered `public life' -- and I have not learnt that lesson yet -- though the greater part of those 20 years have been as completely out of my hands to mould, & in His alone, -- as if they had been the movements of the planets.....

----seems a woman of good feeling and bad sense: much under the meridian of anybody who will try to persuade her. I think her praises have been sounded exag Generated=ly. She wants a very steady hand over her. Such long-winded stories 5 points or at least half of the compass off the subject in hand--Had I not been intent on persuading her I should have been out of all patience."

Aug./73

"We are so one in anxieties just now, as well as, I trust, in things which will last thro' eternity, when anxiety shall have been drunk up in the light of perfect trust, that I cannot help writing though I have nothing particular
to say......There are trying days before us......However, we cannot change a single `hair' - we must look to Him
`Alike who grasps eternity
And numbers every hair.'
[I don't know that it is ever difficult to me to entrust my own `hair' to Him - but to entrust ----'s, and yours, and poor Matron's I find very difficult. And I thought He did not take care of ------'s hairs. What a reprobate I am!]

"Lea Hurst"
Aug 30th/73

"I am much pressed to-day: & yet can not help writing a hurried word, for I am if possible more anxious than you are.
You say you "cannot imagine" what our plans are. We have none. I "cannot imagine" what we shall do. But my dear Emily Verney used to say in her last illness: the greatest trial of all was not to know: not to know whether she was to die or live. But then she used to say: it is better not to know, that so I may leave
all more entirely to God's will. [She will have been dead a year on Wednesday. How much she must know now.] It is quite useless for either you or me to take upon ourselves the solution of this enormous difficulty - we must leave it to God......

But anxiety is an impertinence towards God. It is trying to teach at Him instead of His teaching us...

But at present the duty is plain. And God always helps those who are obeying His call to duty: often gives them the privilege of saving others. Do you remember the great London theatre which was burnt down at a Christmas pantomime? Who were the heroes then? The poor clown & the poor pantaloon who were at their duty! The audience who were there because they liked it made a selfish 'stampede', and but for a lucky accident might all have been crushed or burnt. But the clown and the pantaloon, though there was not a moment to save a shawl
or a coat to throw over the ballet-dancers, gauze-dressed women who if a spark had fallen upon them would have been instantly in a blaze, actually carried out every one of these women safe into the snow, gauze and all.

And the carpenter collected the poor little ballet-children and dragged them all out through the snow and slush to his own house, where he kept them in safety.

Brave clown - brave pantaloon - brave carpenter (while the selfish audience who were there for amusement almost jostled each other to death.)

So does God always stand by those who are there for their duty - tho' they be only a clown or Harlequin.

All our cares arise from one of two things: either we have not taken up our work for His love, in which case we know that He has bound Himself to take our cares upon Him: or we do not sufficiently see His love in calling us to His work.

I have been 20 years as I told you in
learning this lesson. And I have not learnt it yet......

35 South Street
Nov.18th 73
"It seems as if God were saying to -----
and me: Be still and know that I am God.

God did not spare His own Son from the Cross. We must "leave all", all our consolations,
to "follow Him".

These are the times when we must act and live in pure, naked faith - that He is our Father (as Christ did in the garden"

Nov 22nd.....The Saints and Martyrs of old said that we never do God a service but He rewards us with a Cross - and how should we embrace that Cross did we but know its value....You will find ... in life, how often you have to do things for His sake alone - even to make mis-
takes - for we cannot be sure of results, & without any earthly strength or comfort...."
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35 South Street
Nov. 24th/73

........... dear Matron Mrs. Wardroper has lost her
daughter.......I had a few very touching
lines.....when I sent on the Indian mail
coming in. I cannot think that dear
Matron will ever be the same....Her affections
are so strong that I think the blow is terrible."

Dec 1st 1873

"The strongest most surviving element"
(of honour) "is this: to help and not conspire
against order and discipline. God help us
all."

Same date?

"My dear Mother is at Embley. And
I may go" (soon) for I am full of business:
Indian and other-wise: here.

Date uncertain
Evidently Nov. or Dec/73.

"And now once more Christ asks us
to drink of the cup that He drank of. He
is with us in the dark waters.
I have just parted with ----. She
is so dear: and her little defiant ways do
one good."

35 South Street
Jan. 7th/73. [?/74?]

"On Monday morning at 8 o'clock
my dear Father was taken home quite
suddenly: he had got up at his usual early hour. There was a large family party in the house, but when my sister and Mrs. Clough ran in to him, there was no breath, nothing. For him it is best so: the Almighty Goodness has done with him what is best. But it is dreary that none of us would be by him at the last: no last word or message."

35 South Street
Jan. 26th/74
"I can thank God who has taken your dear Mother to His own divine life. .......It is a precious comfort to me that she should have {illeg. 4 words} {illeg., stk out 4 words} found comfort in any words I wrote..............I can not write anything today which will give you strength........{illeg. 6 words}

Embley, Romsey
Feb 3rd/74
".....My dear Mother wandered (much and painfully) when I first came: But now there is sometimes a gleam of divine happiness in her face, worth living to see.
Since my dear Father's death I have lost Mrs Bracebridge - she who went with me to the Crimean War.

- She was more than Mother to me - I never knew any one like her: hers was faith: real sympathy with God.
Other people live together to make each other worse: she lived to make others better: and such real Xtian humility: with the most active heart and mind."

35 South Street
Feb.27/74

".....from my Mother I came back here last week, overwhelmed with business: her business: - Bengal Famine business, we are now in the thick of it:
- Nurse business
- School business
If I am worse than usual I have no time to attend to illness.
I return to my poor Mother in 10 or 12 days; we have to remove her from the homes in which she has lived for 56 years: it is a hard trial....
I seem to have gone out in the desert with
our Lord this Lent.
Miss Hornby has broken a blood-vessel: she
undertook "(a heavy and noble duty) "at
my earnest desire only three weeks ago:
......And now in all probability
even should God grant us her life - she
may be months and months before she
recovers -
It is a hard blow.
So is Livingstone's death, his loss is irreparable,
a heavy blow."

35 South Street,
March 3rd/74
 "I am so driven by Indian Famine
and Nurse business that I shall not
leave London till the latter part of
next week if my Sister can stay with
my poor Mother till then. I have appoint
ments every day this week."

undated, probably
March or earlier
 "You ask whether my work does not
slacken: it never will while I live & my
strength decays day by day."

Embley, Romsey
Easter Day/ 74
 "I have been so tried and tired that I
am unable though not from want of thought
to write to you as I should wish....
May Christ rise again in all our hearts
to-day. & may we find nothing hard we
do for Supreme Goodness - but love Him
the better for what He costs us: as He
loved us the better for what we cost Him."
Please give Miss Pyne my best love: and tell her
that if she had wanted as much to hear
from me as I have to write to her - and
always hindered - she would be in a poor
way."

35 South Street
May 21st/74

"Mr Hy B. Carter and I have been most anxiously
consulting to-gether to do the best
for dear Nurse ----'s truest welfare.
If -----were really a good place for
her, I am sure that I could persuade
him to let her go, though he is unwilling:
on the score that she cannot do much
single-handed at ------, as Training Nurse,
and is doing much more good where she
is."
Embley, Romsey
April 15th/74

"I am writing almost before it is light in the morning.....

I would therefore say first: when we have a great decision to make [are not those only great decisions which involve the moral welfare of others?] Must we not begin by making a sort of 'wrestling' with God: (a sort of trial of arms, or rather of generosity:) - which of us, God or I, can be most generous? We know that it is always God who is the most generous: because we see, what His Son did: but let us try to 'hold our own' with Him: don't let us let Him beat us out of the field in generosity......

Of one thing I am very sure: if you" (act) "for any such motive as what ----will think......your eyes, as mine have been every time I have done that sort of thing, will be cruelly opened. I mean I have never done that kind of thing - letting myself be guided by 'public opinion', which is always made up of the weakest & meanest
and not the highest of thoughts,...without
the very people who had led me, reproaching
me for it afterwards...
A very good rule is: to ask ones self how
one should advise another in one's place?
Now: how should you advise me or ---- or
----- in your place?

undated
May 11/74
-----is ....doing capitally & very happy:
with a heavy charge......God bless you:
May we ......do our duty in
His holy service holily"

35 South St.
May 25th/74
"Every time ------ writes to me she has
some fresh plan.
I think she is decided by dint of being
undecided. And I think she mistakes
change for activity: & restlessness for force
of character. I suppose her to be clever,
for persons for whose judgement . . . I have
respect, tell me so.
{illeg...4 words} --- has
a grievance against us......and
there is nothing like an untrue effort of
this kind to `fausser' the whole tone in
that one relation." With all this, I have a true regard for her: she is thoroughly conscientious."

35 South Street
Aug 2nd/74
- I think of you as you may be sure.....on this day
- It has pleased God that this Anniversary should have been one of dreadful trouble to me:
13 years ago I saw the death of my great friend, Sidney Herbert, the War Minister, with whom I had worked for 5 years every day at the Army both at home & in India...
The work has been hard since....
I believe that I have taken Lea Hurst for two months: I got together a little household to take my Mother to what she calls "home"
My business has been so heavy, as it always is just before the breaking up of parliament & I have been so ill that I am unable to write: & what a good thing that is: for of much writing there is no end: nor of talking either."

35 S. St.
Aug.6th/74
"I have....arranged everything for my poor Mother....to go to Lea Hurst, whether I am too ill to go or not, with her. She has a Companion and "Aunt Julia" will be with her"
Out of London
Sept 2nd/74

"I have been very much over-worked=India Highgate, but most of all (for could I be freed from the other cares of life in order to devote myself wholly to these great questions, my life would be easy) by the aimless to-ings and fro-ings...... connected with my dear Father's death or succession. The endless & aimless correspondence takes away all one's strength for greater things.

Patience: as a persecuted woman of the 17th century (that great century compared with the 18th) said: God's will gives an equal sanction to every employment: & in proportion as you are truly devoted to Him, you will be without choice.
I have been compelled to postpone sine die....taking my poor Mother to Lea Hurst."

Lea Hurst, Matlock
Sept 23rd/74

"I have brought my poor Mother down here after all.... Mrs Wardroper has written to me about (a proposed situation for a pupil) "And I have answered that I should give her leave to take this private
situation without severing her connection with us: but distinctly as a quite exceptional case: and on these grounds:....... But I am quite sure that Mr Bonham Carter will justly and strongly object: as being a bad precedent, which it is: & say that people will be applying to us for our best women for great ladies: that we have hitherto steered clear of Private Nursing: & wish to have nothing to do with it - [& I do not see that the lady's reason: that `never could our nurses be more usefully or kindly employed' is any reason. Of course everybody says that]...

...... I have told Matron that Miss ---- might do" (for a post of Assistant Superintendent) "but that as we are asked for one who will develop into a first-rate Supt we must not say that she will do so, but ask if they will have her so" (-taking her present Superintendent's account of her first.)

35 South Street
Nov. 28th/74
"I am almost glad that ---- & ---- are too busy to come up conveniently before Christmas. For I have only settled my poor
Mother at my Sister's till then......

If Miss ---- will but give herself, she has good work in her. But that is the difficulty ........ I feel now (you kindly ask) more than I did at the time the not having had one day free from acute anxiety & cares all this year; & returning to my winter's work without one day's or one night's rest........"

(/74?)

"---- has never taken any `notes' at all, though a woman of considerable observation: & has read with us medical books.....

I venture to tell you all this as it may decide you as to which Night Wards to give her: I think her a woman & thoroughly trustworthy.

2. I do think it possible she may make better progress under ---- than under ------.

I have ventured to tell her she may ask ----- to put her in the way when at a loss. [she is not at all a presuming woman] .... she is a healthy woman: not at all afraid of work....wishes very much to be cautious & instructed: though clever, perhaps because clever: ie. because she knows enough to know how little she knows."

"Those have the only real authority who do not wish for it for authority's sake. The greatest fallacy of all is: to suppose that those who like authority are - they who are fit to use it.

----- you can perfectly trust in any Ward: she is still unformed....She is a real fine creature: not presumptuous....

----- decidedly has a head.

but I should guess not exactly a Surgical head.....nice and simple - is able to give a very good account of things - accurate & straight-forward, greatly admires a good
Nurse. She cannot give sub-cutaneous injections or cup...very anxious to learn.

I told her I would tell you.”

35 South Street
Oct 5/75

“I quite agree in all you say about the undesirableness of Bonuses: the desirableness of forming higher, ie. better paid posts: for merit. - It is confirmed by all my life's experience. I have no time to tell you what - Mr Bonham Carter agrees too. I think that Bonuses never answer: only posts should reward merit: ie. better paid posts: - have come up here yesterday on urgent Indian business.”

35 South Street
Xmas Eve 1875

“I cannot let Christmas Eve pass without one word of greeting: poor tho' that will be - Say a word to Miss Williams & the Nurses for me of love and gratitude to those who have worked so well thro' the year.

Say, as Lord Shaftesbury said (about the training - Boy Ships for sailors:) - a legacy of £100 000 would have done much
for us: but oh it is a much better legacy to the country
These well trained sailor boys: that is a bequest
to Great Britain worth making. So is ------'s in
the well trained Nurses" (she gives) "to Great Britain.
Say to all the Nurses that while we are making
little presents to one another, there is a present
that we can make to the Great Saviour & Deliverer
whose birthday we are keeping: a birth-day
present that He values & wants above every
tingished: the present of - Oneself
May we each and all of us make Him
that birth-day present tomorrow! - remem
bering what it is to make it: & that it costs
something: otherwise it would not be
worth making - It is: to give up all bad
habits: to give up our own way & to take
His.
And may we each pray for one another,
as I ask them to pray for me: that I may remem
ber each Christmas more and more till the
Christmas we hope to spend in heaven:

that I am God's Florence & not my own"
....give" (Miss Pyne) "my warmest xmas love"

35 South Street
New Years Eve 1876 (31/12/75)
"I must send you our love and greetings
for another New Year: & to Miss Williams =
& to all.
I will do our very best to "lend you" some
one in Miss Pyne's place for 6 months; it would
be the very best practice for a future Supt.
I pray to be directed.

35 South Street
June 8/76
6:30 a.m.
"By this same post goes a letter to Miss
Williams asking her to come up here at once
to see for herself whether she would like
the Matronship of a London Hospital for which we have been asked to recommend a trained lady.

I have very good reasons for thinking that, under her, & with the help both in trained Sisters and Nurses & in other ways, which we could give her, if desired, it would prove an immense opening for good: & probably become a first class Training School. We have much more work now at St Thomas's than we can do: & are obliged to decline

both candidates, & sending out Staffs: we are so full.

We should be thankful for a second London Hospital to train in....

In a post-script. "You say: you are so tired of "judging" - But Oh think of me: how I can sympathize with you-

"I cannot refrain from saying (remark upon the printed paper) that experience shows the extreme danger of mixing up Midwifery Nursing with general District Nursing: & therefore of even giving a Midwifery three months training to a General Nurse. The Nurse should be & an entirely separate Nurse from the Midwifery Nurse: one should never take the other's cases: & it is even better that the two bodies should be apart X the body of District Nurses from the body of Midwifery District Nurses.

Do tell your friends this:

---- ---- is always worrying us to do Midwifery Nursing: but hitherto we have stood firm upon the above principle"

X The use of antiseptics has greatly modified the practise in this respect.
Sept 30/76
6 a.m.
address 35 South St.

"A sober view both you & I take of the possible futures of life: veiled in mist & sometimes, nay often, in drizzle: with gleams of the Father's love: in bright sun=shine: & both of us knowing well that "behind the clouds" He is still shining, brightly shining: the Sun of Righteousness. Though I ought to take a far soberer view than you,.. for I have undergone twice your years. And for the same reason I ought too, though I am afraid faith often fails me, to take a brighter too"
I daresay just now" she (Miss Williams) "feels dreary enough. But her great spirit will soon buckle to her work: & find a joy in it.. I am sure you do not feel so stranded as I did when I was left at Scutari in the Crimean War alone when Mr & Mrs Bracebridge went home: or many, many times since - when Sidney Herbert, the War Minister, with whom I had worked 5 years in the War Office: died: when Sir John Lawrence, the Indian Viceroy left India: & many other times
when the future fell across my life like a great black wall, not (as in other lives) making a change but completely cutting off the future from the past:

& again when my Father's death brought upon me a load of cares which would have been too great had I had nothing else to do: & had I been in health.

I tell you these things.

because, because I was going to say something, but I can only pray."

["because" may well have meant that her pupil needed stirring up]

"I will not write about other things to-day, but some other day: this dreadful Turco-Serbian War: these Bulgarian miseries: the Herbert is a great harass to us, but God rules all things well: [better begin in difficulty than be impervious, easy and self-confident:]

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35 South Street

Jan. 1 1877 "There is such terrible loss, suffering - loss of the best things, suffering of the worst things - everywhere that I can only cry all night to the God of the Old Years & the New=

O God send Thy life boats to save us all: for Thy storms are very terrible.

And I cannot enter into things now=

I can only say how often I echo (-----'s) "prayer for being released from judging"...........

But now I will only send my love to Miss Pyne; and all the Nurses who may care for it.

God has given us (His fig trees) another year: that we may bear more fruit: If He has purged & pruned each of us (His branches) let us thank Him for this Mark of His fatherly goodness to each of us His children.

I do not feel it in me to write them an exhortation. I want an exhortation so much myself.

But if you would kindly tell me any book or picture or other thing you would like for the Nurse's Dining-room, as a proof of my poor love, I would so gladly
send it down by Miss Williams as a token for 1877."

[In response to this it was suggested a copy of a verse of the Hospital hymn as a motto: "To hands that work and eyes that see give wisdom's heavenly lore: That whole and sick and weak and strong May praise Thee ever more."

Miss Nightingale had this finely illuminated on a very large scale: she had several copies made and gave one each suitably framed, to -- at the Nightingale Home at St. Thomas's Hospital, to (I think) St Mary's Hospital, and to us at Edinburgh.] 

"As for (Miss Williams) she does not at all come under the head of wanting a Life-boat: though she is worried, though she has tremendous up-hill work..... she is looking beautiful. She..... has made many notable improvements: & is making many more. This is a famous three months work..... ---- says from 11 to 1 at night is the only time she has for reading & writing. That is the snare of all young Supts.....

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35 S St.
May 26/77
"We are yet more on our trial than ---- -----.

And the next two years will in my belief see us everywhere on our trial again as to our system, especially that of the trained Matrons' authority & then fitness to exercise such authority -- after our 20 years of existence - never mind. Trial, if we are worth anything is the only test & the only virtue."

35 South St
June 13/77
"I write first on business.
A Miss Richards a Boston lady, Training Matron to the Massachusetts General Hospital, has in a very spirited manner come to us
for training to herself. She would have taken
the ordinary year's training with us: but her authorities would not hear of it: & we admitted her as a Visitor. [I have seen her, and have seldom seen anyone who struck me as so admirable. I think we have as much to learn from her as she from us] I strongly recommended her to try and enter the Edinburgh Infirmary in the same way as she has done St Thomas's..... She is a thorough gentlewoman & a hard working woman of sense & intellect."

[Miss Richards did come to Edinburgh as a Visitor to our great pleasure and profit]

3 - "We send you Miss Spencer: - her loss is irreparable to St T's: I will not say to us because 'us' includes you, does it not? - But I think her so wise in going "(to Edinburgh)". There is no better School for Supt. She is so perfect in her own way. -

6. The Brompton Consumptive Hospital has asked us again for a TRAINED LADY to fill the (new) Lady Supt's post there. [I have seen the (new) rules & think they secure sufficient power for a woman of experience] We have no one
60 whom we wish to disturb.
Have you anyone?
I should have very much liked to have
had this Hospl under a good woman: be-
cause I think the Hospl knows what it
wants."

22/11/77 "How truly I re-echo in myself every day
of my life what ---- once said that to have
"no judging" to do will be heaven......
I have had a hard autumn, pressing
out my life: I am waiting to get a little
strength - which does not come - to return
to London....... Fare you very well."

[paragraph crossed out here]
May 23/77 I know you to be anxious about
this . . . . affair as another
It is trying ----almost beyond her
endurance....I trust that the Goddess
in her will be roused in her. These are the
great moments of a Goddess’ life when
she is in a hand to hand fight with the
contradictions of circumstances, with great
duties, dragged down by circumstances to a

61 low level when she has to do the truth in
difficulty & surrounding falsehoods.

35 South St.
March 7/78
" this is only to announce that I sent
off to-day a box (carriage paid) of 17 Vols.
to your address, which Vols. I hope will please.
......I am very fond of some of
the sketches, particularly Elijah, in Dean
Stanley's Jewish Church: though it
looks such a long book. Jacob too.
.........I have filled up the box
with loves."

These volumes were for various members of our party:
all so carefully selected; some procured with difficulty
one (German) to follow.
X see page 65 for an extract to come here.
Lea Hurst
Aug.12/78

"It is 25 years today since I `retired into public life': my silver wedding
and I am thanking God.....
I am so unable to write. I had to come
down & to take charge here without a
day's or an hour's rest: & the only time
I have to write the most important things,
is between 5 & 7.30 in the mornings."

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10 (35) South St
21/11/78

- "We have always intended, as perhaps
you know, to re-open our School for training
Midwifery Nurses (which we had for
6 years at King's College Hospital) if a suitable
opportunity and place recurred.

The Lying-in Hospital of York Road Lam-
beth, which had been closed on account of
puerperal fever, is to be re-constructed
both in building and system & has
been offered to us to nurse.
My idea would be to have a trained
general Hospital Lady as Matron:
(not Mid-wife) & under her
a skilled Mid-wife &
assistant Mid-wife
- by degrees, from 12-15 Pupil Midwives
- probably for the first year a Trained
General Hospital Nurse
- cook, housemaid etc. etc.
You will see that the "lady" must
have powers of organizing (not ... necessarily
a knowledge of Midwifery)
- with great tact & discretion.
There will be 20 or 18 Lying-in beds:
and the Committee’s Scheme, a very good one, is to train District Midwives for provident Dispensaries with which it will be in connection & remain in connection in its neighbourhood. Without this scheme we should scarcely care to undertake it. With it, there is an enormous opening for good.

The Committee wish to take a recommendation for a Matron & for a whole scheme of organization from us. Any lady we recommended & they accepted would select and organize her own female Staff:

But, you understand, we should only recommend the Matron, - as we do in the case of General Hospitals.

She would then pass under the Committee as in those other cases: (not remain under us:) We should not of course be able to help her even in those other ways in which we can help in the case of General Hospitals: viz. by training & by contributing a Staff of Nurses.

It will be a new thing which the
lady will have to spin out of herself, as Miss Jones did so successfully - as regarded the Midwifery training - tho herself knowing nothing of Midwifery - in our case in King's College Hospital. If the Mid-wifery Training School is a prominent feature, we should probably have a good deal to say in this: & should help in money, as we did to a very considerable extent at K.C. Hospl. as in other things.

Assuming that the salary is what she would have a right to expect do you think - here comes the question - that ----- would be the person to undertake this sort of creation, for it would be a creation?

I send my "Notes on Lying-in Instns", which probably you have seen before, by book post, not at all as a guide, for who ever undertakes this Lying-in
Hospital & Training School must work out the problem by herself & not by a book. I have scarcely been able to raise my head from the pillow since I came here. I have been as it were ground to powder this autumn. May God grind me into good bread for Him!

See page 52
The following extract should come on page 52.
35 South St
April 4/76
(Mr Bonham Carter) "means to give some account of" (the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary Training) "in his Annual Report: just being prepared:
& I own I thought of the opportunity which it might afford of making some public acknowledgment of the great kindness of your Professors: Dr. Bell & others - in teaching the Nurses & Probationers. [Also it will be a reason for our paying for (say) 6 Probationers in your new Hospital]

See page 173
for Extracts from letter of Feb 14/76

X To be placed on page 61 after letter of March 7/78
35 South St
April/78 "I have seen such a lovely woman - Miss Cotton "Our Coffee Room" - now Lady Hope: living near Edinburgh. I have told her to go and see you."


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March 8/79
10 South Street

".....And a week afterwards I lost
my Father: since when life has been a
series of charges.......I, like -----,
have been tempted to pray for annihilation:
but then, I say to myself, I should not
know God.

[section crossed out not transcribed]

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May 7/ 79
6 a.m.
10 South Street

"god speed my dear friends on their
journey.

All my personal friends, including
the Military Director Gen'l, who used to
call me `sa camarade' are dead....... 
M. Husson, who would have done any-
thing for me, is dead.

Hotel Dieu: Soeurs Augustine
See the Lingerie particularly.
Enfant Jesus: Dames de S. Thomas
(Enfans Malades) de Villeneuve
please look if they have children's baths
....... of any particular make.
Val de Grâce Sisters of Charity
(Military) (Soeurs de S. Vincent de Paul)
here the Male `Infirmier' service is particu-
larly admirable.
Do not over-do it & make it a task. If you wish to see more Hospitals, I would recommend
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Lariboisière    Soeurs Augustines
Vincennes    Sisters of Charity
(Military)
I send my "Notes on Hospitals" if you would
like to consult the Paris Map of Hospitals at
the end, & some other things in it on Paris
Hospitals & Religious Nursing Orders, see
Appendix p.181"

June 12/79
10 South Street
   "My message to you (I ought to have
written it down) was NOT that "the W.O."
wd. take the Nursing Suprdn under its
wing" but that we should do nothing
without the authority of the W.O."
   Since you left the commissions from both
W.O. & Ly Burdett Coutts have been fast
& furious.
   But nothing definite.
Both apply for Nurses to us....
[Col. Stanley says there may be an engage
ment any day.]
I am so overworked that I write in direst haste.
......god speed the work. Pray for it."

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Lea Hurst
Sept 16/79  "I am writing in even a greater press than
usual: for there has been considerable anxiety
about my dear Mother the last day or two."

[paragraph not transcribed]

The New Edinburgh Royal Infirmary was opened
on the 29th October 1879: "Christ's Palace",
Miss Nightingale called it.

Sept 9th/79
(date?)
   "How terrible the news from Cabul. I am
almost glad that Ld Lawrence did not
live to see his prediction verified - his
warning justified."
(to publish? The above is a post-script to a letter marked "private". I
do not think the injunction extended to the post-script. A.L.P.)
But indeed I am always writing to you in my heart: & praying for your strength to be as your day.
For each and every one of you & yours I do send up the warmest prayers. We have a Heavenly Father in common: that is my comfort:
When it grieves me that you can expect nothing from me, I comfort myself that you can expect all from God:
And may the New Year be a good step in the narrow road to all of us.....
And....you often ask about me: it is the last straw which breaks the camel's back/let alone an old woman with a pulse at 120.) you know: and mine is a sheaf of straw:.....
Pray for me that spirit & faith fail not.
The constant feeling of duties accumulating and left undone - India work, Training School work, Lea work & family work is a heavy one coupled with
every Doctor saying "You must go away
for at least 3 months & neither speak, write
nor think:" and the impossibility of doing
this" (or any part of it:) ".........think
whether I feel for you in the great
work of occupying the New Christ's Palace
for the Sick:" & long to hear how you cope

28/1/80
10 South Street
"My dear Mother has been very much
worse for the last week. And, tho' she
is slightly better, we know how serious
is the danger - danger must we call
it? danger of going home? at her age.

1/2/80
"Poor Mother has had a very restless
suffering night."

2/2/80
10 South Street
"My dear Mother fell asleep just
after mid-night - after much weariness
& painfulness - tho' not so
much as during an attack at
Lea Hurst this last year. The last
3 hours were in beautiful peace:
& all tho' she had been able to listen to & to repeat
her favourite hymns & prayers: & to smile a smile as if she said:
   `I'm dying: its all right.'
Then she composed her own self to death at 9 last night: folded her hands:
closed her own eyes: laid herself down: & in three hours she was gone to a
greater Love than ours.

I will send you tomorrow my first 2 Vols. of Plato 2nd Edit. The Apology
The Crito, the Phaedo, & the Phaedrus are those I think you will like.....
....Do you remember what Ezekiel says: And at even my wife died:
And I did in the morning as I was commanded."

10 South Street
Easter Sunday 1880 "May all the best Easter blessings be for you and your charges: And may God's work go on in the true spirit of the risen Christ. May all our cares & difficulties & disappointments only tend to bury us with His body: that so we may rise again to-day to work His work as He would have it done.....

But first I want to ask you about the Nurses saving. The idea originated with some of the Nurses themselves that we should have a sort of Central Home & Club, or Provident Socy, supported by their own contributions, for our Trained Nurses. I have collected Rules & Tables & corresponded with Secretaries of all kinds of Friendly & Provident Societies, & have got together no end of information, which I shall impart to you, please God, sometime when we meet. Also information about what our Trained Nurses desire in this line. Then, you know, 183 of the trained Nurses sent me a request that I would `sit' for my
'picture.' And I answered that, if they would think of 'saving', I would think of 'sitting'. They prepared a delightful New Year's Day surprise for me, when 57 signatures appeared under the following heading: " (Here follows the agreement and some details of the Signatories, showing that nearly one half of them were already saving, or supporting relatives. Then some messages and more Easter greetings.) "You ask after me, - I have come back from Ramsgate where I went for 3 weeks' silence, for the first interval for 23 years, rather worse than I went. But at this I am hardly surprised. I have had 6 years & more without one day's rest of body or mind, ending 23 years of over-work & illness, & themselves ending with my dear Mother's death. And the Drs. tell me I must be "free" for at least a year (its a poor Easter topic) "from the responsibilities which have been forced upon" me (& which they might say I have so ill fulfilled) &
But when is that year to come?
I believe however I must go away again for a time, if only to work up the arrears of my Indian works, which weigh heavily on my mind. But God's will be done.
Do you know that the trained Nurses gave a most beautiful wreath & Cross for my Mother's funeral?.....
She was buried by my Father. And to-day they spend their first Easter Day together in the Heavenly Father's home: (speaking after the manner of men.) This Easter she has 'Another morn than ours.'
I hope you care about the Elections. You are in the thick of them.
Sir Harry with patriotic pluck is in his 79th year fighting a losing battle in Buckingham,.....
But what delights me is that the Liberal side find that the labourers & the working men have waked up during the last 6 years to interests entirely new to them.

Then, 6 years ago, we could hardly get a hearing: now men jam themselves into small hot rooms, struggling for standing room, while for 3 hours they listen to political talk.
Whether we win or not such interest will never die.
And while the Conservative beer is flowing like water, with all sorts & sizes of bribery, the Liberal baker & grocer & furniture maker & even the Solicitor all canvass for love & even refuse fees. The enthusiasm is pure.
May God guide it, & keep it free from beer & give us a House of Commons to serve freedom & justice."
(Post-script.)
"Since I wrote this, I have just received yours.

God bless & reward the dear Nurses, & say for the high & noble spirit with which they approach this Provident Socy scheme

God bless them: & He will bless them."

(Apparently written from Seaford Lodge
Seaton, S. Devon
April 24/80

"Nurses’ Provident Socy.

I am infinitely touched by your letters but one question only I must ask now: there is going to be a sort of Conference on Wednesday next in Mrs. Fred Verney's house,............
to give us sound advice upon Provident Societies for Women as touches possibilities for Trained Nurses. I should like a little more information upon what your Nurses' wishes are, as to sick pay especially. At St. Thomas' we dismiss entirely any necessity for provision for temporary illness, because the Hospital provides for that, as long as there is any hope of the Nurse returning to her duty.

I conclude that it is the same at the Edinburgh Infirmary."
When you ask "what they would be entitled to in illness or old age", I conclude that this means dis-abling illness or permanent infirmity and old age (super-annuation) weekly pension or pay.

Is there any other provision that your Nurses would specially desire?

I think it is so beautiful of your Nurses saying, "if we never need it ourselves, it will be all the better & we shall be helping those that do need it.".....

Pray thank them for me, if you think well, for their generosity in taking to this scheme. And I am so glad they 'save'...........

It naturally takes off what would be a great pull on the Funds, if the Hospital, as all good Hospitals with trained Nurses do, provides for temporary sickness." [And you, I believe, provide for convalescents too] without stoppage of wages or salary."

10 South St.
May 19 1880

"Trained Nurses League
We had our meeting but have not got on very far. We were de-lighted with your Nurses' spirit"
May 29/80
Referring to "a new Glasgow Work-house Infirmary."
    Could you kindly tell me anything you know or think about this, in regard to its being a desirable thing for a devoted woman to accept & work out?"

10 South St.
June 30/80
    ".......(Ma fille, j'ai mal a votre poitrine", somebody says: Ma fille, I take holiday in your holiday, I say.")

10 South St.
August 30/80
    "I am in all the `drive' of winding up affairs & seeing business people."

10 South St.
7/9/80
    "I am leaving London in half an hour. It is a most serious business.
    I am appalled at the idea of your taking any Probr" of a years standing and a stranger to you as your "Junior Assistant" in such an important post.
    I do not think 3 years as Sister & 2 years as Matron of a Provincial Hospl too much for the Assistant of so very important a Hospital ........... God guide us: & He will guide us."
[After telling me admirable things about the (inexperienced) lady in question, she goes on to say, speaking of taking inexperienced Assistants - a course to which we were sometimes driven in early days by sheer necessity -]
"But neither ------ I am sure, nor ------- I think, have any idea of the horror with which I look back to the harm we have done in recommending one-year-old Probationers to responsible posts." [Our dear Chief - who always sent the best she had & was so scrupulous in describing them.]

Lea Hurst
Dec. 18/80

"I am so thankful that Miss Hogg suits you and is a help to you: ["it is the greatest relief that she has been a help & not a hindrance, a comfort & not a dis-comfort...... - Judge then how I give God thanks that " (she) " has done you good service, so untried as she is...]...... My autumn has been full of troubles. It has been a time of trials, too sad to tell. But out of darkness comes light. Since ----- left I have been working through the work I came here to do, squeezing the work of months into days, among the people, `tant bien
que mal' or rather 'tant mal que bien'.
Such has been the harass that all power of continuous work is leaving me - I am losing my memory.
And old age is coming fast........
May all the best Christmas blessings be showered upon you and yours: may the child Jesus be born in each one of us:
May our souls be given us for a New Year's present."

28/2/81
10 South Street
"Unspoken thoughts go with you.......but I will not write settled thoughts now: only a little prelude (which I wish I could make musical) because you ask my poor thoughts " [Followed by wise counsel for the circumstances in which we were placed].
"One may easily be too officious."

13/2/81
10 South St. 
"......you can hardly imagine how painful it is to me to put pen to paper except on the most pressing business....... I saw Miss Hogg last week. She has the great "points" of straight-forwardness, a good judgment, no self-conceit, & an earnest desire to
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do right, besides others which were mentioned before.
And she is capable of giving a very good and observant account, without criticism, of any Institution she sees: not at all wedded to her own first training or anything of her own.
......Is there any amusing book you would read? I think I will send tomorrow Macdonalds `St Michael & St George', & then his `Sir Gibbie'. But I am afraid you may know these.
X Ld Beaconsfield's Endymion is so low vulgar & libellous that I cannot read it and will not send it. Is there no law to put down such mean libels against the dead?
   We are sending 1 lady from St Thomas's & 4 Netley Nurses to the Transvaal War."

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I am doubtful if the passages within these marks should be published - only if the criticism, apart from party will do good, as stern words from a gentle person sometimes do. A.L.P.
"I am always thinking of ------ and always "praying for light" - And I say Our Father which art in heaven" & then stop there - is that not enough? My very best love to Miss Spencer who so nobly fights the battle. I will write again, when "light" will come: - do not depend upon "sight" in one sort of mystic al way. There are things, as I know by experience, in which He sends us "light" by the hard good sense of others, not by our going over in sickness & solitude, one thought, or rather feeling, over & over again by ourselves, which rather brings dark- ness. I have felt this so much in my lonely life........... I have been to Seaford for one week."

Easter Day
10 South Street
"May the richest blessings of the risen life be all yours - now, here, to day & for ever."

May 7/ 81
10 South St.
"Why is it such hard work to trust one's treasures to Him?......In post-script: "Can you help making
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yourself anxious about the work? You must —
...... I am here at Claydon by myself for only
a few days."

June 20/81
10 South Street.

"I know so well what that is — to be so
uneasy about a person, & then to find
out that God is smiling at my terrors
& that she is all right.

I am writing in the early morning: the
"sweet hour of prime", as we can (hardly)
call it in London......
tell “(-----)” I trust July will do her
(almost) all the good I desire her."

10 South St.
July 8/81

"You will think me the blackest,
or at least the brownest of villains.
- I who am always preaching "have
nothing to do with the Fever-house' & now
have sent you an encumbrance to
train there. Like other villains &
traitors, however, I had no idea that
my hint would be taken....
of course the wretches, — but I did not
know it till long afterwards — immedi-

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ately telegraphed to you. Tread me under foot—
I deserve it...."

In a postscript:
"Pastor Fliedner used to say: when towns
applied to him to send Deaconesses —
"have you sent me any? — any Probationers?
I can't stamp material out of the ground."

July 27/81
10 South Street

"Poor Matron" (Mrs Wardroper) is in such
straits that I was quite touched at her
relief on hearing from me that ----
would place herself at her disposal as
Sister."
Claydon House
Sept 3 1881

"For the work's sake it is so important for the heads to recruit & be well......

I am here from the absolute necessity of some silence before I go to the innumerable small burdens of Lea Hurst Parish.

........................

I am so glad the Queen's visit was successful.....My sister is gone to Aix en Savoie & Sir Harry to York. But two grandchildren or rather grand infants are here.

Dr. Bell I was so very much pleased to see & know. What a noble eager worker he is."

25/10/81
(From Lea Hurst)

"I always feel....more & more the uncertainty of what Probationers may turn out in the second year. I have 16 more afternoons I must give to the Village people here - then rest a day or two - then come to London.

New Years Day 1881
[Evidently should be 1882 A.L.P.]

10 South Street.

"With what great love I would give you & all yours a happy New Year if I could. Then may I commend your New Year to Him whose love is greater than mine, & so try to satisfy my troubling untrustful heart?

But this year I feel so uneasy about Miss Stains at Liverpool with all her great difficulties....."
We want -
  a Night Supt. for Miss Stains at Liverpool
  a Matron for Hull Infirmary
  a Lady District Nurse for Paddington
District Nursing Home
  And I am afraid shall not be able to provide either, or any! -

Mar. or Ap.
1882
  "Miss E.H.P. is doing capitally....& getting her Wards into beautiful order."
In a post-script: We are going to part with our dear Miss Rye. I don't know whether most to our reluctance or hers. The London Female Mission has offered her the Sup.cy of all the Refuges with charge of the Central Paddington Home.........
  I think she is right - but she is a sore loss to us."

April 21
1882
  "The more you can please yourself" (about the matter of the Ward Assistants Pictures) the more you will please me ever. Send me the bill & do not scrimp it.
I have come to Claydon for a few days to

{written in left margin bottom of folio:} Miss Nightingale paid for an illuminated verse hanging in the Ward Assistants Hall at Edinburgh: we got a lady to do it for us: the words are: "But I am among you as He that serveth."
be quite alone - being almost broken down."
10 South Street
June 24/82
"I think that ---- is now passing through
a (not un-natural) interval of weariness
& indifference to her work." -

10 S.St
July 5 1882
"What can I say about ...............It is not a
plan at all - it is an idea, a chimera, a
soap-bubble, crystallized for the moment
by ------ being in England" -

Lea Hurst
Sept 21/82
"About the War Nurses I must speak when
we meet. Joy that the War is over."

Dec. 22 1882
10 South St
"Great love & God's glad-tidings `of great
joy' & every Christmas good hope &
blessing.......... Pray...., that
the child Christ may be born anew
in each of our hearts this Christmas
tide. You never think, I know, that
I forget when I do not write..........
`A Dieu' my dear Mother used to say,
every day when we parted. `A Dieu, my
dear child', with such expression."
(--------'s) "letter about my dear Sister did no such good.....Each day seems to me to make her a little worse: not Doctor's 'worse' but Nurses 'worse'. I think it is the most distressing attack of Rheumatic Arthritis I ever saw........

I received the Nurses' reports & went in as often as I could till 10 days ago. Mrs. Verney came up leaving her own sick child as the Angels used to come to give Ishmael & Elijah food & drink, you know. What should we do without her........ I am immersed in Egyptian Army Hospital enquiries, when I can.

I send my little Angel" (picture) "to carry Christmas greetings better than I can........ and my very best love to dear Miss Spencer & ask her to write to me. The crisis is arriving when" (Mrs. Deeble) "will have to furnish all the Army Hospitals with Nurses.....I have so much to say & so little strength to say it." Fare you very well."

"I cannot say much for my Sister tho' the terrible restlessness which was really the most dreadful of her sufferings, has passed away......

Sir Harry's Jubilee was celebrated at Buckingham most touchingly & satisfactorily on Tuesday. And tho' she, who would have enjoyed it the most, could not be there, still she enjoyed it much. All the people were so truly fond of him, & proud of his Parliamentary 50 years. Yesterday my dear Mother's birthday 3 years ago into heaven was celebrated by me."
"I always repeat….Let the child Jesus be born again in our hearts. Alas! how long he is in coming...with His purity, His simplicity, His innocence.......

Do you remember Aunt Julia?" (see page 173) " & do you know that she is gone home? She died quite peacefully at Hastings on Dec. 21 - & was buried on Thursday last at Preston near Ravensbourne. The `fervid little soul' is at rest - or rather she is gone to a wiser activity, where her keen sympathies will be in full employ."

Feb 17/84

"As Genl. Gordon who is gone to Khartoum writes: I am with you in spirit every day. ...............It is in sad earnest that I say: Pardon me, for I could not" (write.) "......I struggle in to her" (her Sister) "as much as I possibly can, & see the Nurses & Doctors here......Next month she will have her daughter-in-law, Margt. Verney, here, whom I bless God for having created. She is God's own daughter."

March 5/84

"Tomorrow (Thursday) Sir Harry has two Swedes to luncheon - on Evangelical Alliance business........

You are quite right to be at home for the April University Solemnities, of which Mr Jowett, now Vice Chancellor of Oxford, who is going to them, had apprised me. God speed." -

Mar 13/84

"I send you the tickets for the Speaker's Gallery for to-day..... You see I must give up seeing you to-day. But I shall depend upon tomorrow." -

July 11/84

10 South Street
"I don't think ------ is in the "deepest distress"
but in spirited indignation which is
much better." -
Aug 1/ 84
10 South Street
"..... She must, & I think she does,
feel forever a glow at her heart at . . .
tacking her to . . . where a vexatious
business has only made her find
more than kind friends on all sides.
............... And a little lively indignation

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has done her no harm....."
July 1884 or
Apparently
Aug. 1884
"I am very weak after a month's coughing
& ought to go to the sea, they say, = but cannot.
Miss Airey sailed from here on Wednesday
for Egypt: very bonny."

Claydon
(address 10 South St)
finished Oct. 11 / 84
"It is charming how you received the
Crown Princess" (German) "in naturalibus" -
how many of her German Nurses have
you now?
You see that Nurses are going up the Nile
to Wady Halfa........
But Luther says that he looks out & sees
the firmament which God has made
without pillars, & we wretched men are
always afraid that it will tumble
down, unless we make our little pillars
half a foot high.
It is 34 years since I was at Wady Halfa -
- how little I could ever have thought
that there would be trained Nurses now
there. O faithless me that thinks
God cannot make His firmament
without pillars. - And India --- that
He could do so much by means of Lord
Ripon - but we are very, very sorry
Ripon is coming home - and that
He cannot do as much by Lord Dufferin.
No: I have the highest reverence for
X "Sir Stafford Northcote" - he was one of
the very best Ministers at the India
Office - the only reason why I have
not the great pleasure of seeing him
now - is that he was at the India
Office & is not now - And I can never
see any one except on business - un
happily. But I have hardly done a
day's work this twelve month.......... [In post script] "words but not thoughts in haste.
And God in Whom we are is never
in haste."

(X In allusion to what I had told her of Sir Stafford Northcote's visit
to the Edinburgh Infirmary, when he had remarked, to the
best of my recollection, "I used to see Miss Nightingale
- but not now." A.L.P.)
(The National Aid Society were sending out a Contingent of Nurses under Miss Williams, as to whose health in Egypt some of us were much afraid:)

"...... It is in the path of duty. It is a grand & noble work. They want her. She is at liberty and willing.........I.......am now perfectly satisfied that they have offered her a post worthy of her, with no particular risk, as Supt. of Nurses, in a Base Hospital of wounded only, with plenty of work, severe cases, who want her, & in charge: in charge both of Sisters and of the Nursing - which is, of the Orderlies' Nursing too - under the Medical Officer in charge ...........

She is to have the Base Hospital at Suez - where the severely wounded - no sick - are to be Nursed, coming by water direct from Souakim, near to which it is sup- posed a great battle will be fought almost as soon as the Guards who start to-day land at Souakim............... Nursing proper of the severe cases to be done by the Women - & training of Orderlies, & management of the delicate feeding of severe cases..................
"It is the greatest possible comfort that Miss Byam is to be with her........
Think of them as wanting her - of the call for such as her - how she will do it better than any one else."

10 South St.
April 1/85
"All that has been done is ignored in the Military Nursing Dept. And they are gone back to principles or non-principles of 30 years ago............. But a higher than we regardeth it" - And may we look upon this War as raising many "from the death of" material things to the "life of righteousness".

10 South St.
May 18/85
"If there is a War with Russia, which God forbid! & which is quite unnecessary - they will not send Nurses to Affghanistan - quite right - but to Constantinople they may."

10 South St.
May 20/85
"You will not be surprised & I am afraid you will not be sorry to hear that the Nursing Staff from Souakim & Suez are
coming home."
10 South St.
July 4/85
"-------- must not say that the Orderlies
are 'hopeless'.................
The very most important part of a
Sister's duty in the Army is training
the Orderlies who are essentials in
the Field. It is the very 'raison d'etre'
of the Sisters. But that made me the
more raving that the Sisters at Suez
were so over-worked that they could
not train the Orderlies as they
would have done so well - and
that the Sisters who were sent up
the Nile were actually employed
without Orderlies - their very 'raison d'etre'
being thus gone.........But enough
of this - "God will direct" - God has directed

Miss Hogg, you know, is now Head
Sister at Plymouth. She speaks highly
of your 'Sister'" (a pupil of the Edin R. Infirmary)
who it seems has been teaching the
boy Nurses very nicely............... 

I do not think it is regrettable that Mr
Gladstone should go to the General Election
untrammeled by Office.
- I am going to see Sir Peter Lumsden."
In a post-script to the above:
"Some kind instrument at Argèles has sent
me some roots - which I suspect to be the
roots of the lovely red anemone........
I have planted them out - beautiful
Argeles - beautiful remembrance........"
(She had been there in her youth)

July 17/85 "It is always a question with us whether
10 South St. we will give Nurses to be under a Matron
not of our training or of a training
we know. And I think we always
decide it in the negative. We will
not give Nurses except to be under a
Matron of an approved training."
100 10 South St.  
Dec. 31/85

"On this last day of the old year I pray with all my heart and strength for all the highest blessings of a good New Year on you......on you & all yours. ......And I always remember to pray ......for the child Jesus to be born anew in my heart at this season with His purity, His innocence, His simplicity.........

Will you be so very good as to present my kindest regards & good wishes to each of your ladies......with these unworthy cards" (she mentions specially Miss Wade & Mrs Porter) "& dear love & best wishes to Miss Spencer -- & "jackanapes" to your boy Wm Bell - I liked his "bed" so much - how comfortable & home-y it looks! and "Convalescence" for a Child Patient ...........I think you will like Convalescence if you read it."

[Mrs Porter is Henley's famous "Staff-Nurse, old style", so dear to the New Style Nurses as to be fondly called "The crown of the Staff".  
Wm Bell was a Patient who had made a pretty picture of his bed & bed spaces coloured]
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Claydon House
June 16/86 "I cannot leave them this week.
Two grand-children in measles & whooping
cough....a sick nurse - my Sister so
very ill - & Sir Harry ailing."

10 South St.
Nov. 7/86
"Now I do bless Dr. Affleck.......! I
wish we had a gold medal for those
sorts of exploits.................
Dr. Affleck deserves our heartiest thanks
for his Lectures in Dr. Bell's place, tho'
we can never cease to regret Dr. Bell.
I am delighted that ladies have become
head laundresses & I wish they would
become head cooks. Do you admit your
laundress in any sort of consultation
or intercourse with your `Chapters?'.....

I have been rather bothered for the
last twelvemonth by enquiring for and
despatching Sanitary & Domestic Economy
books to India - to be boiled down by
some sort of process into Text-books for
native girls & women, & for European girls
schools - as an adjunct to Lady Dufferin's
Fund. Believing as I do that the conditions
of England & India are so different that each country should have its own books, I did it in a cold perspiration. I am now engaged to do the same thing in Medical books for the Doctresses - to send out the best books on Midwifery & Diseases of Women & Children. I have already collected several recommended to me by Medical authority. But they are so elaborate - they, especially the mid-wifery books, treat Child-birth, not as a process of nature but as a terrible Surgical disease. And there is a description of every kind of operation that can possibly be invented. Could you ask the authorities of the Lying in Hospital, or the Physician Accoucheur of your Infirmary - for the names of the simplest & most useful books on these matters, telling them it is for India, for Native & other Lady Doctors - & for whose Fund....I should be so grateful.
But they in India ought, as for Sanitation, so for Midwifery & Women's & children's diseases to write Manuals for India. The Mortality among native women, & even among European women in India, is far higher than with us - The Sanitary conditions (of the Natives) in Childbirth are fearful. And they have many other drawbacks........

If there were any book dwelling upon the conditions which should produce health in pregnancy & child-birth, that would be a God-send for me........ They " (the books) " will be chiefly for (trained) native women-doctors. Ah Dr. Affleck is the real Doctor who consults the Sanitary conditions..............

I came back from Claydon very much run down: to a sick household - & to somewhat hard work with everybody going to or returning to India."

"I had already sent that particularly good little book "Obstetric Aphorisms" to Lady (Dufferin, & to a Madras Vernacular Education Socy - which asks me almost the same questions as Ly Duffn & also Dr. Croom's ...the same, to both...........I did send out "Combe on Infancy" but I think I will send another copy or two. Do you think Dr. Croom would publish his "Lectures to Nurses on Midwifery & on the Nursing required in the various diseases of women It would be so valuable. Then I would send that out. And pray make Dr. Affleck publish his Nursing Lectures on "Fevers" I should like to send him my very grate ful regards, if I dared. Oh! make "a beauti ful--"Edinburgh series of Nurses books" - how invaluable they would be.........

God bless you with His Christmas love. I always think of (-----'s) saying that the child Christ must be born again at this time in all our hearts. Pray for me
that it may be so."
"A happy New Year be yours. I send my two little children" (a card) "praying for it in a picture, because I think they pray better than I.

And I send the peasant girl giving food to the child sitting on the door-step in the cold, & finding out it is the Lord Jesus - for dear Miss Spencer.

And Miss Grant & Miss Reith two cards if they will accept them from me......with my New Year's love. And that good old Nurse" (Mrs Porter, Henley's Staff Nurse, old style) "whose acquaintance I made at Edinburgh before you were born" (a mistake!) "...... - May I send her the verse on the New Year under the icicles? And poor Nurse M" (in fatal illness) "may I send her the tower on the cliff - & the tossing sea? And would your Cook take a card from me - the Rising Sun & Peace?"..............
The choicest of the Loving Almighty Father's blessings upon you and dear Miss Spencer - & all your Nurses & all your work for the New Year."
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10 South Street
April 9/87

"Easter greetings, love & blessings.
May we rise again tomorrow with new
life from the Lord & Giver of life........
I have been trying to write to you every day
this Passion week on the subject so
pressing on both our hearts X - but must
still put it off till tomorrow"
My Easter love to Miss Spencer & if I may to Miss Grant"

X (in left hand margin, vertically written:) X alluding to the proposed
change - my going back to St Thomas's & the Nightingale School & Miss
Spencer's remaining at Edinburgh, in charge.

10 South St.
April 25/87

"Today is the Annual Meeting of our
Probationers at the N. House at St. Thomas'
It will be an unusually large gathering
of old & new - even Miss Stains of Liverpool
etc etc for it is the last over which
poor Matron will preside........
34 Years Matron
27 head of Training School
She looks very ill............
Sister Airey from Cairo was wrecked
on board the Tasmania off Corsica
Sunday (yesterday) week. Thank God,
Thank God: they were saved, &
sent home over-land from Marseilles,
after being rescued in Corsica.
She arrived "quite well" at Bedford, as she, like her own dear self, says quite cheerily, writing, which I only received this morning. It will be announced at the meeting to-day. But I have some hopes others may have heard of it in time to ask her to the meeting, where she would be so welcomed. I believe they lost everything."

10 South St
June 20/87

"I am sure your people enjoyed their Jubilee" [On the day of the first Jubilee of Queen Victoria - a glowing summer day - we had about 300 of our Patients of the Edin. R. Infirmary, carried out, by Students & Porters, on to the grass between the Medical & Surgical hospitals, gave them tea there, and telegraphed congratulations to Her Majesty, to which she graciously replied though she had ceased, overwhelmed, replying to congratulations in general. This entirely impromptu fête was a most happy affair.

A.L.P.]
June 21/87

"The Westminster Abbey function is over. Miss Crossland" (& others) "saw the Procession from a Picadilly window.

Sir Harry had tickets for the Abbey but gave it up at the last moment - very wisely. He had 500 tenants & labourers & wives & children for cricket, dinner, little Service in Church, games, fire works, bonfire, at Claydon.

I have heard nothing yet of Abbey or Procession from those who were there."

July 16/87

"The holiday is really in the heart. `In the heart of duty there is rest:' in the heart of duty & of love.

My best love to Miss Spencer..............

....... I do so feel with you all. I enclose" (money) "for poor Nurse.....God bless you all."

July 23/87

"My dear love to Miss Spencer.

God bless you all the night I say at even: & God bless you all the day I say at morn."

Aug. 21/87

"A friendly feeling, when so truly deserved, & not catered for, is a gift of God. The difficulties no doubt at St Thomas will be great. But what is it that Gamaliel says: `If it is of God, it cannot be over-thrown = if it is of man it will come to nought'."

- left The E.R. Infy on Sept. 16th 1887.

From this time till April 16th 1890 the letters from which extracts are made here are addressed to me at St Thomas' not at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary: unless
on some occasion of a visit there. The extracts are resumed on the following page.
Extracts to me. Letters addressed to me mainly at St Thomas's.

10 South St.

Sept 16/87

"This day of pain & of joy has at last arrived.

Welcome home - welcome home.
And God speed you and the dear home you have left............

And I prescribe a course of 'Masterly inactivity' for the first few weeks."

Sept. 17/87 "Our love & duty

10 South St. shall wrap you round

Extracts written with wide left margin, with dates written in.

Oct 1/87

10 South St

"Thank you for writing me word about the Treasurer's wish............
The Treasurer has been so good & reasonable that it would be desirable to accede to his wish if possible. But he is also so good & reasonable that he will not "wish" for it if there are too many 'buts'.
I shall think of you today being introduced to your Doctors. It might be an awful ordeal - but I am sure it will not......Whatever comes naturally in the way of our Profession is `by the grace of God!'"
111 Oct 16/87 [and roll 2?]
10 South Street
"Yes, surely: 22 beds &
   - shall we have
2 dozen big flannel red jackets for the
big beds & because the little cots sometimes
overflow into the big beds
shall we have
   1 dozen little red flannel jackets?.......I don't think it is extravagant to have
? 3 dozen because an occasional holiday
to each jacket certainly makes them
last longer .........Send me in my Bill
now, please.
Many thanks for Mr Burdett's paper
- & the 'Hospital'"
Oct 21/87
10 South Street
"I feel so very anxious for you & to
know how you have settled the Elizabeth
Succession. It is as important as
'Jamie the first & Sixth' succeeding
Q. Elizabeth.................
I must send off my Messenger in haste.
I have been feeding the Police at
Grosvenor Gate, who were almost worn out."
Along with the above letter Miss Nightingale sent some notes upon the project of the 'Hospitals' association of Matrons to meet for discussions: from them I make the Extracts which follow:

"Hospitals Association" "Commee of Matrons"

"It is difficult to suggest whether or no a matron should accept the invitation of the Hospitals' Associations to join the Committee of Matrons, without knowing what the Committee does when it meets.

#1 Does it meet for mere kindliness and Social Communication?

2 Or for seriously discussing certain points of Administration etc given out before hand and for which those members who choose prepare such questions or such answers as they may think useful?

[NB It is difficult to guess how matrons=regnant can find time - Ex Matrons could do so - to attend these meetings But that is for each to decide.]"
1 It is far from certain that ever more of this nature will not do good. It is shocking how often there is a jealous, not friendly rivalry between Hospital Matrons, Chiefs of training schools, instead of their union, all working for the great cause. But these social meetings, tho' they may be good for bringing matrons together will not be good for improvements.

2 If on the other hand, they meet seriously to discuss points of administration, in which they want information and counsel, there are two different kinds. As to questions material it might do good. As to questions personal, regarding the management of & influence over Nurses & Sisters over women, still less Communications with men, I doubt whether any good matron could bring herself to discuss these delicate and sacred subjects. As to the questions which can be discussed there is this consideration

[I have constantly to see official men who generally write beforehand the subjects they wish to discuss. I have to "get it up" before they come. Often it takes me the whole day] A matron who wishes seriously to gain information or a final decision upon anything of importance or to give it must "get it up" beforehand, in order to be of any use. Has she time? Is the labour worth it?

Oct. 21/1887

Nov 6/87 "we cannot recommend people 10 South Street whom we don't know who are recommended to us by people whom we don't know & who probably don't know them when we have people of our own whom
we do know who may be in want of posts -"
10 South St  
Nov 12/87

"But as you ask me - I believe this is the way we should answer the application: -

viz.-------------------------- [3 lines of ....] that you do not train at St Thomas' for "private" Nursing that "foreigners" are generally only admitted by you to be trained for some post in their own country as Matron or Head Nurse etc.

...................Would she tell you what prospect she has of a post in her own country?

...[It has always appeared to us too great a risk to bring a woman from her own country, who could not possibly be seen beforehand, unless she was recommended by referees whom we intimately knew, - for us to find her a post here, - not only because she might prove unfit, but because Institutions here might not choose to have a foreigner -

At the same time we have had excellent

Do you know that Miss Hogg is promoted to be Sister Superintendent of Haslar This is the Naval Blue Ribbon."

Nov. 19/87

10 South Street

"I give you joy of dear Miss Spencer's arrival............

I was going to press you both to come. But, between fogs & rioters, it would be murder to bring you out. As you know, there is to be a Monster Meeting in Hyde Park, an Army of Special Constables. The fog may close in at any moment....."

10 South St.
Nov. 20/87

"tho' tomorrow, please God, there will be no mob -"
Nov 23/87
"Miss Spencer does not look a day older than she did 10 years ago - pure souls never do."

Nov 24/87
"The pheasant & rabbit were for you, not that I think you are starving Miss Spencer, but I wanted to have a pan in the fire."

Dec. 5/87
"I am writing all I can to-day & tomorrow for on Wednesday my Doctor `turns off' the eyesight, in order to prevent me from working."

Same date
What is Mr Jowett's story about early rising?

[When on a visit to Miss Nightingale at Lea Hurst, one of the party begged Prof. Jowett to lay an injunction on another member against early rising. Instead of reasoning or enjoining he turned to the one complained of with a kind and merry twinkle in his eyes and said only:
"Haven't you heard of the man who rose early, and who was conceited all the morning and cross all the afternoon?"
A.L.P.]
"Did you make a 44 hours seance with Mr Bonham Carter, like an Irish member? I am going on Tuesday. Do you think that Sister Victoria or any one who wants a little 'go' in the country would come down & see me at Pine Acre Sunningdale. I shall write with my warmest Xmas wishes best Xmas blessings to you & all your children. Two hampers of Xmas Evergreens & 10 flowering plants will come to you on xmas Eve for the Probationers Home. May Xmas & New Year's blessings rain on you."

"May 1888 be yours, 'one with Omnipotence' New Years Day in the highest sense...... 1888 Would it not do you some little good to come into the fresh but very cold air here....? .....Christmas business, Christmas benefits, including beautiful Santa Claus Pine Acre "I have had much pleasure in making Jan 4/88 S. Victoria's acquaintance. [The writer " (of an enclosed letter) " Miss Eleanor Martin, is the Niece of one of the oldest friends we had. who is dead.]"] address, please 10 South St. Jan 19/88 "How much I have been thinking of you & fearing....... I know, indeed I know, I know the immense difficulties" (of a Hospital) "for one who really takes up the Government....... 'Make haste slowly, says the Latin proverb - Get Victory silently, gently & slowly, say I.... Yes: the worst "difficulties" "arise" from one-self, no doubt............... But God knows all the work. And it is His work, not ours. That makes all the difference. I am appalled at" (your) "difficulties, at Indian difficulties
at War Office difficulties & Sanitary failures. But Infinite Love says: 'Your affairs as you call them which are Mine are in the charge of Infinite Love.' Why should we fear? why should we be appalled? we are "about our Father's business." I say that to myself."

(written I think from Claydon)
10 South St
Feb 6/88
"I trust, now that you have really taken the reins,.................that that in-
cessant vigilance, going into all the minutiae yourself, may be 'relieved guard' - Your Sisters know you now - & you know them - And they must share your difficulties - not be difficulties. And so I hope it will be.............. by Night as well as by day........ When the horses all run in a team, when we are "all made perfect in one", the necessary daily current supervision ought to be less onerous.............
I know you kindly ask after me. I went away with one `exhaustion' (in eyes & all) - & am coming back with two........
I have always thought that ---- should write a book on Hospital Management & Nursing. I do not understand their" (the Publishers[, etc.) "plan of the book. If it is to begin with a Man's" (lecture on) "Anatomy & Physiology, is it to be a Class Book, such as a "Home Sister" is to use in her classes? Then why go on with an "Essay on Nursing"? You don't want an Essay – do you? but actual precepts what is to be done.

There is no book on Hospital Management. The Military Regulations on this matter are absolutely misleading. This would be a book indeed..... But is this what they want?"

Address
10 South Street
Feb 7/88

"I think it is" (right) "that ---- should" (write) the book) "(on Hospital management which is a subject almost untouched in any systematic or experienced way -- & Nursing) A book not about Nursing.....but on Nursing, & on Hospital management would be simply invaluable ... But is Mr. ----'s "mapping out" the one you approve? And does his view com
mend itself to you - viz. that "every point as it occurred could be studied on the spot?"
Must not a book be written on one's matured conclusions from many experiences?
And is there not danger if one runs out to look at a "point" that one's view will be only from that individual "occurrence"?

I hope to be in London tomorrow. I have to see the Supt Sisters going to India"......

In a post-script Do you think with Mr---- that "the wisest thing is to say 'Yes' in the first moment of courage" - or to say it as the deliberate result of consideration? Say 'Yes' if the last."

10 South St
Feb. 26/88
"You may be sure I am very much interested about X Miss --- & her present Emigration undertaking? But does she know anything about the over-looking of the health of children cottages earth, air, & water cleanliness, privies etc etc
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And can Midwifery responsibility be undertaken at "3 months training?"

I have written with Mr Bonham Carter's sanction to enquire about the best Lying in Hospital training, & also about Bloomsbury Sanitary training.

Has Miss ---- the `motherly' element to "supervise" these 25 "Agricultural" families?

- can she create such an odd position?

& be a kind of "spiritual mother" & "mother of health?"

I hope you, who are as much of an enthusiast as I, ........ about emigration will advise her.

There is not much of a "trained Nurse" about looking after healthy families. Would she like to see me?

.................................

I send you my favourite morsel - a very 'digestible' morsel - the volume in which (last article) is my dear Port Royal that I am so fond of. [the other Articles too are admirable] Please return it to me when done with - And I will send you Beard's Port [?]
Royal: 2 Vols: in English: if you do not know it - & afterwards Ste Beuve's Port Royal = 5 Vols. in French - full of dainty morsels - & all very favorite reading of mine - but I shall only send one Vol. at a time [Excuse my marks which I am afraid are all over them]

I have not looked at those Articles of Stephens for 40 years - & it is just as perfect & telling with me as ever - they are just as fresh with me as ever - in interest."

Post-Script
to above
"N.B. The male heads of the British Nurse's Association have been to see me at their own desire (Register for Nurses)
And I have spent 4 weary days in writing out things for them & talking over things with them.
In my own mind I think it hopeless - all sentiment - no practical grasp of any detail."

10 South St
March 1/ 88
"I have written and enclose a letter to....
But for ourselves, we always insisted, as perhaps you know, in the Midwifery School we kept for 6 1/2 years for Nurses, & have always

This letter of March 1st part of that of Feb. 26th refer to our application made to and by a philanthropic [illeg]
stoutly stood by it since, on 6 months training (2 months in large out-door practice) & then would only certify not as Mid-wife but as Midwifery Nurse - In most, if not all of the places where these 6 months women after wards served, the Doctor was not "9" but 2 miles off - he might even be in the next Street.

[N.B. All abnormal as well as normal cases were under the Skilled Mid-wife at the head of the School]

I want to clear up my own ideas about Miss ----'s "high enterprise" by a little confab. with" (you.)

We are not sent, are we? except to the lost sheep of the house of -- Britain - Is it not a higher "enterprise" to be District Nurse "to 25" poor Holborn "families" than to "25 Agricultural families" in E. Africa? or even to be a trained Sister in a Hospital Ward?

If of those wretched boys who rioted for

{X written along left margin of folio}: this letter of March 1st, & part of that of Feby 26th refer to an application made to us by a philanthropic gentleman for a "Trained Lady Nurse to go out to Africa in an appointment described as 'Colony Sister' to guide & befriend the "25 families" spoken of. Observe how clearly Miss Nightingale defines the object of her works in the Training School - to train Nurses for the Sick poor to work not desultorily but under satisfactory organizations. Observe not less the clearness of her conception of what is necessary in training - the thoroughness of her requirements - the 6 months stoutly held to & then only for the qualification of Midwifery Nurse - not midwife.

Observe again the pains she took to educate a Superintendent in the principles of her aims for management and know with what gentle courtesy the instruction is given. A.L.P.
3 weeks in Hyde Park & were driven about by the Police, a number could be trained & organized by competent men for some Colony into a Mettray, a Ranke Haus or a `Dutch Settlement' (I do not say it is possible) that would be a "high enterprise": and one would say even to a trained Sister: Go, if you have a calling to look after their health & morals.

If of those poor seamstresses & London work-women - often on the verge of prostitution but not prostitutes - a number could be trained & taken out to Colonies by competent ladies (I do not say it is possible) as domestic servants, perhaps as working women in out-lying farms, at last as good wives far from the towns, that would indeed be a "high enterprise" - & a high calling even for a trained Lady Nurse to "Mother" them out.

But to take 25 "sober, industrious" healthy "Agricultural Hampshire families," out to the Colonies, is an interesting thing as benefiting
& raising the individuals, but could almost be done by a devoted land-lord in England.
[And is there much more to be done for 25 good labourer's families in East Africa (possibly less) than in Hampshire in influencing & looking after them. Only no one thinks of giving a lady at £200 a year to look after them in Hampshire?]

Seems not the present plan rather a step not to the depauperization but to the pauperization of England - not to reformation but the reverse - taking away the "sober & industrious" & leaving the idle, drunken & destitute.

It is not those who are doing well here, or anywhere, but those who are doing ill or going to ruin - our lost sheep - that one wants to save. Does one want to take the best labourers & workmen out of England, or the worst, & save them?

[The best, the young & sober stone-masons near Lea Hurst are emigrating to Ohio,- leaving the idle drunkards behind. Is this a movement one longs to help?]
Everything about Emigration is interesting — everything about the reward & prosperity of good labourers —

But it might almost be said that it is another step to filling the Gaols & work-houses here — to take away the best & leave those boys & girls who populate prisons & Unions — but whom no one thinks of giving a lady to help & reform —

In short, the plan may be a good thing as benefiting individuals who deserve it, but is it a great work — a `high enterprise', a saving of our lost sheep, a depauperization & reformation? I dont know.

Does not the work of a trained Hospital Sister, certainly of a trained London District Lady Nurse, partake much more of all these things? Why do not people seriously think of taking & reforming a wretched London Court of "25 families"? [Miss G. Hill did]

All the while I am enthusiastic about Emigration — but for the lost
sheep, as far as we are concerned.

March 16/88

"Great satisfaction that the dreaded thing is to be put off "for a year"!
I believe the General Register will be put off even longer - & we shall stick to our own Registers." [end 12:524]

April 3/88

In a post-script
"I am not sure that I quite agree with you as to Nurses not saving - But I quite agree with them "that they can't afford so much". And after a great deal of enquiry I think Mr ----'s plan so unsuited to our Hospital women. Do they intend to stay in Hospital life till they are 60 "or 55 or even 50"? Do Nurses marry more or less than other women? Dr. Steele himself says "More: because they make such good wives."
If it is for Private Nurses how does" (it) "apply?

Then what Miss Lückes states is so true that Mrs ----'s plan should not interfere with what the Hospital does
It is of course desirable that the Nurses should have it all thoroughly explained to them - It is our duty".

April 18/88
10 South Street
"Mind, please you tell that I was obliged to forego sending Xmas & New Year's cards to any one, except to a poor old desolate soul in Derbyshire, who lost the Sister she lived with just before Xmas, pensioners for many years - & to some sick children & Sta Claus people....... But I was at Pine Acre alone on Xmas day & New Year's Days - with no eyes - no nothing."

May 10/88
In a post-script
"I do so feel for the great troubles." "Don't however retire to New Zealand without me, please. I will tell you why."

May 12/88
10 South Street
illeg "We are in this terrible ---- business. ............. At all events,
we must put it in God's hands.................
I don't think we...... believe in the victory
of good and truth in His hands - may it never
be against us but always with us!
.......................... both with ---- &
Miss ---- I cannot help feeling that they
are going into not at all the purpose for
which they are trained............
   I don't think I shall write even
my poor little letter to the dear Probationers for
Wednesday.....................
   Vale - and Au revoir.
   Do you want a book?"

In a post-script "You don't know how much I sym-
pathize with your wish - not exactly for
a "New Zealand farm" No, I would not
leave much=suffering England, hardly
even for a War - but to be a Ward
Nurse or a District Nurse.
   Nursing was my calling. All this
Gov't works has been something else -
And yet I was called to it too. That is
the only strength.
I feel so ungrateful for what you
call my `lovely room' - & for those sorts of blessings.
And the immense opportunities I have had given me - no one has had more - do not think but that I know how badly I have used them - in how little of the true Spirit."

[Thus humbly did our Chief estimate herself]
A.L.P.

May 15/88
10 South Street
"Very anxious I feel......................But one thing you may be sure of: forgiveness & love...are never wasted; they will tell some time or other. What" (we suffer) "is part of the vicarious suffering of the world, which we must have, whether we will or no; & which if we suffer willingly we are like Christ....."

May 19/88
"----- talks calmly of failing & returning in a year!! `But screw your courage to the sticking point & you'll not fail' I hope --- is vigorous at continuous employments.................."
May 26/88

"I have been thinking a great deal about that poor ----
If she is really trying to lead a new life she is bound to" (let us know her address) "And I am bound not to let her fall entirely out of sight.
But her best chance is for us all to believe in her wish to lead a new life........"

June 6/88
10 South St.

"Which are particularly the "dear Sisters"? I want to love them too.
I hope the "Chapter" on "caps" was eminently successful......
I have seen & admired your Miss Hughes & feel at least hope now. I have been trying to help them with Arabic.
......(Mr. Bonham Carter) "had made such slight notes that he could not print anything. But the paper I enclose covers the ground as to Register. It is by him.

......................
I hope the Infirmary Baby" (our loving word for the great charge at Edinburgh) "won't be "illeg. ramblin"?} too much "off" dear Miss Spencer's knee.
June 11/88
10 South Street
finished June 16

"-- they have made the most salutary
Regulation in India, as far as the Military
Hospitals are concerned, that they will take
no one who has not had three consecutive
years in a Hospital where her training has been - a London or other
large Hospital

.................
I have been getting up to write business
at 6 a.m. after having had no food the
day before. People calling to see me morning
& afternoon - & staying the whole afternoon
& evening on business - & not one moment
for my own business...........
You know that Miss Beatrice Clugston has
died suddenly...............
In a post-script to the above -
"O poor Germany!
O insupportable & touching loss!"

June 28/88
10 South Street

"I return your Probationers papers &
records which are very instructive
reading."
June 30/ 88
10 South St
"A Madame Elena Comparetti, a Venetian lady, who corresponded with me last year about establishing a Training School for Nurses, Male & Female, at Padua - (there is none in Italy) suddenly appeared this morning.

10 South St
July 2/ 88
(Signora C.) "wants a book in English on the Organization of Nursing & of Training Schools for Nurses etc. to translate into Italian - And I cannot think of one - Can you? & tell her? I am condensing my stupidity on Bursaries."

11/7/88
"I was so delighted to make the acquaintance of Miss Buchanan - What a jewel she is!"

10 South St.
July 21/88
"You have been 'driven' I am sure. And so have I - with India, (New Viceroy) Gordon Boys etc. etc. etc. & now with Schoolmasters for Lea Hurst: all Sunday I have these............. I enclose one letter..........And some cuttings from an unknown friend at Philadelphia
continued about Miss Alice Fisher.

10 South St
July 31/88
(In a post-script) "I wish we knew more of that Female garrison Hospital at Woolwich - As they give a year/ instead of three months) do you think it might possibly develop into a Training School for Midwifery Nurses? or are the cases all too slight & too few?"

10 South St
July 31/ 88
"Only ought we not to know what we are about?.................
I hope I echo your own sentiments - It is so important that the first trained London Hospital Nurse who goes out, under authority, to Cairo, to do private Nursing should be a mirror of morality, is it not? of sense & womanliness, as well as of skill -"

10 South St.
Aug 3/88
"A good journey & a refreshing holiday to you & a casting off of all your cares."
Aug 26/88
Claydon Ho:
addressed to Edinburgh
"I have never seen my Sister so ill since 1883
..................................Indeed I have been more than
a week without being able to write."

4/9/88
Claydon House
addressed to
St Thomas
"Welcome back.................
I hope there is not a throng of anxieties awaiting
you."

Sept 10/88
Claydon House
"On the 15th you, you will have been over
& with us a year. And "(how much had
been gone through) "And though there are
"labours" enough ahead, yet I hope not of
the same kind. I hope now you will
have more of the "Mothers" business
........But fare you very well. One may
fare well in care as in joy. - perhaps
better . God's the care & the responsi
bility.................
And the future is God's & not ours........"

Sept 10/88
"I am so grieved about Nurse Langford: quite
as much for the Patients she would
have nursed as for herself or us - so
many of the good ones have bad health."

Oct 17/88
10 South Street
"`Here I be' again."
Oct 18/88

"I hear a rumour you are going to give Miss ---- to ------ . Now you were thinking of keeping her for herself. I have no further opinion about it than that, if you wish for her, you should keep her - that is of the first importance for the work."

Nov 27/88

------(is) "ever in my thoughts & prayers night & day. But it is God, with His perfect & faithful tenderness, moment by moment, Who guides & comforts."

10 South St
Dec 7/88

X "Our dear young charge is now in the Immediate Presence - how sweet to her! She has passed the rough waters - 'joy, joy' to her, happy soul! She has gone home. How much she knows by this time! how much she has to enjoy. "

Will you take an opportunity of kindly of telling her Mother how deeply

X {written along left margin:} This refers to the death at St Thomas' from typhoid fever of a dear young Nurse on duty there, a Pupil of the Nightingale School: Nurse Jessie Craig.
I feel with her?
She has parted with her dear sweet child willingly............
At all events I should like to send some flowers. It would not be a mere farce in such a case as this. For she is now a precious flower in the Lord's crown - or rather, He is holding His flower in His hand."

10 South St
Dec 8 / 88

"And will you have these flowers laid on dear Nurse Craig's gentle breast? The Cross is not what I meant exactly.
- I asked for drooping corn, because it is so beautiful what St Paul says about us being buried like the seed-corn - & coming up like the wheat.
  It is a good day to die on, the 7th, because the Lord died on the 7th (of April) - I used always to keep the 7th of every month.
  Her last night was indeed long & sore.

But
continued
"A convoy attends,
A ministering host of invisible friends,
Ready winged for their flight
To the regions of light
The horses are come,
The chariots of Israel to carry thee home.

How beautiful is that story of Elijah
and Elisha - Elijah so anxious to spare
Elisha the sight of his death -
Elisha so persistent in following,
following to the last - & seeing the fiery
death - (so was Nurse Craig's a fire)
& receiving a double measure of the
Spirit thereby.

And now what is her growth?
Rather, what is it not? receiving
higher & higher errands from God.
Perhaps our temptations are greater
in heaven. But how much greater
the progress, how great the strength
vouch-safed by our loving Father's own
presence - which we might have
here - but how few care for it?

O grow, grow, dear Nurse Craig. We
do not grudge it thee -"

In a post-script:
"O why does not the chariot of fire come now for us'? I once heard a much tried woman say -

X But it is a poor thing to be choosing death in the sudden way we should like & not in the way God likes - a cowardly thing - is it not?........"

22/12/88
10 South Street

"This bit of paper comes with so much of Christmas love that, as it says, it is all too small to bring it..........

As ---- once said: Let us pray, each for the other, that the Child Jesus may be born anew in our hearts this Xmas".

In a post-script:
"Alluding to the gifts of the Wise Men.
  `Love is thy gold, thy service a gem -
      Bring these to the Babe of Bethlehem'."

X (written along left margin, next to the Extract): How touching at this date - June 1908 - to be reading these brave words in view of the long waiting & enduring it has pleased God to allot to her. A.L.P.
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Dec. 27/88
10 South Street

"Sir Harry is now lying in great danger. Has actually put off his journey to Genoa with his daughter for which the wagon-lits were taken, on Sir Harry's account. What goodness there is in the world!.............

Sir Harry's butler is the best Nurse I know - & he is devoted."

10 South St
Last Day of
the Year 1888

"I send 20 New Year's Cards with my kindest regards & my best wishes for a happy New Year to each of the Night Superintendents & Night Nurses in the" (main) "building...........
And I send two framed tints which I hope Miss Baylis of Block 8 & Miss Maple of Block 2 will kindly accept with my very best wishes for the New Year.
And I will send New Year's Cards most gladly for the Night Nurses of both Blocks, 8 & 2, if you will kindly say how many.............

I pray for the most blessed of all New Years to you."
Jan 5/89
10 South St

"The day of my father's death (or birth) 15 years ago"

"It occurred to me that you might like some books for a Library for the No 8 Block Nurses. would you kindly ask Miss Baylis to make a List of books desirable......................

I am so fond of the Feast of the Epiphany
Do you know the lines.
`Love is thy gold: thy service a gem: Bring these to the Babe of Bethlehem"

Jan 7/89
10 South St

"Sir Harry, though he cannot yet sit up - so much the better - is wonderful to be what he is - my Sister is very suffering . On Saturday at 7.30 p.m. the Saloon Chimney was on fire & was not quite out till 2 a.m. on Sunday morning................

We cannot be too thankful for the deliverance - but more, yet more for Sir Harry's perfect calm thro' the whole - awaiting God's will in peace.

He writes to me himself this morning
continued 
(in pencil) "We were under God's hand - & where else could we be as well?"

Jan 10/89
10 South St

"I send you a book very precious to me, because for the last 2 or 3 years I have read (& marked) it with Sir Harry

I think you will like the 14th
"In his Oneness with the Father" p.106 but others too.

10 South St
Jan. 16/89

"Sir Harry makes no progress............ He cannot now bear being read to: though he writes to me. And - we have the winter before us.

My Aunt at Embley is dying with great suffering. She will not probably live over to-day.

And I think that perhaps, before the earth has put off its winter's solemn sleep, two homes will have been broken up, Claydon & Embley. We must trust them with God....... Is not every thought for those we
love & trusting them with God? How else could we do anything? But that does not preclude, rather it encourages our doing everything we can for them.

Sir Harry trusted himself & his wife entirely with God on the night of the fire at Claydon - But everything was being done, & he was satisfied that it was, to put out the fire. Otherwise it is not trust, it is fatalism. -"

10 South St
Feb. 3/89
"I have not been able to write - there has been much to do - much distressing business besides.

Sir Harry had a relapse - cold & hot fit - temp. up etc. - the very after noon of Monday = the day you left........

.......There will be another home broken up - Poor Sister! But God is Almighty
Love - how can we say that anything goes wrong. Please tell X Home Sister with my best love."

X {written to left in margin:} Home Sister: Miss Crossland who was a stay & a comfort to Miss Nightingale for twenty years. A.L.P.
"I saw your X Miss Peter for 2 1/2 hours last night. It would be impertinent of me to say how much I liked & admired her."

{in left margin: Miss Pauline Peter, a pupil of the Edinb. R. Infy, eventually Supt Genl of the Q.V.J.N.I. A.L.P.}

Feb 23/89
10 South St
"I have been so busy with India - & have had some little Congestion both of lung & business."

10 South St
Feb. 14/89
"I hope to see you soon - And how much I have to ask & to hear from you..........
And when the new Valentines come in - but that is not yet - we shall be anxious to know how they do.
The account of Sir Harry is good - & the feeling with him, whether he is better or worse, is always "I thank God".
In his last letter to me: he says "It is a sweet feeling that of thankfulness; and I am so happy in the thought of looking upwards in all that I say or do - I desire to add - think."
Please tell "House Sister", with my love, about Sir Harry.
My Sister is very suffering - To my
great comfort, Margaret Verney went down there yesterday."

A (Lady Secretary) "who does a good work among the Factory girls of Clerkenwell writes me the enclosed note:

I thought that it was out of our beat - that the first thing was to teach these poor things how to make a bed, how to put a poor room clean & tidy, how best to make it wholesome, how to make a little gruel good etc. etc. etc. - & that it was difficult to do this in a "School-room". The trained District Nurses are doing it all day long in the poor rooms.............. Perhaps I am wrong in what I think of Ambulance Lectures. "8 p.m." is often the busiest time in a Nurse's day - is it not?"

March 15/89
10 South Street

"I should be so sorry not to see Miss Grieve whom I respect & love without ever having seen her.............. Send to enquire about Miss Howes whom I do feel so very much for."
April 1/89

"I return your letters with many thanks. Dr. Bernays is very satisfactory.............
Sir Harry has had the most acute & severe relapse he has had yet. Thank God the intensity is subsiding. But Sir H. Acland who slept in the house says the recovery will be slower.

April 7/89

"To-day is the day that Christ died..... But this last week I have had my young cousin, Rosalind Shore Smith, who calls me Aunt Florence, ill in the house. 

.........................
I think the serenity of" (Sir Harry's) "faith has carried him thro'. But you know I have never shared the jubilation of his supposed recoveries - I thank God who has been so good to him & us."

10 South St.
April 19/89.
Good Friday

"The Good Friday blessing - the day of the kingdom of heaven which the Penitent Thief was the first to recognize in the King Man hanging on the Cross - the day of divine suffering & divine
progress - be with you."
10 South St
April 22/89
"I did indeed pray yesterday..........
"Christ is risen to-day."
`And may He rise again in our hearts to-day.'

10 South St
April 27/ 89
"Sir Harry & my Sister are come to South St - He looks sadly feeble.............
But she looks far, far, worse..............
Her courage is undaunted.
He has been reading with me as usual."
(In reference to reading for a typhoid Convalescent)
"I have myself been a Convalescent from all but fatal Fever. One's brain is as clear - clearer than it ever is in health. But it is the clearness of intense sun-shine - or like the clean cut of a razor - And an un-
suitable book burns into it.
I send, please, two books of small stories! for her."
"I did like X Nurse De Laney so very much. I was going to write you a long letter about her - but had no time - How I wish she was ours! She is so genial, so sympathizing with Patients, - & Nurses - each for himself or herself - not only for the whole & so deeply religious.

X {in left margin:} Nurse Delaney who went to Birmingham as Miss [Gibson’s] assistant. Could, if you have a Catalogue of the Nurses books'
1 in the Hospital
2 in No 8 Block, you kindly lend them one? It would help me about the books not to send duplicates."

10 South St
May 11/89

"I send the two books for dear Nurse Mold - Combe shabby but (I find) the best Edition - I wish her the prize of her high calling - success with the minds & bodies of her little charges - success in the highest sense for herself here & hereafter - And the highest sense, as we know, is to lose ourselves in others for our Great Master's sake.

Please send my love to Miss Winterton -"
"At the Egyptian time I knew her well – & should like to have seen her again. Have you" (a patient) "a nice woman, (with nice children) from Embley, Romsey."

10 South St
May 25/89
"You asked me to write a Letter to the Probationers which I did not mean to do for I have no strength. And then you would not help me......................
The thing is this: not to scold the Probationers but to hold up sketches of the noblest workers & Sisters to them – without seeming to teach them how the Sisters are to behave to them! And this is quite impossible for me to do without help from the present heads.

Would you and Miss Crossland have a hymn on Thursday to please Sir Harry as you told me he wished last year?"

May 29/89
"I am afraid they are having VERY rough weather in the Channel. And, when
they have, the passage" (to Jersey) "as we know, is very
cold, long and uncomfortable. Would you
put off the voyage for a day or two till
the weather moderates & go down on
Friday to Embley..................
which is now in glorious beauty, if
not dashed by storms."

May 31/89
"May God send you a good voyage.
May He be with you............
If you like to send the enclosed letter
to Mrs Hawthorn, the wife of the Lt Governor,
I am sure you will love her. No one
knew Gordon as she did - (He was
her cousin). She did such good work
in Nursing the Sick & Wounded
after Majuba at Newcastle & else-
where in Natal in the War - And
she reformed the men at Pietermaritzburg
by her Coffee-rooms & other-wise -
She is such a good `Assistant'
to God.
O fare you very well.
"Welcome home!...................
Does not the nose-gay say: the red flowers, the love of God of Christ to thee, to me, to us all - the white flowers speak of purity of intention............... , putting preferences aside: - the green, ever fresh, ever upspringing hope - "chastened", never "killed" - sorrowful yet always rejoicing-

"I pray that the coming things may not weigh too heavily. We are to rejoice evermore in His holy comfort."

"I dont know why I am so fond of this day, John the Baptist's day (which you will say was yesterday,) But it is the day of "comfort" when God speaks "comfort" to us thro' Isaiah: in our "iniquity" that it is pardoned - when He assures us that His "way" is being "prepared" & the "crooked made straight & the rough places plain" -
that He will "rule" & that His "work is before Him," His dear Shepherd's work - He will do it. O in the seemingly inextricable work which lies before me: Indian & B.N.A. & other, He will do it - which I am so unequal to, mentally & bodily, He will do it.

Please give my love to Miss Solly and say how much I feel with her her Mother's illness.

The Lord says that He will "gently lead those that are with young", that is those....to whom he has entrusted to `bring forth' His difficult plans - He will gently lead, He will not drive - O how we drive one another! .................

Don't weary yourself"

With regard to signing this memorial, we think that, - believing as we do that you not only see no objection to it, but that you share, and to a vivid degree, the conviction of, the objections to the course of the B N Assocn, & of the mischief that course is doing to the steady quiet progress of Nurse training and Nurse life, - it is highly important that you should sign - The blank the absence of your name would leave would be so serious that those who are taking the course we think so unhappy for nurses would of course take advantage of it to represent you as being on their side.

It is not as if you or we had been forward to appear in the `fray' - for fray it is - On the contrary we have, as you are aware, done every thing we could to avoid it - perhaps more than we ought
to have done, judging by the result -
which is that, unhappily, party-spirit, which ought of all places to be banished from a Nurse's life, is raging furiously. The opposition to the B N A Registration Scheme has by no means originated with us - and other considerable Hospitals and Training Schools are even more convinced of its evils than we are -

To take a public part in the matter as experience and judgement dictate has been forced upon St Thomas' - do you not think so? and upon you. We also think that Miss Crossland should sign, as being in charge, under you, of the daily instruction and home of the Training School.........

Sir Harry Verney has signed the Memorial, as Chairman, which I now return. I think Mr Bonham Carter's signature, which is in Sir Wm Bowman's possession, should be obtained, as his name has been prominent."
"I am much exercised in mind about not signing myself - it seems so cowardly -
But the advisors on our side seem so confident that I should reserve my signature to the opposition we should be compelled to enter to a Charter - which opposition would be a legal document.

Never-the-less, I should have liked to sign the Memorial - because the Nurses (I don't mean St Thomas's) wish it."

10 South St
Aug 7/89
"33 years to-day since I came back from the Crimean War."

10 South St
Aug 23/89
"To come to lesser things - might I send you the parcel of books for Nurse ----- same for Nurse ---- ............ Nurse ------: shall I send her books to -------.

Dearest love to Miss Spencer & oh give me good news of her.............

In a post script "I am afraid I have not done the books very well. I felt too tired."
Nov. 4/89

“I was musing with considerable sadness as you know on this day - it is the 35th anniversary of our landing at Scutari, ..................including my Revd M. --when your letter came”

Do now read the great old books, true for all time, of your as of our, Church, & not these ephemeral productions.... ...... made to suit the taste of the present day."

Nov. 20/89

10 South Street.

"I then asked ------ if there were any other book she would like - She said only one on Obstetrics............
But I do think............... that a pen & ink knowledge of midwy. or ovariotomy is such a bad thing."

Nov.28/89

10 South Street

In a post-script

"Do you know I believe last Saturday was just 18 years since I saw you first. Dost remember?"
"Could you & Miss Crossland be so very kind as to enable me to answer this question about a Mrs ----- (enclosed?)

The sheet addressed to Miss Crossland & me conjointly ran thus:

"Would you be so very good as to tell us "had we a Nurse called Mrs ----- ? She says she was trained by Miss Nightingale at St Thomas' London. And what sort of person is she? She is trying to be Matron & have sole charge of the Hospital in Honolulu."

The Mother Superior of the Devonport Sisters of Mercy writes: "I have been thirteen years in Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, I take a warm interest, and our Sisters who are there write to me" (to enquire.)

This 'Mother Superior' was out with me in the Crimea & remained to the very end. She then went to the Hawaiian Islands with Sisters - collected 130 girls with whom she & her small
party lived & slept night & day - each one
in charge of a `family' of girls. [The state of
morals there then is impossible to describe]

After 13 years, she was summoned
home to take the Mother Superior-ship
here. But the work is continued &
has borne great fruit at Honolulu.

It has so very often happened
that people have been appointed
Matrons without enquiring because they
said they had been trained at St T.'s
or been with me in the Crimean War,
- of whom we had either never heard
or knew no good, that I am very
anxious to sift this "Mrs ------ " & hope
I am not giving you too much trouble."

10 South Street
Dec.11/89

"Welcome `home'.
I send the £5 - shall it be more?
for your Christmas `go s' - Tell me
what more you want."

[Dec 31/ 89 "May the New Year be yours with God's
blessings." from letter marked Private]
27/2/90
10 South Street

"I cannot say what I feel about the loss of our good Treasurer.

Sir Harry Verney has just been with an Everlasting Cross from me, which he meant to put in your hands for Mrs Stone. But you" (were not at hand) - "He went in, & poor Mrs Stone chose to see him....... She was terribly over-come but sent me word it was her "first comfort" seeing him. So I am glad he went - tho' in the snow -

I do not know what to say. It seems [4:111] too hard for St Thomas' to lose ------ & Treasurer at once....... But God is always the same - or rather ever new in love. He never changes."

Mar 14/90
10 South Street

"It will help you to do" (the accounts) "to drive out every day by sunlight for 3/4 hour - If I did but know what time, you ought to let me send a carriage.......... I am so glad of the good news of Patients both at St Thomas' & Edinburgh."
continued in a post-script. "You say poor Mrs ---- wants to see me..............poor soul - I will try.

But I will tell you a story of a man, a hero, like Gordon in character, who for 30 years in India was our guide & instrument, - whose death, last October, has greatly increased all our work & difficulties, - both Indian & War Office.

And we have others - And I am & have been too hard pressed - to see a stranger but with difficulty."

March 27/90

"I am delighted when you honour me by letting me send something - 6 Picture books (Life of our Lord) & will send more.

2 "Convalescence" a very great favorite of mine - but perhaps it is for older children - And it requires some one to tell them the stories of the pictures at the end of faithful Roman soldier at Pompeii.

- of Admiral Casabianca's boy
standing to his post in the burning ship
- of the Three who kept the Bridge
- of Excelsior

1. Modern Giant-killer who tames the
3 Giants, Water, Fire, Steam, to a
beneficent use, instead of killing them,
is, I think, very pretty-

1 Soldier's Children, in which the prayer
of the little boy "for all the poor
naughty ones too"is, I think, beautiful.
1 The Parables of our Lord is too black.
6 promiscuous ones (not directly religious)
5 (smaller) play-ones
1 Dandelion Clocks - the three last
beautiful - but perhaps too old for
children.
God bless all yours."

March 28/90
"I wish you would tell me anything
you would like to give to the Wards.
The two Cherubs are supposed to be both
looking up at the Infant Saviour - the
one with its chin resting on its hands
in child-like adoration - the other with its little hand up to its head has an inkling of what the Saviour has to go thro' - & its eyes are just filling with tears, tho' no cry escapes its lips. Au revoir tomorrow."

Easter Day 1890
10 South Street.
"I suppose Miss Gordon sleeps in London on Thursday. If it could be contrived.................& she wishes it, I think it would be rather wise if I were to see her some time in the late afternoon on Thursday............"

April 16/90
"Only one word more to say what I cannot say........
And I have a letter from Miss Spencer herself, seeming cheerful, very thankful for her renewed health, hoping to

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10 South St.
April 13/90
Sunday after Easter "I hope you got home last evening without standing in the e. wind....My poor pen can say no more. A Dieu. [not FN: omit]
"Burdens always accumulate as one grows old - & disabilities. The only thing is pleasing God, to do as well as one can." - Claydon Ho.

Oct 14/90

"It is a matter of more than two months since I have heard from you. And I have longed to hear. It has been an impossibility to me to write. And I have staid here very much longer than I expected. But I believe I shall be back in South St. next week...........

But what I write for now is" (this)

"Lady Rosebery has Typhoid and I have twice been written to by her desire to advise about the Nursing: I am so out of the practical work now – and I feel how little can be advised at a distance...........

But I know how fanciful Typhoid is in the conscious stage – One person is to give relief..........

[I had a pathetic letter from her anxious little daughter, Sybil, who is not of course allowed in her Mother's room.]"
Referring to a project of a Private Hospital
July 18/94
10 South Street
"I think the fatigue & anxiety of a Hospital (which accompanies the blessing) quite enough without the anxiety of the money matters - [the opportunity of Nursing compensates for all else."

In a post-script
"I have kept a Hospital for people "who were not rich" - & tho' I had a Treasurer & Committee, it was anxious enough.
And you will find so many pulls upon you of Patients going out - I am afraid."

Oct 17/94
"I have been waiting long to hear from thee & am so glad thou art settled.
..............
I know you kindly wish to hear about me - worse lately - now quite confined to bed..............
When people ask me to correct a book, or find a country District Nurse or recommend a special Lady Nurse, that is what worries most..............
continued
"It has happened to me in 6 months to lose
the two nearest & dearest left surviving -
The last is my cousin Shore Smith Nightingale,
owner of my father's estates & homes -
both are let now.
    I thank God I am still able to work"

Oct 27/94
    "But my Doctor forbade my seeing
any one which practically amounted
to my having a long business interview
every day. I did not dare to add
any pleasure to it."

June 21/95
6 a.m.
10 South Street
    "I heard last night from Mrs Roscorla
(Sister Victoria) of the death of
our Miss Barclay..............
She was very happy...And she
had done much good in Nursing
her poor neighbours in Cornwall.
..................
We have never had a Sister Victoria
who equalled Mrs Roscorla in her
extra-ordinary influence for good
over the babies in Victoria. But now
I think I see in a young Sister who needs much experience but who has the gift of love to each baby to know its cry & its individual character - a real S. Victoria."

Dec 7/95 [struck through]
"Pardon this scrambling note. I do not know & have not known these 40 years what it is to have an hours leisure
A Dieu."

In a post-script
"What preparation is there for "the end", for death but life?"

May 13/96
"(In hurry & haste) but not of heart."

Aug 23/96
10 South Street
"My most earnest prayer is "(for the success of my work in Ireland.)
It is all gratitude to Lady Monteagle .............And when she comes to London I hope to see her.
I am most anxious to hear what you are doing.
God speed you."
New Year's Day 1897
10 South Street
"You know when you were at Edinburgh my first New Year's thoughts were always for you.........
Au revoir.

Dec. 28/99
10 South Street
"I say nothing about a happy New Year & many of them for you - But I think a great deal."

Sept 24/99
10 South Street
"I am over-joyed to think that I may ask you to come "next Wednesday"
.............Now, mind, I ask you: it is not you who propose yourself"
In post-script
"Au revoir then...........

April 26/1902
10 South Street
"I should be more than delighted to see you on Tuesday 29th at 5 o'clock.
with very much love to yourself & Lady Monteagle.
See page 26 & page 91
I insert here a letter from "Aunt Julia" X
"Matlock,
Lea Hurst, June 26, 1873
My dear Miss Pringle (omit name)

[letter missing, 6 pages, Julia Smith]

I copy in here a passage from a letter from Miss Nightingale addressed to me from 35 South St. Feb.14/78. P. 51

35 South St.
Feb.14/78 "I should like to tell you some day X what I think ---- & -------
have (unavoidably) misunderstood one another upon: & that is, why we like to hear any changes among your people. We (at least Mr B.C. and I) do not propose any promotion to old Probationers of ours at the various establishments where they are during your engagements X & never except through the Supt [We have often negatived such proposals being made.] E.g. we should have been thankful to have had Miss Spencer for either of two Matronships during

the last 6 months, (both of which have fallen into incompetent hands in consequence)
  But Mr B.C. & I though we ought not to disturb her during her twelvemonth with you:
  On the other hand, some of our Supts, (not Edinburgh) have allowed some of our best people to drift, when we had good appointments going a begging.

A fragment from
Dec. 28th/73
  "Mrs Porter
  Please give her my kindest
Christmas wishes: & tell her I remem-
ber her perfectly: & her care of me
16 years ago when Mr Syme took me
over the Infirmary -- how long ago!"

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January 6th 1909 Towards the end of the year just closed, having
still preserved the most of the letters from which
these passages are taken - some few had
been destroyed after the Extracts were made -
it seemed to me wise to destroy the greater
number because they contained things of
a confidential nature, not in my opinion
suitable for publication. I therefore destroyed
them after carefully comparing with them
these copied extracts. And I found so
few - & such unimportant - corrections to make
that I am satisfied with the accuracy of
the few passages taken from letters destroyed
after they were made, long ago.
Although the copying of letters into this book, and all the
recollections at the beginning have been made within the last
year, the revision of the letters, their destruct
ion or preservation, and the selection of
passages that might be preserved have
occupied me (at long intervals) for very many
years.
A.L. Pringle
P.T.O.

f91v empty
returned to her work in June
A Dieu,....."

FN MUSEUM HOI/ST/NC8/2

Legal Contract, f1
NC8/2
Memorandum of Agreement
made this 21st day of October 1854. Between
Miss Nightingale on the one part and Emma Fagg
of Queen's Sgre London on the other part.
Whereas the said Miss Nightingale Superintendent has
undertaken to provide Female Nurses for the Sick and
Wounded of the British Army serving in Turkey. And
in carrying out this object she has agreed to employ
the said Emma Fagg in the capacity of
Nurse Miss Nightingale agrees to pay
the said Emma Fagg ten shillings fee per week and rising according to
merit, also to provide Board, and articles of Clothing, also to pay all
expenses attendant upon the Journeying to or from the present, or any
future Hospital that may be
appointed for the accommodation of the Sick and Wounded
of the said Army. And to pay all expenses of return to
this Country, should Sickness render it necessary for the
said Emma Fagg to return, Save and except
such return shall be rendered necessary by the discharge
of the said Emma Fagg for neglect of duty,
immoral conduct, or intoxication, in which case the
said Emma Fagg shall forfeit all claim
upon Miss Nightingale from the period of such
discharge. And the said Emma Fagg
hereby agrees to devote her whole time and attention
to the purposes aforesaid under the directions and to the
satisfaction of the said Superintendent, the whole
of whose orders she undertakes to obey, until discharged
by the said Superintendent.
{signed:} Emma Fagg
Witness. {illeg. Leigh?}
f1, envelope

Prussian
Cross of Merit
1872
NC9/1

f2, Prussia House letter

The German Charge d'Affaires presents his compliments to Miss Florence Nightingale and, with reference to his letter of the 20th of September last, has the honor to foreword herewith the Diploma of the Cross of Merit for Ladies, graciously bestowed upon Miss Nightingale by His Majesty the Emperor of Germany.

Prussia House
August 16th 1872

Letter, ff12-15 pen. f12r HI/ST/NC18/14

Private
Lea Hurst
Matlock Aug 21/68

My dear Harry
At last I send you the War Office letter. [15:179-82]

[I had written an answer to it by giving, tho' very shortly, one or two of our principles - But on second thoughts, I tore this up, &] I merely wrote a formal acknowledgment, beg to acknowledge 6998 427 recapitulating its contents [& carefully putting "Sup. Genl. of Nurses in Mil=Hosp=" (if she is to be Sup=Genl: at all, of course she must be Sup=Gen not of "Netley" only - there are Nurses at this moment, as you know, in the Herbert Hospl. at Woolwich - & Devonport Hospl. = is
ready for Nurses, if there were any)

beg to express the great readiness I feel to serve them

[this is hypocrisy - Blow me if I do!]

will lay the letter 6998 before you
(Comm: of N.F.) at once 427

beg to express the great readiness of you to serve them
beg to acknowledge .......... 
(recapitulate about "Nurses" wanted at Netley"
beg to acknowledge also about candidates "ready to be submitted".
& readiness to meet their views -
[It was a beautiful letter & said nothing at all.]

Now, you can go ahead.
Please to tell me what you think had better be done next.

Of course, the less they can be made to interfere with us, the better we shall be able to serve them.

With regard to Mrs. Deeble, I was told by a W.O. official himself that it would "certainly be better if she were selected "by Mrs. Wardroper without any further "interference" from the W.O.
I was told also that it would be better for us to "lead directly to their (the W.O.) "sending their whole `lot' to Mrs. Wardroper

"who would then put them through the "very same enquiries as she would any "other applicants."
I have been told that, among the "several candidates" (at the War Office) there are some who have been "dismissed" by Mrs Shaw Stewart -
that "two women have applied for the Office of Linen Nurse - one of whom was dismissed by Mrs. S.S. " (but for "ill-health") -
I don't know how far all this is correct.
But I know (from the Minutes) that Genl Wilbraham has taken on at Netley, where he is carrying on the Nursing under himself, women "dismissed" by Mrs S Stewart. [Even if these women were angels, I cannot see how this can be aught but damaging to all discipline]
But this refers to present Nursing at Netley - not to "candidates" to be "submitted" to us.
I think we shall have to act with the very greatest caution - And yet we must avoid the very semblance of being influenced by the
dismissal of the late Sup=Gen= either in its antecedents or consequents.

[Do you think we are obliged, in honour, to tell Mrs. S. Stewart that we have been applied to?]

I am sure we shall have no bed of roses -
It will be most difficult for us to say, if we are asked, what is the right policy about the existing Nurses at Netley. [Perhaps however this won't come on at once]
I received a hint, a few days ago, that they would be "required to come to St. Thomas' Hosp: one or two at a time for inspection - & the best of the "lot" selected, if any are found good enough". We shall certainly require a great deal of circumspection in determining what we will do & what we will not do for them.
The best way, I suppose, will be to be

[2] HI/ST/NC18/14/36

guided by what we should do for any Civil Hospital applying to us.
I shall have, I suppose, to trouble you with an account of the W.O. Minutes that I have seen (for the last 5 years) & their perpetual mania of interference.
[Of this I know nothing from Mrs. S. Stewart - Rather she knew the little she did know from me-]
E.g. Sir E Lugard recommends a woman to Mrs. S.S. whom she dismisses after a time (for very sufficient reason) - I see a very harsh Minute written (in bad grammar) by Sir E.L. in the W.O. Minutes that he "knew" (how could he know?) this woman to be an "excellent" Hospital Nurse, & to be "dismissed without cause".
N.B. [The woman would neither do - nor learn to do - anything which a Head Nurse always does - And she would
have been dismissed by Mrs. Wardr in a month]
I don't mean that we shall be troubled by this particular woman, for she has been set up as a school-Mistress — by Sir E. L., I believe.

Again, e.g. I have seen a (printed) Minute by Genl= Wilbraham, contending that a "woman of the Middle Class who understood linen" was "all that was wanted as "Sup= Genl" that she "required no Hospl training whatever" — & that the less she interfered with the Nurses, the better, who ought to be exclusively under the Doctors & himself.

It is true this was some years ago.
[During the late Bagarre, ending with the dismissal of Mrs. S.S., I have not only not been consulted but have received no information officially from the W.O. whatever]

I do not think Genl W. would say this now. I believe it was specially aimed at Mrs. S.S

I could tell you a great many more of these Minutes. But this is enough for the present to put you au fait.
I have been told in the strictest confidence - not by Dr. Sd. - that the Director Genl. (Dr. Logan) has been down to Netley to inspect the Nursing - at the request of Genl. W., who was very anxious to prove that he could carry it on his own hook - or at least with some untrained Supt= "of the middle class" & without a Supt. Genl., I infer, from what has since passed, that Dr. Logan, (tho' he is a child in such matters,) found "it would not do at all" - that they have been afraid of some scandal - & also that Dr. Logan, notwithstanding his known general partiality for untrained Supts. & his particular partiality for Mrs. Deeble, thinks that there must be a Supt. Genl & a trained one. At least he has recorded this in a Minute. To wit, Mrs. Deeble if found fit after training. I have Mrs. Deeble's address.

f15v
Another man of the W.O. wrote to me (rather coarsely) "if there any little strangers (at Netley) Genl. W. must be their god=father."

It would doubtless be as well if you were to burn this letter. I don't think we could, in honour, take any Nurses of Mrs. S.S.'s either dismissed or not by her, without asking her for a character. [I have always found her characters correct - Genl. Wilbraham's, Dr. Parkes', Dr. Maclean's - to the highest degree incorrect.] Yet I see the great difficulties of renewing intercourse with her. But there are difficulties every way - And I suppose we could not possibly make the condition that we would not let any of the existing Nurses remain. (?) [One Caroline Oakes, now acting Supt. at Woolwich, a Nurse, is, I believe, a very valuable woman.]
LMA (FNM) 923

Something like Barker (of Sydney) F.N.
My dear Harry
War Office

As you ask me, I decidedly incline to think that all communication with the W.O. should be in future from yourself, subject to my seeing the Drafts - [I say this last because, as the W.O. has worried me now for 14 years, I know a few more of their dodges than any body else]
I think that they must certainly wait "till the beg. of Oct." It was entirely their own fault that the letter now in your hands dated Aug 17 (?) received Aug. 19 was not sent July 16. [All the world knows that nothing can be done in London in Sept.]
I think that what you propose will do very well I would take care not to let the W.O. misunderstand that we will only take "one or two" candidates (I mean that they should understand we will train them Supt. & Nurses as well.
I entirely agree that the W.O. should be
treated like any other Hospital *
applying - & that they should agree
"to make no prior engagement with
the candidates".
If you choose to send me this Draft, before
it is sent to the W.O., I could then, (if
it will do, which I do not doubt,)
send it back to London & have it
put in the P.O. there, without troubling
you farther.
But I could write a farther note of
introduction (of yours) to the W.O. if
you think it necessary - which I don't.

* At the same time, it is well for us
to bear in petto that it will be rather
a promotion (of a Supt.) from a Civil to
a Military Hospl. than the reverse.
   A Supt. has £150 rising to £200, pension
& everything found - in a Military Hospl.
   If the W.O. asks me what should be the
rate of pay of a Sup. Genl., I think I
shall say: - this to begin with
   A Sup Genl has a very distinguished
position. [She is a Commissioned Officer
[piece cut out here]

- She is not the Officer of the Governor
but of the War Office - she communicates
directly with the Sec. of State.]
   Nurses have £30 rising to £50 - pension
very liberal - everything found.

I have always believed that, if we had
more of such engagements (with Gov'ts.)
as Sydney, as India would be, as the
War Office - we should get a higher
class of women than we can get to serve
under little peddling Committees - like
the Leeds - under Treasurers like Mr.
Hicks - under a Workhouse Governor,
like the late Governor of Liverpool, W. -
[What Agnes Jones went through, I believe
no one knows but I]
I know not so much of Mrs. Deeble as you
do. But I fancy that she & many other
women like her - would, both for the pay & the dignity, serve in a Military Hospital & not in a Civil one or in a Workhouse -
I will do about all the other things as you say.
I showed the Leeds papers to Mrs. Bracebridge (she was here) who is a good judge. She was even more struck with the lying perversity of Miss. D. than I was. She said: "she is a 'real bad' one and you will have to suffer more from her" -
She thought the answers quite conclusive - & was much struck with the 'straight-forwardness' of Mrs. Wardroper's.
[Otherwise, I should deprecate showing the papers beyond our own Committee
You know the force of: 'calumniez, calumniez toujours - il en reste toujours quelque chose' -]
At the same time, Mrs. Bracebridge and I were agreeing that we had several ladies in the Crimean War worse than Mrs D - And the worst of it was: - we could not get rid of them (tho' they sometimes got rid of us) [end 15:183-84]

this to begin with
has a very distinguished
she is a commissioned officer [possibly shd go to cut out spot above]
My dear Harry

No answer has been sent to mine of Sept 9 - Indeed there was none to send. But I have just received a verbal hint that we had better close as soon as we could (in "October") with the W.O.

I re-inclose your letter which I did not send. Dr. Sutherland (who was the only person at the W.O. then whom I could consult) thought that they might misunderstand it - that "the principle required "personal application" - that, if not explained, they would say "that the right of rejection "involved the Hospital patronage being "virtually exercised by Mrs. Wardroper". However this may be, I knew there were no Chiefs at the W.O. then, except Sir J.P., who is a great deal worse than none.

So I wrote a merely formal letter, to Sir H. K. Storks, on Sept. 9, recapitulating theirs of Aug. 17 (which you have) & mine of Aug. 19 - & saying that I had laid the application before you - as I therein stated I should -
I then added, almost in your words, - that you had desired me to say that you were temporarily absent - but that, &c. &c., even were terms arranged, nothing could be done about the selection of candidates before the beginning of October. And I added a very short Paragraph at the end that your experience led you to suggest that no Candidate should be engaged even conditionally before her training was completed &c - I gave your name but not our address. This, I am told, we had better now follow up. I think, the less I appear in it, the better, from this time. I promised that you would communicate with them on your return. It appears that they have Mrs. Deeble & several women as Candidates for Supt Genl., Nurses & Linen Nurses respectively. I suppose that you must arrange with Mrs. Wardroper about receiving these candidates for selection & probation - & that you must write to the W.O. that you are now ready to receive these women for examination, with the view to the best being put on trial - after you have arranged the terms with the W.O. But, about the order of things, you are incomparably the best judge. Only, it would perhaps be as well, if I were to see the drafts first = of the letters to the W.O.

I am told (but I believe it to be a mistake) that we are expected also to select & train from among the Nurses now at Netley & Woolwich. [There was no mention of this in the W.O.'s letter to me, I think] they have now an "Acting Supt." at Netley at £60 a year, a dismissed Nurse!!!, with whom Genl. Wilbraham professes himself perfectly satisfied -
How this woman is ever to be used by us
as Nurse, much less as Supt. I can't conceive. I believe the "Acting Supt." at Woolwich, Caroline Oakes, is an excellent woman as a Nurse but not as a Supt.
At Netley, during the reign of the present Acting Supt, a Nurse has gone & married an Orderly.
The very facts which Genl. Wilbraham writes to me prove the place a bear-garden. Yet he expresses (to me) his perfect satisfaction with them.  

ever yours
F Nightingale

My dear Harry
"Mrs Hy Bonham Carter" (pray don't let her call me "Miss N.") tells me to send this to you to-day.
May I say that I do not think the W.O. would assent to your letter? I think they would prefer to go into the market.
I think that we must go strictly upon their own letters - & I would venture to suggest that your Draft after "additional pupils"] might proceed something in this fashion: - "and the Committee will be glad to receive the names & addresses of any candidates whom the Secy. of State may think fit to send them. They will proceed with them in the usual way, selecting such as appear fit for the office. They will then pass them into the School for
probation - & those who prove themselves fit for the (important - ? -) office of Sup. Genl. (or of Nurse & fit for Nurses) in Her Majesty's Service will be entered on the Committee's register in the usual way & the names sent to the Secretary of State -

In the event of the number who pass through any of the stages towards completing their training being insufficient, the Committee will intimate the fact to the Secy of State with the view of additional candidates being sent to them. Or they will be ready to recommend for the Secy of State's consideration other trained Nurses who appear to be competent for the required duties."

Rt. Honble Maj.: Genl. Sir H.K. Storks &c &c &c &c is his name & style. H.K. Storks The signature "H.K. Storks" is in his own hand=writing. (Mrs. Hy B.C. desires me to tell you.)

I should perhaps add that I understand the W.O. cannot hear the name of poor Mrs. S.S. without foaming at the mouth - that Genl. Wilbraham’s letters to me, strictly interpreted, mean: - that he makes a much better Matron than Mrs. S.S. - & that "his" Nurses are all so good that they will marry the Orderlies - in haste ever yours  

FN
I have learnt that on Thursday they wrote to the Commandants of Netley & Woolwich, asking each to mention any Candidates he recommends for training by us - They did not consult me - (except in the one case of Mrs. Deeble) I can't conceive what this is done for - unless it is that Wilbraham, who is wild to be Matron, pesters the W.O. - to let him take on candidates - And they do this to choke him off - [No mention was made of it in the W.O. letter to me]

Wilbraham, Parkes, & Maclean have actually applied to the W.O. to let them take a candidate to be trained by them as Supt. for a Civil Institution. 

Of course they were indignantly refused, with the self-evident reason that "they could not train for themselves." - FN
I have sent down to the W.O. every day to know whether they are not ready to go ahead with you - I can't learn that they are doing any thing except that they have got, besides Mrs. Deeble's name, 6 names from Genl. Wilbraham, which I am very sorry for. I told the person who told me that I feared there was some mistake, for that on their part, for that you did not take women from Institutions to train & return them to Institutions &c &c F.N.

My dear Harry

I agree with you that this matter is "pressing". I did not write yesterday, partly because I was occupied all day for Ld Mayo, partly because I expected to hear from the W.O. this morning, which I have done (unofficially, of course, you understand.) -

They are extremely angry with Col. Wilbraham, tho' of course, he being their Officer, they cannot say so. They say that his proceeding is entirely unauthorized by them - & his answer (to the W.O.) entirely unjustified by their letter to him. - & that we should be justified, if we chose, in breaking off with the W.O. on the ground of what he has done.

It appears that he has questioned
his Nurses all round whether they
"chose to be trained" and, on all saying
Yes, he wrote off to Mrs. Wardroper, without
With your leave' or 'By your leave' to the W.O. - which, and they justly, say, Policemen X would have been just as much justified in doing. They say that they merely wrote to him & Col Shaw of Woolwich to ask the same formal question, which they were obliged to do, as it had not been notified that we had been written to to train Nurses. that Col: Shaw has just written the answer they intended (& which Wilbraham should have written) simply giving the characters of the women & of the Nursing. [As I have not seen any of the letters, neither the W.O.'s to the Commandants, nor the Commandants' replies, I can form no judgement. But I suspect that the W.O. letter was very loosely worded & that they are a little ashamed of themselves.]

I do not think that we stand worse but rather the better for Wilbraham's idiotic proceeding in writing to Mrs. Wardroper. Because it will incline the W.O. more to our side. But, I knew (from dealings with the W.O. these 7 years, ever since Sidney Herbert's death) that this will be a very trying & unsatisfactory business - viz. training for them - & that we shall wish ourselves well out of it many times before we have done -

They say that a letter to you will probably go to you in the course of to-day or tomorrow, asking you to see Sir. E. Lugard. I think that now they would rather we should decline candidates, each upon her own merits, than write them a hard & dry rule that we will not take people from Institutions - [But they ought never
to have got us into this predicament -
But, In conversation, you can of course
say what you think best.
[I said, something to the effect, that our general rule was - `we will train new blood for you - & send it in to train the old blood. We don't wish to admit old gossip, old tradition, to dilute the Training school - when just what we want to avoid is to bring the old traditions of the place we are to train for into the fountain head, our Training School

Under all these circumstances, I suggest, if you thought it best, that no letter from you shall be written, until we see whether your interview does not come off. If you do not hear by Thursday, please tell me - I think they are in a scrape - & feel themselves to be so.
Of course you will make no use of this letter, in any communication. You have Wilbraham's letter to Mrs. Wardr. to go upon - in haste yours [end 15:187]

F.N.
My dear Harry

It was a great relief to me to receive your note of Wednesday night - tho' I have not had the grace to answer it. I think we stand as well as can be expected, thanks to you, at the W.O. - and a great deal better than I expected.

A good many things will however be referred to us - some of which I had much rather they settled themselves.

Two or three times in the last few weeks I have been asked various questions about pay & pension, Regulations &c. I have said that, when the matter of Training was formally referred (to you) of the Nurses, I thought the matter of paying them had better be formally referred too - & that you & I & Mrs. Wardroper & Mr. Whitfield would do our very best, to advise the W.O. taking into consideration the rise in the
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Market price of nursing since the Army Regulations were first drawn up (1858) & taking into consideration the things that are to be taken into consideration, e.g. the fact that the Nurses engage for life that they expressly engage, to be ordered abroad on War Service or to "foreign parts" in Military Hospitals that there is a radical difference (of which no one can sufficiently appreciate the hourly consequences but those who have served in Military Hospitals) in the position of a Nurse even in a male adult ward in a Civil Hospital, & in a Military Hospital ward, herself the only woman there. [Men, like Genl. Wilbraham, of small observation, point to, the nuns in French & Italian War Hospitals, & say

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`there you see what can be done.' It is true that we have a great deal to learn from French Civil Hospitals - & even from French Military ones - But we should be ashamed indeed if our Nurses could only do in the wards what French "Sisters of Charity" do. These men do not know what a life I led in the Crimean War from the French (Sardinian) "Sisters" coming to me for the most trifling emergency, e.g. how to dress a bed sore - & borrowing & taking our things. Perhaps the only similarity between the position of a French nun & an English Nurse in a Military ward is that both are women. For the really good (Augustinian) French nun=nurses do not take Military Hospital Nursing.]
We must also of course take into consideration the printed Regulations (of which I will send you a copy.) These were calculated by Dr. Farr & me & drawn up by Mrs. S.
Stewart & me in 1858. The original rate of wage was £20 rising to £50, - pension & everything found.
At our desire the W.O. subsequently raised the
beginning rate from £20 to £30 —
everything else as before —
[They have now forgotten that they
did this.]

Mrs. S. Stewart was strongly of opinion
that it would be better to begin & end
at £50 everything else as before.
She says that these women are & should
be considered (which is undoubtedly the
case) as at least equivalent in rank,
& responsibility to "Sisters" in the
four great London Hospitals.

[Three of these, as you are aware,
pension some deserving "Sisters"
— not by rule but by grace.]
Gnl. Wilbraham writes a wild Minute
to the W.O., wishing to do away with
pensions altogether — & raise the wages
immensely.
With regard to Supts. the rate was fixed
by the W.O. (subsequently to the Regulations
in which the point was not included) at
£150 rising to £200 - (maid of all work to be paid by W.O.) - everything found.
With regard to what the Sir E. Lugard said about there being no Supt. Genl. in future, I think that will be referred to us ultimately. And I don't make myself very unhappy about it. They seem to be unaware that there was an appeal against the Supt. Genl. - to the W.O. - & that there will now be appeals from two Supts instead of one -
The real matter of importance to us is that there shall be no appeal against the Supt. to the COMMANDANT - And this appeal Genl. Wilbraham was sharp enough to see could be maintained as his right - & he constantly encouraged it. Now it would be absolutely impossible for any Supt., no matter who, to maintain discipline among his Nurses, if they are always to be flying to the Commandant, especially to a Commandt. like Genl. W., (the most ecstatic moments of whose life are those in which he can maintain some absurd complaint from a Nurse against her Supt.) for redress
[This question we had better not raise - but be very careful how we let it be taken for granted.]

The Supt. of Netley must be a person of very strong & calm mind & purpose - & must thoroughly well know what she is about.

She will find herself besieged with requests from the Medical Officers (which she will often find it difficult to refuse) eg. to take the Nurses off duty & send them to attend on a lady in hysterics - one of the Officers wives - or rich Out Patients of the Medical Officers - &c &c &c. She will find the Medical Officers denouncing a Nurse to her for drinking - & the same men giving that same Nurse a first-rate recommendation which secures her a first-rate place - Or they will order a Nurse out of her ward entirely, owing to the fidfad of some Patient complaining to the Commandt. - (the ground of complaint being discovered to be, that the Nurse had refused the brandy bottle to be placed under the Patient's pillow (sic), & had insisted on
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giving him his brandy as ordered by the Medl. Off=) Or they will ask for a Nurse to be taken from her wards & sent to amuse a Patient (sic).
All these things, or one or other of them, were of daily occurrence in the Crimean War. And I believe them to be, if any thing, of more frequent occurrence, now.
I know of two, if not three Institutions, which no human power could induce again to take a recommendation from either Genl. Wilbraham, Drs Parkes or Dr. Maclean, because one or other or all 3 had recommended a Nurse as Supt. who had to be dismissed in a fortnight & who, it was found, had been turned out of Netley. Yet practically the recoil of these malpractices falls not upon the Commandt. or Doctor in fault but upon the poor Supt. of Netley.
[N.B. You will find upon the List of Candidates, I believe,

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a Miss Frodsham. She was strongly recommended to me by Dr. Parkes - Mrs. Wardroper has seen her & will probably never wish to see her again.]

Lastly - you mention about the comparative merits of Herbert & Netley. It would be much easier for us to begin at Herbert, both because of the character of the building & of that of the Commandt. But Netley is the pressing thing. Netley is the difficulty. And if Mrs. Deeble is a person of strong character, Netley is the place where we ought to begin.
[The unlucky part of it is that there is no one now but I to tell Mrs. Wardroper the strong peculiarities of Military Hospls]

Yours,
F.N.
W.O. Regulations
{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W Nov. 11/68 [15:190]

My dear Harry,
I do not know whether
the question of Pay & Pension
has yet been referred to
you by the W.O.
I send you a copy of the
Regulations - I have
already alluded (to you) to
the points in which they
have since been altered
by the W.O.
Pp. 47, 48, and
Pp. 123 to 131 refer to
Nurses.
I do not think the W.O.
would be at all indisposed
to do what we wish - especially
if Sir. J. Pakington goes out -

Yours
F.N.

Letter, f36, pen, blue paper

Letter, f37-39v, pen, letter to W.O. November 1868 by Edward Lugard

Letter, f40, pen copy, letter by Harry Bonham Carter, 14 Nov 1868

Statistics, f41, pen copy {Return of the Nursing Staff in the Royal
Victoria Hospital, Netley, 27th October 1868, signed by Richard
Wilbraham.

Statistics, f42, pen copy, Candidates for appointment as Nurse, Army
Hospital, 11/11/68
LMA (FMN) 947

letter, f43, pen

f43r H1/ST/NC18/14/15
Private
W.O. Nursing
My dear Harry, [15:190-91]
There has been another Nursing "row" at Netley - which I am not very sorry for, as it may teach Genl. Wilbm. not to be Matron -
Gregory (the woman who is, I think, last but 2 on your List - & who has been Nurse about 7 or 8 months) has been there openly insubordinate - & has rushed to Genl. W. saying that she will not obey his toady, Mignot.
Wilbraham writes to the W.O. & asks to transfer Gregory to the Herbert Hospital. [I knew this would be the kind of difficulty to arise]
I have not seen the W.O. answer - but I believe it was simply to the effect that they thought that wd be a very bad plan - & that as Genl. W. had taken the responsibility (of the Nursing), he must bear it.

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Altho' I am quite of Gregory's mind - viz. that I would not obey Mignot - yet I think this is a clincher against our taking this Phoenix (or any others of Genl. Wilbraham's phoenixes.)
[He has had two "rows" & a marriage among 6 Nurses in a few weeks -]
In fact I had a hint from the W.O. that I had better tell you of this fine piece of work -
I am disgusted about Mill & Godfrey Lushington - but much comforted by our other successes -
I suppose you were at Winchester -
I send you what Temperance calls a "gentleman duck & his female" [end 15:191]
ever yours
F.N.

18/11/68
As to "matters" however, there are 2 or 3 things in Mr. Whitfield's letter which I decidedly dissent from - And it would be very awkward for there to be a division in our own camp, if the plan is finally referred to me by the W.O.

Eg.1 [I write from memory, Dr. S having kept Mr. W.'s letter]

1. It is absolutely out of the question for there to be a Sick Nurse's room or Nurse's bed-room where Mr. Whitfield proposes & again re-urges - beyond the Linen-room

   The fire-place is the smallest of the difficulties.

   [I have always anticipated that it would be one of our small cares that Mr Whitfield would never understand the difference between a Hospital where the Assistant Nurses are men & one where they are women] The very first rule in a Military Hospital is {illeg. folio obscured} out of their quarters - which quarters must be within one door, under command of the Supt.

Every night of every year Military Hospital contains an uncertain number of Non-Commissioned Officers and of Orderlies who are more or less the worse for drink.
You expect that the discipline in a Military Hospital will be better than that in a Civil Hospital -
*It is much worse* - of what we call the ordinary discipline in a Civil Hospital they have not an idea -
And even the discipline of a Civil Hospital is not what it should be -

[Agnes Jones - no prude - & two or three others of our Lady Probationers - told me that the hanging-about of the Porters & other men at St. Thomas' about the doors & passages was most objectionable - but that this sort of thing scarcely came within Mrs. Wardroper's cognizance -]

Even the discipline xx of a Civil religious Hospital like Kaiserswerth, where the men's wards are nursed by Deacons under Deaconesses (& where Pastor Fliedner was perfectly satisfied with his Deacons) did not prevent Agnes Jones - no prude - from seeing things which occasioned her telling me that she would have no Deacons in any Hospital - *(a fortiori, she said, no Porters within any wards)* -

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xx Yet this discipline was most severe - No woman (or Deaconess) slept on the floor of the men's wards. No woman was allowed on that floor after 8 p.m. - Severe Typhus or operations cases were "sat up with" by women, selected by name (of whom I was one) but not by any young Deaconesses.

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I believe entirely that all the women we are going to send to Netley are as completely above this kind of thing as I am myself -
All I say is that, in a Military Hospital, protection to propriety must rest entirely with our skill in planning the Quarters - with the Supt., & with the women themselves -

They will have none from Military discipline, none from the authorities - And people outside will not even understand the difficulty -
And then, what a thing it is to expose respectable women to such disagreeables
as these - to any that can be helped - or even
to the suspicion that they are of the sort
who do not mind them!
You expect to find help from the Military authorities in putting down breaches of propriety & even graver offences.

You find just the contrary - [As Mr. Gladstone said of the Neapolitan Govt. [7:328] (under the Bourbons): - the Govt. is itself the worst offender against order & law -] [end]

I slept with the key of our Nurses' Quarters [14:1026-27] under my pillow at Scutari - myself, with one Assistant, answered the Night - bell, myself opened the Quarters in the morning - Agnes Jones did this from the day she took possession at Lpool Workh: till the day of her last illness.

During my illness (in the Crimean War) - not one of my Nurses, thank God, but a new-made (soldier's) widow whom I had taken in as servant, left the Quarters at night & passed several successive nights in the Store of a Sergeant of the 1st Class - [The consequences were soon obvious]

I went myself to Lord W. Paulet, then Commandant, & requested at least the transference of this man - But, tho' the man was in direct breach of a Military discipline - trust by admitting persons at night into a Military store of which he was in charge - to say nothing of the moral offence - I obtained no redress - not even a reprimand to the man [end 14:1027]
My conclusion from all this is: -

men there must be as Nurses in Military Hospitals -
Military authorities there must be with quite other
powers than in Civil Hospitals -
Military Medical Officers will always make claims
upon the Nurses which "the Doctors" don't do in
Civil Hosps.

Therefore we must stand out very obstinately
for our principle - viz - all the Nurses' quarters
to be within one door - Linen-room adjoining
but not within the Nurses' quarters - no
pretence for Orderlies to be hanging about -
2. Another of the matters in Mr. Whitfield's letter
from which I dissent is:

he proposes to substitute cold foul air for cold
fresh air in the Nurses' Day Room by cutting
off two large stores which can never by any
possibility be ventilated
3. Why cannot the "Nurses' boxes" be put in
the proposed Store-room beyond the Linenry? -
[N.B. I believe he is right about the partition
marked out with red lines]
I have left myself no time for more - And you
will say I have been too long already.
Please send me back this (my) letter. I must
consult you farther about it before I decide

what to say to Mrs. Deeble -
Also - I have something to tell you about what
"the Doctors" have been doing at the Herbert
Hosp.; which may make some stipulation from us
necessary at Netley -
in haste

ever yours
F.N.

Embley 1/10/69
Romsey
usual sickness - And unusual cases which happen seldom must be provided for (in a Military Hospital) specially - However I think it a very good thing to have a "Sick Room" -

October 3/69
Yours of October 2 just received

I will answer at length another day -
[I believe it to be quite impossible to get a servant, who will cook wholesome food for 7 people besides herself - scrub & clean & what even if she does not mend for the Supt. (who ought not to spend her time mending her own clothes) - for less than £20 to £30 - & cheap for the money too!]

Please return me this latter scrap (only this) as a reminder to myself

The thing I wanted to mention about the Herbert Hospl is this: the Principal Medical Officer has made the Acting Supt. there (who is only a Nurse) give up her Nurses (who are Head Nurses) take them out of the men's wards - to be Assistant Nurses in the female infectious
wards - This sort of thing which is always happening & which will test Mrs. Deeble's sense & firmness severely (it is of course destructive of all discipline & Nursing) must be prevented by Regulation - And I shall consult you about inserting a Regulation to this effect in a Draft which I am preparing for you according to what we agreed.

It is a thing about which Army Medical Officers have actually no conscience - I have been asked by an Army M.O. to take a Nurse out of her ward, with perhaps 60 or 70 Cholera or Fever Patients under her, in order to nurse his wife in hysterics - or a soldier's child in Scarlet Fever, or a woman in her confinement, or a bad woman, or an Officer who had something the matter with his thumb - or, in one instance, to go "and amuse" (sic) a hypochondriac - or to attend on the Med Officer's private patients.

It requires more temper & presence of mind than can well be supposed to refuse these requests, without giving offence -

I understand (& believe) that all this is worse in time of peace than of war - in Military Hospitals - ever yours

FN
f50
 {printed:} 35 South Street,
         Park Lane,
         W
re Mrs. Deeble
These may be useful to
you as reminders -
{Note by Harry Bonham Carter}
one hosp "Herbert" you asked me to return
{signed:} HyBC
[2 illeg lines]

letter, ff51-52, pencil, black-edged paper f51 HI/ST/NC18/15

Netley
   35 South Street,
   Park Lane,
   W
   Dec 2/69
My dear Harry
The "Regulations" have been
returned from the Army Medical
Department to the War Office
without a word of alteration -
This is more than I had hoped for.

They are now gone to the
(late Purveyor's) Control Dept.
for any remarks on the Linenry
part of the business - I have
not much fear of any alterations
there, as they have been always
devoted to us -
"Mrs. Harris" has promised
that, when they come back
from there, they shall be put
into Dr. Sutherland's hands
Draft Regulations, would have told the Director Genl., Sir T. Logan & that the least which would have been done, would have been to alter the Regulations -
If they had asked the W.O. to request us to withdraw same & send another, I think they would have been in their right -
So far as I know, nothing has been said.
I have received the enclosed note from Genl. Wilbraham, written 3 days after the fact - apparently wholly ignorant of it.
[I have not breathed a word of all this to Dr. Sutherland, as, if I did, it would be all over the W.O. or to any one, except Mrs. Wardroper, who probably has heard from Mrs. Deeble too.]

But this is not all -
Lennox declared herself "physically unequal" to the work - & laid up from Thursday to Monday - just when an amputation-case was most wanting her - & wished to resign!!
Mrs. Deeble hopes that she will "rise to her work" - she says Lennox is not ill but nervous
Mrs. Deeble herself seems to be the one who has behaved most perfectly in all this.
She speaks highly of Miss Wheldon, Clark, Kennedy, Strong - & does not seem discouraged.
She has persuaded Lennox not to resign, at least at present
ever yours
F.N.
Dec 5/69  

Draft Regulations  
My dear Harry  

I have snatched this copy for you before it receives its Imprimatur: -  
(the pencil amendments are by the D.G. Sir G. Logan - the others are the Control amendments -)

1. I had put in the word "Wardmasters" before  
And they had taken it out -  
It is better in.  

4. & 6. This is put in to meet your proposal that the Ration rate should be tried for 6 months.  
But the Control Dept. say that it would have been better to have made the whole Paragraph general - i.e. to have asserted the Nursing=right to mess-money, to cover "Beer, Porter or Wine" - at such rates as shall from time to time be fixed by the Secretary of State - (or something to that effect)  
What do you say?

9. has become practical nonsense under the various emendations - It should stand conf. Reg 44

Please return me this paper, with any Annotations you may consider necessary upon this paper -

They raise a little question about the name "Sister" - But I suppose now that you have explained the reason of the name in your letter to the W.O. - we had better not draw back from it?  

yours  

F.N.  

Sunday 7.30 a.m.  
Dec 5/69  
I must return this by 11 on Monday
morning. I with difficulty kept it over to-day — If you cannot conveniently let me have it to-night, I will send for it between 9 and 10 to-morrow (Monday) morning to your house.
Thursday
11.45 a.m.
{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W
My dear Harry
Thank you for the
Regulations & Mr. Talbot's
two notes -
I will appoint Mrs.
Deeble to-morrow here - (Friday).
But, as the whole
gist of my communications
with her has been to
represent to her the
Regulations & every thing
else as emanating
solely from the War Office,
it is impossible for me
to shew her this copy

of the Regulations -
She would recognize
it at once -
Could you have it
copied for me so as
to let me have it by
an early hour tomorrow
(Friday)?

If this is very
inconvenient, I could
get it done - if you
will return me the
copy at once -
I think "Mrs. Harris" (the War Office) has not behaved very well to us - I will tell you why, when I am in a less hurry.

ever yours

FN

On second thoughts, I think I had better keep the copy you have sent me - I will get all the pages copied in which your hand or mine appears - & then the whole will appear in our (W.O.) Secretary's hand to Mrs. Deeble.

letter, ff56-8, pencil, black-edged paper

{printed: 35 South Street, Park Lane, W Dec 13/69
Netley "Regulations" -
My dear Harry
These were passed last week with but few alterations - & all these in our favour - e.g. the responsibility is fixed on the Medical "cadets", (as they are now to be called,) of sending for our Nurses if the treatment is changed.
&c &c &c
I obtained a copy (for you to look at) on Saturday week, sent it to your house on Sunday 5th - But, as I was obliged to return it (on Monday morning,) finding you were not at home, I sent for it back on Monday 6th -
I send the enclosed as my Certificate - The parts therein mentioned I was obliged to leave untouched - The middle parts I tore out & carried - They were matters of merely verbal importance - [end]

ever yours -
F.N.

Netley
May 16/69
My dear Mrs. Wardroper
I have been so busy that I have not had time to look over these Regulations properly till to day.
And now I think I must ask you to re-consider the points under the light of which I am going to trouble you:

1. Wages of Nurses in Military Hospls.
   £30 per ann: up to £50 at a rate of annual increase of £2 agreed.

   With regard to Foreign Service, going abroad is a regular part of the Service undertaken. And this is, or ought to be carefully explained to every woman on her engagement.
I fear it was not so to Mrs. Deeble. Yet it is actually a part of the Regulations that the Supt. Genl. shall, "in time of war", or "when General Hospitals are formed during war "proceed to the spot", & "undertake the superintendence" of nurses - [The same
"in visiting & placing Nurses in new Hospitals" "whether at home or abroad, in peace or in war"

It is true that there is a proviso by which she may appoint another person to do this. But I should think a Supt. Genl. totally unfitted for her place, who did not herself undertake the superintendence in new or difficult circumstances such as these.

To return to Nurses' service abroad: - It was first thought that as the Army Service involves this, viz. to undertake to go at a moment's notice to any part of the world - that as the pension it involves may be thought to make a reasonable equivalent for the additional wear & tear - & that as it is extremely undesirable to encourage by artificial inducements "adventurers", ladies or otherwise, (of whom we had, I regret to say no lack in the Crimean War -) it was thought that the Nurses' wages abroad should not be increased.

Still, times change so fast, wages are, happily, rising so much - and the
Army Nursing Service is, (it tears my heart to say it, -) so much lower & more difficult to re-establish now than it was 10 years ago, or than when I returned from the Crimea, that I will only submit to you the grounds on which, the opinion was based that Nurses' wages abroad should not be increased, & then be guided by your opinion.

They were these: -
that Army Matrons & Nurses on their engagements are to be made thoroughly to understand the nature of the service they undertake - & of course a serious part of the service is that it involves sudden & long removals - that it never would do, for obvious reasons, to make the foreign Stations objects of desire to Matrons & Nurses that foreign Stations will never do for an untried Matron or Nurse that volunteering for foreign or war service must be the exception - careful selection the rule. ["Adventurers" will be generally ready to volunteer].
that every Matron & Nurse refusing to go abroad when ordered should forfeit all re-admittance
into the Service & all pension
but that one year on Foreign Service should count as
equal to two years of service for pension,
in case of disability.
These are the reasons for which it was
thought best not to increase Nurses'
wages on foreign Service.
I am far from thinking them final.
I only enumerate them to you.
Should you still think that there must
be an increase, I think that it would
not do to give a rate of "£40 for the first
"year &c &c" - since this might cut
both ways - The woman might be
actually, in receipt of higher wages than the £40,
if she had served more than 5 years
at home, when she was ordered abroad.
Or, on the other hand, say she returned
to her Service at home, after a year
or two, she would think it hard that
her to return to her former-rate of wages should drop
What would you say to this? ---- viz. that
she should have an addition of £10 ten per
annum made to the rate of pay she was
in the receipt of at the time she was
sent on such service - (& one year to count
as two for pension, as before.)
At the same time, the War Office has not asked us this question. We are not bound to consider this subject of foreign Service wages unless we ourselves think it necessary.

[If you are thinking of India, it is we & not Mrs. Deeble if she becomes qualified who, now & for a long time to come, will be asked for Nurses for India - if asked at all. And we shall have to make our own conditions with Madras, or Calcutta, or as the case may be.

It is obvious that it will be years & years before Mrs. Deeble will be independent of us for the supply of Trained Nurses - since Military Hospls. are no Training-Schools for Nurses - & a longer time still before she will be able to supply India, if at all.

If India becomes some day for Nurses, as I hope it may, a fixed ‘Covenanted Service’, I question very much whether the supply will ever come wholly from our Military Nursing Service but from yours - either wholly or in part]
2. Pension

I think, with you, that the "pension for disability in the 10th year of service" is small.

[I did not calculate these Rates, which were done at the General Register Office, but] again. I will submit to you the grounds on which these were based.

These were: -
that the inducement to stay should be the improvement of pension
that the better plan is to promise a small pension after 10 or 12 years' service, on a scale so graduated thereafter as to offer an inducement to remain, at the same time that it would afford facility for enforcing retirement without injustice.

You will observe that the Supt. Genl. can recommend for augmented pension, in any special case, up to £50 per ann. [Even this will require caution - since a strong efficient Nurse may render extra useful service who yet, during her whole service, may have given more anxiety & less satisfaction than others.

who had not the opportunity of doing the special Service

[So far as I remember, it was the War Office which insisted on the words being put in "in case of disability" in every case of pension - under 60 years of age] If you still think, which I do, that "30 per cent" is small - how would it do to begin at 40 per cent of her wages "in the 10th year of service", & so on as before? - [That would be £20 a year -]
3. Money allowance to Supt. for messing of Nurses -

The Hospitals are provisioned by the Purveyor-in-Chief - all provisions supplied by contractors. I have seen a good deal of this - & must say that, under the present Purveyor-in-Chief, all things are considered both good & cheap - Also, we must remember that all these Hospitals are in the country.

[The Nurses now have 10s a week board wages - delivered into each Nurse's own hands - a miserable, &, in a Military Hospl., even an indecorous proceeding - liable to every kind of mischief. Yet there would be, of course, terrible difficulties in altering this (for poor Mrs. Deeble if she become Supt. Genl. unless the whole concern is changed]

How would it do to propose this -

that, for each Nurse, the Supt. will be allowed 11/ a week - to cover the expenses of the Nurses' messing - and washing of personal & household linen would this cover it? -

[I have always been a great friend to "finding" Nurses with everything in which you do not wish themselves to stint themselves - eg. washing, tea, sugar, a proper quantity of beer &c.

With regard to washing, it is a great strain upon a Supt. to see that her Nurses send enough linen to the wash, if they have to pay for it.

And no Nurse ought to be allowed to wash her own linen, (which is also a great temptation to many - tho' there is a "Regulation" against it.)

With regard to the Nurses household linen, to the best of my recollection the late Supt. Genl. caused a clause to be inserted in her Report to the W.O. that she wished the Supt.'s salary to
include washing of household linen."

I do not think this a good plan at all - objectionable
But you know much better than I do what is at present best about these things in the current times.

I give you all the information I can & will then ask you to give me your opinion.

And I would certainly, as you say, stipulate that "the grant should be made on trial, for 3 or 6 months". whatever it is.

4. Porter, wine & brandy were not included (at least I believe not) & were not intended (?) to be included in the grant made to the Supt. (for her to provide.) How should this be? - [They were sent in extra by the Purveyor.] I believe but am not sure.]

Do you include "beer" in your "9/ or 10/a week"? - also tea, or coffee, & sugar? - I always did.

At present 1 oz. brandy or 1 wine glass of wine is allowed to each Nurse by Regulation in lieu of one of her "three half=pints Porter" per diem - "as she likes best" - I agree with you that this should be altered to: "when the Supt. considers it desirable".

I am not aware whether the late Supt. Genl. allowed it: [Of course, if the Nurse comes under Medical treatment, then all this, as well as her diet, comes under the "Medical Officer's prescription".]

5. It is in the highest degree desirable that advantage should be taken of your Staff going to Netley to exchange the present uniform worn there (which is a perfect stone of offence) for your uniform - ever, my dear Mrs. Wardroper, yours affectionately Florence Nightingale

PS. 6. I suppose that we must specify in any recommendation whether the 9/,
10/ or 11/ a week is to include "the provision of medical comforts in
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case of sickness" - In the first allowance made to the Supt. Genl., it did. In the second, it did not include "wine & brandy, in case of sickness". [end 15:194]

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Netley May 22

My dear Harry

I think I had better hand over all these papers to you now - [And I will tell Mrs. Wardroper that I have done so -]

If you like to draft a letter to the War Office upon them, & let me see the Draft, I will gladly go over it. - (with the papers)

I entirely concur with Mrs. Wardroper's last letter (May 20).

1. As she will have to explain the nature of the engagement to the women, I think she is the best judge as to the necessity of her having it in her power to say: `if you are sent abroad, you will have £10 a year extra'. -

At present there does not seem much chance of war or of Nurses being sent to Foreign Stations at all -

2. I think 11/ a week for messing and personal & household washing - covering everything but medicines, wine & spirits - a good sum - to be tried for 3 or 6 months -
payable to Supt. only -
I would carefully guard this -

Have nothing to do with present Nurses - I think
I told you about the Netley Nurse
I think I told you about
the Netley nurse whom
Wilbraham had the folly to
exchange with Woolwich
They have their reward.
She has to go.

But possibly War Office may say that
granting the 2/ a week for washing -
is, in effect, raising the Nurses' wages
£5 a year - Which it is -
In that case we must re-consider it -
[9/ a week would be enough for messing alone,
paid into Supt.'s hands -]
The washing has always been on a most
uncomfortable footing - And this should
be seen to =
Mrs. S. Stewart has always acted upon &
advocated the Supt. paying for the household
washing & the Nurses for their personal
washing.
But I am not positive what is done now.
We were not asked about washing, it is true

3. It is said that the W.O. do not mean
to have a Sup. Genl. -
But, in their letter to you, they offer
Mrs. Deeble as Candidate for "Sup:Genl."
I am glad you have that letter -
Stick to this -
Nothing else will work -

Also - it is said (I know not on what
authority), that they are revising the
Regulations without us.
As in this letter they send you the "Regulations",
to go upon, this authorizes us, I suppose,
to insist upon seeing the "revisal", if any. [end 15:195]
June /69
{printed} 35 South Street,
  Park Lane,
  W
Netley Nurses
My dear Harry
    I return your letter (copy) to the W.O. which I think is excellent. I ought to have done this before. We need have been under no uneasiness as to what to do with the existing Netley Nurses - For they were sure to "do for" themselves X - There has been another row & another dismissal - And, I was told, (but this, I dare say, is exaggerated) there is not now one left except temporarily engaged. General X They have "done for" themselves -

Wilbraham finds out that, notwithstanding his inclination to be Matron, & his experience in the post, he does not fill it successfully. He has applied to the Comm= of the Herbert Hospl., who, very properly, refused absolutely, to give him a Nurse. The W.O. applied to me, & asked if they might send to Mrs. Wardroper - I said, they had better write to you. But, I am not sure their letter to Mrs. W. is not gone. I have nought to say in the
matter except that I would not send an angel from heaven to be a Nurse in Netley in is present state. ever yours [end 15:196]

FN

June 30/69

letter, ff76-77, pencil

I have shown the enclosed Draft of yours to Dr. S., who thinks with me, that it will do very well. He wants you to add (at end) that till a Supt. Genl. is appointed, disputed points might be referred to me - But (printed: 35 South Street, I don't think this will do. Park Lane, FN [end 15:197] W.

July 8/69

My dear Harry

I do not wish to pre-judge the question of Mrs. Deeble having her children with her, especially as I have always held that some of our best women were likely to be: widows struggling for the sake of their children -

But I believe this: that any relaxation in our principle that Supts. in Military Hospitals must not have children, temporarily or permanently, to live with them in Quarters, could ultimately end but in one way this: viz. a Regulation that mothers women with children shall not be Supts. at all

In a Military Hospital the difficulties are so endless: - -

Is the W.O. to prescribe at what age a little girl is to cease to live with her Supt. mother? I should think after 13 quite out of the question in a Military Hospl - But I have known this age to come at 9 - The
mother is always the last person to perceive this coming on -
If the little girl is quite an infant, ie. under 5 or 6 - is the mother to have a Nurse maid to look after her? - Certainly the "Supts. servant", who has to cook & clean for the Nurses, could not look after a child properly - Are the Quarters to provide for a Supts. family? -

Then, a Military Supt. must look after the Night Nursing, if any, herself. Is she to have a young child sleeping with her? -

Then, we have always said, all Matrons & Supts. (most of all, Military ones,) should live not in a house to themselves, but with their Nurses. A house is an impediment to a Matron's duty.

Poor Mrs. Deeble has been most unfairly dealt with & given to understand (by Dr. Logan, I believe - she says by the W.O.) that she was to have a house to herself, to have her children with her, & a "large salary" -

I was asked the question indirectly for her, & I replied that I thought the W.O. - might allow her to make arrangements to have her little girl, for a permanency & her boys on their holidays in a house in the precincts of the Hospl. - for the same but not in Quarters. X X

2. I think £150 rising to £200 the very least that could be offered to Mrs. Deeble as Supt. [And I believe that she has been led to expect a great deal more]. If she becomes Supt. Genl. she must have more

ever yours
F. Nightingale

X X

No child, in my opinion, ought ever to come within a Hospital - especially a Military one -
My dear Harry - [Excuse pencil]

I ought to have returned you the W.O. letter before.

Dr. Sutherland thinks that, as you have been asked (in a previous letter) to train both Supt. & Supt. Genl.
- As it is obvious that, till there are 2 Supts., there can be no Supt. Genl.
- & as the Netley Staff will be ready in 2 months, - it might be well for you to take up the question of a Supt. for the Herbert Hosp. in connection with the training of a Staff.

[I don't know whether you replied (to the W.O.) on the question of the training of another Supt.]
You will have to settle whether you will do this training by itself, or in connection with a second complete Staff. [Dr. S. thinks: the time has come for moving in this direction.]

I however differ with Dr. S. so far as this: - that I should be disposed to wait & give Mrs. Deeble at least a year's experience in Netley before she has any thing to do with Supt. Genl. = ship in the "Herbert".

It is so very different being Female Head of a Civil Hospital from being that of a Military Hospital - No one who has not tried it can tell the difference which there is, e.g. Simply in the Under Nurses being men - & consequently in all the nurses, of whatever grade, being not under the Female Head directly

However you may define the position of each, there still remains a chasm as to what is the relation between Supt. & Orderlies, which nothing but experience & judgment on her part can enable her to bridge over - An inexperienced Supt. is almost certain to begin by putting her Head Nurses into the same position that Head Nurses occupy in Civil Hospitals, where all the Nurses are women. And soon she finds out that this will not do at all - I think even Mrs. Wardroper is disposed to undervalue this great difference.

And I have heard Mr. Whitfield say that "sick men were the same everywhere" - completely ignoring it.
Whatever mistakes poor Mrs. Deeble may make, at first, she may, if she chooses, be completely out of our reach. She may, if she chooses, say, (& quite truly): - How can Mrs. Wardroper advise me about a Military Hospital? - I am therefore well pleased that she should have nothing to do with the Herbert at first, till she has gained her experience.

But, of course, I keep my opinion that, without a Supt. Genl. ultimately, they will never do anything with their Military Nursing - [Wilbraham has almost destroyed not only his own but the Herbert's Nursing Staff.]

But I think it quite cruel that They (whoever 'They' is) should have raised unfounded hopes in poor Mrs. Deeble & very hard upon you to have to undeceive her.

With regard to the "Rules": - the present Regulations will do very well with a few almost verbal & figure alterations - & some omissions - plus 3 or 4 Rules (which we can easily frame) for the interval when there is to be no Supt. Genl. - which I am afraid will always be a difficult interval, owing to Genl. Wilbraham's propensity (what a curious taste!) to encouraging Nurses to rush to him with complaints.
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But, thank God, our Nurses,
I don't think, are inclined to
this sort of thing - Rather the reverse!
[I am sure it would have
been absolutely impossible for
Mrs. Deeble to undertake the old
Nurses -]

By this time, Mrs. Wardroper
will, I suppose have been
to Netley & formed her
judgement-

If you think I can be of any
the least use, I will take
care to be back in London
to see Mrs. Deeble & the
Nurses before they are started
for Netley - (if I am alive) -
I do not think I shall be of

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much use, because War Hospitals
are so different from Peace -
in some respects, the difficulties
of War are of course much
greater - but, in some, I am
sure they are less - And I
should reckon the immense
press of business in War
as making many difficulties
less than in peace -

ever yours
   F. Nightingale
My dear Harry

About the "ages" &c of the Nurses for Netley: -

I should not hesitate, if I were you, in sending a woman of 24, recommended by Mrs. Wardroper, & desired by Mrs. Deeble -

It is necessary, of course, to have a general rule about "age" in a pension-service of Government - & also as a guide to inexperienced Supts., & as a strengthener of the hands even of experienced Supts. in refusing Nurses of 10 or of 90 years of age - [I was going to put Nurses of 18 - But Mrs. S.S. had 2, if not 3, of 18.]

But no such rule ought to be "hard & fast". There is many a woman of 24 as steady as if she were 50 - & many an unsteady one of 40 who will not be steady at 50 or 60 -

A trained steady woman of 24 or 25 I think should never be rejected merely on account of her age -

[My own Temperance, whom you know, is a specimen - She is as steady as a Church - & far more so than any woman of twice her age whom I have had before - By the way, did you know that her aunt lived with Mr. & Mrs. Hopkins for 36 years. She has come home (near here) - She cannot recover Mr. Hopkins' death at all - cannot bear to see any one - & speaks of him as if he had been more than a
father & mother - & indeed of
Mrs. Hopkins too, in the same way.
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Temperance's eldest sister, is, you know, with Mrs. Wardroper now as Probationer - (Emma Hatcher.)

I should be rather glad if I could write my letter to the Gd. Dss. of Baden (about the 'Statute') soon - but do not want to press you. I know how every one presses you -

I am very glad the chicks are getting well. My love to Sibella, please - ever yours
F. Nightingale

letter, ff86-87, pen, black-edged paper f86r HI/ST/NC18/15/15

Embley  Romsey  Aug 18/69

My dear Harry
By this afternoon's post, (& after I had written the enclosed) Mrs. Wardroper has sent me (by your desire) a full, true & particular account of the Nurses for Netley - each of the 7 - which I have read with the greatest attention & interest on my own account.

She thinks that I shall say that Pringle is too young. (the choice being between Pringle & Lennox) - and I believe would be almost glad that I should end her uncertainty - as Pringle now avows herself willing to remain as a "Sister" with her - provided you will give her a room to herself.
I would I could say something very wise on the occasion — (especially as, from all I have seen or heard, I should think) Pringle & Lennox likely to turn out become two of our best performers-) But I cannot say that I should myself consider a person's age, 23 or 24, — everything else being right, — a bar to her entering a Military Hospital — tho', if Mrs. Wardroper is anxious to keep her with herself, I think it quite a fair & just excuse to say allege her age as a reason against Netley.

You see that my wisdom amounts really only to this: — that there are many things to consider. On of the greatest draw-backs at Kaiserswerth was: the constant change of "Sisters" — the frequent sending away of the best "Sisters" to other Stations — & substituting inferior ones at the parent Station — Our Lady Probationers have told me this is a great draw-back at St. Thomas' — I know the difficulties at the present temporary place — & merely throw this out as a hint.

If Lennox is there as a "Sister" & satisfied, perhaps then it would be as well to let Pringle go to Netley or vice versa.

You see I am not much help.

I wish I could be.

Do you know the only one on the list that I should shrink from sending, without Mrs. Wardroper having tried her first again under her own eye is: our Emm from Lpool Workh?: This, only because, of all Hospitals, a Workhouse is the one where
there is necessarily most liberty,
& least propriety for the Nurses,
and a Military Hospl. the one where there must be least liberty & most propriety - Agnes Jones had the highest opinion of Emm - But both she & Mrs. Wardroper told me what I have said above about Workhouses -

I shall not however say to Mrs. W. what I have here said - as I think it so tiresome of an outsider, like me, coming in to add elements of uncertainty. And Emm certainly deserves promotion (if Miss Freeman will recommend her) in great haste ever yours

F.N.

A quiet, discreet manner is of the greatest consequence at a Military Hospl - I say this as regards Pringle, Lennox, Emm, one & all - never having seen one of them. [end 12:182]
Embley  
Romsey  Aug 21/69

My dear Harry B.C.

I do not think I acknowledged your question about the Supt.'s salary - I think £150 rising to £200 in 2 years enough & not too much - And, after the way in which Mrs. Deeble's expectations have been raised (not by us) I think it would be impossible to begin at less -

But, you know - during the past 8 years, how immense has been the correspondence with the W.O. on this subject - it having been purposely left undetermined in the Regulations - e.g. -

(1) whether the Supt. should qualify (by length of service) like the Nurses for pension -
(2) ditto ditto whether her pay should be raised if sent on foreign service
(3) whether her salary should not be fixed at a figure to include

(a.) wages of Supt.'s servant [this word a misnomer - since the "Supt's servant"
cooks & cleans for Nurses.]
(b.) Stationary & many other little provisions for Nurses
This last (3.) was strongly advocated by Mrs. Stewart & as strongly opposed by me - since I conceive, it is not in human nature, for a Supt. who is perhaps a widow with children, or even parents, depending upon her, to do her duty liberally by the Nurses if these things are to come out of her children's bread. And it is quite out of the question for a Supt. (who has enough to do without) to be trying to save part of a competent servant's wages by doing servant's work herself -

Then there was an enormous correspondence with the W.O. as to what this servant's wages should be - [And on this I consulted Mrs. Wardroper - 2 or 3 years ago -] It is difficult now to get a good plain cook and maid of all work to go into an Institution under £30 to £35 a year - [Of course, such a servant likes a private family best.] I am not sure that Mrs. Stewart did not give £40 once.

Possibly you will think that we had better let all these details & others sleep, till called upon. [end]

ever yours

F. Nightingale
Netley
Supt's furniture Embley
Romsey
Aug 26/69
My dear Harry

I incline to think that the Supt. should not provide her own furniture but that it should be provided as & distinctly understood to be Government property -and this not at all as an 'exercise of poverty' but rather the contrary & for the following reasons.

A (Military) Supt. cannot too much accustom herself to the truth that an Army is moveable & that she must be always ready to go where she is most wanted.

It is true that there is at present no appearance of our having any large foreign Army General Hospital except in India - & still less appearance of our going to war -

But it is also true that the immense expenditure of Netley is justified every year by Ministers to the Public by the necessity of having a "complete Hospital Establishment" ready to be transported to the "Seat of War" "at a moment's notice", if wanted - &c &c.

And still more is it true that our Government
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is annually invited to send (& does send -)
its representatives to the "International Conference"
for the care of the Sick & Wounded in war -
& that, to frequent remonstrances from foreign
Governments. why we do not join their Association
more heartily, we always answer: that it
does not do to trust these cares of war to
voluntary Associations - that we are forming,
as a Government, our own organization for the
care of the Sick & Wounded, always ready to
be transported to the seat of &c &c &c -

[I have myself been employed, time after
time, to write these letters, both officially &
privately, to foreign Governments. & Royalties -
And I confess I have never done so without
feeling appalled at what this our vaunted "organization"
really is - & what wd. become of it & us, were there
war.

Yet, during the last 3 years, there has been
more of this fashion & kind of thing than I
ever remember since the Crimean War -]

To return after this mountain to our mouse:
the Supt's furniture -

I think the Govt. should always provide
good solid furniture for two good rooms and
an Office for each Supt.
I think that it would even be better, if she were not made "an allowance" for it, but if it were chosen for her by some one who understands what good furniture is - I should take great pains about the selection of it - There should be a good comfortable arm-chair & sofa, a book case, good carpet - no high pieces of furniture, to gather dust & be out of reach - no chests of drawers or wardrobes too heavy to be moved from the wall, to sweep & dust behind - or with too narrow space between bottom & ground to harbour dust.

But I should do the same thing mutatis mutandis for the Nurses. These women are Head Nurses. The cell of each ought to be comfortably furnished & large enough (each with its own window) to have a comfortable arm-chair & book-shelf, besides all proper Washing apparatus & good chest of drawers or wardrobe - I should give each Head Nurse a sofa - (these women ought to be able to lie down, if necessary, without heating & tumbling their bed) - But, as these (Netley) Nurses have a Day-room, I suppose we must be satisfied with a sofa or two there -

But then - all this ought to be distinctly understood to be Govt. property - A Matron or Head Nurse
in a Civil Hospital ought to be led as much as possible to consider that her home - for life -

But, it is just the reverse in a Military Hospital. For, a Military Nurse to hesitate or grumble at being sent abroad is really as grave an offence as for a private to desert or shirk duty - since she was expressly engaged on those terms.

But, as, for a private to desert is nothing as compared with a Commanding Officer, so it should be made as much out of the question as possible for a Supt. to suppose that she may not be sent anywhere at a moment's notice - do you not think? -

P.S. And she ought not to be encumbered by her own furniture. [I am afraid, as we have asked for foreign pay for Nurses, we must do the same for Supts. -]

It would not be fair otherwise -

And, also, for pension for Supts.]

As for a Supt. Genl., if ever we come to that, she, of course, ought not to have foreign pay - Her salary should be above all that - And it should be as absolutely impossible for a Supt. Genl. not to think of not heading any foreign or war party herself, as for a General Commanding an Expeditionary Force not to go with the Expedition himself.

It is her business. ever yours [end 15:201]

F. Nightingale
Netley Romsey - Sept 3/69
My dear Harry

I wrote to you in great haste (to save this morning's post) about the Netley plan.
But, I don't know that I have any thing to add except that I will gladly see Mrs Deeble, if it will do the least good, either here or in London, "about the end of September", as you say - before she goes to Netley - You shall keep me informed, please.

I hope she is a woman of some nous. Nous is wanted every where, but most of all, I think, in a Military Hospital - besides gentleness & firmness - Military Officers are such queer things & have such queer ideas about Nurses ever yrs F.N.
My dear Harry B.C.

I thought it better to obtain some information from Major (now Col) Ravenhill who built the Hospital before sending you in my Remarks on the plan.

Here they are -

I think with the proposed alterations the plan is a very ingenious & good one - & gives no more than is absolutely essential for respectable women.

Of course an adaptation must always be awkward - And one would not have made such a plan originally.

[It is essential that all serving out of Linen to Orderlies should be over a counter, & (as it were) outside of the Nurses' Quarters - so that, on current business, the Orderlies should have no business to be inside the Nurses' premises - It is essential for decorum, comfort, every thing - the more so, as I believe it is impossible to help (entirely) occasional, tho' rare, calls to give out Linen at night. The Linenry ought, by rights, to be like a shop with private dwelling behind, entered by separate passage.]

Perhaps you would say, when you send in your plan, with Report, to the W.O. that such & such (giving a List) is the accommodation you consider required. but that, if this can be secured in some other or better way, that would be, of course, all you desire -

Or something to that effect.

I understand that the W.O. is anxious to have your Report in as soon as possible, in order to make arrangements to enter on the work at once So I will send this off at once

Excuse haste

ever yours

F Nightingale

Returned
plan & Mr. Whitfield's letter
Mr Whitfield's former Report.
Embley
Romsey Sept 7/69
Netley
My dear Harry B.C.
I am at work on your packet -

2 Could you, when you have a moment's leisure, give me an answer to my question, or rather Dr. Sutherland's question, about "Gratuities" & Travelling Expenses to the Nurses & Acting Supt. now at Netley, when they leave.
I think I sent Dr. S's note by last Thursday's morning post to you addressed to your house.

3. Fort-Pitt-Midwife=Matron
What sort of answer shall I give to this woman? -
Her testimonials are not worth the paper they are written on.

But she may be a very good woman for all that.
I saw her 12 years ago, (I believe 13,) at Fort Pitt - And I recollect she asked me to "remember" her -

As for my "giving her my address," you see by the address, (St. Thomas', with which my connection was not even thought of 12 years ago,) that this was not so.
Shall I leave the woman any opening for hope? -

ever yours affectely.
F. Nightingale

P.S. Would you kindly tell me whether you see any real choice in itself between my seeing Mrs. Deeble here or in London? at end of Sept.
N.B. It is rather difficult for me
LMA (FNM)

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to ask people here -
P.P.S.

When you go home, please send me the Q. of Prussia's letters -
But don't take any trouble about this now - It does not matter. I really only put it in, because I am writing.

F.N.

Letter, f100, pen.
f100 HI/ST/NC18/15/22 {8 Sept./69. J. Sutherland to Mr. Carter

Draft Letter, ff101-03, pen f101 HI/ST/NC18/15/23a

Draft letter

Furniture It is obviously necessary that furniture should be provided. And I believe that the W.O. will assent to this.
Foreign Pay for Supt. Would it perhaps be better only to "suggest" that, in case the Supt goes on foreign service, some reasonable addition to the salary should be made?
Pension of Supt. I quite agree that it is better not to suggest any alteration, & to avoid raising questions, if you think the following, based on existing Regulation, will do: -

by existing regulation, she will have £100 a year (ie. on our proposed salary) on retiring at 60.
if she retires at any number of years exceeding 12, but under the age of 60, she will have an addition of £4 a year. Thus, if she served 15 years, she will have £40 + 3 X 4 = £46 – £52
[It is thought that the W.O. may possibly object to the augmentation of salary from £150 to £200 as rather rapid in 2 years - & may say it should take 4 years to make -

I merely throw this out as a hint -

I think that your letters to the W.O. ought to be a sort of ultimatum - & that the W.O. ought never to be able to say that we are 'going in' for all we can get - but will 'draw in our horns' if they make us -

I don't think they do say this of us.
But as Sir. G. Logan certainly has done this, sinners are always suspicious]

I don't know that Sir G.L. has been consulted at all -

Age of Nurses

I think it undesirable to raise any question about the Regulation

I would "let that hare sit."

It is objectionable to have Head Nurses under "30" years of age - if not trained, it is wrong.

But our saving clause is that ours are trained Nurses - in a year's training, it is pretty well known whether a woman under 30 has the manners & discretion of an older woman
[From what I have heard, I should trust Pringle more than either Clark or Emm for this.]

But, sooner than alter the Regulation, (which is one that obtains almost everywhere) I would substitute Lennox for Pringle.

Strong is, I believe, only 26.

The Regulation saves itself (No 278) & admits of expansion to any age by prescribing "emergency" as a reason for departing from the prescribed ages viz. 30 to 40.

This is an "emergency" - the greatest emergency of all - to send in a whole new Staff all at once.

But certainly the most desirable age for women to enter the Service is between 30 & 40. The Govt. has a right to expect a certain term of efficient service - And I am afraid, if we were to begin raising questions, we might be told that no Nurse shall be admitted to the benefits of the Service, if over 40. [One of our Nurses is over 40.]

I think I would leave the present Regulation as it is & say nothing.

Mrs. Deeble herself is, I think, slightly over 40. (which she must not be by Reg)
Uniform Certainly let the St. Thomas's uniform be introduced, without saying anything.

Servant's Wages. I felt rather inclined to propose a rate of wages - But I am told that we should leave this to the Controller.

In the changes in the W.O., Mr. Robertson (Purveyor in Chief) is now Controller at Portsmouth - And Netley is under him - which I am glad of - [He is a time-server but an able man.]

Mrs. Wardroper's first Report.
As she went to Netley by request of the S. of S., it would be well to send a copy of this.

Supt's "Rations"
I should feel disposed to give her the same mess & washing money as the Nurses - [We have never gone on the principle of the Supt. eating twice as much as the Nurses.] She would have to report on this expenditure, & send in accts. to the Commissary or to the S. of S., until a Supt. Genl. has been appointed.

[I learn at the W.O. that Mrs. S.S. has precisely the same money allowance as the Nurses - She thought it too much & had the allowance reduced. This was found to be too little - and she paid the difference due to her own mistake]

The point then to put forward, under Regulation 23, is that the money allowance for Ration & Washing should be the same for the Supt. as for the Nurse. [end 15:205]

Sept. 10/69
My dear Harry B.C.,

Tho' I have written in haste, I hope I have included all the points.

I enclose an Abstract of the Supt.s Regns. which Dr. Sutherland made for me, as (for the first time in my life, I believe) I came away from London without the W.O. Regulations - [You may want it for reference, if you have them not by you - Please return to me]

Mrs. Wardroper tells me that it is not yet settled whether Lennox or Pringle is to go - I should determine this by: which she thinks would be most useful to her as a Training= Sister & keep that one, making it worth her while to stay - I will write about this again -

The qualities for training women are of quite a different order from those for ordering Orderlies. Women can never be trained at a Mil. Hosp: But Orderlies must be managed ever yours

[15:205]

Embley
Romsey
10/9/69

Letter, ff105-06, pen HI/ST/NC18/15/25 {Sept. 13/69. Mr. Whitfield to H.B.C.

letter, ff107-08, pen f107 HI/ST/NC18/15/26 not FN hand. JS on War Office embossed paper

W.O.
8 Sep. 69

The enclosed I believe applies to all your points.

We want to dispose of Anne Mignot. Would you kindly answer my question about her?

Mr. Carter has written to day that until Mrs. Deeble is tried he does not intend to move about the Herbert hospital.

It hence appears to follow that the best nurses including Mignot might be drafted if necessary to the Herbert Hospital. But if there is no
need for any of them, they will have to go as temporary nurses with a month's warning. & Mignot who has served as Sup. for 18 months might have a gratuity.
   If you have any thing to say on this would you kindly write by return
[signed] J.S.

[f108] [FN pen reply]
My dear Harry
   They want very much to answer about this.
   Because they ought to give a month's warning.
   And now there is barely 3 weeks (to Sept 29)
   ever yours
   F.N.
   9/9/69

Letter, f109, pen, not FN hand, FN additions

f109
HI/ST/NC18/15/27 on War Office embossed paper
   Sept. 1st.
Would you be so very good as help me to an answer to the following points.
1. At Netley there is as you know an acting Superintendent
   Anne Mignot, who was one of Mrs. S.S.'s nurses. for less than a year [in pencil]
   FN

2. There are several temporary Nurses.
3. All will have to leave when the new staff goes down next month.
   Now, what would be fair to Anne Mignot?
   Should she be offered the place of nurse at Herbert Hospital? If she declines
   FN hand: She will destroy the others, if she goes there [line in pencil]
to step down from her present position, what would be a fair gratuity to give her?
With regard to the others who are temporary nurses, should anything be done? Would you give a gratuity under the circumstances?
They all want their travelling expenses - which I suppose they ought to have - in going home.
The Military Commandant at Herbert Hospital is to be replaced by the Inspector General of Hospitals as Commandant whose Commission is not yet ready.

There are very few sick there. I wrote you about the future nursing of the Herbert Hospital and nothing further will be done there until the N. Committee states its views. The report of the Committee is wanted in order to proceed with the quarters at Netley.

{signed: J.S. [as above]}

[in pencil] [FN pencil note]
My dear Harry B.C.
How would you answer this question, if you were I?
Please tell me -
It is rather hard to ask me this question, because, so far as I know, there is not one of these women whom Mrs. Wardroper would not have dismissed.
before her year's probation was out - And, so far as I know, there is not one of these women who will not take with her the most magnificent testimonials from all the Commandants & all the Doctors. That is the hardness - Genl. Wilbraham says that they are "admirable" (to the War Off.) & then tells things of them (to the W.O.) which make my hair stand on end - [And it is not so easy to make MY hair stand on end] -
Mignot had not been a year at Netley before she was made Acting Supt, when she had, I think, £70 a year - "Gratuity" enough, one would say!
I hope to send you all your Netley plans to-morrow - [end 15:202]
ever yours F. Nightingale

Letter, f111, pen HI/ST/NC18/15/28 {16 Aug/69. From T. Crawford to H Bonham Carter Eq
Embley
Romsey Sept 17/69 [15:207-08]

My dear Harry

When Bonivard wrote to the authorities of Geneva (in Calvin's time) renouncing his citizenship, his own letter was returned to him with the word 'Stultus' [stupid] upon it - no other answer.

Since Sidney Herbert's death 8 years ago, I have rarely seen a document from the W.O., which could rightly receive any other answer but the Genevese city's - 'Stultus!'

This about the Nurse's quarters is really too much.

Col. Ravenhill says that "they will not be ready much before the end of November" -

\[f120r\]
& proposes certain contrivances for the Nurses to inhabit, which I should think decidedly wrong -

[I would not yield this point, because, if you do, they may very likely not finish the alterations till spring -

And then our nice respectable Nurses will have been pigging in their contrivances all winter.

I think that would be a very bad start.]

If the W.O. provided the Nurses' dress, we should certainly
be told that it could not be ready before next year - & that it would "cost £500".

I wish they would let us provide the alterations as we do the dress -

f121r

[2] HI/ST/NC18/15/32b

I have written (much what I have said here) to Dr. Sutherland, - & sent him besides a copy of Mr. Whitfield's Estimate, as you sent it me -

If I were you, I would not retire from what you now say viz. that you prefer keeping the staff till (say) 1 November - that you think the Govt. should pay salaries from 1 October - & that, having conceded the point (of 1 Novber) you decidedly deprecate putting the Nurses into any make-shift contrivances for Quarters -

[They can do the alterations quite well (so as to leave an ample margin) by end of October.

And they ought -
This is Crimea over again!

f122r

I do not enlarge upon these contrivances for Quarters - because no doubt they have all been sent to you -

One is for a temporary Linenry at a distance from the Nurses' Quarters - People don't know what a Military Hospl. is - We should have poor Miss Wheldon laid up with a Nervous Fever in a week. And there is no use in running risks to temper & convenience on first starting. We are not going on a campaign -

Oh if Govt. Offices had but a little of Civil sense - & ordinary
practice -
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Is it to be Lennox or Pringle?
after all? [end 15:208]
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ever yours
F.N.

letter, f123, pen HI/ST/NC18/15/33 23 Sept 1869 Ekblom to HBC
Proposed alterations for accommodation of Nurses - Netley.

1. There will be no difficulty in dividing off the separate Nurse's rooms - each with its window - each with its partition up to ceiling.
2. There will be no difficulty in dividing off the diminished Linen-Store by a glazed partition so as to leave the proposed passage.
3. The room marked "Linen Nurse's room" has no fire-place, altho' they have shown one. It has no flue, & none can be carried up. This proposed appropriation cannot therefore be carried out. But, instead of this, it is proposed to improve the whole accommodation as follows: -
4. to break a door thro' the wall between C and A where the pencil marks are. This door to be the door into the Nurses' & Supt.'s Quarter from the Hospital Corridor.
5. to convert the proposed Linen Nurse's room into a Store opening directly out of the Linen Store to continue the division separating the Linen store from the "passage" straight to the end as shown by the pencil mark.
- so as to cut the storeage entirely off from the Nurses, (which is essential for their privacy & comfort)
the door at C to be retained exclusively as an issuing door & half door with counters: In this way no Orderly could ever come out of the Corridor, unless for carrying in the Clean Linen & for heavy work.

Of course the partitions shown at the end of the linen store cutting off the lobby would not be introduced. The end of the Store would come close up to the main wall: and, being lengthened in this way, it is proposed:

6. to convert the "Store" close to the Supt's bed-room into a Linen Nurse's room & not to disturb the partition with the red marks across it.

There is no fire place there at present, but there is a flue, & a fire place can be easily made.

7. Good reason should be shewn for proposing to cut off two dark stores from Nurses' Dormitory (Day-room) - an arrangement otherwise so objectionable.

8. The Supt's Office seems dark - but, as all the rooms are 15 ft. high, perhaps there is light enough.

9. The Servant's Bed-room being the passage to the Kitchen is objectionable. A Partition could be run up where pencil-dotted, so as to give her a room to herself.

The door at B is, I understand, never used except by the Supt. Otherwise the poor Servt's domain would be intolerable.

10. The "Nurses' Scullery" to the far left of the plan belongs to one of the wards.

11. We used to think a Mending Room indispensable. But, I understand that at the Herbert Hospl, in order to simplify wages-rates & books, the Linen is to be returned into the Supt's Linenry repaired from the Laundry. Possibly this is the case at Netley now. Otherwise
we used to think the Mending best done on the Supt's premises in a room adjoining Linen Store. [end 16:453]

3/9/69
My dear Harry,

I have received this question (& information) from the W.O. - which I wonder we have not had before: -

The plan for the Quarters is now in the hands of the C.R.E. at Portsmouth for enquiry and report. It is said that it will cost £500 -

This must be sanctioned by the S. of S. before the works are begun. These will take time - & the present quarters will have to be vacated.

Now comes the question: - "How long can you give them - ie. how long could you keep the new Staff in hand before sending them to Netley?"

There would be no harm in placing the existing Nurses in any accommodation they could find about the Netley building - for a mere temporary occupancy - But they ask (very properly) - whether it would be advisable to bring in the new Staff before the Quarters are ready? On your decision will depend whether they ask the existing Nurses to remain awhile longer until your new Staff arrives -

[I, FN, make no suggestion either way - I see the difficulties]
LMA (FNM) 1013
both ways]
About myself, which is a very small part of the matter, I should be glad to know your decision as soon as possible, because if the Nurses still go to Netley on the 29th, I should come back to London on Saturday week (the 25th) - [1. I find it very difficult to ask any one here. 2. I could not ask the Nurses. 3. I should like to see Mrs. Wardroper before I see Mrs. Deeble or Nurses.]

On the other hand, I should be very glad to put off my leaving here for another week or two (later than Michaelmas) because 1 - my mother has not the least idea of my going 2. My father is not yet come back here (Parthe has detained him at Lea Hurst.)

But these things ought not to weigh in your decision at all. I only mention them, because, the sooner I can be let know, the better - so as to arrange — Also: I should be very sorry if Mrs. Wardroper's little October holiday were put off.

3. Mignot
They have recommended Mignot for 3 months' salary as a "gratuity" - [I cannot make out whether she has not had 3 months' notice, after all.]
4. *my Friday's letter to you.*

About a point as to "Age of Nurses": —

I do not see that we are at all bound to apologize to Govt. for the Nurses being under age — That is our affair (who recommend them.)

For Nurse, or Supt. being over age I think some explanation is due to Govt.

E.g. suppose a Supt. enters the Service at 45, she retires at 60 with a pension of £100, but, if at 40 & she retires at 55, she has a pension of £52 — only —

As the 15 years' service of the latter are unquestionably better years, than the 15 years' of the former, I think it hard upon Govt. to pay that pension of £100. — & for (possibly) 20 years of life

notwithstanding the Scriptural parable — — [I was 34 when I went to the Crimean War — Had I been 10 years older, I doubt much whether I could have rendered the same service — (tho' I don't think I have been wanting in courage in the Governt. service during the last 15 years) — I am now 49 — & question whether, if ever I were in perfect health, I could properly undertake efficiently accomplish such an Expedition.] A Supt. had far better begin under than over 40. A Nurse had better begin under 30 than over 40 — I know no woman of Mrs. Wardroper's ever yours active, moving=about energy at 53 or 54 — (which I believe she is —)
F. Nightingale
They suggest that Sir Harry, as Chairman, should [15:206]
tell Mr. Cardwell that the new Staff is ready, but that, when the Quarters at Netley came to be examined, it was found that all the Nurses, including the Supt., slept in one room - that there were, in fact, no Quarters in the sense in which Quarters exist in Civil Hospitals - and, considering the respectable character of the women whom they want & must have - (if possible), even more in Military than in Civil Hospls.), - that it was necessary to ask for proper quarters for them, - & that the expenditure is necessary for the existence of efficient Nursing
f139r
[This, you will understand, is suggested merely to expedite Mr. Cardwell's decision - & thus to save time, if practicable.]

I offer no opinion as to whether it had better be done in this way - [end 15:206]

f139v

Harry Bonham Carter
14/9/69

slip with note to HBC from HV Sept. 30 H1/ST/NC18/15/42 letter, f140, pencil f140r HI/ST/NC18/15/42

Private 1 Oct 1869 [16:454-55]

Netley Nurses' Quarters.
My dear Harry B.C.

About this troublesome business: - (now pray your good Gods that I may be short!)
I thought, (as you seemed to anticipate) Mr. Whitfield's letter so very objectionable, both as to matter & manner X X tho' unquestionably right in some points & probably right in others - that I felt no doubt as to not sending it to the W.O. and yet did not like to make no use of it. I therefore took the liberty of sending the whole to Dr. Sutherland - And he has retained Mr. Whitfield's letter, until he sees that the plan (expected up yesterday from Portsmouth) includes all the requirements. He takes note of Mr. Whitfield's statements. He thinks it quite out of the question showing

X X objectionable because the W.O. would certainly say: "here is an old House Surgeon, on the faith of a whipper-snapper of an Architect's boy, dictating to us!!"

I do not say that it would be either fair or honest for them to say this - But they would say it. And it would be putting us into quite a false position with the W.O. - the more so as Mr. W. is quite right as to "cost" & "time".
Mr. Whitfield's letter at the W.O. -
I am afraid that your reference to plan & cost will be reckoned an undue interference, if ever it gets into the Works Department - for a similar reason.
[N.B. Not Col. Ravenhill, but the C.R.E. at Portsmouth, is the responsible planner - And all that we can do is to see that the plan fulfills the conditions.]

Letter, ff141-42, pen. f141r HI/ST/NC18/15/43a

Oct 3/69
Netley Nurses' Quarters
My dear Harry
No doubt you have had official intimation of & the amended plan to look at - I have not - I will merely tell you what I hear:
The plans have come back to the W.O. from Portsmouth The C.R.E. has adopted essentially Mr. Whitfield's plan as amended by us. Unfortunately the tracing they gave Mr. Whitfield was not quite correct!!
The building has been carefully measured - & the proposals adapted so as to come into the actual construction - Unfortunately, so far as I can understand, the Nurses' rooms will be a little smaller - (not much) Some, the smallest, 9 ft X 8 ft. 4 inch -or 75 sq. ft instead of 80 - Some a little larger - They say that the result is a large saving in cost, & tho not having to make a window to light the passage - which would have necessitated another (false) window to match (in the frontage) [I do not quite understand this. Perhaps they only say it to save their own mistake about the cost]
They object to iron, & use stained & varnished wood. The partitions to be carried up to the roof. The Estimate was to arrive at the W.O. yesterday. They said there that it would not exceed £200 -just what Mr. Whitfield said. Orders have already gone to proceed with the outline of the work - And they say it may certainly be finished by the end of this month (as indeed it may!) They have planned plenty of excellent storage very ingeniously - two sufficiently lighted stores They leave the small housekeeper's store, which is well lighted & is now in use. Instead of throwing this into another store beside it, which would answer no good purpose, they leave the partition & convert the room (which has a good window) There is into a spare room for a Sick Nurse, which they will fit up, if required. But the Nurses' rooms now being divided up to the ceiling & each having a window to open, any of them would do for a Sick Nurse for any usual sickness, & unusual cases wh happen seldom must be provided for specially - how a very good thing to have "Sick Rooms"

St Pancras'
I have had a deplorable letter from poor Mr Wyatt - desiring us to give up his cherished idea - as he feels sure that our Trained Nurses will not be wanted - or asked for. No doubt you have had a similar one - I shall not answer till I hear from you what I had better say - I am less surprised than grieved - He blames exceedingly the Poor Law Board for vacillation - not more than I do - [Since I have known anything of Administration, I have never known an Administration nearly so bad as this - And this is saying a good deal.] in haste (and you will wish, I were in hastier)

ever yours
F.N.
Oct 7/69
Embley

1. **Netley**  
I am sorry the W.O. have not sent you the plans - I understood they would.  
Neither have they me.  
But orders have been sent that the Quarters are to be ready for occupation by the end of this month.  
This then is settled.  
There is no danger of National Bankruptcy on our score.  
The Estimate is £180 - & they have added £20 for contingencies - [end] !!

2. **Mr. Wyatt & St. Pancras.**  
I have answered him quite generally on the Poor-Law question.  
The conduct of the P.L. Board is deplorable -  
On the Nurses' question I have said that I must communicate with f143v  
the Lpool Vestry will probably hear it - & Miss Freeman too - at last -  
I wish I could help you - But I can't - I have corresponded with the heads of the Lpool Workh: Infy. at their own request for upwards of a year since Agnes Jones' death - with an amount of thought & mere writing labour on my part which would have managed all the Crimean Hospitals.  
And, if all this time & strength had been given to playing at dominos with the cat, it would have been spent to just as much purpose.  
I gave Miss Freeman nearly a week in the spring - She is a cleverer woman than her Sisters - but with 2 great infirmities of mind - want of truth - & want of consistency - so that her lies
don't even hold water -
   She will never do any real good -
But still we must not listen to
complaints against her - for our own sakes -
you - adding that I understand
- you have received no communication
with from Mr. Moore, the Vestry Clerk.
Possibly Mr. Wyatt will write again -
It seems to me almost equally
undesirable for us to assume
that the Nurses, asked for officially,
are not wanted - or to write
to the Vestry & inform them that
they do not want the Nurses
asked for -
I thought you would perhaps make
some suggestion about this -

3. Trueman & Miss Freeman
   I believe Trueman's complaint -
   But I believe both that our
Nurses are not now to be controlled
& that Miss F. is not the person to
control them -
   I believe she wishes to get rid
of them -
   I don't think it will do for us
to receive complaints against a Supt
- And it will look worse than it is.
Of course Trueman will tell others. And

From a letter to A.L. Pringle

   But what I write for now is" (this)
"Lady Rosebery has Typhoid and I
have twice been written to by her
desire to advise about the Nursing:
I am so out of the practical work
now - and I feel how little can be
advised at a distance.........
   But I know how fanciful Typhoid is
in the conscious stage - One person
is to give relief.........
[I had a pathetic letter from her
anxious little daughter, Sybil, who is not
of course allowed in her Mother's room.]

H1/GLI/A36/1 5 signed letter, 2ff, pen [6:655]

Miss A. Whyte March 1/88
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
Madam
I have never thanked you for allowing a Midwife’s attendance to a poor Charwoman of mine, Mrs. Wilks, with her first child, last year. Will you allow me now to enclose a small contribution, £2.2

And might I ask you whether it would be possible for you to admit immediately for 3 months’ teaching & training, in Midwifery, from our Nightingale Training School for Nurses at St. Thomas’ Hospital, a trained Lady-Nurse of ours, Miss Formby, who is engaged to go out to East Africa to look after 25 agricultural families, emigrants, in 3 months’ time. There is therefore not a day to be lost. Miss Formby’s age is 30; she has had 3 months’ experience in the Obstetrical Ward of St. Thomas’. I believe Miss Formby has applied to you—& was told that there was no room at present for her.

Might I ask if it would be
possible under the circumstances
to make an exception in
her favour, without displacing
any one else?
May we take for granted that,
at your Institution which has {'at' overtop an}
such claims to our admiration, {'our' overtop y}
the pupils live IN the Institution
to be ready for cases at night-
that they have also out-door
practice- that they have
constant clinical instruction as well
as lectures- & that after
a successful 3 months' training,
they are certificated, not as
Midwives but as Midwifery
Nurses only? What

abnormal cases have they the
chance of attending under a
skilled Midwife? And do
the skilled Midwives of the
Institution deliver all
abnormal, as well as normal
cases?

Pray believe me
Madam
faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
Would you kindly send me 2 copies
of the little square book of "Hints",
the best I know? F.N. [end 13:560]
Miss Annie Whyte
Secretary
General Lying in Hospital
York Road
Lambeth S.E.
Dear Madam

First, allow me to thank you very much for the excellent training & great advantages which Miss Formby has enjoyed during her 3 months’ stay with you, & practice both on in-door & out-of-door Lying-in cases. And tho’ I must always deplore that your 3 months’ term of training is not at least 6 months’, so as to give the pupil- Midwives more practice, & a better chance of seeing abnormal cases, yet I most gratefully acknowledge the superiority of training, practical, Sanitary & theoretical, for the infants as well as the mothers, which you give your pupils.

I could wish indeed that a supplement to your excellent little book, (for which I beg to enclose 3/, 2 copies, which you kindly sent me)
were published, containing those lessons on the care & feeding of Infants, which I understand Miss Atkinson so wisely gives to the Nurses.

[The very child, a first child, of Mrs. Wilkes, for whom you kindly sent a Midwife, Mrs. Martin, at my request last year,- a beautiful little boy, I believe- died of “Nursery Biscuits”, which you so justly denounce.

This was no fault of the Midwife. The child was several months old.

But if your Midwives could be taught to put a little sense into the poor mothers, when attending them in their Lyings-in, perhaps there would be a chance of the poor mothers leaving off the practising the blunders of their predecessors - 2 fatal blunders indeed - I am now going to ask you to be so good as to send Mrs. Martin, of Medway St. Westminster, to the same Mrs. Wilkes (whose marriage lines I enclose- & beg you to return to me)- for a second confinement-
She is expecting her lying in, I understand, in about a month. So she has not left much time to lose—[The child was born, I believe, before the Midwife arrived, in her first confinement.]

Again thanking you for your great care & kindness, by which Miss Formby has, I trust, so largely profited, believe me to remain x

H1/GLI/A36/2b
most faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Miss Atkinson
Matron
or Miss Annie Whyte
Secretary

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torn envelope, pen

wait for an answer
G.H. Makins Esq
2 Queen St.
Mayfair
Florence Nightingale
17/9/87

H1/ST/NC19/8
note, 1f, pen

The Bearer is: Mrs. Robertson
G.H. Makins Esq
2 Queen Street
Mayfair
Florence Nightingale
20/9/87
Oct. 21/87
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir
How kind you have been
to my Patient, Mrs. Robertson,
and in permitting her to write
to you about the fitting of her
Truss. I wonder whether she has
written to you -
To me she writes: "for most
"of the days on walking or
"standing, it (the Truss) is
"not uncomfortable - when
"sitting or stooping it hurts
"me a good deal in the groin.
"I am afraid I am rather a
"troublesome subject to fit -
"I will give it a fair trial -
"Mr. Makins said I should
"not feel it very comfortable
"at first.
"I am quite satisfied if I have
"any extra exertion it will
"help me very much, should
"I not feel able to wear it
"always".
Her husband writes to me to
thank you for "such
"eminent Surgical Skill
"and attention", as well he may
& adds: "We shall be truly
"thankful if the efforts to
"aid in restoring a weakness
"she has long felt be attended
"with any degree of success".
He is an excellent Scotchman.
Might I ask whether you
would be so very kind
as to tell me what you
would advise Mrs. Robertson
to do - whether she ought
to come up to London again
for the people at Spratt’s
again
to see the Truss in position; 
or whether you would 
wish in your kindness 
to see her again yourself?
I am ashamed to trespass so 
upon you. I was so 
extremely obliged for your 
letter about this good Mrs- 
Robertson -
With kind regards to Mrs. 
Makins, to whom I am 
about to write to thank her 
for her kindness about Mrs. 
Wardroper, pray believe me 
most faithfully yours 
Florence Nightingale
G.H. Makins Esq

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signed letter, 2ff, pen

Letter enclosed {up diag} Sept. 17/87

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Sir
May I ask you kindly to 
make an appointment 
on Tuesday morning next, if 
possible, after 11 a.m.,
to see Mrs. Robertson, 
the wife of my brother-in-law, 
Sir Harry Verney’s land steward? 
She is suffering in the way 
Dr. Benson, the Local Doctor 
(Claydon, Bucks) whose 
note I enclose describes- 
I told her that she ought 
to be seen by you   or some
other London Surgeon of note, 
& that if she would come 
up to my house, I would 
ask you kindly to arrange 
an appointment to see her-
If you desire her to have a 
Truss, perhaps you would be 
so good as to tell her where 
& what kind- & if she 
should be fitted at Spratt’s- 
& give her his address, or 
elsewhere. She is a stranger 
in London. 
Perhaps it should be 
mentioned that, tho’ a very 
active woman, she has 
suffered from womb-trouble 
ever since a very bad 
confinement 23 years ago- 
But it is not for this she 
is coming to consult your skill 
& kindness. 
Might I send my love to 
Mrs. Fellowes, & hope that 
she is now in perfect health? 
Pray believe me 
faithfully yours 
Florence Nightingale 
G.H. Makins Esq 

H1/ST/NC19/6 signed note, 1f, pencil 

ask for answer 
to F. Nightingale’s Sept 7/87 
note 10, SOUTH STREET, 
{printed address:} PARK LANE. W. 
to wit 
ask at 
G.H. Makins Esq 
2 Queen Street 
Mayfair 
at what hour on Tuesday 
morning he can see 
Mrs. Robertson at his own 
house 
F. Nightingale
Prob Lady P. s’ Diaries
Would you just look over these
but without taking them
away? at least not at present
These, taken at random,
are an account of what
they do every average day
for a during the year’s training
in my opinion it can
hardly be called training —

unfamiliar hand, 1f, pen
Lady Probationers Record
of Ward duties with
remarks

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Miss Hunter
Miss Wright
Miss Morris
De Lüttichan
Mrs. Carroll

initialed letter, 3ff, pen & pencil

5 Special Probrs’ = Day of Ward Duties:
2. These are the Diaries: or rather the
Horaries not of Probationers
but of Ward Assistants. For
(a.) We do not glean from these at all what
they are doing in their special position of
learning: or what is being done to them
in the way of teaching.
(b.) 'Sister’ scarcely appears at all: & in most
[de app. et de non exis endem est r.:
she scarcely exists:
- in none as a teacher or trainer. (One seems
to be judging (& approving) the Sister.) & another -------------- the Hospital
The Diaries are interesting to me as an old Nurse: & as giving some account of the proportion of 'menial' & 'dressing' work.
But they afford scarcely the slightest clue to what the place is doing as a Training School: to how they are put in the way either of 'dressing' & nursing: or even of ('either' overtrop illeg) servants' work: which, in one or two of the cases instances must be as absolutely new to the performer: as the Nursing work.
or to what instruction of training they are receiving in ANY thing: Nursing or Study, or Ward work:
[One of our best 'Sister's said to me illeg... {'one' overtrop our} that, during her own probationary year, (not many years ago:) 'we did what was right in our own eyes':
absolutely).
What we want to know is: how this is not the case now: & how the training is given.
This, these Horaries fail to show us.]

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2. The opinions which are given at the end of each show rather the cheerfulness & amiable willingness of the Probationer (Trainee) than the manner & amount of training she is receiving. We do not want her opinion: we want her FACTS.
It is as if you were to ask a Patient what Hospital treatment he is receiving: & he were to answer: 'None but what is good for me'

3.
[It is a pity that almost all have taken a Study day: tho, if they had told us more what & how they 'studied', it would have been valuable: & none few a Doctor's day. This too is uninforming.) -One (Miss W.s) is like a child's]
not one in my opinion shows the least talent. } 27/12/76 F.N.
In fact, if one were to judge only from these Horaries, (which one does not) one would be disposed to believe the state of things now at St. Thomas’ what has been described to me absolutely by Miss Gardiner at Highgate: & more qualified=ly, by the best Surgical Sisters & even by the best Male Medical without an ‘Extra’ Nurse at St. T.’s-

Miss G. said: “I tell ----- it is quite absurd to talk of my being giving any training. It is just as much as can be done to get thro’ the Wardwork for me to be if I am working as hard as I can all day long in one of my Wards: & for any Probationer is to be working as hard as she can not only not under me but in another of my Wards.”

The best Surgical illeg & even the best Medical “Male” Sisters (in heavy wards) at St. T.’s have always told me: that it is impossible to “do justice to the Probationers” in without an “Extra” Nurse: that they, the Sisters, must “do” the worst dressings, or the most critical cases (in Medical Wards) themselves: & that they can only give the Probrs= even “the 10 months’ old Probrs=,“ the slighter cases or the ‘menial’ work to do: because they (the Sisters) cannot overlook (train) them: the Probationrs= they “have not time” Sister Arthur has in fact told me exactly what Miss M. says 27/12/76 F.N.

N.B The “pinning up checks” occupies a ridiculous amount of space (if not of time) in the Horaries?

To sum up: If the Probr= cannot do what there ought to be an “Extra” Nurse to do, she must do a Ward Maid’s work: & our best Lady Probrs= have solicited & obtained an “Extra” Nurse’s place (temporarily) an this account -----

I shd= like to see these Horaries again:

27/12/76
25/5/75

Sir Francis Hicks

Treasurer’s Office
St. Thomas’ Hospital

Dear Sir Francis Hicks

First: I must thank you very much for your very kind letter of May 22: altho’, as you anticipate, the change which you yourself appear to consider as disastrous, [how much more so much I!] contemplated by you, carries a sort of terror with it to my mind.

I will not trouble you with the arguments, obvious & not so obvious, against making a change,- fraught with so many ills, direct & indirect,- [ills?] -as that in the hour of Medical visits_ for 17 years so wisely arranged by St. Thomas’ Hospital: & now, you tell me, perhaps to be allowed to the afternoon.

Because I am quite sure that you have thoroughly gone into them. in every possible light: in consultation & in private.

But allow me to say that,
unless the Treasurer & Governors of St. Thomas’ Hospital can make the sun & the Earth to alter their relative positions, & the Sun to set later for the 6 winter months, no possible arrangement that {over top illeg} even the Treasurer can make can do more than molify the evils which will spring from the alteration in the admirable systematic daily course, of the Hospital order, laid down by himself & the Matron. For the whole question lies in

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the natural order of things:
  forenoon {from early morning
  \ up to noon & after
& evening
  Hospital Patients must be attended to:
  afternoon: Patients generally sleep, & ought to sleep, or rest: or amuse themselves:-
  they want this relaxation as much as their Nurses:
  Sisters & Nurses ought to have as much of the afternoon as possible for to themselves for rest: [little enough in Hospital life under any circumstances:] for exercise, or for a little leisure:
  Probationers for exercise &
self-improvement: & classes:  
If then the Medical visit  
is in the afternoon:  
the Hospital drive & bustle  
is just prolonged throughout  
the entire day:  
the Patients are stirred &  
‘routed’ up after dinner,  
just when they ought to be  
resting:  
Surgical cases, ‘dressed’  
morning & evening, are  
‘re-opened’ “to show the Surgeon”:  
who is not there at the proper time:  
(a thing which would not  
be tolerated in any foreign  
Hospital of name in which  
I have ever served:)  
Dispensary work is all  
thrown into the evening:  

‘Sisters’ - (who of course  
would not be true Ward ‘Sisters”, {'true' overtrop be}  
if they did not attend the ‘Visit’,)  
have not an hour’s real rest:  
or freedom: or exercise x: they  
are in a round of bustle all  
day long:  
[Probationers, or course, must  
also attend the ‘Visit’, as it  
is an essential part of  
their training:]  
the only regular exercise {illeg smudged ink}  
a number of comparatively  
young women will become, [become? odd]  
for 3 6 months of the year, after  
dark: &, for 3 other months, in the dusk -  
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x It was the common saying,- only  
too true,- that at old St. Thomas’,  
20 years ago; the only undisturbed  
exercise good ‘Sisters’ had could be sure of all the  
year round was at 4 o’clock on  
summer mornings.
There are so many other serious & irremoveable objections that I am obliged to put force upon myself not to dwell (upon paper) upon what I am certain have received your fullest attention: so that I should be only re-urging what you have already urged upon yourself far better than I could do.

Suffer me only to add that the change, if carried out, would remove one of the principal distinctions which render St. Thomas' so superior to other Hospitals in its "Nursing": & one which I have always regarded as of great importance in its bearing upon the Training-School for Nurses.

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Mrs. Wardroper's admirable arrangements, authorized by yourself, to which I am never weary of bearing testimony, cannot be reproduced under any change from any morning to afternoon, unless the Sun can be persuaded to change afternoon into morning.

And I may perhaps be forgiven for suggesting that in no Continental Medical School with which I am acquainted [and few or perhaps none have lived in so many Continental Hospitals as I have] of
any mark would listen for a moment to the arguments for the change of hour urged commonly. {"commonly' overtop illeg}

Yet how noble, how complete is the teaching in the really great Schools of the Continent!

But I feel, dear Sir Francis Hicks, that I must crave your forgiveness for overstepping my limits (which I ought to confine simply to the Nursing: & mean to do so)
in alluding to the Medical part of the question.

I know, however, that your kindness will feel inclined to forgive me:
& I will only add that I entirely concur with you in thinking that the change which you propose with regard to 'friends' visits' to Patients is an advantage—
And in regard to your last kind expression, of a wish to take me over the Hospital, I can assure you that it is the greatest regret of my life that I am unable to profit by your kindness: & that nothing but my absolute imprisonment to

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room & couch could prevent me.

Excuse this letter written under pressure of illness & heavy & anxious business:
& pray believe me dear Sir Francis Hicks ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

Sir Francis Hicks &c &c
LMA (FNM) 1041

Treasurer’s Office
My dear Harry

Miss Gordon left these with me, after having gone over them with Miss Crossland. I went over them with Miss Crossland last night.

"Hospital Nurses"
Miss C. prefers "24 to & not over 30". She says we find Probrs= of that class of life are quite old at 30 sometimes, & quite old enough always-

(2) "Specials"
25 to & not over 33.

//(4) omit

//(8) They both agree about not leaving so much option to the Probrs-= & about compressing as at (8).

Questions at back see (12)

Time Table
see "Exercise"

Could you be so very kind as to copy out this on a "Time Table"- & send it me? [I have hunted in vain for one]

Omit Table of "Night Duty" as they say. [As you say,

"Night Duty" must be in the first year after training. But it must be Miss Crossland is anxious that we should call our training (& make it) two years or three - to fall in with the Times- ever yours
LMA (FNM)

F.N.

1043
A/RNY/85 initialed note, 1f, pen

A small gift for the Biblewomen Nurses with Florence Nightingale’s deepest sympathy for this noble attempt to provide Nursing & cleanliness for the very poor: with gratitude to God & fervent prayers for its extension & progress:

{up diag in other hand:} /Cheque £20/ & if she might hint a wish it would be that this little sum should be expended in water-proof cloaks= or washing= gowns for summer, & washing linen sleeves to take in & off, & washing aprons, or washing money, for two or three of the Nurses in the very poorest districts, where there is not local ‘Lady’ to look after these things for the Nurses

Mrs. Ranyard

26/2/75

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[8:63-65]

I have been asked to write a few words about funds for the proposed new Women’s Hospital. I

The first thing for a Hospital is: that it should do the Patients no harm. And in this Women’s Hospital there will always be a large number of the cases most sensitive to Hospital harm: that is, to not only foul air but want of fresh air, of light, & sun, of floor & cubic space - to whom any crowding is fatal overcrowding- to whom these things, with cleanliness (cleanliness of walls & floors as well as or persons, beds & utensils)
and there must be and all
conveniences for cleanliness,-
& the requisite staff
& for Nursing & illeg
illeg]- are as much
life & death necessities as
food, Nursing & the Medical
Staff itself. For some
operations, each patient much have
a small Ward to herself &
All the Wards must be
capable of direct inspection.
(Hospitals? are an inter-
=mediate stage of civilization.
We must see to it all the
more that this is not
un- civilization)
All these things cost money
- not in the end though, for
cases cured or relieved in
moderate/decent time are cheaper
than cases lingering in Hospital
Women’s diseases are Sanitary
tests.
[But the main thing today {overtop illeg} is {overtop &}, here, now:
the School of Women= Doctors,
the Woman Medical Staff.
Why do we want a Women’s
Hospital, officered by
Women= Doctors? Because
Women= Doctors, tho’ they may
have the best theoretical
teaching, & Lectures,- tho’ they may pass the
most successful Examinations,
take the highest honours-
have the best that the
greatest {illeg nun?} Professors can {vert. line in l. marg. up to
‘[But’}
give—“the same as men”, in {vert. line down l. marg. to end of folio}

short— if they have not the practice & responsibility that Hospital posts give to men=
=students, are only Parasites’— meaning by this word: others thinking & acting for them, feeding them with knowledge they cannot assimilate & make their own in practice.

No General Hospital, even if it admits women= students, appoints them to any post. Then students are (dressers, clinical clerks, registrars: they may be, they seek seek to be,— House & Assistant Surgeons & Physicians, Residents, Resident Accoucheurs &c &c —

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Without these opportunities of practice & responsibility, a woman student, however able & successful, must be more or less of a “Parasite” (like a Church goes who let the Church going & the clergyman do his salvation for him, as has been well said.) {text heavily x-out}
And none feel it more than herself.
You learn a thing by doing it. That is Life.
Life is the thing—practical, earnest, modest doing, which gives life to the dead book.
Give our women=Medical=
Students life —
This is the “Day” of Examinations.
All School & College work, all 
Education- Elementary, Higher, 
Professional- all runs to 
Examinations.
But, except as sufficient 
provision is made for a 
thorough practical application 
of the teaching given,- the 
Examination & the teaching, the letter is dead 

Give us life - Give us life, 
if only (at present) in the 
practical work of this one 
Hospital for Women treated 
by Women Doctors. 
You want efficient Women } {vert. line in 1. marg. to end of 
folio) Doctors- for India most of all 
whose native women are now 
our sisters, our charge - 

{there are at least 40 millions 
who will only have Women- 
Doctors & have none) - 
But for England too you want them 
give them then besides a Women’s 
School of Medicine, a practical 
School in a Women’s Hospital. 
It is so in every thing: namely 
that without room for 
practical application of 
teaching, teaching is nought, 
or at least only half the 
battle. It has been proclaimed 
so in Agriculture- in all Arts 
& Sciences. It is the ground 
for the present cry for all 
Technical Education. [See that 
with in winning the ‘Certificate’ we do not 
stop {overtop shop} short, even {overtop ‘]’} in Technical things]
The need of training, practical (vert. line in left marg to end of folio)
training for women is the
discovery in this country
of the last 30 years.
Such an Institution as this Women’s
Hospital in the outward & visible
sign of—marks the reform
of the last very few years.
It used to be supposed 30 years ago that
women needed no training,
except for music & drawing.
We might have lectures on Music
for a life-time. If we have
no practice, how can we play
or sing?
Medical & Surgical work
is no exception. On the
contrary it is the vital
example. Life or {overtop &} death
depends on the training.

[3]
Education is not instead of,
it is for the development of
independent, responsible
action, initiative, progress,
industrious learning how to
make progress ‘from the
‘cradle to the grave’, or
more correctly from the
education to the end. Let
the great Masters of Medicine
& Surgery say what the
Medical Student, even if he
has won his Diploma, is
after 10 years. If he has not
{‘If’ overtop of}
won his spurs in practical
work, he has deteriorated.
The (year’s) practice for women secured (vert. line in r. marg from
here
by a Hospital post, to be
gained only in Hospitals
served by women, is essential.   {vert. line in l. marg. to end of folio}
But if this be the case with
a woman- Doctor remaining
in England, how much more so
for her who is going to India, where
she may find herself called
upon all at once, (for there
is no one else,) to attend the
most critical cases, brought
to her probably because all
native aid has failed- to
perform the most important
operations, without assistance
- not only where there is no
Doctor within 100 miles -
but, of there were, nothing
on earth, no suffering, danger,
nothing would induce the

Hindoo or Mahometan woman Patient
to allow a Medical man to
approach her- more especially
in one of Women’s diseases or
child birth.
In India too instances have
been known of (so-called) fully qualified
Women Doctors -
not having had the independent
practice of a Hospital post,-
- who have lost their nerve
when called to unassisted
responsibility.
    Throw persons into the water
to make them swim - but
what if they drown others?
Lastly, But there are Women- Patients in England- What do they want? Is women’s Medical Service in India & there only, wanted? What are we to say for England? What woman of us all has not known many, many poor women, who would rather go thro’ any suffering than undergo the necessary examination before men- students at the General Hospital? And it is singular, no or perhaps not singular that those women, Hospital Nurses, who have seen the most of these examinations as Nurses, are often those who will ileg submit to them as Patients They risk health & life rather. {text is heavily x-out} To the Women’s Hospital, even where nearly every Patient pays something, they go many women by preference would go-

Lastly, Where & how can a woman or a man be taught how to teach? Only in active service Only in the campaign of life - Where can they acquire the instinct of correct diagnosis? Only by the beside of Patients, with every faculty quickened & intensified by direct personal responsibility. The woman’s Hospital officered by women will become the women’s Medical Normal School, And as time goes on and the younger women become older, they will be kept young in professional knowledge,- Medical, Surgical & Sanitary, - by constant contact with those
who read, discuss & think out
the newest (& the oldest)
problems of Medical science.
The greatest men doctors value
most highly the constant
comrade-ship of younger
Medical men. Do not
Medical lectures at Hospitals
mean, in practice, the
submission of the lecturer to the keen
competitive criticism of
younger men, all alive to the
newest & latest revelations of
older theories, strengthened or
weakened by experience?
Why not the same advantages
for women: as for men-doctors?
They must learn to teach.
Teaching demands imperatively
the ordered classification of

knowledge, and a cultivated
power of imparting it. Women
only can thoroughly, fearlessly,
& frankly, teach women all
branches of Medical Science.
Is not this true? But, they
must be properly equipped
for such duty. And for this
the responsible practice
of the Hospital, the careful
preparation for the Lecture
room, & the keeping in touch
with the younger, fresher minds
will combine to it them.
We want to press the whole of
woman’s faculties, & bring
one or another, the scientific,
the executive powers as well as the
sympathetic & the more
contemplative, into the
service of the sick, which is {vert. line in l. marg down to Florence} the highest service of the noblest love
Good speed to the new Women’s Hospital to which in all its branches men give their frankest aid is the prayer of Florence Nightingale
London July 6 1888

H1/ST/SJ/A44/1 draft notes, 8ff, pen & pencil {both in FN and another hand}

ordered Proposed Maternity Institution & Nurses Home & Training School Notes on Mr Salter the Architect Letter

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A Mr Salter appears to forget that in “trying “to assimilate” his “plan” to that of “Lying in women’s own homes” he has omitted the most essential condition, viz that in any room inhabited by the same Couple a second Delivery cannot take place within 10 months, and may not take place for years. This I believe to be the real secret of safety at home. The nearest approach that can be made for her is: to have 2 Delivery Wards to each floor, one of them always standing empty: month and month about: And these Delivery Wards. I believe to be essential, in any Lying-in-Institution of more than 3 or 4 beds, and in constant use, for any safety. Mr Salters’ single bed Wards are then Capital. But delivery in the single bed
Ward would not be without danger: nor would it be assimilated to home lyings-in. As Mr Salter wishes, unless each Ward after each Delivery remained empty for 10 months, a condition which renders any Institution at all, impossible. Neither does economy appear to be attained by this plan; since the essential “standing empty” (for cleansing & aeration) of each Ward, even for a much shorter period than 10 months, seems, by Mr Salters own shewing, to be necessarily longer than if there were a Delivery Ward; and illeg for this is important, If the Ward Scullery is to do the duty of a Delivery Scullery, this so greatly increased the Scullery work, that it renders absolutely essential one good sized scullery to each 4 beds, not to be used for any other wards - together with Bath Sink, Slop Sink, W.O. &c &c, Sink Bath for soiled linen; and all this standing periodically empty with its wards 

But this appropriation of one Scullery to each 4 Beds I believe to be desirable in any case - {X x-out 3 times} [2] {to the left of the above text}
N.B. [To have all the soiled Delivery Linen in this Ward=Scullery somewhat increases the risk to the Lying= in Women in the Wards].

It is so much better to have all the Delivery bustle and Mess apart—

C. It would be impossible to nurse this, in many respects, admirable construction with only 12 pupil-Midwives; even were there three qualified training Midwives— as there ought to be. (and for the first year, 2 qualified Nurse besides) Nor could there be any training worth the name) in such a case: —

see Note

at back {up diag to left of text}

with 27 occupied beds, there might well be 25 pupils: or with 36, 3 {illeg}:

— and there must be a thorough, sufficient and completely organized, and thoroughly qualified TRAINING MIDWIFE Staff

(I do not think one Midwife to every 6 or 8 pupils too much: (this is roughly speaking: for the Staff Midwives are, of course, not ‘told off’ in this way.)

There should also be a Class- room.

Note to B. [cd be used in Hosp]

The Architect states that 3 beds only out of each set of 4 are to be occupied at the same time.

If there are Delivery Wards, it would not & it be necessary to have one Ward out of 4 always undergoing cleansing: (i.e each empty for 3 months) especially as one Block out of 4 must be always undergoing a thorough cleaning, scraping, lime washing: & standing empty for rest and aeration.
D. Are there not too many windows &c
draughts (through a fault on the right side) to the Wards?

E. “Organ” could not be borne by an
average woman, during or soon after
delivery: and would wake the Night pupils {Night overtop night}
sleeping by day – [where half the Patients
are under 9 days old, and the other half
lying-in-women who cannot leave their beds,
an organ seems superfluous.]

F.N. {x-out with 6 lines} [FN hand
here]

F. Ward Ventilation: is not this open to
some question? The Architect
proposes to combine Tobin tubes with
the Ventilating grate. He says the
Tobin tube is intended to clear out
the air from the stagnant corners
of the room: but in one half of the
room he places the tube in the corner
close to the door, where the opening
of the door would prevent stagnation.
Would not the long channels for these
tubes soon become foul & be difficult
to clean? Moreover the inlet for foul
air thus proposed- would it not
prevent the action of the ventilating
grate when the fire is lighted? In
warm weather it would only act,
provided there are adequate means
for the removal of the air as well
as for the admission of fresh air. The
Sherringham ventilators would scarcely

Over {boxed in}
suffice for the exit, & moreover would allow the foul air to pass into the upper wards.

On these grounds is it not essential to provide shafts carried from a little below the ceiling of each Ward separately, to above the roof - the lower part of the shaft to be terminated by a louvred opening, so that, in case the action should be reversed, there should be no down draught -

The bottom of the shaft should be capable of being removed to admit to easy cleaning. The shafts should be placed in the corner of the room on the same side as the ventilating fire place. The proposed ventilation would differ for admission of fresh air.

G. As regards the Corridor & Passages, if these are to be closed x & warmed, it should be by coils of pipes in each, heated from a central boiler: & fresh air should be admitted through the coils so as to ensure the ventilation of each corridor & lobby separately.

[end 16:819]

X by Ventilating Division Windows to open & close by a handle [end FN hand] [6]
Notes on Plans

1. 48 Lying in beds: but in fact only 36 occupied Beds; indeed by Architects’ own shewing, only 27: since, as there is no Delivery Ward, he intends 3 only out of each group of 4 to be occupied together—{see Note to B}
   { p. 4 }

2. Is not Basement accommodation unnecessarily large. 
   a Dispensary not necessary in a Lying-in Institution
   Probably intended for outside Sick Poor?—{(HyBC in bold)}

3. No Basement accommodating especially not an out: Patients’ Waiting Room, or Surgeon’s Room, should be under Lying in Wards. The two, Out Patients and {Out overtop out} In Patients—indeed the two, Patients generally and administrative buildings, should be separate: or, if this is impossible only harmless silent stores should be under patients, not coals. Even a Linen store, where there is much passing to and fro, not desirable. Perhaps all the Servants & Out Patients’ might be place under the Home.

4. We should think the Ward Scullery accommodation insufficient, for this reason: that every block (of 4 } [7]
   beds or ward on each floor) must have its own Scullery accommodation, Sink &c: in order for the periodical cleansing of the whole: one block with all its appurtenances to be always vacant for cleansing
   Also a Bath Sink (Infants’ Baths essential), Slop Sink W.C, Linen and every thing, to each floor of each block—quite separate.
   - “Nurse’s Room” may be well turned into a Scullery: but there must be either 2 Linen Rooms, One for each block;- or the LINEN may be kept in Scullery, which is quite admissible: In that case the “Linen-room” might be made into a “Nurse’s room”. But it would be far better to give up the “Nurse’s room”, & throw half of the Linen Room unto each Scullery, where there must be a hot linen’s closet,—a small kitchen range,— where Syringes &c {illeg etc, te?}, one for each woman, must be kept and washed, where Infants must often be washed and dressed, and where there must be room for nurses and pupils. The Scullery is the “Nurses Room” in a Lying
LMA (FNM) 1058

[to the left of the above text] [8]
in Institution: and must be made proper for the purpose. The A Nurse’s Bed-room in proximity to the Ward not necessary: tho’ not undesirable. There must be an efficient system of Bells.  

5. We suppose It is proposed to deliver each Woman in her own Ward: in this case, after each Delivery the Ward ought to stand empty for at least 10 months: (to “assimilate it to “a womans own home”)—

which of course is impossible - [This ------ {assume HyBC hand in bold}]

objectionable also, for the danger of disturbing the women in the next 3 wards: especially if one were in a state of exhaustion]

This makes the Periodical vacating & cleansing & aerating of the whole appurtenances of each Ward still more essential;

for, if the Scullery is to do duty as the Scullery of a Delivery Ward as well, it will have a good deal to do —

6. Is it intended that the lying-in woman shall occupy the same Ward from time she comes in till time she goes out? There is No Convalescent Ward. (3 Changes are good). But if only there were a Delivery Ward, no other change is necessary

7. It is not desirable to have ward doors opening opposite each other: & it is no necessity of the plan -

[9]
8. Will not the “Open spaces” make dangerous cold draughts & be liable to the rain & snow beating in on bad weather. If there is a Delivery Ward (which is considered essential) the passages and Corridors must have no “open spaces”, and must be capable of warming; as the Women will have to be carried through them after delivery.

9. The Lifts, if, (as stated in the Architect’s letter), it is intended that the Patients should ascend in them, are, (as shewn) too small to admit of this: But there are many objections to Patients being carried in Lifts.

9. Yes. Lifts

10. Yes. Lifts it is intended that the Patients should ascend in them, are, (as shewn) too small to admit of this: But there are many objections to Patients being carried in Lifts.

We see no provision for isolated accommodation for a sick or Fever lyings-in woman: This is essential: and is referred to in Mr. Salter’s letter. {assume HyBC hand in bold}

11. We see no accommodation for having reliefs of pupil-Midwives. [FN pencil] By adding another floor to “Home”, more sleeping accommodation might be obtained.

Nor is the number proposed to train given:

- {illeg a=?} 30.

(There are only 12 Nurses’ beds } shown: and and 5 Ladies’ ” } no reliefs.

=sleeping accommodation for 16 in all, including Matron, Nurses &c: or 17 with two beds in one room.

12. We see no accommodation for Head Midwife or Midwives. There must be one, if not two, or even three Midwives. The head Midwife will expect 2 rooms The “Sister’s accommodation, however, might be turned to this purpose.

[10]
13 Is not the mortuary (though there should be no deaths) rather too much in sight of the left hand block {illeg v-?}
Even if there were no deaths, this is objectionable.  
(Of course no post-mortems, will be done here).
14. Points of Compass not indicated –
15. 4 floors & 3 FLOORS of WARDS Objectionable–.
This is the blot of the plans both for health and convenience of administration.
Of course you cannot be scraping, white washing &c over the heads of Lying= in women. The whole block from top to bottom must stand empty at one and the same time.
To have more than two floors of wards one above the other should F.N. always be avoided, if possible: as there is always, too, risk of the foul air from the lower room passing into the room above: & of the means of exit for foul air are to be solely windows &c Sherringham valve in the walls, the foul air would then pass [11] almost directly to the room above:  

{not F.N. hand:) Maternity Home & Training School
Notes on Plans
[FN:] To sum up:
1. The Site is low & flat:
   - open to the East:
   - has good circulation of air from River.
   - Sub.soil: said to be Gravel-
2. Plans show a central administrative block separated by open lobbies from Pavilion blocks. Pavilion blocks 4:
   - each pair of block connected by an intermediate block containing Stair-case & Ward Offices
   - Each Pavilion: 4 floors.
   - Basement floor apparently half sunk: contains cellars, store-rooms,
   - Housekeeper’s, cook’s, & servants’ bed-rooms– Out Patients’ Departmt–,
   - including Dispensary (in a Lying-in Institution, the fewer drugs, the better:) & Medl= Officer’s room.

Unadvisable to place Out Patients’ Waiting {inserted:) A room where Midwife

[FN blue pencil] can examine Patient to see

when admission desirable is of course essential.

But this had much better not be under a ward.

Room, especially if sometimes crowded, under Sick Ward.

Hospital Servants’ sleeping accommodation should be airy: & if possible separate from Ward buildings:

Coal Cellar inconvenient, because not central:
- should be airy: & if possible separate from Ward buildings:

Coal Cellar inconvenient, because not central:
- should be under or in communication with Laundry or Kitchen: not under a Ward.

Wards are on ground floor, first floor, second floor. Ground floor appears raised 8 steps: or about 4 ft. above general ground level.

Undesirable to have more than 2
floors of Wards one above the other:
especially if exit of foul air from rooms
is to depend solely on windows &
Sherringham valves in walls: as foul
air from lower room would them pass
almost directly to room above.

Each Pavilion is cut off from adjacent
central Ward= Offices= block by open
corridor: corridor giving access to Wards
also open: will give access to rain, snow
& cold, besides 'Wards': Night attendance
will be severe indeed:

East set of 4 Wards {illeg would?}) better complete
in itself, with Scullery, Slop sink, W.C.
accommn=: with a place for portable baths:
& arrangements for easily filling &
emptying baths –

If however {illeg there is be} but one Ward Scullery
to each 8 Wards, {illeg then} enlarge {illeg it} into small
Kitchen 10 ft. x 12 ft at least with
small range: & all conveniences
for hot water & warming linen:
- Slop-sink should have lobby for
portable bath & &c &c:

Delivery Wards: if 2 (with Scullery &
other appurtenances) {illeg are} attached to each Floor,
plan would require remodelling, if to be
arranged with regard to administrative
economy: &, previous to such remodelling,
better lay down specifically exact proportions
of Scullery acccommn= &c to be allotted to
Ward: & No= of Wards to {illeg to be attached to} each pair of
Delivery Wards –

The plan of Delivery Wards strongly recommended. {HyBC in bold}
The Plans are a great advance
in Hospital design: & deserve
the highest interest on that
My dear Harry

I think this Draft will do very well

1. Dr. Sutherland (who was here) suggests that you should leave out the Paragraph (bottom of p. 14) about not “hanging up in the wards,” he saying that this is sufficiently provided for/against by the proposition about “Circulars”.

I don’t think so.

I think that they are so stupid that they might say, ‘if we “hang up in the wards” Circulars not necessary.’

Whereas what we want is (& Dr. Sutherland agrees) Circulars emanating from W. O. – (& not ward - hangings.)

2. Dr. Sutherland further suggests whether in lieu of your last 4 lines, you should not put “As the entire staff, including the Supt altho’ carefully trained for the work, are new to the service of a Military Hospital & as questions may arise at first requiring experience to deal with them, I add that, should any such questions “present themselves, the Commn will be happy “to aid in advising the S. of S. in regard to them”-

I don’t think so

I prefer your last four lines, as being more general, less likely to set any body’s back up.

3. I have been greatly pleased & rendered more hopeful by the progress Mrs. Deeble has made in the last 3 weeks - Her tone is quite altered - there is much more
consideration - less ignorant self-confidence
- less dependence on patronage & interest -
  Shrewdness I knew she had - But it shews
  much more power of reflection & apprehension
  than I gave her credit for that she should
  in so short a time have mastered 1. that
  the interest of the Horse Guards & Director Genl
  will do nothing for her - that it lies
  entirely with W.O. & Treasury - 2. that

Military General Hospitals are totally unlike
  Regimental Hospls (to which she has
  been used) & far inferior in discipline
  to Civil Hospls.
I have not time to go more into this now- But
  I write it for this reason - Mrs. Deeble has
  repeatedly urged upon me lately that she
  must, absolutely must, see me to go
  over the Regulations with me before she
  goes down to Netley on Saturday - I agree - [I want
her */, HER think that the Regns emanate entirely
  from the W.O.]
Dr. Sutherland (who agrees & who will do his
  best to get them thro’ the W.O.) suggests
  that you should either call upon Mr.
  Talbot or write to Mr. T. A private note
  something as follows -

H1/ST/NTS/A16/17/29b book inscriptions:
  Murchison, A Treatise of Continual Fevers with pencil inscription
H1/ST/NTS/A16/17/29b with inscription: “Offered to Miss Blower /on her
  return to England and on her entering upon the great St
  Bartholomew’s/with Florence Nightingale’s very tender blessings upon her
  and her work that she may “run” with “continued” patience the “race” set
  before her, as may we all. Xmas Eve 1878.
* and books Hymns of Faith and Hope Horatius Bonar. Jas Nisbet 1874; fly
  leaves inscribed in pencil. vol 1 “Dear Miss Blower: with F.N.’s best
  wishes for the voyage (See “Ocean Teachings” p 8) Lea Hurst Sept 15/75
  Vol 2. “Miss Blower: “Good Will” to Canada: from F.N. 15/9/75"  
  vol. 3 “Miss Blower from F.N. 15/9/75 God speed the new work in Canada.
  Sept 15/76" and
Introductory Notes on Lying-in “A humble warning little book offered to dear Miss Blower with Florence Nightingale’s best love August 1880” (note sure which sister)

H1/ST/NC18/15/72 signed letter, 1f, pen

17/1/72
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
W.
Messrs. Humphrey & Cairns

Gentlemen

I beg to re-inclose these papers which Dr. Sutherland of the War Office has again seen & approved - & which I will ask beg you to return to me -
Would you be so good as 1. to send me an Estimate of the cost
2. to let me know the length of time you will be over the work?

Will you be kind enough to let me have my Acct of work already done by you here as soon as possible & oblige your obedt servt
F. Nightingale
Queen Charlotte’s 27/1/73
My dear Harry B. C.
I think the next thing is to get,
as you say, the Mortality Statistics
1. in the Hospital

2. among the women they deliver
   at home
for each year since the
   W. C.’s were altered - (or, from
1857 - & the date of the alteration of
   W. C.s.)
You will see, p. 14 of my “Notes”,
   that I did get the Mortality
up to 1868
and, p. 40, I have given for
   7 of the years since the
   re-building (& before 1868)
the Death- Rates - Some of which are
everous - 81.2, 70.3, 54.2, 39.2 -

But we had better have it all
out now - particularly the
difference between the Mortality
of their women delivered at home
& “ “ “ in the Hospital
year by year - since 1857 -
I sent the whole thing to Dr.
Sutherland - & include his answer -
- not very good -
yrs

F.N.
Please look at my note (blue) on your
“NO” red 3rd page of Dr. Sutherland’s
old letter
Mrs. S. Stewart  June 22/71
7 a.m.  [15:221-22]

My dear Harry B.C.

I send you  [16:457-58]
one of the many letters of
this poor woman -

[Recently I have had quite a
corresponde about saving the Nurses'
Quarters at the Herbert Hospl - for Nurses.
The authorities at the H. H. - (not the
W. O.) wished to divide off part for
some Officers - in a way which would
have made it impossible for Nurses
to live in them -

We won -

And it is to this she alludes -
(The/One letters by her on the subject were to the W. 0. was so
admirable
as to put poor Mrs. Deeble’s - on the same
subject of Quarters - to the W. 0. in
a very unfavourable contrast.))

I sent this letter enclosed to Dr. Sutherland
for information - & enclose his reply -

If you could tell me at your very
earliest convenience (remembering
that she will write to me 12 or 16
pages every day till I answer)
what you think I had better answer
to her. (vide Dr. Sutherland’s suggestion[])

I shall be very much obliged - [end 15:222]
ever yours  [end 16:458]

F. N.

I will reply about Miss Lees to -day.

Her address is: -

Miss Florence Lees
The Lindens
St. Leonard's on Sea -

She was not in London yesterday
nor has been but once since May 12 -
Mrs. Deeble (Letter to you returned)       June 14/71
My dear Harry B. C.

I return this letter, without knowing what on earth to say about it.
She has misunderstood every Paragraph nearly of yours. And every Paragraph nearly of hers 35 South Street, is a misunderstanding.
Still the letter in itself is clear enough - W.
She cannot keep our first rate Nurses -
And she cannot keep those she appoints herself -
She seems (like Miss Osburn) born to ruin an undertaking of this kind.

I had a note from Dr. S. to the following effect: -
"In the present state of matters I do not see what more the Committee can do. She has not kept your Nurses & she has not been able to keep her own - Would not the best way now be to leave her to her own responsibility entirely? not to let her feel that she has the Committee to fall back upon, & to shield herself behind? - Perhaps a sense of this might awaken her to the danger of her position - I see no other course - You cannot implicate the Commee in her bad management.

I don't agree with this - I believe she would not last the year out - without you "to fall back upon"
I only mention it for your information - as I presume that Dr. S. has seen the 2 letters she has written to the W. O. - & he has always hitherto defended her generally - & not thought her "position" "endangered" - [I do feel that our knowledge of her having "accepted valuable presents" rather "implicates" us "in her bad" conduct - And I wish I could feel sure that Mrs. Wardroper had spoken to her quite plainly about this - which will be brought up against her, sooner or later - And Mrs. D. is quite capable of using Mrs. W.'s reticence if it was so as a screen-]
I am quite ready to write to Mrs. Deeble anything you like (on the general subject.)

But my own impression is - her fate is sealed - unless she “awakens to the danger of her position” - [I could not help being amused at Dr. S.’s previous letter to you about Celts being provident & Anglo-Saxons not - (re Pensions) I suppose he is the only person in the world who would not have stated the reverse way of the proposition - He himself is a Celt - & perhaps you know that his own imprévoyance is something miraculous & incredible, even among Celts.] [end]

Temperance tells me such charming stories of your children - partly collected from the Messenger who “adores” them - partly from her own admiration of the little man who comes “like a professed little Messenger” ringing at our door.

unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil H1/ST/NC18/18/21 roll 4 [15:222]

Mrs. Deeble July 3/71
My dear Harry B.C.
I feel such concern about Netley - & (not the least) about the trouble it is giving you - But I am quite at my wits’ end about Mrs. D - {printed address, vertical:}

I feel more tenderly to her but also 35 South Street, more hopelessly, since I saw Miss Torrance - who is evidently fond of her - W.

- she says she is “so kind-hearted” - but who as evidently thinks the embarking Mrs. D. in a Supcy the most hopeless venture that cd have been made -

But the only remedy Miss T. advises is: -
putting “some one like Miss Pringle” in Miss Wheldon’s place – “Miss P. wd quite govern her” – [But then Miss T. says/admits: “there is no one I know/you have like Miss Pringle - And you can’t spare her”.]
But - Miss T. volunteered to say: – you, F.N. ought to write to her when she does things that/about which, if they became known, you cd not defend her with the W. O. [Miss T. implied 1. that Mrs. D. thought herself all-powerful with the W. O. - 2. that she thought I shd defend her thro’ every thing - 3. she Miss Torre. specially mentioned the “presents” matter.]
I don’t know what to do - One cd only write about the “presents” as a Rider to a long letter or series of letters – [end]

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I wrote a slip to you this morng which I am sure you can’t read -
But it was only to say that, I agree with you, “if we are not prepared to offer women” (to Mrs. D.) it does not seem much use my writing to her that she can’t train in a Mily Hospl.
The fact is, poor woman, she can neither keep our women nor her own - F/Over

[Miss T. says that Mrs. Deeble is quite capable, whenever the fancy takes her, of writing such letters as that about the “apartments” to the W. O. - & of not letting me know till afterwards -]
& lastly of forgetting all about it herself -]
LMA misc paper i

initialed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper H1/ST/NC18/18/22

Mrs. Deeble
July 3/71
My dear Harry B. C.

I meant to have written some more remarks ([from]
Miss Torrance) on her - but have not been able yet.

I agree with you - that you say “Is there any use [hospnurs]
(in my writing to her “about training generally at Netley[“])
“if we are not prepared to offer women”? -
in answering: No -
You know I think 1 - women can’t be trained in Military Hospls
2 - specially not under Mrs. Deeble
Miss Torrance thinks 3 - Mrs. Deeble can’t train anywhere

But Miss Torrance thinks volunteered saying that I ought to
write to Mrs. Deeble about things in general
more - specially about taking “presents” -
And it is about this that I want to consult
with you - but cannot now -
I do not see how you can do other than
write to her what you propose -

tho’ she will have forgotten her own letter [by] [edge of page is
torn]
the time yours arrives -
N. B. Miss T. thinks the Netley pay &c ample. [end]

yrs
F.N.

initialed letter, 1f, pencil H1/ST/NC18/18/24

Mrs. Deeble
35 South Street, July 10/71
Park Lane, {printed address:}

W.
My dear Harry B. C.

I think it will be very
kind indeed of you to write
this. (enclosed) -
I have telegraphed to her,
according to your suggestion -
[I have proposed Saturday
or Tuesday week -]
I will return the rest of
your enclosure tomorrow -
Many, many thanks.
ever yours
F.N.
Six Volumes of Byron’s Works to be bound as much like the pattern sent as possible to be lettered on back Byron Byron Byron Vol-I Vol-II Vol-III Byron Byron Byron Vol-IV Vol-V Vol-VI & in gold letters on the side of each Vol: A. H. C. Embley Dec 9/72 F. Nightingale signed receipt, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC/18/21/67 35 South Street, May 31/72 Park Lane, [printed address:] W. Advanced to Thomas Higginson to enable him to enter the Corps of Commissionaires the Sum of Thirty-five Shillings £1.15.0 Florence Nightingale Thomas Higginson his mark [a large +] and 10/ advanced for maintenance Thomas Higginson his mark [a large +]
London Jan 1870

Sir,

The following are the criticisms on the tracing which you have sent me:

1. No Convalescent Home should ever be surrounded - or near a body of buildings. Convalescents should always be placed in the open country where they are not likely to be encroached upon by population.

2. The central portion of the block within the Day-room & wards and containing the Staircase is too large, too complicated, too costly.

3. The Lavatory should not be within the body of the house, but should have its own outer ventilation & be isolated so as to keep the damp out of the house.

4. Superintendence of the Convalescents’ sleeping rooms & also of their day rooms is necessary - & would be very difficult on this plan.

5. The sick wards are out of the way of all care & superintende.
Also: they should not be near the Laundry. This part of the arrangement for male & female sick with their Nurses will have to be reconsidered.

6. It is undoubtedly better to have one Dining-room for the men & one for the women. Still this is not essential. The men & women may dine separately at a different hour. Or the room might be partitioned down the middle. On the whole, convenience & economy would appear to be best consulted by having one Day-room which should also be a Dining-room for each sex.

7. Generally the Administrative part of the building appears large & costly - overweighting in importance the Patients’ part - for whom nevertheless it is intended. All that is wanted may be done at £150 or £160 a bed, everything included - or less
And the people are as filthy as their dwellings. The water appears to be generally bad & unfit for use. Filth of all kinds is washed into the shallow ponds & shallow wells — or into the drying-up river beds from which the people obtain water almost poisonous. The domestic habits of many of the people appear to be little better than those of the lowest class of animals.

Can we be surprised that Nature’s laws are vindicated by the decimation of those who transgress them in this way?

But worse then this —

A long course of bad domestic habits tends to make people morally blind. The inexorable/hard & fast link between pestilence & its determining causes is first lost sight of — next ignored — & then denied. Cholera is a bad thing — but that people should feel that nothing need be done — that nothing can be done — that what has always been is the best thing — is a worse thing than Cholera even.
Dear Dr. Sutherland

Here are the Humphrey papers again with your kind permission.
He asks for the “order” “at once”.
Will it not be an immense job?
Will it not be almost pulling the house to pieces?
Must I not ask for an estimate?
[It can hardly be done while I am in the house — But I am soon going to Embley.]
What kind of time will it take to do?

yrs v. ff fully
F. Nightingale

[there is a large X drawn through this letter]

Feb 5/72
Dear Madam
I will not worry you with words to say how much I agree with & honour your letter —
God speed your undertaking is all I can say & believe me ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
I enclose for your proposed Portsmouth Soldiers’ Institute the Cheque for £10.

. F.N.
Miss Sarah Robinson
Guildford
Bell & Daldy’s
Illustrated Edition of Longfellow’s
Poetical Works
With the thought of all the
kindness
of my friends of
Lea
ever fresh in my mind
& that to *them* may give some pleasure
the little mention of me
at page 406
altho’ so unworthy of this or of their
goodness
this book is gratefully offered
by
Flor N –
To the care of Mrs. Wildgoose [T.O]

signed remittance form, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC18/21/38

London May 22    1869
Messrs. Glyn
pay to the Honble Lucy Kerr or Order
the Sum of Five Pounds 0.0
(for the “Cambridge Asylum” Widows)
£5.0.0.
Florence Nightingale {signature crossed out}

signed remittance form, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC18/21/39

London June 30    1869
Messrs. Glyn
pay to deaconess Olga von Billerbeck or her Order
(for the building fund of the Deaconesses’ Hospital
at Alexandria)
the Sum of Ten Pounds 0/0
£10.0.0 Florence Nightingale [illeg initials over the signature]
My dear Harry

I wrote to you on Monday at 91 G. T.

The only thing which pressed was this: —

Genl Wilbraham says the Netley Quarters will not be ready till "15th, if so soon".

I have heard nothing from W. O.

Dr. Sutherland says (I know not on what ground) that the W. O. expected to hear from you "after Oct. 31."

If the Quarters will not be ready till 15th, Mrs. Wardroper (who is not well) wrote to me that she would be glad to stay at E. Grinstead till 10th.

This morning I have from her the enclosed — which treats of several things pertinent to my Memo.

Please return hers to me —

I think Mrs. Wardroper should have her option of staying till 10th, if Netley Staff does not go till 15th. (tho’ she now says she would only stay till 8th She is only too anxious)

I enclosed a letter from Miss Osburn to you in my Monday’s letter—

ever yours

F.N.
My dear Harry

I return Regulations with some remarks —
  in pencil — Please look at them.

Do you know what day our Staff goes to Netley?

I enclose Mrs - Wardroper -
  Please return her to me -

It would be a great convenience to us all if we could know whether they go on the 15th.

  in greatest haste

yours

Nov 10/69                   F.N.
Thanks for Mudie.
unsigned letter, 4ff, pencil H1/ST/NC18/15/52

How can we get the W.O. to make the last (proposed) Regulation binding, on the Commandant & Medical Officers? not to give certificates -

(printed address:) 35 South Street, Nov 2/69 Park Lane, W.

Regulations
My dear Harry

The “Regulations” have undergone another sifting at the “W.O.” (which I believe means Mr. Talbot’s locum tenens) & at Dr. Sutherland’s hands & mine.

I will indicate 2 or 3 things to explain what has been done:

1. The Supt’s salary has been taken out because, they say, this is a matter of private arrangement between her & the W.O. - passim

2. The question of calling them “Sisters” instead of Nurses has been raised.

This is for your consideration -

“Ward Sisters” is a better name than “Sisters”. But that entails a quiproquo as to what the Linen Sister & Extra Sister are - So I have taken out “Ward” -  

I confess to an old-fashioned prejudice for the name of Nurse.  [It does seem so ludicrous to call women “Sisters”, who, like those Sydney women, are doing nothing but offering themselves to the Patients as wives-] Still I see the good of the little “Sister” - And it might warn the men against the escapades which have been & are taking place with the Nurses now about to quit - & break through that kind of thing. Whether the word used be “Sisters” or “Nurses”, it must always be printed with a large Initial letter.
3. I thought that Mrs. Wardroper had objected to the *brandy* alternative.

I do.

The real rationale of interpreting the matter I believe to be this: -

Malt liquor in an English Mily Hospl, with due care of the Supt, can be obtained & kept up good

Hospital Wine is - Hospital Wine.

Nurses who can take Beer had better not have inferior Wine.

Nurses who cannot, or fancy they cannot, take Beer should have their wine glassful of wine (2-1/2 oz.) daily - but not more, either of Beer, wine or Brandy.

(the one wineglassful of wine as they please, at dinner or supper)

Women, & there are many, (not drinking women) who cannot do without brandy & water are not fit to be in Hospitals at all -

[We made an awful mistake about poor Mrs. Kidd - Don’t let us run any risk again.]

*Brandy should only be taken at Netley on the Doctor’s order* -

On the Doctor’s order, of course, any Nurse temporarily requiring wine or brandy, instead of, or partly instead of, or in addition to, her Malt liquor, ought to have it -

[On Foreign Stations, where good Beer, or Wine may not be to be had, it is different.] And on such Stations the Brandy clause might be kept.
4. You will see that they & we have taken considerable pains about the Regulations referring to Nurses going round with Medical Officers - (altering them several times) - I think, by adding some plurals, we have pretty well covered the ground now - [The treatment used to be constantly altered by Professors - & the Nurse received her orders from Orderly or from Patient himself!! - after the regular visit, which she attended] But, if you can make it more secure, pray do so.

5. The last/penultimate Regulation & the last/penultimate Regulation but two I believe to be necessary with our present Supt. [It is incredible how difficult, unless the Supt sees to it herself, both these things are to secure. (I dare say the Patients are just as well without the medicine - Still they are supposed to come in for it, & don’t.)]
The last Regulation is quite essential - Wilbraham is always giving Certificates to women dismissed for misconduct - I have specimens of these by me.

6. I believe these Regulations will be issued by the W.O. in the form of a Circular - But A Circular ought also to be issued to the Medical Officers - & above all to Genl Wilbraham - But I doubt whether you could suggest this. Would you consider whether when the {the last four lines have a double line beside them in the left margin}
“Regulations” are approved by you & sent in by you (copied) You might not suggest to the W.O. something of this kind: -

{the following paragraph has a large star in the left margin}
that efficient working of the Regulations will depend very much upon the attention of all, Commandant, Principal Medical Officer, Medical Officers, Medical Candidates x, Purveying Officers, being directed to them, as well as that of Nursing Staff - & upon a request from the Secretary of State being made that all will do their best to give effect to them.

X We know that there exists a printed Circular from the Army Medl Dept to “Candidates” (of which cognizance has never been given to us) about the Nursing Service. We know that in this the Supt. is resolutely ignored. [This is a very common trick. They like to acknowledge the Nurses - They don’t like to acknowledge the Supt.]

This (or some other) Code or Circular should therefore be sent officially (printed) to the Commandant, Medical & Commissariat Officers, Medical Candidates & others interested As well as to the Supt. of Nurses, so that every one may know what they have to do.

[We have gone over the whole Draft anew & have consulted, in the additions & alterations, the results of the past experience.]
My dear Harry

I am sorry to have kept these plans even
a post -
But you see so many questions have been
re-opened.
I was positively assured in writing that
the partitions of Nurses’ bed-rooms were up to
roof - Only two are
Also, that the Store-rooms off Nurses’ Day
room had been “ingeniously” ventilated - I can
see none -
&c &c &c
I had to write to Dr. S. to know whether
there was any Sanitary or constructive objection
to making partitions up to ceiling -
He says not -
I think these Quarters very good, very ingenious.
But I think they would be 50 per cent. better
with certain objections removed.
I do not think my Remarks 1 & 2 mere
grievances but very solid evils - for Quarters
which may be occupied as long as the Hospital
is.
Dr. S. says: “Please tell them to reply as
“speedily as possible, in order that any changes
may be made - as urgent orders have
been sent to complete” -
He need hardly say that to us -
ever yours
F.N.

Embley
Romsey 12/10/69
Netley Night Nurses’ Quarters

My dear Harry B.C.

I do not see how, as you say, we can do anything but accept this — Nothing can have been so unreasonable as Mrs. Deeble in all this — & nothing can be less perfect than these rooms for Night Nurses.

The window opening into the Corridor looks straight across the Corridor on the open sky — Otherwise I should say we were hardly justified in putting a Night Nurse into a room with only a borrowed light — & next door to a kitchen — There will be room for the beds being placed with the heads away from the Division wall — which is a thick one — & not very permeable to be/noise or heat.

Otherwise, — knowing as we do now, Mrs. Deeble’s great want of consideration for the Nurses, — I should say that the position of a Night Nurse sleeping on a summer afternoon — with, at her back, to what might be a roaring kitchen fire, cooking for Mrs. Deeble’s boys — & unable to open her window into the passage/corridor, moreover, on account of the noise, — was not a desirable one.

As you say, 2 servant girls sleeping there are not so objectionable as one — but in that case, with Mrs. Deeble’s ‘slammer’ girls (maids) “of 16”, I should think they had actually better be sleeping together (without a compartment, I mean)

altogether, I fancy this must be the end.
-2-
viz. that the maids should sleep there - & the Night Nurses in the Supt’s late bedroom. But I don’t see how you can do otherwise than accede & say that, if practical evils should arise, they can be dealt with afterwards, - & that both windows should have cords for drawing them up & down at top.

I am so sorry about all your Child= misfortunes - but they seem to be pulling thro’ them very well, thanks to your good management - And I hope Sibella’s will be the merest shadow of an attack. Pray give her my love - & sympathy

[end 16:457]

ever yours
F. Nightingale

unsigned letter, 4ff, pen H1/ST/NCI/66/18a

H35
My dear pair of Dominican victims
It is NOT your business “to enquire”. No more it is at Rome or in Spain. I am delighted.

Amen
Says F.N.

Dr. Sutherland feloniously made away with Dr. Acland’s paper to Dr. Acland & with Sir R. Watson’s to you - But he has told me (or says he has) their contents, & also his conversation at the W.O.

My dear victims: -
1. there is no chance of bringing over the Dominicans (I mean the Doctors) whether in or out of the P. L. Board, to right views.

[Of course, as I am addressing Dr. Acland, I except him.]
The positions taken by them are just those taken by all opponents to improvement—How can you accept their votes, founded on what they choose to put forwards as their opinions?

Sanitary Reform in Civil Life & in the Army has been won, so far as it has been won, by appealing from opinions to facts— to carefully ascertained facts.

If you are to improve Workhouses & Workhouse Infirmaries, you must—either call in the aid of past experience— or — appeal anew to facts, disregarding all mere opinion.

And, if these men still stop all enquiry—very wise men they are! — & still choose to rest their Report on pre-conceived views & opinions, what can you do — you pair of gone 'coons? — [you are on very perilous duty! The forlorn hope is nothing to it.]

You must refuse to sign any report, not sustained by positive irrefragable evidence.
I have not seen a single allledged fact
[I call them all assertions] put
forwards by them, which does not
require the most careful sifting.
2. What they ask you to do is this: –
for centuries many of the most able men,
physicians, surgeons, architects,
publicists, statesmen,
have been engaged in ameliorating
the condition of the sick poor in
Hospitals.
Formerly, Hospital Mortality was: –
25 per cent. & upwards, of Admissions.
At present, 6 or 7 per cent. can be had.
But this is too much.
The reduction (of Mortality) has
followed slow augmentation of cubic space,
& improved nursing & management.
The men you have to deal with are
trying to go back, & to drag you back
into the exploded Mediaeval system
of Hospitals - ignoring all that has been
done.

3. The first thing is: –
resistance to this.
Ask for proof of every opinion.
Without casting doubts on what they
advance - you must be satisfied as to
the facts, before you commit yourselves
to the Report.
They appeal to their experience as
Hospital physicians.
Do, you, appeal to Mr Paget, e.g., &
Dr. Parkes & others.
You are not there to confirm the
views of the Medical Members.
You are there to bring out the truth
Insist on the Registrar-General being
the Statistical referee -
[I am an old cove (an “old man”,
the Psalmist says). But I never
did see public business done before
in such a way, no, not since I retired
into Public Life.]
2 signed cheque forms to pay to Mr. Robert Robinson five pounds

form March 12 1888 H1/ST/NC18/21/58
Mr Robert Robinson £5
remittance form, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC18/21/59
to Mr Robert Robinson for £5, dated August 23, 1888
£5.0.0

H1/ST/NC18/21/60 to
Mr George Pickworth, Please add my name to the List of Subscribers to
the Portrait of William Farr
Florence Nightingale
10 South St. Park Lane W.
[No. of Copies] One
17/10/78
Signed cheque, black-edged paper, H1/ST/NC18/21/55

London February 10 1871
Messrs. Glyn
pay to Priscilla Lydia Sellon on her Order
(For the Shoreditch Smallpox sufferers)
the Sum of Ten Pounds 0/0
£10.0.0 Florence Nightingale {illeg initials over signature}

ACC/H1/ST/NC18/21/40 signed money order, 1f, pen

London July 9 1869
Messrs. Glyn
pay to Mrs. M. Gonzaga Barrie or her Order
the Sum of Five Pounds 0/0
£5.0.0.

Florence Nightingale
delivery form, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC18/21/66

sent July 14/71
by command of
Her Imperial & Royal Highness
The Crown Princess {printed address, vertical:} 35 South Street,
(the other half Park Lane,
of these papers will follow in a day or two) W.

from Her Royal Highness’s
most devoted servant
Florence Nightingale

ACC/H1/ST/NC/18/021 form filled out, 1f, pen
for a copy of a portrait of William Farr, dated 17/10/78
Liverpool
25 January 1864

My dear Miss Nightingale

I have not troubled you with a reply to your note as I waited till I could hear from Sir J. McNeill what chance there was of Miss Erskine. I heard from him this morning that there is none, her duty to a sick sister making it impossible. From the position the thing has now assume I am not sure that there would have been any chance of getting her aid.

I had a long confidential consultation yesterday with Mr Cropper (who has been one of our most energetic and influential workhouse reformers and whose name is probably know to you), the Poor Law inspector of the district (a very superior man) and with the governor of the workhouse who is also very clever and very influential. There are so many difficulties which only the governor can overcome, as to accommodation, departments, etc., and he was so thoroughly up to what was required here would be such opposition to any fresh [?] independent, even though nominally subordinate authority in the workhouse, such fear of the donors of charitable assistance interfering, that when I suggested that I should write a letter to the governor (which I shall send through Cropper, who is a guardian and on the workhouse, i.e., hospital committee) offering, on condition of my name not being mentioned to even the guardians themselves, and reserving no right to interfere or criticize and the public to know nothing of the matter, to place at the disposal of the governor a sum of £700 per ann. for three years to introduce a system of nursing under a trained superintendent (who is to be a lady but not to be called lady superintendent but hospital or assistant matron), a larger number of trained or superior nurses, say one to every forty or fifty patients, and the under nurses to be not paupers but respectable women. My idea was to have the trained nurse and under her to take available women out of the paupers off the pauper list and make them under nurses, but Mr Carr begged that, if he was to try the scheme, it might be in one of the hospitals in which no pauper official should be; any woman fit for a nurse would not be (as a rule) in the poorhouse unless she had some moral taint, and if wished to raise the moral atmosphere we must not ask respectable women to mix as nurses with such women, particularly in circumstances of great temptation.

There are three hospitals in all about 100 patients. The male hospital, the female hospital and the fever hospital; we should probably try the male and fever hospitals. If they prospered I dare say my father and brother would join to do the whole, which would cost about £1000. As to medical comforts, we must not name them; the doctors, who are first-rate, order what they please and there is no want there. Miss Merryweather was struck with the liberal management in this respect. We must say nothing about the future. If we succeed I expect the guardians will do it, or if not, an offer of a subscription might be accepted then; the mention of it would injure our chances now.

Your letter to me is so calculate dot help the matter with a few modifications, that I want you to be kind enough to allow me to use it, either by rewriting, with modifications in the sense altered in pencil,
the second and third sheet, and signing it, without addressing it by name to me, or by authorizing me to have it copied out with those alterations, as extract of a letter from you.

Please return me the original as the erased portions are valuable to me as reminding me of things within my own experience.

As to a lady superintendent, that is the greatest difficulty; have you heard of one that will suit our altered plans, who will be willing to obey in order to command, and not care what she is called if she can do a great Christian woman’s work, the extent of which for good no one can foresee; tact and refinement and religion without bigotry are absolutely necessary. We must get Mrs Wardroper to let us have two or three, as many as she can spare, of her best scholars and perhaps Miss Jones for such a work would let us have a few also; we ought to see our way to six or eight good nurses before we dare begin and then take a hospital at a time.

I am sorry to trouble you again if you are worse than usual; the answer to this letter will wait or week or a month if necessary; it will be some time before we must act.

yours

(signed) Wm Rathbone

H1/ST/NC2/V2/66 Note on back of letter

Jésu je t’ai donné mon
bonheur: donne-moi ta
foi!
Pourquoi aurais-je envi de
trouver rien de plus doux
que la mort
J’espère que je suis persuadée
mon Dieu, que tout ce que tu fais
est bien fait
Le moindre de nos cheveux est compté
Ainsi nos peines donc
toutes un but

H1/ST/NC2/V1/70 E Cox to fN 14 rue Le Merchier Amien. May 9th My dear kind friend. Your loving truthful letter has ben to me like oil on the troubled waters. I seem to be living in such a sea of lying deceit and fraud, that I scarcely know where or how I stand! Not a vestige of truth seems left in this whole nation. The longer I live amongst them the more utterly depraved I find them and the more they find I have to give the more mean and paltry the way in which they try to exact it from me, as I know they always like to hide from the poor and the soldiers what England has done and is doing for them as far as I have health and strength I myself give and tell them all England sends it, to show them her sympathy often I am compelled to accept the company of priests and ladies or gentlemen as my companions illeg illeg these people try and set me on one side and telling the people I do not speak French well and therefore they will explain of course I am compelled from courtesy to listen and then I am startled by hearing the way in which they impress
on the people that it is they have brought the things as they have so much love for their suffering poor &c and then when they have finished I begin by telling them who I am and that I am sent by England to relive their wants and that my husband Col Cox is the gentleman who represent the English Seed Fund and has tried all in his power to see justice has been done them for England likes to hear all their most pressing wants illeg and that the decent people who accompany me have only come to show me the way and that I do not require an interpreter. All this aggravates me and makes me almost out of all patience but then when I remember the smiling happy faces of the wounded when they see me and the grateful looks of the poor in the villages I feel I am regarded then thousand times more than I deserve for the little I have been able to do, therefore I am not justified in being impatient but now ther is another thing which rather trys one and that is--as I go about in the villages where there has been desperate fighting I see a thousand ways and means I mt have turned to far better account. In the poor sufferers if I had only trusted a little more to one’s own idea of what was right and not yielded to the false ones of others! But these experiences in this bitter war has certainly taught me many wise lessons. I think if anything so unfortunate ever occurred again may yet be turned to good account. I always return from the places where there has been these desperate battles with the feeling that we as women fell very far short of our duty in not always following closely on the battle field and seeing the wounded there gathered up and taken to a safe place and I will tell you why it is woman’s work.

If the Germans as conquerors are to be to us the living existing examples of what conquerors are to be and do in this our age women alone can ever deal with them—for as men they would not dare to refuse us permission to pick up the wounded and carry them away to some safe place. I am assured—but then again—can I believe it? That in almost every battle in the north the Germans wd not allow a Frenchman to be approached until their own wounded AND dead were carried away out of sight! And there are cases such as at Bussy les Dours where one man alone was heard moaning and calling for help for nearly 3 days and that the Germans removed from an outpost as they did not like his groans they held a pistol at the cure’s throat because he tried to pass the boundary and reach the dying man. This the cure told me at Villers/Bretormeux there was the same thing occurred, but then only for 24 hours. Whether all this can be verified will be seen hereafter. But if a band of nurses cd be assembled at such times for this piteous North? What a crowning glory it wd be for humanity! But then again where can the women be found for such a work and who wd be worthy of such a holy mission? With one such to accompany me and a pocketfull of silver and many valuable illeg would have been? The silver ... I tell you that during this calamitous time if I had only had a suitable vehicle at my disposal and a little of the money to do as I pleased with which has been so recklessly squandered in many places this wd have been the one work to which I wd have devoted my energy—one could not have made the effort, however badly it mt have ben done it mt have led to a way being found for carrying it out regularly. Col Cox and self often talk over all this. Can you find out for me who made out the questions which are printed and
sent here and elsewhere. For replies? I wonder if it was a person who saw for himself all the great wants of humanity is to allowed to step in between belligerents a far more searching code of questions must yet be asked and replied to. Has it ever been suggested ha each and all who were sharers in the Red Cross work shd if they have time and inclination send in a code of question, the eyes and ears of those who drew up the queer and a/

H1/ST/NC2/V4/70 Note on letter of J.J. Frederick 6 September 1870, pencil

The Secretary of
our Army Sanitary Commission
at the War Office
a married man of
probably £150 a year
his wife keeps no
servant-yet cooks for
poor sick neighbours the
game I sometimes send for herself
-has lost a child
but is again “expecting.”  F.N.
Emigration saves England from these tremendous convulsions.

If France wd emigrate, she might be saved too.

The longing which seems instinctive—as food must first be got out of the land, to possess the land drives the enterprising Englishman to the Colonies.

The enterprising Frenchman can only get his land in France—Everything out of France is an exile.

The best & wisest motives of common human nature are the remote causes which drive a Frenchman to revolution.

It really was reserved for the Devil of France of 1871 to operate in the name of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity of this barbarous disaster in a civilised world.

Quel genre de littérature, bon Dieu!—so little truth & so much rhetoric—it is astounding then they don’t dare to tell the most interesting & characteristic parts of a life, because they will not fit in their pompous baym [?] M Mohl

She spoke of it all, as one just came from heaven & going back again might do (Madam de Stael) F.N. [end]
How will the Register protect the public or the Nurses
Not at all
The public will have to enquire as before
The Nurses can only be protected by being found out
73 years ago
old Apothecaries have died out

Mr Burdett & “The Hospital”-- The Hospitals of London, Edinburgh & Liverpool, with Mr Bonham Carter and 3.
Who cannot desert the Hospitalism
Letter of Laura, Walduck’s Private Hotel 11/7/89 to FN thanks for her kind letter, destroyed. “I think she would have endorsed almost every word.

I my “fortnight” shows me by now inefficiency it will not be thrown away. However I have not forgotten my five years’ training nor my medical nursing. As to the hospital I never was proficient.

Nay, do cease to regret her part. Our God forgives mistakes (I am not speaking of her, the blessed one). He over orders all things. He has over ordered all. She was sanctified since her “going home.” I have suffered. Blessed be His Holy Hand for that suffering. Pray for me.

yours gratefully
+ Sister Laura
C.S. Denys
My dear friend

I have set down my answers on separate sheets, as I was compelled to make them longer than your space allowed. I have tried to give what may prove suggestive to those who will help you in your excellent work.

I do not know of “famous” schools, other than those you mentioned. As they are all planned however on a very large scale, it would perhaps be useful to examine some thoroughly good little schools and see how they work. I believe there is a good midwife school in Brussels, but I know no facts about it.

Your questions are comprehensive and will draw forth full accounts from those willing to communicate. I would, however, suggest two additional questions, viz: “Has the course of instruction been enlarged, or curtailed, within the last twenty years? In what directions?” “What has been the relative proportion of midwifery cases attended by men and women, each year during the last ten years?”

I know in a general way that both in Paris and Berlin the midwives have lost ground immensely in the present generation. Fifteen years ago a very clever old Parisian midwife described to me the opportunities for instruction I her youth and showed the superior estimation in which they were held formerly by profession and public. My former colleague Dr M.E. Zackczewoke [?] whose mother was an excellent Berlin midwife, has given me similar testimony respecting that city. It is very important to know clearly the cause of this. I consider it a national misfortune that midwifery, and above all female diseases, are passing into the hands of men.

Your book is most valuable. It will be a right noble thing if a woman should conquer that male opprobrium, puerperal fever! Believe me, very truly yours

E. Blackwell

followed by long notes. Experience of the Maternité Paris in 1849, 4500 patients, 80 pupils Mme Charrier sage femme en chef, MM Dubois, Dangan, surgeons; Mm Girardin and Moreau physicians. answers to 26 questions. plus abstract
some Officers - in a way which would have made it impossible for Nurses to live in them -

We won -

And it is to this she alludes -

(Her/One letters by her on the subject were/to the W.O. was so admirable as to put poor Mrs. Deeble’s - on the same subject of Quarters - to the W.O. in a very unfavourable contrast.)

I sent this letter enclosed to Dr. Sutherland for information & enclose his reply -

If you could tell me at your very earliest convenience (remembering that she will write to me 12 or 16 pages every day till I answer) what you think I had better answer to her. (vide Dr. Sutherland’s suggestion I shall be very much obliged -

ever yours

F.N.

I will reply about MISS LEES to-day.

Her address is: -

Miss Florence Lees

The Lindens

St. Leonard’s on Sea -

She was not in London yesterday

nor has been but once since May 12 -
My dear Sir John McNeill

I have settled with Mr. Herbert that you shall come to me, please, & that we shall both meet him on Sunday, in order that you may indoctrinate him either at his house or here -

I do not think that you are at all more “nervous” about the Indian affairs than the best-informed here - I speak like a parrot. But my impression is from all I hear that this “row” is but the beginning of things, as the revolution of ’93 in France was but the beginning of what ended in the total overthrow of the Feudal System. So this affair in India must end in the entire doing away of the caste system or in the overthrow of the British power there -

We may have to reconquer India - I should like much to go out, we shall have dreadful sickness there, but I have no one to advise me - I want to see you about this.

Also Mr. Herbert wants to ask you about my examination - They cannot at all make up their minds how far it is to go - It is to be a written one - I shall wish to go into business as soon as this
Commission is over -  
with my kindest love  
to Lady McNeill & Miss  
Ferooza believe me ever  
faithfully & gratefully yrs  
 Florence Nightingale  
30 Old Burlington St  
 July 15/57  

SU98 signed {by M. Smith} letter, 4ff, pen {not in FN’s hand}  

30 Old Burlington St  
 Decbr 2d  

{archivist: 1857}  
My dear Madam,  
 Florence commissioned me last night to  
write at her dictation  
a message to Sir John  
 MacNeill, which she  
was anxious to have  
in the Post before  
10 oclock, & I had  

not a moment for more  
than the bare message,  
or I should have wished  
to say something concern-  
cering her health, a-  
about which I am sure  
you will be desirous  
to hear. She suffers  
much from great ex-  
haustion of the nervous  
system. Dr. Johnson,  
under whose care she  
has been at Malvern
calls her malady, tension of the nerves. One cannot see her state without great anxiety, yet we hope that if she can have rest, she may be restored, though much time would be required. Her head is as clear for work as ever, & she gives her thoughts as earnestly as ever to the work in hand.

She is quite unable to do more than this, or you would hear from her. She will stay in town till the 16th, if she can keep up till that time, & then go to Malvern - She desires me to say that she would be obliged to Sir John MacNeill for another copy of the Hospital Diets of the Edinburgh Infirmary. She also wishes to tell him that Mr. Herbert was afraid of going his length about the Purveyorship on the Field, - he will see that on that account they have not done so. With Florence's affectionate regards, pray believe me dear Madam

truly yours

M. Smith
Roslin House  
Great Malvern  
Jany 29th/58  
My dear Madam,  
I should have  
the greatest pleasure in answering your enquiries  
concerning Florence Nightingale but that I am  
unable to report of her as I would wish - She  
varies from week to week  

but on looking back through the time that I have been with her since September last I am compelled to say that I fear there is no real change or progress - I believe "much the same" with some gradual increase of weakness, not from day to day, but from month to month is the only faithful report that I can give.  

She works on as usual,  

& I am convinced, that even in regard to health, if it were possible to deprive her of work, she would be the worse, I believe it is the earnest desire to carry through the work that keeps her alive, & if ever she can have any real rest, it can only be after the work is completed -  

She is intending to be in town on the
4th. This place suits her remarkably well for such intervals of rest as she can take - She is in a Water cure establishment, where she has constant medical care under Dr. Johnson in whom from experience she has great confidence. She has very little treatment in the way of Water cure but the good air of the place & the comparative quiet make it very suitable to her. Her Father is staying with me here & goes daily to see her in the Water Cure establishment which is close to us - She remains entirely in her room & sees no one else, Indeed since her health so completely failed in August she has not attempted to see any one except on business - She lives devoted to her work, labouring with all the strength that remains to her. All those who serve her on business, in town, said that her head never was clearer or more able for business than now - She
desired me to say that
she had been daily
intending to answer
Sir John McNeill’s letter
but the quantity of
writing she has had
has prevented, &
though she had much
wished to write with
her own hand, she
now allows me to

write for her -
I beg to remain
my dear Madam
very sincerely yours
Mary Smith

SU102 signed letter, 4ff, pen black-edged, not in FN hand

{archivist: M. Smith’s writing}
30 Old Burlington St
March 14th /58 [added arch]

My dear Sir John {archivist: McNeill}
I hear with heart-felt interest what you
tell me of your dear
child & rejoice to think
of your not being sepa-rated from her. If
while she is in town,
she will call here as
you kindly propose,
if I am able to see any
one on the day she comes
most gladly I shall see her
I am sorry to be obliged to ask the friends whom I should most rejoice to see, to excuse my uncertainty on any day of what it may be possible to me to do on the next — I thank you very much for your efforts about the “North British” — and may I ask you to thank the Publisher for his readiness to help us — I have communicated with Mr. Herbert & with Mr. Chadwick & you shall hear their answers immediately that I receive them — You will be glad to hear that Genl Peel, urged by Mr. Herbert is doing extremely well for us — We are to send in before Easter for his approval — First — the Draught instructions for the Army Medical Board which I enclose for your corrections, if you will be so very good as to look it over & return it to me as soon as possible. In drawing it up, I have kept as nearly as possible to your own advice. The other three things which we are to send in to Genl Peel, are the “Regulations” which you have already seen, the Forms for the Statistical Department
& the scheme for the
Army Medical School.
We are very anxious
to get in the Hospital
Diet scheme which Professor
Christison was so good
as to undertake to
construct for us, out
of the materials already
used in Military Hospitals
& which he said were
ample - If you could be
so good as to remind
him to let us have this Scheme - then
we should be very
much obliged to you,
as it is to be incorporated
into the Regulations.
    I hope Lady MacNeill
& yourself are well,
& that you are not
suffering as usual
at this time of the year -
    I remain,
    my dear Sir John
most truly & gratefully yours
    Florence Nightingale
Liverpool 25th February 1864

My dear Miss Nightingale,

I have not troubled you with a reply to your note as I waited till I could hear from Sir J. McNeill what chance there was of Miss Erskine— I heard from him this morning that there is none, her duty to a sick sister making it impossible.

From the position the thing has now assumed I am not sure that there would have been any chance of getting her aid.

I had a long confidential consultation yesterday with Mr. Cropper (who has been one of our most energetic and influential workhouse reformers & whose name is probably known to you), the Poor law inspector of the district (a very superior man), and with the Governor of the Workhouse who is also very clever & very influential. There are so many difficulties which only the Governor can overcome as to accommodation departments &c, and he was so thoroughly up to what was required, there would be such opposition to any fresh independent even though nominally subordinate authority in the workhouse, such fear of the donors of charitable assistance interfering, that when I
suggested that I should write a letter to the Governor (which I shall send through Cropper who is a guardian and on the workhouse i.e. Hospital committee) offering, on condition of my name not being mentioned to even the guardians themselves and reserving no right to interfere or criticise & the public to know nothing of the matter, to place at the disposal of the Governor a sum of £700 pr ann: for 3 years to introduce a system of nursing under a trained superintendent (who is to be a lady but not to be called Lady Superintendent but Hospital or Assistant matron) a larger number of trained or superior nurses say one to every 40 or 50 Patients and the under nurses to be not paupers but respectable women. My idea was to have the trained nurse and under her to take available women out of the paupers off the pauper list and make them under nurses, but Mr. Carr begged that if he was to try the scheme it might be in one of the hospitals in which no pauper official should be; any woman fit for a nurse would not be (as a rule) in the Poor house unless she had some moral taint, and if we wished to raise the moral atmosphere we must not ask respectable women to mix as nurses with such women particularly in circumstances of great temptation.

There are 3 Hospitals in all about 1000 Patients. The male Hospital, the female Hospital and the fever Hospital; we should probably try the male & fever Hospitals. If they prospered I dare say my Father & Brother would join to do the whole which would cost about £1000. As to medical comforts we must not name them, the Doctors who are first rate order what they please and there is no want there. Miss Merryweather was struck with the liberal management in this respect. We must say nothing about the future. If we succeed I expect the Guardians will do it or if not an offer of a subscription might be accepted then; the mention of it would injure our chances now.

Your letter to me is so calculated to help the matter with a few modifications, that I want you to be kind enough to allow me to use it either by rewriting, with modifications in the sense altered in pencil, the 2nd & 3rd sheet & signing it without addressing it by name to me, or by authorizing me; to have it copied out with those alterations as extract of a letter from you.
Please return me the original as the erased portions are valuable to me as reminding me of things within my own experience.

As to a Lady Superintendent that is the greatest difficulty; have you heard of one that will suit our altered plans, who will be willing to obey in order to command and not care what she is called if she can do a great Christian woman's work the extent of which for good no one can foresee; tact and refinement and religion without bigotry are absolutely necessary. We must get Mrs. Wardroper to let us have two or three, as many as she can spare, of her best scholars & perhaps Miss Jones for such a work would let us have a few also; we ought to see our way to 6 or 8 good nurses before we dare begin and then take a Hospital at a time.

I am sorry to trouble you again if you are worse than usual, the answer to this letter will wait a week or month if necessary; it will be some time before we must act.

Yours re
(signed) Wm Rathbone Jr.

{archivist: from Wm Rathbone to Miss Nightingale Enclosed to Sir John with note to him 1864}

ACC/H1/ST/NC18/15/45a signed letter by R.J. Whitfield, 3ff, pen

{printed address:} St. Thomas’s Hospital.

8 Octob 1869

Dear Sir

Some of the deviations from the proposed alterations have arisen from the previous imperfect plans, the diminution of the accommodations for the sleeping of the nurses will not very objectionable, on the other hand the extra windows, now brought to light, will be an immense advantage to that end of the corridor which otherwise must have remained very dark -

The Linenry no doubt will be capable of holding all that is required and the serving window tends to keep the Quarters more private -

In making the partitions of wood, whether for the best rooms or otherwise, very great care should be taken to have well seasoned dry wood, that there should be as few crevices as possible for the harbour of vermin -
The two end rooms will answer for the purpose of temporary sickness amongst the Nurses, but I fear (illeg) for any case of Typhus or Scarlet Fever that even the proposed Infirmary must be considered objectionable, as in such a confined space, nothing but entire
removal would be a beneficial preventive -

I thought Miss Nightingale suggested that the old store room should be made into a room with fire place for the Linen Nurses use - Will she not require some kind of room apart from the others? - {the next three paragraphs have a line through them with the word Mistake in the margin}

There is one very serious objection to the amended Government plan, which I think the Nightingale Committee ought not to sanction viz = where it is proposed to close the present entrance to the Lady Superintendents sitting room & to make her enter from the passage to the Nurses day room, thro’ the left hand store -

No Lady would like to have such an arrangement for her friends, or even herself nor do I see any reasonable object in the suggestion, on the contrary a very great additional expense and what is of very considerable consequence delay in the completion of the work -

Why cannot the old entrance to the sitting room be allowed to remain & let the Store room be entirely separated? There is some pretext for the entrance to the left hand Store room being near to the Lady Superintendent Bed room, if the additional expense is no object -

I think the introduction of the Hot water pipes into the Nurses sleeping rooms most objectionable & by no means requisite, if the water pipes in the Linenry are not sufficient to warm & ventilate the rooms, (I do not say heat,
because that is unnecessary) then one or
two small additional coils of pipes
should be placed in the passage
and the warm air/would sufficiently
enter the sleeping rooms from the
large fan lights which are to be over
each door -
   I am sorry to say that I have
been so hindered, that I could not
return your papers this afternoon
with any remarks & have therefore
kept them to send by the man who
will go early into the City tomorrow morning
   I remain dear Sir
   yrs very truly obliged
      R.J. Whitfield

Attn
   My Bonham Carter Esq
   per &c

Private
35 South Street, Oct 25/69
   Park Lane, {printed address:}
   W.
My dear Harry
   Thanks for yours, just received -
   I will write at length about it.
   In answer to your question, I could see Mrs. Deeble any day before
Nov. 8 Sunday inclusive - at 4 p.m. - provided I knew a day
or two beforehand, (as I sometimes have
'Indian' appointments at that time/hour)
   Or I could make an appointment
2 or 3 days beforehand at almost any
time she likes - up to Nov 8 -
   Next Sunday, should she be in London,
she might come & spend the day here with her
little girl - & have an early dinner -
   And I could see her both before & after.
   It might be that I should be able
to do this (if she liked it) the Sunday
after - Nov 7 - But I am not sure -
   [The only time when I find it really
impossible to see people is after 6 p.m. -
i.e. in the evening-]
   I am so glad that Mrs. Wardroper is
to have her poor little holiday prolonged.

I think I must see her before seeing Mrs. Deeble - Or I might see Mrs. Deeble twice - & see Mrs. Wardroper between the twice - Perhaps I had better see Mrs. D. twice at all events.

It is difficult for me to know what to say to Mrs. D - unless I have some cue from Mrs. Wardroper - It seems unfair not to advise Mrs. D - And yet, if she is not a very prudent woman, she may make an unwise use of what one tells her, & tear open old sores - at Netley - I will not keep your Messenger - but will write again - about the other things I merely answer what seems ‘immediate’. ever yours F.N.

Netley Nurses’ Quarters
1. I think it a very serious grievance that the Nurses’ bed-rooms are not all to be divided up to ceiling - [These quarters are not temporary but permanent - These Nurses are not Probationers but Head Nurses] I should certainly ask for all the partitions in the Nurses’ sleeping quarters to be carried up to roof.

2. I think it a very serious grievance also to move Nurses 2, 3, 4, 5 for any slight illness into Nurses’ Rooms 1, 6. [There is nothing annoys a respectable woman more than not to have a single spot she can call her own]
And I think it worse than a grievance to put/move Nurse 1, or 6 into a room where even a slight attack of Diarrhoea, Feverish cold or Bronchitis has begun - then to move her back into her own (late Sick=)room without the possibility of any thorough airing - or temporary evacuation for cleansing I consider therefore the place marked “Infirmary” as essential

2a. But I should certainly ask for an open fire-place in “Infirmary”.

2b. I should let the “Linen Nurse” sleep in it, on the understanding that she evacuates for a
Sick Nurse -

[The grievance in this case would not be the same as in the other. Because she would go into a spare compartment -- which she might even retain, if she wished it -- at all events till there had been a thorough cleansing of her own room, which, after a case of ordinary Diarrhoea even, is quite necessary --

Even in a private house those 6 small rooms with occasional illness, -- never to be evacuated except by moving the sick person from one to another, -- would become unhealthy.

3. As for Typhus &c, Small pox &c, that must always be removed out of the Hospital at once if possible. There are plenty of cottage rooms out of the Quarters to which such cases can be sent -- A case of such severe illness would be better outside in the Cottages There would not be the slightest difficulty about this.

But I would have the “Infirmary” to be used as I have said, & in case of necessity for cleansing the of Quarters --

4. It is decidedly better not to have Hot water pipes in bed-rooms if it can by possibility be avoided -- I agree with Mr. Whitfield’s remark & with his suggestion --
I am only afraid that the Nurses’ bed-rooms with the Gas may be too hot.

5. I do trust that sufficient ventilation for Gas-lights is provided -
   There seem such a quantity of Gas-lights.

6. Store-rooms out of Nurses’ Day-room
   These would be objectionable as reservoirs of foul air, even in a well-aired private house, & should be avoided, if possible.
   Are two Store-rooms ft 8 x 154, (good sized rooms) required for Nurses’ stores, boxes & the like? -
   Surely it can be estimated how much is required -
   If they were ft 6 x 8, or ft 6 x 6, or if there were only one, the objection would be much diminished -
   How much space is required for Nurses’ boxes &c - let that space be provided - instead of two great store-rooms, 8' x 14'.
   A couple of light closets, with windows into room & Corridor, would apparently be all that is required.

7. Nurses’ Day-room
   The climate is not cold - Room sheltered from all but W., S.W., & S. winds
   Still some warming may be necessary -
   [Dr. S. says: “ask for an open fire-place” - It is an open fire-place, is it not?]

8. The Supt’s Bed-room can afford the passage -
   It will still be ft 15 x 14.

9. Linenry
   Arrangement as to Serving Table & Window quite essential & very good -
   Returned
   2 plans
   R.E.’s letter
   Mr. Whitfield’s “
   Mr. Cardwell’s “
   Enclosed
   F.N.’s Observations (these) -
Mr. Wyatt & St. Pancras

"in consequence of the change which took place last April, in the administration of Poor Relief in St. Pancras, it appears to me most improbable that the present Bd of Guardians will ever carry out the arrangement, made so kindly by the N. Comm:,- that a Staff of Trained Nurses should be provided, for service in the new Infirmary at Highgate; - this building is now complete & except the fittings ready for occupation" -

My dear Harry

This is the sentence in Mr. Wyatt’s letter of Oct 1 about the Nurses

What is to be done? -

I would merely suggest for your consideration whether under the circumstances you might not simply ask them about what time their new Hospital will be ready in order that the completion of the training may be timed with reference to that event?

Or something to this effect, addressed to Mr. Moore, the Vestry Clerk, or whoever it is you have been in correspondence with -

It is obvious that Mr. Wyatt means his as a communication to you - as a friendly hint that we may not be left in the lurch.

ever yours

F.N.
Embley
Romsey Oct 11/69
Netley Nurses
My dear Harry
I think, as time is getting on, I had better submit to you, tho’ unfinished, a Draft of Regulations for the Netley Nurses - Nos. 1 and 2 - They speak for themselves - But I have put a sheet of pencil notes inside -
Please return me these my notes as well as the Draft Nos. 1 and 2 - with your remarks -
I dare say we shall have to amend them several times - And of course we must keep in account what the W.O. will give us -
I am again having a most painful corresponde with Mrs. S.S. [She wants to publish! what she calls her “Trial” & Defense!! & actually hopes to re-enter the Service !!!]
But I have taken the opportunity to ask her (with Dr. Sutherland’s concurrence) to suggest any thing she may think ought to be considered in the Regns - And no one could do it better, if she would but do it briefly & calmly -
This then may suggest some farther alterations - I propose going over the Draft with Dr. S. again after it comes back to me from you - ever yours F.N.

Plans received - hope to send them you back to-morrow
My dear Harry

Miss Osburn

I enclose a letter to you, which came under cover to me -

Mrs. Deeble

I saw her yesterday & her lovely little girl -

She goes to Netley on Wednesday & then wishes to see me again -

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Genl Wilbraham says that the Quarters will not be ready “till 15th, if then -”

[I believe him-]

Nothing at all has reached me from the W.O. - about this

Mrs. Wardroper, poor woman, has been laid up at E. Grinstead, & wishes much to defer her return “till 10th”- if the Netley folk don’t go “till 15th”

I wish this may be accomplished -

The W.O. ought to tell us, if it may -
Confidential

Your hints about Mrs. Deeble were very valuable to me - also some I received from Mrs. Wardroper -
I felt more interested in the woman than I could have supposed possible -
I felt more doubtful of her having the stuff in her of a Supt. Genl, or even of a Supt, than I could have supposed possible -
She has great qualities - but they are those which enable a woman to bivouack & struggle as an Officer’s wife & mother - not those which enable her to govern & fit herself into a great organization, like Netley
She seems to have no idea beyond a Regimental Hospital -
She will be engaged in planning a nice tea for the Nurses, while she will let, I am afraid, accounting, reporting & Nursing go anyhow -
I should think she had the incapacity of a baby to see or reflect upon difficult conditions - & not the intelligence to know if she fails -
Do you think it would be desirable to suggest to Sir E. Lugard that Mrs. Wardroper should accompany her to Netley, for a day or two? - I don’t like proposing this, because I think it is doing the W.O. - a great favour. And the W.O. will probably think they are doing us one -
I foresee that we shall have to do half Mrs. Deeble’s business for her, if she is to remain as Supt.
And yet I like her -
I am sorry to say she has not been able to find a servant

The “Regulations” have undergone another consideration & sifting -
I was going to return them to you to-night, but find I must keep them another day -

ever yours

F.N.

I hope Sibella & the children are prosperous -

I have always written in such a hurry that I have never thanked you for your remarks on Gd Duchess, as I ought - I wrote to Gd Duchess, of course, at some length - But I adopted with scarcely any addition your ‘Statut’ Observations with great gratitude -

F.N.
No. 1 - *Conditions of Service for Netley Nurses*

"  2 Regulations for Netley Nursing

Here is a Draft, concocted by Dr. Sutherland & me -

[Please compare with green book]

They are divided into No. 1 “Conditions of Service” and No. 2 -

“Regulations for Nursing” -

Because it has always been contended that the Regulations
or parts of them ought to be hung up in the wards.

N.B. I do not think so -

I think it a very bad plan to subject Nurses who
are Head Nurses to the criticism of Orderlies &
Medical Candidates -

But I do not like the whole concern -

I cannot bear to suggest to our nice respectable
Nurses that they may “appeal against their
Supt” I do not believe one of them would ever
think of it. [It was good for such “wretches” as
poor Mrs. S. S. got about her.]

2. Neither do I think it possible for a Supt to super-

= intend if she has not absolute power of
dismissal -

N.B. We know enough of Sir E. Lugard & of Genl Wilbraham
to know that they have no dearer pleasure
than to support Nurses against their Supt.

[I have seen written Minutes of Sir E.L.’s that
would scarcely be credited in Civil life.]

Yet I know not what else to propose -

There must be some appeal - until there is a

Supt. Genl.

[For my part, I have heard a great deal of the
“support” the Military authorities are so “anxious”
to give to the “Nursing Establishment.”

I never could find out in what it consists,
except in inviting the Supt to parties to which
she had better not go - & in inviting the Nurses
to complaints against the Supt which they had
better not make.]
Draft No. 2  Art. 9 -

There was a constant quarrelling, acute & chronic, between the late Sup Genl & the Medical authorities at Netley about the Nurses’ attendance on the Medical Officers in the wards. She wished it to be always. N.B. It is necessary to remark that Netley is a Medical School in a different sense from a Civil Hospital.

The “Candidates” to whom Clinical instruction is there given are not Students but men who have already “passed” at the Civil Schools & are in possession of diplomas or other “Licences”

To the “Candidates” is also sometimes entrusted the prescribing for & treatment of Patients.

Clinical instruction is also given by the Professors in the wards apart from their own visit to & treatment of Patients (which I believe is not the case in Civil Hospitals).

At this clinical instruction the Professors did not wish the Nurse to attend - tho’ always at the visit.

[This was a ‘stone of offence’ to the late Supt= Genl. She appealed to the W.O. & surprised a decision in her favour viz. that the Nurse should always attend. She also complained of “Candidates[“] (mistaking them for “Students”) being allowed to treat Patients - which, right or wrong, was no business of hers. Any how, it is said that Art. 9 (or ‘Art 9 in pencil’) is quite necessary -]

I do not like ‘Art 9 in pencil’, because I think it opens a door to Army Medical Officers, which we shall never shut - Army Med: Officers are but too well inclined to employ Ward Nurses at everything but Ward Nursing.

16. Last Article in pencil at end.

Our own experience tells us that something of this kind is quite necessary -

The Army Med: Officers will order off the Nurses to attend on the Female Ward, on Officers or Officers’ wives, on private Patients - And it is often difficult for the Supt to refuse without offence

A Regn would protect her.
My dear Harry,

I return this as desired—

Only 3 things occur to me—about it—

1. Please look at No. 5, in which the scale of pay “at present” is laid down, as in the “Medical Regulations[“]

The printed “Medical Regulations” give £20 to begin with. This was found to be quite insufficient—And £30 to begin with was authorized, before we came on the tapis at all—

I suspect it is a mere verbal blunder in the letter. But it is better to notice it.

2. Please look also at No. 7. In which they give servants £18 a year (too little) & expect apparently the “allowances”—i.e. food & washing, I suppose—to be made by the Supt, whose “servant” specially she is not. She is servant of the Quarters.

This should certainly be put right.

3. No. 9. As regards “making up Materials in store”, I think I should state that a proper uniform is now to be provided & must be kept up—that the “material” “in store”
can be used for any purpose not interfering with this.  
[I do not fancy] there can be any difficulty in our  
using up what there is, without spoiling our uniform - But [certainly I would not take]  
either Mignot or Mrs. S.S. (I do not know which is meant by “the late Supt”) as my guide in dress.]  
These things I think need setting right.  
I have this moment had a note from  
Mrs. Deeble, returned from Netley –  
She says there is little prospect, they tell her, of the Quarters being ready by the 15th even -  
She also says she has not been able to find a servant either here or there -  
For the latter I am most thankful -  
To have had one of the Officers’ pets would have been dreadful, as “servant”.  
I have known enough about such things -  
But I could not tell her this.  

Nov 4/69  
“It is 15 years today since we landed at Scutari, the eve of Inkermann”  [end]
35 South Street, Nov 9/69 {printed address:}
Park Lane, W. [15:214]

My dear Harry

Could you add (Netley Regulations)
"The Quarters of the Supt & Nurses will be exclusively for their sole use"
or something to that effect?
[They are forcing us at the Herbert Hospital to give up part of our Quarters to a W.O. Officer’s Sister!!]

I saw Mrs. Deeble on Sunday -
She has hired a servant for a month on trial -
I believe that Mrs. Wardroper’s arrangement is that I should see herself on Thursday, the 6 Nurses Friday & Saturday, to teas, Mrs. Deeble again on Sunday -
Could you kindly look over the enclosed List of Mudie’s bound books & mark any you think suitable for the Nurses as presents, returning it to me as soon as possible?

I suppose Miss Wheldon is better educated than the others ever yours F.N. [end]
Mrs. Deeble
{printed address:} Guardian Fire & Life Assurance Office
11 Lombard Street, London.
Mrs. Deeble  15/11/69
Dear Madam

I am informed by the War Office this morning that the Quarters at Netley will be ready by Saturday & requesting that the Staff may enter as soon as possible afterwards. Write in reply to say that you & the Staff will proceed to Netley on Monday next the 22nd & I should recommend your going yourself on the previous Saturday. It would be better for the Nurses to go on Monday in time to arrive about the middle of the day so as to have daylight for taking possession.

I send you an Extract from War Office Letter of the 2nd with reference to your pay allowances & servant.

You will be entitled to pension according to the War Office Regulations: this & other matters will be defined in a new set of Regulations which are being prepared.

Yours truly Hy Bonham Carter
35 South Street, 10/11/69
Park Lane, {printed address:}
St. Pancras  W.
My dear Harry
Your “attention is called”, as
they say in the newspapers, to
the Poor Law Board Order
about the new Highgate Infirmary
of St. Pancras’, (vide “Times” of to-day)
It has been suggested
whether it would not be well
if you were to call at or write
to the Poor Law Board -
They may want our Nurses
at the Highgate Infy, after all.
The P.L. Board has the power to order them
__________________________________________________________________
I am afraid I must press
for an answer about the Netley
Nurses’ day: Mrs. Wardroper has
herself put me off a day - I had
packed all my engagements as
close as herrings in a barrel.
[Two separate men, going to sail
for India, had asked me to
see me -] And I know not
how to arrange my days -
ever yours
F.N.
My dear Harry

I think this letter/Draft will do very well -
1. Dr. Sutherland (who was here) suggests that you should leave out the Paragraph (bottom of p. 4) about not "hanging up in the wards", he saying that this is sufficiently provided for/against by the proposition about "Circulars" -
   I don't think so -
   I think that they are so stupid that they might say, 'if we "hang up in the wards", Circular not necessary'.
   whereas what we want is (& Dr. Sutherland agrees) Circulars emanating from W.O. (& not ward-hangings -)
2. Dr. Sutherland further suggests whether, in lieu of your last 4 lines, you should not put "As the entire Staff, including the Supt, altho' carefully trained for the work, are new to the service of a Military Hospital & as questions may arise at first requiring experience to deal with them, I add that, should any such questions
“present themselves, the Comm: will be happy
“to aid in advising the S. of S. in regard to
them” -
I don’t think so -
I prefer your last four lines, as being more
general, less likely to set any body’s back
up.
3. I have been greatly pleased & rendered
more hopeful by the progress Mrs. Deeble
has made in the last 3 weeks - Her tone
is quite altered - there is much more
consideration - less ignorant self-confidence
- less dependence on patronage & interest.
Shrewdness I knew she had. But it shews
much more power of reflection & appreciation/apprehension
than I gave her credit for that she should
in so short a time have mastered 1. that
the interest of the Horse Guards & Director Genl
will do nothing for her - that it lies
entirely with W.O. & Treasury - 2. that

Military General Hospitals are totally unlike
Regimental Hospls (to which she has
been used) & far inferior in discipline
to Civil Hospls.
I have not time to go more into this now - But
I write it for this reason - Mrs. Deeble has
repeatedly urged upon me lately that she
must, absolutely must, see me to go
over the Regulations with me before she
goes down to Netley on Saturday - I agree - [I want
her to think that the Regns emanate entirely
from the W.O.]
Dr. Sutherland (who agrees & who will do his
best to get them thro’ the W.O.) suggests
that you should either call upon Mr.
Talbot or write to Mr. T. a private note
something as follows: -

“In sending you this letter, it has occurred
to me to suggest that it would be very
advisable to explain the bearings of the
Regulations & their requirements to Mrs.
Deeble before she goes to Netley on
Saturday 20th. If you concur in this
“& would kindly let me have them
or a copy of them, provided you
agree generally in their scope, I would
take the necessary steps & return
them to you for further consideration
before they are formally issued” -

I concur in something of this sort -
tho’ it is rather a painful thing for me
to do the governessing of Mrs. Deeble
who is a kind of woman for whom I
feel a good deal of respect & admiration.
And - that heavenly little girl!! [She
ought to be made Supt Genl]

4. I am convinced it will be quite necessary
for us to draw up the heads of/for her Annual
Reports, - to be issued as an Instruction from
the W.O. - And [She herself has asked me
to do this privately for her (while asking
me to let her write privately to me.)]

The better plan would be, (if you concur,)
for me to jot down a few heads, for you to
take them & , with Mrs. Wardroper, add to
them, & then for you to suggest to the W.O to issue
them as an Instruction, supplementary to the
Regulations, (for Supt)-

But for this there is no hurry -

5. I have seen all the 6 Nurses now - They are of a far superior stamp than any I have seen before -

Kennedy & Lennox I was charmed with -

Also with Clark (in a different way.)

Emm has least intelligence - but her fidelity to Agnes Jones’ memory is most re-assuring -

Strong has least experience - &’ tho’ attractive in her good principles, I should be rather afraid whether she is fit to be Head of 3 or 4 wards -

I have not time now to go into this.

I preached for 4 hours to each party of 3 -

[I am a little afraid of Clark’s tongue - Of her goodness & cleverness I have no doubt.]

ever yours

Nov 16/69

2 p.m.

F.N.

{Enclosures}

{1. Your Draft letters}

{2. Your Copy letters}
Nov 18/69

Re Mrs. Deeble

My dear Harry

You see I have talked to Mrs. Deeble, till she feels a mystic awe of the W.O., as its Officer & no one’s else. [This was quite necessary, for the ignorance of this very clever & good woman was deplorable She told/implied to me that she had such interest with the D. of Cambridge (whom she has twice been received by & who, I have very little doubt, told her this himself) & with Sir G. Logan that we should see her “Supt Genl in 6 months” &c &c &c &c &c &c -]

It is quite essential that she should think these Regulations emanate solely from the W.O.

The Lord only knows how many lies I have told her - or how many the poor woman has swallowed -

She thinks the W.O. have the wisdom of Solomon, the severity of Draco, & that miraculous insight into Nursing which will enable them at every moment to see in Pall Mall exactly what she is doing at Netley. This is all right.

Now, as we all know that the W.O. is nothing but a “Mrs. Harris” (& never will be anything else) Mr. Talbot may ruin all I have done at any moment.

I think “Mrs. Harris” has surpassed herself (in his letters) -

If she, Mrs. Deeble, were to think that we have framed those Regns & show her to them as such, & that the W.O. afterwards may alter them, of course I may just spare my pains in governessing her -

[The first time I saw her, she talked to me in the wildest way - But she has lately completely altered her tone & become quite sensible.]

If anything occurs to you for me to say to her, please let me know early tomorrow -

ever yours

F.N.

I think it is unfair of the W.O. to “submit” our Regns to Sir G. Logan - If he touches them, he will ruin them. And if the Supt.
once becomes the Officer of the Army Medl Dept. & not of the W.O., I (for one) shall entirely decline having anything to do with the Nursing - knowing that Nurses x will then become impossible. It is quite the reverse of what I was promised by (have laboured to secure for) the W.O. But they are such idiots - F.N.

x The present P.M.O. at Netley is the man who said/wrote a Report that the Nurses should have no Supt - that they should be directly under the Medical Officers - who should have the power of punishment viz. by depriving them (the Nurses) of their “beer” (sic) !!!

Is this to be inserted in the Regns?

ACC/ H1/ST/NC/18/15/61 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

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

Netley
My dear Harry
I dare say you know that the “Regulations” are to be shewn by Sir G. Logan at a London Meeting of the P.M.O. & other Officers (of the Senate) of Netley on Friday - & then discussed - which is much better than sending them to Netley to be discussed -

Also: we have received a quasi-promise from the W.O. that, if any alterations are made, we shall have an opportunity of seeing & acceding or not acceding to them.

As Mrs. Deeble now fully understands & accepts the Regulations (after a lengthened interview between us on Friday) & as she is fully impressed/imbued with “Mrs. Harris” it will be very impolitic if they do let the Regulations be altered.

I have been much impressed by Mrs. Deeble, having now had 4 afternoons with her, & feel very hopeful

Miss Osburn
I return your letter & send one to me - I am
very sorry for her & limit my letters to her
now to affectionate sympathy & congratulations
that she is likely to form a School of good
Australian material.
At the same time, I cannot but feel wonder at
such expressions coming from a Supt as: that
she finds fault with the “Sisters”, only that
they may not say afterwards she thought
them perfect - I thought a Supt found
fault to make them (not perhaps “perfect[“]
but) better -
I see Mrs. Wardroper is not without misgiving
as to what this means & foreshadows.

St. Pancras
You see by to-day’s “Times” that this matter
is at last settled - Now perhaps is
the time to put in about our Nurses -
for the new Highgate Infirmary.
I hope your cold is well -
ever yours {Enclosures
F.N. {2 letters from
{Miss Osburn

Nov 23/69
{from page 1} I keep the Regulations
& Mr. Talbot’s 2 letters
till the alterations,
if any, to be made
on Friday, come in.
Private 35 S. St. Nov 4/70
My dear Harry B.C.

I should be really ashamed of not having returned your papers sooner, if I had time or strength even to be ashamed.

Night Nurses’ Quarters
1. Your official letter had been sent to Netley for estimate & remarks last week
2. I understand that no objection will be made at W.O. either to turning out R.E. into Lunatic Ward - or against Mrs. Deeble’s children being in the building.
3. Mrs. Deeble
   This being so, would it be wise to do more than simply to hint kindly & privately about the children?
   All that you say is true & more than true And I feel it yet more strongly because I believe that what she is doing can end ultimately only in a Regulation that Supts shall have no children -

But she is quite incapable of entering into your (or our) reasons -
And all that would be conveyed to her mind would be: that we, instead of supporting her, as we ought, with the W.O., try to take from her even that which the W.O. gives her -
Could you not put the points solely on the ground that in Military Hospitals the Supt should have as few family cares as possible - & that, in order to enable her [to] have her children provided for near her, but not in the Hospital, we had [a]ll stood out for her pay being [g]iven in full -
[but we fear that exception will be taken (subsequently, if not now) to the children [at] the W.O. that we cannot but feel it right to warn her of this - as she might herself
blame us if we did not -
  because, either as Supt Genl or Supt in/at the seat/time of War, (both of which she wishes
to be,) she must herself anticipate
  the objections that might be made
  & that in fact exist to a Supt with
actual family cares in the house tying her down -
(or something to this effect)
Officially I should, if I were you, in your my letters to her, ignore the children altogether.
If we enter into a contest with her I fear she will beat us.
[At the same time, I think something must be said - as, knowing both the woman & Dr. Beatson, I cannot but fancy that all the responsibility of her having the children with her is thrown upon our Committee]
[She has not behaved to us in a straight forward manner. Still it is certainly better for the Nursing Staff that she should remain in communication with us. I think she would break off altogether, if the (enclosed[])]
Draft letter proposed to be written, however true & wise, were written -
N.B.
With regard to her replacing Emm: - (this is quite by the way) -
I don’t think Nurses can be trained in Military Hospitals - least of all by Mrs. Deeble - E.g. In a Civil Hospital the Nurse or Sister begins or should begin by being an Assistant Nurse - But she can’t begin by being an Orderly!
But there are other reasons for not training, only testing women in Military Hospitals
[These I gave to Prussia. The Q. asked me.]
ever yours truly
  F.N.

{from the first page}
I have to write to you about Miss Rumpff &
  Miss Lees -
  F.N.
My dear Harry B.C.
I was very glad to hear that you were out again - & that Sibella was well - And I hope the “Littlies” are getting well thro’ their misfortunes.
Enclosed is Dr. Sutherland’s last Report of our unlucky Mrs. Deeble’s doings - [15:221]
[She seems to think of nothing but getting what she wants for herself-]
I really don’t know what to advise - because, altho’ we might say that we will not let our Night Nurses go there except under certain conditions of Quarters, yet we know already by experience that Mrs. Deeble will if she wish it, afterwards alter those conditions of Quarters - &, (unlike Prince Gortschakoff without sending us a “Note” -
She is a Prince=Worse=than=Gortschakoff [end]
ever yours
F.N.

Dec 17/70 Please return me the enclosed.
Netley Night Nurses’ Quarters

My dear Harry B.C. -

I do not see how, as you say, we can do anything but accept this -

Nothing can have been so unreasonable as Mrs. Deeble in all this - & nothing can be less perfect than these rooms for Night Nurses

The window opening into the Corridor looks straight across the Corridor on the open sky - Otherwise I should say we were hardly justified in putting a Night Nurse into a room with only a borrowed light - & next door to a kitchen -

There will be room for the beds being placed with the heads away from the Division wall - which is a thick one - & not very permeable to /Noise or heat
Otherwise,- knowing, as we do now, Mrs. Deeble’s great want of consideration for the Nurses, - I should say that the position of a Night Nurse sleeping on a summer afternoon - with, at her back, to what may be a roaring kitchen fire, cooking for Mrs. Deeble’s boys - & unable to open her window into the passage/Corridor, moreover, on account of the noise, - was not a desirable one.  
As you say, 2 servant girls sleeping there are not so objectionable as one - but, in that case, with Mrs. Deeble’s ‘slammerkin[‘] girls (maids) ”of 16”, I should think they had actually better be sleeping together (without a compartment, I mean) Altogether, I fancy this must be the end -  

-2-

viz. that the maids should sleep there - & the Night Nurses in the Supt’s late bedroom - But I don’t see how you can do otherwise than accede & say that, if practical evils should arise, they can be dealt with afterwards, - & that both windows should have cords for drawing them up & down at top.

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I am so sorry about all your Child= misfortunes - but they seem to be pulling thro’ them very well, thanks to your good management - And I hope Sibella’s will be the merest shadow of an attack - Pray give her my love - & sympathy ever yours  
F. Nightingale
Mrs. Deeble

35 South Street, May 19/71
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

My dear Harry B.C.

I am afraid the great obstacle in the way of the Supt’s success is: the Supt.

This is what she does not understand - viz.

that all the bolstering up in the world on our part of the Supt will be of no use, if she can’t stand on her own legs -

I think this is the most un=matron=like, un-workman=like letter of hers I have seen (tho’ it is not an offensive one) - I mean that she so entirely misunderstands her own position & duties.

[She reminds me of Shore who said when he was learning the flute that he was obliged to go out of the room not to hear himself practise] - it was so bad - So, in helping Mrs. Deeble to practise her duties as Supt, we must put Mrs. Deeble out of sight & hearing as much as possible.

It is extremely difficult to make any “remarks[“] of any use: -

1. “asking them (the W.O.) to consider” &c (the woman must be crazy) - Does she suppose that Mr. Cardwell or Ld Northbrook, (which,) is to “consider” whether Batstone will be “equal to the duties”
Or does she suppose that they are to send for a Dr. - Sir G. Logan of the A.M.D. to “consider” with them? - If she does write such a letter to the W.O., (she really has not common sense) they, if kindly disposed, i.e. if Mr. Talbot is still there, will refer the letter to you - if not, if Mr. Talbot is still gone - they will give her such a snub as she has not received yet - not even for her “Apartments” letter of Dec 31 - They will tell her that, if she cannot perform her Supt’s duty - they cannot perform it for her - And she had better resign. 

[I know that there is not an inch between her & Ld Northbrook doing this.]

She is so absolutely stupid about her relations with the W.O. that I live in hourly dread of her writing another “Apartments” letter to them, in which case nothing could save her - nor the Nursing either.

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The real truth about “age” I take to be this: - most Drs & Matrons will tell you that a woman of average health has generally better health & strength from 50 to 60 than from 40 to 50. (I except disease - since disease becomes more fatal, I suppose, with every 5 years of life.) But 30 to 40 is of course a better ten years of health & strength than either -

The question of Batstone’s age, if she is well & strong (of which of course I know nothing) seems to me not that which Mrs. Deeble wishes to raise, but the question whether, as the W.O. will only at most have 11 years’ Service out of her, - instead of 30, as they would have with a woman beginning at 30, - it is worth the W.O.’s while-

If we have no one equal to Batstone in other respects to recommend, it is worth the W.O.’s while.

Permission to violate the W.O. Regulation as to age (which we made ourselves) is I believe necessary to apply for - And to you they always {illeg submit?} at once. But for Mrs. D. to ask them to “consider” &c what she proposes is of course preposterous -

Also: it is obviously no use to give Mrs. D. our Phoenixes, even if we had them. They won’t stay with her. She says so herself, you see.
2. As for the rest of her letter, it is really only boring you to repeat what I have said before (in my previous letters about this unlucky Deeble,[])
- which is all the answer I could give.

The last Paragraph on the third page is only a fine sentence which I taught her myself - for raising the *salary* pay &c to present standard.

[Her tone used to be so different - she is like the old proverb of a ‘beggar set on horseback’ &c]

3. Dr. Sutherland still says: - “there is something we don’t know.”

“The terms are very good,” he says: “there is something you don’t know of” -

Something there is we don’t know, I believe, & something the women themselves don’t know - in this sense: - the personal influence of Mrs. Deeble & its effect upon them -

viz. they see that, in direct contradiction to all her former professions & engagements, she tries for ‘apartments’ entirely out of their circumference.

- she takes presents - & many other things,

-(these being so, -) there must be, which they know & we don’t -

And how can we expect them to regard their engagements more than their Supt does?

[I am sadly convinced, tho’ I cannot lay down chapter & verse, that the upper quarters, at the W.O., know & have known for nearly a year past, more than we do
Or they would not speak of her as they do] {illeg illeg illeg}
4. Dr. Sutherland suggests whether in what he truly calls a very “serious” state of things, we should try to obtain from the W.O.

“to abolish the pension & add the value to the “salary - or else, to give the women the option “ so much pay without pension - so much with” -

This would require consideration -

And I merely tell you what he says -

He here adds: – “I cannot help feeling that there is something we don’t know of.” not at all my {illeg illeg}

5. I am extremely glad that the “serious cases”

“increase” at Netley - I mean I am extremely glad that “serious” Military cases all over the Empire are more & more sent to Netley where (when all is said), after all, they receive much better care than anywhere else - & have a better chance of recovery.

6. [Mrs. Deeble’s “comparison” with the pay of “other appointmts”] She wishes us to give her women all fit for Supts’ places - Of course the W.O. won’t pay the “Sisters” as Supts. And if they would, such women would not serve under Mrs. Deeble.
The “pay” she talks of in her ‘comparison’ is the pay of Matrons & Supts.
I feel sure, I don’t know whether you do, that such women even as Miss Pringle, Sisters at St. Thomas’, would not serve under such a woman as Mrs. Deeble - with whatever pay.]
7. I cannot at all say whether the “duties” of a “Sister” at Netley now are harder than or as hard as those of a “Sister” in Civil Hospitals - (in all the great endowed Hospitals except St. Thomas’, “Sister” is the same as Head Nurse - at the “London” is called “Head Nurse” -)
Mrs. Deeble herself told me not.
Mrs. S. Stewart always told me not.
i.e. that the duties of the woman at the head of the Ward or Wards in a Civil Hospital were far heavier than those of the woman in charge of the Ward or Wards in a Military Hospl, however “serious” the cases -
For one thing, the Wardmaster relieves her of so many duties -
And she has much more time to herself - [Mrs. Deeble now says differently. Without going to Netley myself, or Mrs. Wardroper going, I really feel unable to judge.]
8. & most important
I will if you wish tell her gently something of the above -
Perhaps it wd come better from me than from you.
Her whole tone in this letter is that it is for her to ask the W.O. to “consider” the question of “pay” - to “consider” whether Batstone is “equal” &c
And so it is -
She ought to communicate directly with the W.O.
And we ought not to have to prop her up
But no other effect could come now of any of her communications with the W.O., except a more peremptory refusal of what they might grant to you - You keep her on her throne
And that is all.
[I have felt that the higher quarters of the W.O. for nearly a year have known more against her than we do, - tho’ it is more easy for me to “feel this than to prove it”, as A.H. Clough used to say.]
Her whole tone in this letter is: that you must be able, or ought if you are able, “to do better x x for her” - i.e. that all our best women are to go to her, that she is to be unable to keep them - & then that our best women are still to go to her.
   x x vide last Paragraph of her letter
   [Had we more Kennedys & Lennox es to go to her, could she keep them?]
It is impossible that you can keep a Reservoir of Nurses for her - ever yours
for her always to draw from & never F. Nightingale
to keep them -
I will entertain some faint hope that Kennedy may stay longer than “Oct 1 [“]
Whether I have any the faintest hope that Mrs. De. will be allowed to stay more than a year or two I really can hardly say myself -
But that she is entirely blind to the {illeg} W.O.’s feeling against her I have not any difficulty in saying - F.N.
April 25/71

Mrs. Deeble’s letter
My dear Harry B.C.

The two “Sisters”, Strong & Kennedy, by Mrs. D.’s own shewing, “have worked with diligence & devotion.”

Yet she cannot succeed in keeping our Staff together - tho’ (also by her own shewing,) “it will be “a serious loss to the service to lose two such efficient “women”. x

Mrs. Deeble does not of course attribute this to her own “self-seeking” example, nor to the atmosphere of grasping & selfishness which she has created about her, x [This, you will observe, is quite a different thing from any of the constant changes which happened in Mrs. S. Stewart’s time, She, I think, never lost “efficient women” she wished to keep-]

(of which she has unfortunately already launched the proofs beyond ourselves, & landed them in the possession of the War Office)

She attributes them/this to “the appointments being in “themselves such as to cause dissatisfaction” - and in a sort of ex cathredrâ manner re-opens the question with you which she had, over & over again, settled with me/us - & starts a sermon on the text that those “appointments” may be “regarded as a grievance” - of which she at least 4 times in reckoning up their advantages told me that they were the very best “appointments in our gift” - & “much better “than the Sisters’ appointments at St. Thomas’.”

Now, she says, that “in the nature of things,” they “must ever prove a cause of discontent.”

People & [This is exactly the same as has been her course with herself -

She began by declaring that she was satisfied to give up child, live in Quarters with Nurses &c &c. Now she asks for ..... I will not re:capitulate.

What impression can one hope to make on a Supt like this, as to the real influence & authority she ought to exercise over her Nurses? -]

To return to what she says as to the “Sisters” being “underpaid”: -

the facts are just as they were -

She reckoned up to me (when I went fully into the whole question with her) the Sisters’ receipts & the Sisters’ necessary out=goings - [Netley ‘finding’ more than St. Thomas’[] - at Netley and at St. Thomas’
& also - but she told me this in confidence - that the
St. T.’s ‘Sisters’ often have to buy meals at their own expense -
&c &c) - I will not swear to the figures - but she
convincing herself & me that there was more money
(independently of the Pension) in the Sisters’ pockets
at Netley than at St. T.’s.
Now, she sinks the question of the Pension altogether
probably because she has discovered her own inability

to keep any one long enough to earn a pension.
[You know that the beginning at £20 was raised
to begin at £30. before Mrs. Deeble -
But the rest, the raising the Pension to begin at £__,
the improved allowances &c were made for Mrs.
Deeble’s Staff - were fully discussed by me with her
- & were stated by her as I have said above to
bring the actual remuneration in money higher at Netley
than at St. T.’s.

2. She now says: “brings up the cost to the Govt”
but - to the Sisters too - because “the Govt”
undertakes some “cost” which at St. Thomas’
the Sisters have to undertake for themselves -
She forgets that she conclusively proved this to me
with the utmost apparent minuteness accuracy]
2. I have not one word to say for Kennedy & Strong -
especially not for Kennedy who is or rather was
a superior woman to Strong -
They have deliberately broken their engagements -
They have no case, even when they are asked,
to make for themselves - Kennedy none whatever.
Strong is a nervous woman & it perhaps would have
been better at first, to consider the husband’s existence as conclusive against Netley for her -

Mrs. Deeble has no direct blame in the matter. But none the less do I feel that she is incapable of any principle of governing or keeping the Staff together - & that, if she does not keep it together, that is failure, & will be considered such by the W.O.

3. I wish very much that we could convince the poor woman that we sympathize with her - especially in this matter of the Sisters leaving her - But, I assure you, I have “prodigé” sympathy upon her. But she has such a curious, unthinking, unknowing mind that she does not think it ‘sympathy’ to show her the way by which alone she can secure the Supt General=ship - she would think it ‘sympathy’ if we were to tell her that any Sisters she could train would do - that any “apartments” she could get for herself she ought to get for herself &c &c - all steps which would entirely put her success & her Supt=Genl=ship out of the question.

She does not see that facts are what to/we have to deal with - that it is a fact that she has put proofs into the hands of the W.O. of her own “self-seeking” - & that they will not easily believe, (if these women go one by one, that whom she pointedly admits are a “serious loss”,) that she has “not failed in any point of her duty to them/as Supt - & that she “has been a mother” to persons whom she wished “not to pass in front of my apartments”-

The W.O. will say: - no blame whatever may attaches to her, except that she is unfit to be a Supt, if the people she superintends go away - & leave us -

4. The question is: - & you ask it - what is to be done? especially about/”with a view to” your “answering her letter of April 20 & to “proposed further letter” from me -

If it were I, writing in your place, I should answer much on the grounds alledged above (tho’ not in the tone.) saying something to the effect that it is scarcely probable the W.O. will raise terms so fully settled after discussion not 1 ½ years ago to her satisfaction -

My own impression is that those two pages about it to you, tho’ they sound so candid & so magisterial are the afterthought of the moment. But this does not make it better for us.
She hardly deserves kindness - Yet we must show kindness - and I feel kindness - towards her for the sake of the Service -

5. As to my writing/“proposed further letter” to her - I think I must answer her last letter which you have - And I should answer it much in the terms tho’ greatly shortened I proposed in my last letter to you - (& something of what I have put here) - if you will tell me how - carefully eliminating all direct blame to her for the Sisters’ going -

- but treating as a fact that, if she cannot keep the Sisters together - that is failure - as she says these Sisters are a “serious loss” - that the W.O. will consider it so - that the W.O. certainly will not think that she can train Sisters better than those she considers as a “serious loss” - that she has personally, in her communications with the W.O., put it out of our power to impress the W.O. with her abilities/great fitness as a Supt [I would put this very gently]

& then state my personal experience & conviction (not the fruit of the moment, you know I told the Q. of Prussia so when she consulted me some years ago)

that women cannot be trained in a Military Hospl [As for poor Mrs. Deeble doing it, I think I have scarcely ever seen a person so incapable - (to be in her position of Supt at all, -) of training Sisters.]

that the W.O. will say/may feel: - no blame whatever may attach to her but she may be unfit for superintendence, & a person who cannot keep good Sisters, does not seem fitted to be their Supt. [This is a repetition.]

6. Batstone -you ask me
I do not think a Workhouse (was she in a Workhouse?) the best antecedent for a Military Hospl -

I think her age, 49, an objection - mainly because the W.O. gets so little out of her before she retires & is pensioned

I think Mrs. Deeble will make her an excuse for repeating that the Military duties are so new to them (our trained women) that she could train them better from the beginning -

I think that Mrs. Wardroper should carefully ascertain what she is now that we may not make the same mistake with her we did with Emm. It would be indeed a serious thing to us now if Batstone were to turn out like Emm
But, with all these “I think”s, I am far from saying that Batstone may not be the best we can do - And we can only do our best - Only be sure of her - of what she is now - I believe Mrs. Wardroper has a very high opinion of her - [I do not know her at all.]

7. I think it would be better if you were to refer for consultation these two things to Dr. Sutherland, viz. 1. Mrs. Deeble's letter April 20 about the “Sisters’ appointments” & their value - 2. Batstone’s age - as he has had so much to do with the Regulations &c - And you can of course shew him this letter (mine) if you please

ever yours
F.N.

P.S.
If Mrs. Deeble has taken “valuable presents” from the Polish Count Doctor, who died, she may depend upon it that the very people who may have connived at this (& the like) will, if they ever know that she is in disfavour at the W.O., or if she ever makes herself too disagreeable at Netley, rake these things up against her - - the “Sisters” who have left her may be enquired of (without our knowledge) - & her fall will be near. This is always the way in the Army - All this makes me feel that she is standing on the brink of failure - & it would be “unkindness” not to warn her.
Dear Miss Nightingale,

The job ought not to be a very large one. I should so simply as you say. Ask for the two things

1. An estimate of the cost
2. The length of time they will be over the work

Curiously enough all the discussion in the times has gone round to this plan but by no means so completely carried out as yours will be. Your house will be the first in London cured.

J.

My dear Sir,

On again looking at the corrected plan & reading over the Engineers statement it is probable that two doors already exist in the Lady Superintendents sitting room, in which case the intention is to close the door in the side leading into the Store room which will be the proper thing to do -if such is the case & the entrance facing the corridor is to be left the only objectionable suggestion is the introduction of hot water pipes into the Nurses sleeping rooms

Yr vy sincerely

R.J. Whitfield
My dear Madam, I am truly sorry to say that epileptic cases are not admissible at Earlswood, and except in certain asylums for the insane I fear it is not practicable to have them received. From Bethlehem and St Luke’s they are excluded. There is an asylum for paralytic and epileptic cases, of which D Brown-Sequard is the physician, but I do not exactly know the plan of it.

The terms in the few private establishments for idiotic case would not be less than £100 per annum. There are persons who would received a single patient of the kind, but I fear the expense would be too great.

At the Barnwood Asylum, near Gloucester, I believe even an epileptic patient might be received for £60 a year. I will gladly make any inquiries.

My reply to your letter has been delayed by unexpected and very painful circumstances in the family of one of my dear daughters, and I pray you to excuse it.

That I grieve to think of your continued feeble health is scarcely necessary for me to say, or that I remain, ever with the sincerest respect and regard

yours most faithfully
J. Conolly

has V3/99 etc., but no V1,
H1/ST/NC2/V30/67 Milnes Edge to FN July 23 1867. Three years ago I had the honor of inscribing to you a little vol entitled “A Woman’s Example and a Nation’s Work” which essayed to describe the operations of the US San Com during the late civil war in the North American republic. Will you kindly permit me to bring under your notice another pamphlet from my pen, dealing with a home qu...

The mortality amongst the ch of the poor is prob much greater in Man than in any other Eng city, and some of the leading residents have resolved to place the Children’s Hosp and Disp on a footing wh will meet the pressing exigencies of the case. The com and patrons of the inst number in their ranks many of the pr gentry, merchants and manuf of the district....15000 to 200000 regd, nearly half subscribed. To help forward this good work I have wr several articles....Asks her perusal of acc pamphlet and that you will be pleased to address to the com some words of advice and enc? Such words from you will induce the wealthy in this city and vicinity to open their hearts to the cry of these poor little sufferers...

H1/ST/NC2/V30/67 Draft reply by Dr John Sutherland, for a letter to F. Milnes Edge, re his letter of 23 July 1867 regarding a children’s hospital.

H1/ST/NC2/V31/67 Milnes Edge to FN July 28 1867. Heartfelt thanks for the beautiful and most suggestive letter which you have been pleased to write me on our children’s hosp. I shall take the liberty of reading it to the com, privately of course, and I know they will thank you as I do, and earnestly seek for your counsel and advice on their undertaking.

In face of existing circs a hosp is really a desideratum, altho as you will have perceived by the pamphlet, a much larger number of patients are treated in their homes. I am glad to be able to state that our com are now paying increasing attn to san matters, and there is some promise of the corp assisting them in their praiseworthy endeavours. We are striving to bring about the appt of a health office and also that of a bd of health composed of the leading medical and sc men in this district.

[n.d. after July 23 1867] From a draft letter in Dr Sutherland’s hand to Milnes Edge. Florence Nightingale Museum H1/ST/NC2/V29/67. Your appeal is the second I have received from Manchester within the last few days. You appear to be trying to stem the torrent of [illeg] mortality by medical attendance, for you have two special establishments for children. It is right to get your hospitals out of Manchester, because Manchester is no place for sick people, especially for sick children, but the causes of the high death rate among children in Manchester are those which neither hospitals nor medical attendance can reach. Children are made to live--not to die--and if they die it is because the society in which they are born contains some element which directly contravenes the laws of God.

This element you have in your social system and in your town. Until mothers are left to do mothers’ work, and until mothers and children have places to live in where the health of both has a fair chance of
being preserved, you may do what you like in the way of children’s hospitals, but you will leave matters just where they are.

We in this country like to do exactly what suits us. We even claim the privilege of dying [illeg] and children. It is an unfortunate offshoot of liberty, and one is compelled to ask sometimes whether some hand strong enough to pull down and cart away much of our cities and to rebuild them all, as is now being done by the French authorities. In this would it not be in the end more economical than all our Christian “support of voluntary contributions”. It is an abysmal subject, which the practical Lancashire mind ought to take up and deal with.

H1/ST/NC2/V35/67 Jas Clark to FN Aug 15 1867. Tilliepronie? Turland? Aberdeen. I scarcely knew what reply you can make to Mr Whitfield w/o knowing how they illeg in the applic to the queen to lay the foundation for St T Hosp. At the same time I cannot see “the importance which wd be given by this in the future of St T Hosp” The only thing that occurs to me is that if they did not state in the applic to the queen that she mt choose her own time… be at Buck Palace poss where the hosp bldg was not more than 5/10 minutes drive…at the same time as their apology for repeating appreciation of HM the impos of the future of the hosp. Of course they… I am very glad to hear that Mr Ellis is availing himself of his position to promote san measures.

I hope you may leave London soon-- you really want air and country...

H1/ST/NC2/V39/67 Robt Hamilton, 1 Prince’s Rd Liverpool. Letter Sept 17 1867. The foundation stone of the new Southern Hosp in this town is to be laid by Lord Derby on Wed Oct 23. The hosp is to contain 200 beds and the bldg com have endeavoured in the plans to carry out the suggestions that you have made on the constr of hosps--they wd therefore feel a peculiar pleasure in being favoured with your presence on the occasion.

It is so probable that upon your seeing the site as well as the plans, some valuable suggs may occur to you--that they hope it will not interfere with your other arrs and that the state of your health will permit you to accede to their request. Shd you do so, I shall have much pleasure in placing my house at your service during your stay in Liv and wd endeavour to ensure you as much as poss of the privacy you so much prefer.

JS draft: I regret that years of confinement to a sick room render my presence in Liverpool impossible at the laying of the foundation stone of your new Southern Hospital. All I can do is to send you my very best wishes for the success of your undertaking and to offer any little assistance in my power in looking over the details of your plans should you desire it.

H1/ST/NC2/V36/67. Whitfield to FN 15 Aug 1867. Mrs Wardr having given me your message, I have much pleasure in forwarding the six photos taken of te old hosp by Mr Bedford together with some others that I have had made. The 5 allegorical figures are the stone statues which formed part of the original gateway from the Borough High St, into the hosp between the years 1707 and 1724 Mr Guy, at his own expence had them removed and
placed in the centre of the front square (the north side of which containing 3 wards for women he had built) wh you will see in one of Mr Bedford’s photos. In 1832 the new north wing you may recollect was built and conseq the figures were again removed and wd have been destroyed had I not rescued them from the bricklayers cellars, where they were placed under heaps of brick bats etc. Now I place great store in these old relics of the past and suggested to the treas to have them brought together in some convenient place whi I though mt be made to harmonize well the present arranged building. However mr B who knows that there is but one gate to heaven (tho’ his facetious friends who know him well say of him that he wd be sure at the last to endeavour to make an amendment and get in at the windows!!) Thinks that there ought to be but one gate to our hosp, now it will be obvious to any thinking person from the very peculiarity of the site its great length, the centres of traffic being Westminster Rd and Bridge, Lambeth and the river, that there ought to be free ingress at all these points, with stationary portico? And looking forward to the completion of the embankment of the Thames (in time no doubt on both sides) and the very greatly increased river traffic it wd appear to me essential that there shd be a special entrance from the river, and if ad convenient wd command all the numerous accidents occurring on the river and along the banks both far and near, to ... suggested a “water gate” with portico lodge and acc for accidents to be recd and examined and poss for cases of submersion (suicidal or otherwise) to be illeg before being sent to the illeg or mortuary to carry out my ideas I have got my son, who has been educ as an arch and was in Mr Currey’s office to make me a design for the water gate to be placed in the centre of the hosp, facing the river and opp the hosp chapel. My son having had the working of the plans for the new hosp has been able to make the style of the design harmonize with the illeg of the bldg and at the same time to bring in the five figures, one of the objects I had in view, as well as to obtain that which in a very few years if not now will be considered an essential and will then have to be made at very great cost and inconvenience. I will send you a photo from my son’s sketches and also 5 photos of the present temp hosp. Personally I am greatly obliged (and I am sure all wd be if they cd now it) by the very great interest you have, and are talking in the question of the foundation stone, whatever may be the result. Your friend Ld Leven and Melville whose da is an attendant on her majesty might assist only I think he has added his name to the petition w/o giving the authority? Proper advice how to proceed.

JS draft reply V37/67 I am afraid I have done in the matter of the foundation stone all I could possibly do, and that I shd newly expose myself to another refusal by interfering further. The only way to have done would have been for the governors to have moved and not the officers. At least this is what occurs to me.

H1/ST/NC2/V40/67 [Gorham] letter to FN Oct 19 1867. Holywell St Alban’s Please return to F.N. I know that you are interested in the neighbourhood of Winchester and I believe in the hosp there. This is almost the only apology I can offer for troubling you. I will briefly
state the object of my letter. I have long felt a great wish to see the "Lepers’ Wards" at S Cross utilised in some way but from their peculiar const...difficulty in making them useful. Probably reason why they have ... Six months since when visiting a friend at Winchester the idea occurred to me that they might be adapted (with very little alteration or addition) to form a cottage conv home for the benefit of the Winch Hosp. There is no such house in that neigh and to you need not urge the immense benefit of such sanatoria. Money is not easily raised at Winch, but I am informed that a great many very val leases are falling in about this time to S Cross and that now there will be...I am willing to offer my services gratuitously as supt to support myself I have a small income and an urgent wish for Christ’s sake to be useful. With regard to my capabilities I shd refer you to Dr Martyn, phys to Gen Hosp at Bristol and the house surgeon of the Bristol Royal Inf. Gives address St John Mildmay Wells

JS draft: I am an advocate for conv hosps attached to infirmaries. But to be of use they must be exceptionally well planned constructed and administered. Unfortunately from what I know of St Cross it is about the last position which ought to be occupied by a hospital for convalescents and the foundation of your proposal would thus be altogether unsuitable.

JS comment on letter of A.J. Lawrence 31 July 1867. after JS comment re no question

H1/ST/NC2/V2/88 letter of Rosalind Paget Tuesday. 28 Waltons, S.W.
Will you pardon my writing to you direct. I have been a nurse among nurses for 12 years and it is as the representative of many that I venture to speak. We hear that at last the principal training schools for nurses are about to protest as to the registration of nurses by the British Nurses Assoc. Miss Lückes and the few that are privileged to know your private opinion may be content to rest in that knowledge but as one of the body militant of nurses I do entreat you to give us proof that you agree, as perhaps you can hardly realise how the great band of nurses not only St Thomas’ but all) consider you the beloved head of their profession and we now entreat you to speak the word and head the list of those who only wish to follow in your steps.

I only hear this one question, “what does Miss Nightingale say?” I trust you will pardon if I have said aught amiss but the importance of the expression of your opinion to the future of our beloved profession is my excuse. Permit me to remain,

yours faithfully

Rosalind Paget,

with printed prospectus V3/88

H1/ST/NC2/V1/99

You seemed to much interested in what we are trying to accomplish in army nursing in the United States that I shall take the liberty of sending you a report of our work when it reaches such a shape as to mean
something. At present we are only trying to work out a system, and we find it difficult to gain the points which will make that system work at all...but will.
letter of J Braxton Hicks to FN Feb 22/72. Will you again permit me to send a few more notes on your work, coupled with the same apologies for crudeness and also for the liberty I have taken throughout in the research. I mean if my freedom is too much shown. Some of them have already been in the former remarks sent to you and ...re apply. I have already stirred in the collection of the death rate in private practice. I hope to obtain something before you close your M.S. worthy of a notice.

If I can be of any future service to you I shall be happy to do so on an intimation in what direction I can assist.

letter to FN from Robert Hamilton 17 Sept 1867. The foundation stone of the new Southern Hospital in this town is to be laid by Lord Derby on Wed, Oct 23rd. The hospital is to contain 200 beds and the building committee have endeavoured in the plans to carry out the suggestions that you have made on the construction of hospitals. They would therefore feel a peculiar pleasure in being favoured with our presence on the occasion.

may get more ideas when see site!, house at her disposal in Liverpool.

Whitfield letter to FN 20 Feb 1866 H1/ST/NC2/V2/66 re her letter, has consulted with Wardroper re Liv, Jones, fever hosp; rec for her studies: South Household Surgery, Hooper Medical Dict; Hoblyn's dict of Med Terms; 1 and 2 Johnston’s Educ Handbk Physiology, Dr Bernays’ chemistry, London dispans A.T. Thomson, Manual for Midwives Churchill; Physiology of Common Life Lewes, Chemistry Lewis, Ward Osteology, Ellis Anatomy; why does not Rathbone now bring himself a little more prominently forward? has staked his money liberally, wd be more charitable, re example; re St T your committee having now arranged with the authorities of the hosp for a term of 7 years from opening of new hosp at Lambeth...to instigate some of her friends to become governors of the hosp; S. Smith, J. BC, HV etc to take an interest and speak; Ld Leven on grand com

Acland to FN Jul 5 1889 Oxford embossed; write unwillingly because always to ask your advice and something for you to do, re Princess Xn; I think that the queen’s daughter deserves our hearty thanks for taking the trouble she has in assisting as far as she was advised in promoting the progress of your work; ...re do give me a kind word or give me suggestions to make!; FN comment: Mr Burdett & “The Hospital 2, “The Hospitals of London, Edinboro & Liverpool, with Mr Bonham Carter who cannot desert the Hospitals...

Redpath letter March 12 1889, PO Box 80 Kimberley, SA; H1/ST/NC2/V6/89 reread old letters, dear; Lady Frederick Cavendish, re her husband, broker in busy share market of Kimberley, exciting uncertain occupation; was aa struggle at first; did some private nursing with good results but strength now will not stand any great strain and necessity ceased; my interest in all hosp work and any sick nursing keeps as ever; if I had the means I shd like to start a home for private nurses in Kimberley;
there are very few really good trained ones; at Carnarvon Hosp, nice building, some good trained ones from England; has joined BNA with a view to carrying out some such scheme as mentioned and will be useful if charter is obtained to us out here, but I am afraid you don’t approve of the movement, as I see not St Thomas’ nurses on the com, nor your own among the patrons and gathered so from HBC’s pamphlet that he sent me; grateful for any Nightingale letters or papers, wd dearly like to have your own annual letter to probs; hope Pringle happy and successful at St T; wd you like to send dear Miss Crossland to spend a year with me?!!!; Mrs Coltman’s letter Feb 6 returned to me that Mrs Smith is gone; Embley will be let

Nina Shalders H1/ST/NC2/V8/89
Hogg to FN H1/ST/NC2/V12/89 re sending 3 nurses to Malta to serve; get so many men laid up with typhoid and Med fever there that good nursing is required and Maltese nurses are said to be dreadfully untrustworthy; went in troopship Tower? all went on board to see off, to serve 3 years, same allowances as mil sisters except no extra pay for the senior sister; re Mrs Deeble leaving Netley, she will miss her work and work her, but she has satisfaction of knowing she has settled it on a firm and satisfactory basis; always yrs very affectionately

Pyne letter, H1/ST/NC2/V13a/89 re her letter, will take time to

Gertrude Wyld, Darenth May 17 1889 H1/ST/NC2/V14/89, wit FN und, since last wrote have opened a pavilion of 40 imbecile cripples (men) nursed by women and fined it answers very well; all require gentle nursing and careful feeding as quite helpless; lately nursed an acute case of pneumonia and patient now up and as well as ever; astonishing how the untrained nurses we have in these asylums thirst for knowledge and I am sure we shd get a better class; enclose a letter sent to a paper re nursing the insane, hope you will approve of it; wrote it because read a statement that trained hosp nurses do not make good asylum nurses; now in want of a head attendant or asst matron and am trying very hard to get a trained woman; has been at op at St T; took wife of coachman, Croft operated, asked for her to be present, has done well; I am hoping that each time I write to you before I write again you will have found a tr school for me; how much I shd like a large one; trying to do all I can here, but it is in vain because have no help; clipping Nursing the Insane, argues shd be part of hosp training

Winterton

Winterton got de Laney letter from Wkh Inf H1/ST/NC2/V22/89, nice letter; Gibson’s work, uphill struggle to make changes; “I do pray for you, dear Madam, and I think we all do, though we look upon you as a blessing and something to be thankful for. I will certainly try to do my best, and do my little to help on the good work, and I know full well we heed all you say, and I am sure I have need of prayer and more faith; it is often a great trouble to me that my allegiance to the Master is so cold and indifferent
Gertrude Wyld to FN H1/ST/NC2/V23/89 Many many thanks for your kind sympathetic letter, which has come to me as a special message of comfort in a most trying time, that I am now passing through. Darenth Asylum is an immense building, divided into three parts.... The Pavilions for 400 cripple cases, matron, same doctors as the asylum; am answering all ads that appear likely as I shd like to return to hosp life; salary her a good £8-100; wd accept a little less to be able to have a home where God is feared and remembered, that is the secret of success at Notting Hill;

H1/ST/NC2/V24/89 Pirrie to FN June 23 1889. Belfast Union Inf. I shd have written when I forwarded four photos to you. I thought you wd care to see our band, that you have always been interested in. Many of them are fine bright girls, there they look dark and solemn. We have made some changes lately that you will be pleased to hear of. The Guardians have granted me an additional nurse--one for the male wards at night. I have always wanted this--it grieved me to leave the patients at night to the night porter! Who knew nothing of them or their medicines--so I have put on my senior prob, who has had her year of training, and find her a great comfort.

Last week, one of my staff nurses, Martha McNally, was appted head nurse in the Lisburn Workhouse Infy. The salary is not much more than here, but she wishes to try what she can do for them. There are about 80 patients, who are in a miserable way, no comfort or niceness in the wards. So we are becoming in time, as you wished, “a Training School for Infirmary Nurses.” I was very pleased about her appt and glad she wished to go--although she was very happy here, and had the best male surgical wards--she is a good nurse and will do her duty. My three probs have worked so well all year. There are now 2 vacancies on the staff for them, one of my staff nurses passed the exam of the Obstetrical Soc London, and two more go up in July, and one goes to Dublin for the exam there.

I am so anxious to turn out really good midwives- they are wanted all over the country so badly.

Miss Lennox is at Portrush just now, for a holiday. I hope she will come back refreshed, the hot weather is trying for her.

I have not been away yet, with so many changes I can’t well get off till the autumn. I hoe the Guardians will allow me to put a substitute in for a whole moth this year.
Alfred Roberts, Sydney H1/ST/NC2/V45/89 July 24 1889 to develop a class of trained nurses at the Prince Alfred Hosp; abundant supply of applicants, 3 years training and 3 exams each year; last year Lady Carrington got up ...asks for a bust of her as leading ornament; enclose syllabus of lectures giving to the nurses this year; since FN kind enough to select for us the 5 nurses many years ago training has gone on apace and esp so since Osborne left; I calculate there are now from 150 to 200 trained nurses in the colony; regret to say nurses’ quarters all scattered in different parts of this hosp, struggling to get the £1,000 required to erect a “nurses’ home” in grounds

Chambers’ Enc H1/ST/NC2/V62/89 letter Sept 25 1889, with FN und; as editor of the new ed of ~Chambers’s Encyclopaedia emboldened to ask if you wd care to revise the article “Hospitals” which you mt think requires to be entirely re-written; if consents will send the old to see; includes a sketch of her in another vol;

A.G. Burgess H1/ST/NC2 (date missing) writes again to ask advice, for 6 years matron, only 36 but advised to get lighter work; has lost family, wants to begin a home on own; submits plan to her for advice and blessing, encloses testimonials; Crossland knows her, devoted to little children; nursed several little delicate children before became nurse, the first is now duchess of Portland, who will help; wd help if cd say FN approved
LMA misc paper i 1163

H1/ST/NC18/1/6 Pringle “Nurses and Doctors.” reprinted from the *Edinburgh Medical Journal* (May 1880) 8 pp (6 by Pringle 2 by Bell) for the Nightingale Fund Council; re old and new system; old system and new system;

printed Memorandum for Probationers as to Finger Poisoning, etc., Memorandum for Probationers on beginning Ward Work July 1878 H1/ST/NC18/1/8/1 and H1/ST/NTS/C16

bundles of applications for tr at KCH in 1866 and 1867 H1/ST/NC18/8/39-111 business as usual! corr between M Jones and HBC, after closing

H1/ST/NC2/V55/72 HBC to FN 9/11/1872 on returning to HBC (Fasson) FN comment: I am extremely sorry to say that on that anxious Saturday Miss Barclay took away the whole of V these. that she was to have given them back to you on the Wednesday evening when you saw her at Bolton St. before starting - but I suppose packed them up by mistake I have a rough copy of the first Have you got Mr Fasson’s letter to her hers to me - I gave this back to him which I sent you on that Wednesday morning? illeg
Wardroper letter to her father was “sorry that she is not so clever in nursing as I cd have wished” will never become an accomplished or skilful nurse, has many admirable qualities; Robt Gregory letter to SEW Nov 11 1872 (copy by FN) astonishment on reading your letter; during daughter’s stay at hosp I asked several times how she was getting on and you invariably told me she was progressing satisfactorily, content; you now send me word that she is incompetent to discharge the office of a nurse and you wish her to leave; incompetence not a matter of sudden development; it has either existed all along or it does not exist now; aware more nurses than you know what to do with; HBC expressed great repugnance to employing gentlewomen on the N Fund. This he expressed to be in a letter when daughter’s entering. Wd be unjust treatment and certainly not the consideration one looks for from a gentleman to a lady who has done her best to make herself useful in a charitable work for wh I believe she ha a real vocation and to wh she has devoted herself with unremitting energy.

HBC to FN returns C Gregory’s letters to you. I think he probab has reason to complain, certainly that Mrs W did not reply on the first or soon after--the first being that she was prepared to take on Miss Gregory as nurse on her own a/c but afterwards found as he told me that the sister I forget which objected and other illeg nurses gelt aggrieved. She said tat she did not know whom to make sister after Pringle and thought she must make Gregory. At the same time I think Canon Gregory from the corr I had with him about the “obligation” somewhat shifty--like many clergymen he thinks when he has said ...must take some of the blame myself for not having made the circs of her changeability and indecision ...?I do not know whether Miss G still will wish to return. Canon G has not written to me.

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H1/ST/NC2/V59/72

H1/ST/NV2/V59/72 copy of Mrs Wardroper’s letter to Canon Gregory Nov 9 1872 by HBC, with FN red pencil comments; I had at one time rather contemplated offering a position of nurse to Miss Gregory hoping the increased resps ...wd be of service to her. Circs however now quite prevent my carrying out this plan, and as the com have not at the present time any suitable work to offer to your da, she may consider herself quite free to make any arr for herself that she may consider suitable to her capacity. I am sorry that she is not so clever in nursing as I cd have wished, and altho’ I am sure she has tried with much perseverance to do her work well, yet I am afraid she will never become an accomplished or skilful nurse. She has so many admirable point sin her character wh are so highly essential to ward nursing that it makes me all the more regret her having failed in some other points of equal importance. much pain to say, feel the disappointment who I trust will meet with occ elsewhere equally as well adapted to her resolve [?] and inclination as cd be found in St T.
Rosalind Paget to FN 28 Bolton, S.W. Tuesday no [1887-88] seems first letter: Pardon y writing to you direct. I have been nurse among nurses for 12 years and as rep of many venture to speak. We hear that at last the principal tr schools for nurses are about to protest as to the reg of nurses by the BNA. Miss Lückes and the few that are privileged to know your private opinion may be content to rest in that knowledge, but as one of the body militant of nurses I do intreat you to give us proof that you agree, as perhaps you can hardly realize how the great band of nurses (not only St Thomas’ but all) consider you the revered head of their profession and we now intreat you to speak the word and head the list of those who only wish to follow in your steps.

Pringle letter to FN 4 July 1897 St Joseph’s, Raithkeale, Co Limerick
Dearest “Mother-Chief” How good you are to me to send me the Letter and to send it with your own hand and with so loving a message. To read it is, for me, to be sitting with you almost and hearing you speak.

I am so glad you strike a vigorous blow at that misleading idea of nursing being a sacrifice instead of a privilege. No doubt its right performance calls on us sometimes to “endure hardness,” but that is only discipline.

Dear Sister Victoria! I had heard of her illness and death and how you cheered her. Miss Hornby wrote to Miss Spencer and so it came round to me. I can see her now .......

re her letter I am so glad of what you say about industry and regularity and the observations of the helpless, amongst other things. This is a most home-like little hospital and needs no very difficult changes to make it as nice as need be. Of course it is not for me to make the changes but only to point them out. The sisters are so entirely in earnest in their wish to perfect what is wanting that I have every hope they will succeed. I have told the superiors it will be no use my remaining longer unless, after the holidays, a regular system of training is instituted--a school formed in fact (for members of the community) at one or other of their hospitals. I incline to this for a beginning instead of struggling unwieldy Limerick. We expect to see Lady Monteagle tomorrow and I hope she brings me a good account of you, dearest “Mother-Chief.”

Heathcote to HBC re training for May 21 1867 re Freeman training; June 3 1867 re applic for staff of nurses

applications for nurses for Leeds (Dr Teale)
York (Dean Duncombe) Winchester (Heathcote)
Chadwick to FN re circ of info as to opening of the 2 schools for nurses, it seems to me to suggest for consideration wh it my not be notified to the medical officers of the Poor Law unions, esp the midwifery nurses, to the medical officers of health of the metropolis.

To the lying in hosp physicians. FN comment: Yes.

This mt e done by a note to the pres of the PL Bd asking him if he wd have the kindness to inform the medical officers. He mt perhaps be got to insert the request in one of the official circulars or to send a circular with the two ...The info mt be sent direct by circular to each MO..., put in names of the com. Has any announcement bee made through the medical journals?

I will call again when Miss Carter is in. I wanted to have inquired again of Dr S, re rate for whole army....

HBC corr with Agnes Jones, SEW, about appt to Liverpool in 1864 in H1/ST/NC18/4-1-42, newspaper clippings on N Fund in Times and Daily News, not in chrons

M Jones to HBC 1864 28 Nov re Manchester; and Morgan corr from Manchester with HBC on; H1/ST/NC18/4/27

HV to HBC July 23 1864 from Claydon has seen Miss Burt, sister of dean of Ripon re lunatic hosps; spoke to FN on, who concurs in thinking that appl cd not be entertained unless from commissioners in lunacy; Miss N did not doubt that great improvement was desirable in the nurses of this class of patients H1/ST/NC18/4/34

H1/ST/NC18/8/117-24 HBC re York Sept Oct 18867; Duncomb to SEW

H1/ST/NC18/8/6/1-40 HBC and N Fund re St Thomas Lambeth, Ogle, HV, Hicks, Bowman, Marjoribanks, Spottiswoode

H1/ST/NC18/8/1-195 HBC applications for info re training, applics for nurses; misc, esp midwifery; Sydney 1867

H1/ST/NC18/2/1-4 N Fund, contributions, powers of committee; Statements of Voluntary Contributions (printed)

H1/ST/NC18/5/1-50 acks for money

H1/ST/NC18/8/5/5-8 Marsh, Lucy M.D. with HBC on Nottingham Gen Hosp

H1/ST/NC18/5/15 corr HBC with Cambridge Addenbrooke’s about to be reopened after being rebuilt; our idea is a good trained head nurse to each of the 5 large wards and subs to do menial and night work Dr G. Humphrey

H1/ST/NC18/5/32 corr with Madam from Royal Inf Manchester 1865, from illeg George Reed?
Private and Confidential.

I will answer your (3) first as to accommodation for probationers in the new hospital of St Thomas’. I am very sorry to say that:

(a) I see no improvement in great London hospital matrons since my time. I am quite sure that we can do nothing half so good as stick to Mrs Wardroper and Miss Jones.

(b) I have always been very anxious not to have an undue proportion of probationers to beds. But I must leave these more or less to Mrs Wardroper to decide. She must say how many probationers she thinks can properly be taught (1) in the present St Thomas’, (2) in the future St Thomas’. (It is certainly the lesser of two evils to have a few too many probationers—to beds—rather than to send out, instead of a staff of nurses, scattered nurses, that is the greater evil.

(c) I consider a separate house for probationers an unmitigated evil. They should be all together and under the matron’s eye, who too should live in the hospital.

It was unavoidable now, and I am even in doubt whether we shall not have to go on with it if people choose to send us probationers and pay for them while St Thomas’ is what he is now. But my conclusion from all this is that you would be perfectly safe in entering into an agreement with St T’s for a term of years of some duration if they build especial accommodation for us, which accommodation must be in the hospital, under the matron’s eye and properly healthy.

Certainly they should lower the charge for maintenance. But I think the required accommodation for probationers should be limited by the number who can be properly employed about the patients, not by our funds—because I am so sure that we shall come ultimately to train for people paying.
H1/ST/NC18/6/1-9 plans for new hosp, elevations, ward plans
Henry Currey 13 June 1865

on bloc system, as the great French hosp of Lariboisière, but instead of being ranged on sides of a centre court, the plan has been extended in a continuous line, avoiding prominent defect of too close proximity of the blocks with ref to their height; one pair story, so isolation of the blocks; ward or pavilions; lighted by large windows on both sides; ward 28 ft wide by 120 in length for 28 beds, 1800 cub ft per patient; beds placed at distances of 8 ft from centre to centre, and windows arranged alternative with the beds, at a level to enable a patient to look out of them; cheerful aspect with external balconies towards the river; small wards for 2 beds, contiguous but not communicating with the general wards in each block for special cases for separation, with 3600 ft if single patient; WCs lavs project from main bldg, windows on 4 sides to provide thorough ventilation to prevent escape of any noxious effluvia into the ward; wards 15 ft high
A separate and distinct training establishment for nurses with every facility for encouraging among the prob. the habits of self respect with a systematic knowledge of the duties they are about to undertake ought to be an integral part of every new hospital.

Suggestions as to hospital plans (as given in Builder) with a view to the better accommodation of the Nightingale probationers and the general arrangement of details w/o altering external plans--the blocks are numbered from the Bridge A, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

No. 6. The whole to be appropriated to the matron and probationers. The objection to this is the distance from other parts of the hospital. This is its worst aspect, but the decided comfort it would be to the matron and the power of supervision over the probationers which it wd confer ought to outweigh the objection. The sisters wd some of them have occasionally an increased walk (say 100 yards). To the matron in her daily rounds it wd be no inconvenience as the distance wd be the same in either situation.

The matrons' residence to be at the end of block facing river, affording ready communication with probationers at all times. The ground floor less the portion belonging to residence of the block to be appropriated to matron’s offices. The basement to contain linen stores for immediate use, as also the attic (if required) for the more cumbrous goods (blankets, etc.).

It would be well for the establishment to be independent of hospital kitchen, and therefore on first floor, plan kitchen, dining rooms, etc., on second and third floors dormitories for probationers say 30 to 36.

No. 5 unaltered.

No. 4 ground floor to be a ward.

No. 3 ground floor (now kitchen) to be a ward. the kitchen to be in the basement under a surgical department for outpatients.

HIKLM or perhaps under entrance hall B. Drug stores and kitchen stores might be kept in basement under one of the pavilions. the kitchen would be accessible to steward and to stair cases. The objection to its present position as being under a ward obviated.

No. 2 and 1. unaltered.

The pavilions or blocks to be occupied as follows: illeg first surgical. No. 1 male, no. 2 male, no. 3 female. Next two medical, no. 4 male, no. 5 female. The same relative proportions as in old hospital.

The duties of surgeons wd be concentrated and dressers be nearer their work. A second operating theatre wd be saved, a second theatre at all being objectionable, frequently causing differences among surgeons and misunderstandings with pupils.

The space for second theatre might be converted into special clinical dept for lectures, work or writing rooms for registrars and for clinical clerks and dressers. By having one fixed place for the dressers and clerks to make their records instead of the small consulting rooms
attached to the wards. In each block as proposed, the dressers would be more readily found, the wards would be quieter, the nurses thereby less liable to interruptions and temptation and the small consulting rooms would be available for other purposes, e.g., bedroom for day nurse in ward where there is no sister.

The night nurses’ dormitory should be distant and quiet, e.g. in one of the attics. The day and night nurses to dine with the sister attached to ward, dinner to be supplied from hospital kitchen.

These alterations would create a deficiency of 28 beds, to meet which 4 attics might be appropriated, and for many cases with decided advantages, say in three surgical blocks worst cases of venereal, erysipelas, delirium tremens, pyemia.

One medical block. Smallpox, erysipelas, delirium. T. and some forms of uterine disease.

If 4 attics were only sparingly used they would afford good accommodation for at least 40 beds increasing the proposed no. of 588 to 600.

More accommodation is required for porters and other male servants. A single entrance seems very objectionable. No entrance or landing from the river.

H1/ST/NC18/19/19 HBC to Osburn 7 July 1871; responding to hers of 19 April to FN at her request, cannot make any reply to her enquiries that can lead to any useful purpose, so prefers not to write at all; I can only add on my own account also disappointed, also means of (2 draft letters on same 4 pages together)
Dear Madam,

Miss Nightingale has requested me to acknowledge your letter to her of the 19th April & desires me to say that she feels it quite impossible for her to make any such reply to your enquiries as can lead to any useful purpose. She has therefore preferred not writing at all.

I can only add on my own account that being persuaded of the inutility of entering into any discussion by correspondence as to the events which have occurred I have also refrained from writing to you.

The dispersion of the nurses has of course been a cause of much disappointment to us all.

yrs &c [in HBC hand]

HyBC
Dear Madam,

I received yours of the 7th September a few days ago. It was far from my intention in writing my last letter to imply any want of interest, either on Miss N’s part or my own in the work in which you are engaged, or to convey anything which would tend to damp your efforts in carrying it on.

I wished merely to acquaint you with the reasons which had prevented Miss Nightingale from replying to your recent letters viz the impossibility under the circumstances of forming any sound conclusions on the questions raised in your letters & her consequent inability to reply to your enquiries for advice.

That this should be so, is only the necessary part of the responsibility which you undertook in taking charge of a nursing Staff at the Antipodes.

You may be quite certain that nothing will give Miss Nightingale & the committee greater satisfaction than that you should succeed in establishing not only a sound system in the Hospital.
but also the means of extending it through the colony. They would say that in doing this you cannot be better employed.

That I should have referred to the dispersion of the Nurses as a cause of disappointment ought not to have surprized you, it could not be otherwise than a source of the deepest regret that the staff selected by the committee at the request of the Government & sent out at such considerable cost should by your own account have failed so entirely-

Miss Nightingale desires me to express her regret at being unable to write herself & to assure you of her ever-continuing interest in your personal welfare & your work.

She send you a copy of her last publication "Notes on Lying in Institutions"—which your sojourn in King’s College Hospital will render doubly interesting—The new hospital at St Thomas’ was opened on the 1st October &c &c

(Here follow general remarks)

yrs &c HyB.C.

Osburn to HBC 6 Sept 1871 Sydney Hosp, re dispersion of nurses, had no idea! H1/ST/NC18/19/20

other letters to HBC Torrance, Deeble

H1/ST/NC18/19/1-18 HBC corr re matron, Deeble 1871, seen

H1/ST/NC18/17/1- HBC re Netley, Northbrook 1870

H1/ST/NC18/17/27 seems not on mf, FN letter pen

Netley Night Nurses 35 South Street [printed] Dec 30/70 H1/ST/NC18/17/27

Park Lane

W.

My dear Harry B.C.

I don’t like this at all.

And I am sure that you do not.

[I have sent down to the W.O. to see if there is any information to be had. And Dr Sutherland concurs with what I am about to
Practically, the letters enclosed amount to this, that the quarters will not be ready for some weeks yet.

Is there any reason at this season of the year, when Invalids, it is said, do not arrive, to send in two new Nurses into make-shift accommodation?

Our principle has been to go in when everything was ready.

It seems that you must take one of two courses:

1. To leave the matter entirely in Mrs. Deeble’s hands, i.e. accept by letter of the temporary arrangement—only stating that as it is of great importance that make shifts of this kind should be as little resorted to as possible, no time should be lost in completing the Nurses’ Quarters.

2. To state that it would be better to incur the delay than to run any risk to (or of not satisfying) the Nurses just at entering on a very arduous duty.

You are the only persons, you & Mrs Wardroper, who can judge whether 2. is the decision to come to. [I do not myself value Mrs. D.’s decision as far as the Nurses’ comfort or Sanitary condition is concerned.]

I hope your flock is going on well. 

ever yours
F.N.

Notes as to establishing a Government Training School for Workhouse Nurses 

(1) As to the advantage of Government doing it at all. The example would as coming from Authority have a beneficial effect. Recommendations from the Poor Law Board to employ trained nurses, or to raise salaries with a view to obtaining trained Nurses could be made with more effect.

The position & status of the nurses, socially might be improved by the indirect character of importance ac=
quired by connection with the Government.

Means might be obtained for erecting buildings for accommodating the Probationers & for improving the salary & qualifications of Superintendent & Doctor.

Disadvantages

Difficulty of altering all Government regulations to meet changes of circumstance & times. Alterations which would be likely to be frequent in a new system.

Dependence for success on the Matron & incompetency of any Government Department as a Court of Appeal from her especially with regard to dismissals & to some extent admissions.

(2) As to Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary. Does it afford proper means of training-

As to Highgate. May not the Nightingale Fund do more successfully what is required especially if it spends some capital.

(3) Assuming that it is desirable to apply to the Poor Law Board, then I
think our experience shows that
(a) Boards of Guardians will not pay
for the training.
(b) that the Probationers must not be
selected by the Boards of Guardians,
but solely by the Principal of the
Training School.
(c) that objections are not as a
rule made by Employers to this
course, they being ready to appoint
nurses who are recommended to
them.
(3) Government ought to provide
additional accommodation & maintain
& pay for as many Probationers as
cannot be usefully employed in the
actual work of the Wards, e.g. at
Highgate there are about 20 nurses
& 20 Ward Assistant nurses. Probably it
would be worth while for the
Board to be at the expense of the
keep of say 6 to 8 Supernumeraries

for their own purposes (according
in fact to the arrangement we
propose to them & to that in force
at Liverpool as I see by Mr Croppers
letter).

If the number of Pupils is to be
increased, the whose expense of the
additional number would fall on
the Government as the whole does
on us at St Thomas’ Hospital-
(Undoubtedly at St Thomas’ the number
of the Hospital staff is diminished
in consequence of the use they make
of our Probationers & hence their
willingness to build quarters for us)

At present I do not believe that
Highgate is capable of training 20 Probationers,
having regard to the number of Patients
in the Wards. Certainly it is not having
regard to the capabilities of the Staff.
We agreed that 6 was quite enough
for Miss T. to begin with & there is every reason to adhere to this.

There are certain points I should like to consult her upon before expressing any opinion, especially as to how far the duties of Ward assistants are compatible with the position of Probationer learning to become a full blown nurse. I presume the Assistants do scrubbing & cleaning & fetching to a considerable extent.

If not, or if this work is no incompatible with learning the duties of nurse - the ward assistants might be treated as Probationers (or a portion of them) & by arrangement the number available for drafting off be largely increased. It would not answer to the Training Institution to allow this except on receiving a quid pro quo, such as aid in wages.

I am aware that Miss T. has already promoted one or two Ward Assistants, but it does not follow that as a system, it would be right to treat all or many of the class as Probationers & on this I wish for further information.

(e) The object of the school should be limited to supplying those larger Infirmarys which require a complete staff, Superintendent & nurses. This is quite enough for the schools to undertake. the smaller Infirmarys which are nursed only by one, two, three, or four nurses will gradually be supplied by women who have acquired their training & longer experience in the larger Workhouses & desire change- Many women prefer a smaller hospital & the greater importance on some cases which their position gives them & the
smaller Infirmarys can afford to
give & do give I believe often higher wages. Women so placed are sub-
ject to but little supervision & ought to be of more standing & experience
than Probationers who have had a year or even two years training as Assistant nurses. To send out the latter, except as part of a Staff under a competent Head, would be simply throwing away the cost incurred by the School.

Henry BC 26/5/71

You will have noted the contents of Mr Wyatt’s letter & the difficulties he foresees. This is so far as expense is the difficulty in favour of a Government plan.

I have not in these notes come to any definite conclusion by way of direct answer to Mr Rathbone & on hearing further, I with throw this into a better [odd shd be will]

shape or see him. He is no doubt persuaded that I am somewhat impracticable & does not therefore approach me in any way since my letter of last year declining to train an Assistant Matron for Liverpool Workhouse. I said, if you recollect, that we would reconsider the proposal after getting into the new St Thomas & that is probably what Mr Cropper refers to.

His theory is, that some improvement even tho’ based on a defective system is better than doing nothing, & more=
over he has great faith in the power of money to get over difficulties in cases where money is of no avail.
H1/ST/NC18/9/58-67 HBC corr on Staffordshire Inf letters 1868, re supplying lady supt and perhaps staff of nurses

H1/ST/NC18/9/43-54 HBC and Taunton and Somerset Hosp re lady supt required 1867 and 1868, and other packets all HBC corr, not entered in chrons

H1/ST/NC18/9/90a seems to be in FN hand, on HBC stationery 13 May 1868, to an unnamed recipient, input, no copy as yet

13 May 1868
Madam
In reply to your letter of the 11th I would observe that no doubt the particular question you refer to in the Enquiry Paper was not intended for Gentlewomen, but all the other questions are or may be strictly applicable. Your remarks are I think sufficiently answered by yourself when you say that the objections which you assume might be raised would not deter you.

I have not hesitated in saying there is nothing in the course of training or treatment of the pupils which ought to be an obstacle to gentlewomen to experience, several gentlewomen having completed the whole course.

With respect to the terms under which you would wish to be admitted, I would ask you to consider the object which we have in view viz
to train our probationers
so as to qualify them
to undertake a well defined
& specific duty, one of
great importance &
responsibility. When
qualified, they are employ-
ed by different Institutions
either as Nurses or in
superior situations in
charge of the nursing
Persons so employed must
necessarily to a certain
extent give up private
ties in so far that is to
say as the latter are
incompatible with the
due performance of
their engagements-

No business could possi-
ably be conducted on
any other terms.
To say therefore that any
one in such a position
could be at liberty to
abandon her duties for
the purpose of attending
to family calls without the
consent of the Employers
would obviously be out
of the question. I have no
doubt you do not mean
this-
Whether actually engaged
in work by any Institu-
tion or waiting for
it the managers of the
Institution in one case
& the committee of the
Fund in the other, would
naturally desire to accord every reasonable facility to Probationers to attend to urgent family requirements. I should recommend you to put yourself in communication with Mrs Wardroper & make an appointment to see her & then if you think well of it & Mrs Wardroper is prepared to assist you to enter upon the usual terms. You will readily perceive on consideration that it is impossible

for the Committee to admit ladies who are unwilling to place themselves under any obligation to give their services for the very important objects sought to be obtained. Our means are limited, the demands upon us very great, every probationer who after training retires from the work throws us back a whole year--

Merely to train women to enable them to nurse their own families & friends would be like a drop in the ocean.
Even the few qualified women whom we send out (few as compared with the numbers required) to Hospitals in the hope of their being employed in the sphere where their services may be most useful form but a slight leaven in a great mass. We are most anxious that gentlemen should come forward to qualify themselves for the work, but whether they do it as a means of livelihood or not, they will be of no use whatever unless entering upon it was a serious duty of the very highest character.

I can readily sympathize with those who are loth to leave their home & fear to be neglectful of their home duties. There are very many most indeed, who are better at home, who have no call to leave it, but for some there is a higher duty than mere home duties. In every profession the duties for the calling, the public duties, so to say must always, do take precedence over the private duties & there are plenty of people in the world who undertake such duties without the dire necessity of earning their bread. We do not put our demands higher than this. I beg to remain your obedient servant

Hy BC
H1/ST/NC18/9/91
To Mrs Marian Brown 27 Nov 1868 HBC says FN requested him as sec to reply to her letter applying for a position of a sum given by the sultan in 1856 for the benefit of the nurses in the mil hosps, and also applying to receive aid from a fund wh you state to have been raised by collections!

H1/ST/NC18/9/92-123 HBC corr, applications for info re training, 1868; refs to reading FN’s Una, some ask for a few months experience, over the age

H1/ST/NC18/9/1-40 corr Osburn, Wardroper, Kilvert; Taunton and Somerset, Eye and Ear Bradford, North Staffs Inf, St Pancras Inf, Glouc Inf, Radcliffe Inf, North Riding Inf, Bristol Royal Inf and HBC draft on training for a German hosp (not there) 1868, Wardr and HBC corr on applications; nurses who want appointments; re Gen Inf Hereford

H1/ST/NC18/9/41-42 re Birmingham; H1/ST/NC18/9/81-85 Radcliffe 1868
H1/ST/NC18/9/68-73 Radford, Baster, St Pancras

H1/ST/NC18/9/68 Aug 18 1868 letter to Wardroper from James Moore, clerk, St Pancras guardians apply to obtain from St T in about 18 months a staff of trained nurses for the inf for 500 patients to be erected at Highgate; guardians believe that FN greatly in favour of the adoption of this experiment and in interest of sick poor

Aug 21 1868 to HBC re his of 19th H1/ST/NC18/9/70

H1/ST/NC18/9/71 Nov 5 1868 Moore to HBC re St Pancras, [W.H.] Wyatt the chair has recd a letter from FN wherein she mentions the subject of a staff of nurses for the new inf for this parish; I am desired to ask whether it will be more convenient to meet a com

H1/ST/NC18/9/73 Nov 21 1868 Moore to HBC re visiting committee reported back to guardians re supply of trained supt and staff for Highgate, I am instructed to accept the offer of the com of the Nightingale Fund to supply the supt and nurses on the completion of the bldgs
H1/ST/NC18/11/1-100 1870 Liverpool 1872-73 Highgate RIE Trinidad and 1872-75 applications from various insts

12 Oct 1870 HBC to Rathbone H1/ST/NC18/11/1
apologize for not replying to his letter to FN forwarded by her to me some time ago re maintaining a prob at St T; com not in a position to entertain your proposal; we have unfulfilled engagements; pressing; new hosp; hope to increase the number of probs so as to be able to afford more efficient help that hitherto; another difficulty; organization adopted at Liverpool Wkh opposed to the principles which appear to us to be essential for successful intro and maintenance of female nursing; wd be very much indisposed to rec any lady trained in the N Fund School to undertake a post under such unfav conditions; of little use arguing this with the managers--they have done what they believe to be for the best; When therefore the managers of any Inf or hosp allege as evidence of success of their admin that the nurses are admirable and the nursing excellent...saw Miss McLaughlin at Sedan, very happy and well; I have just returned from a tour among the war hosps in Germany and visited Sedan on way home; re addressing his letter to his brother the MP cannot main
to input H1/ST/NC18/11/1
corr with Torrance
H1/ST/NC18/11/8 etc HBC and corr with AE Hill, Highgate, W.H. Wyatt
H1/ST/NC18/11/14 letter from Offices of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Jan 24th 1873 to HBC re report of Fund; re Govt of Trinidad contemplates appt of a trained nurse for a large hosp, with FN pencil note. For a trained nurse of superior standing to be selected from a large hosp in this country to take charge of the nursing dept of the Hosp of Port of Spain in that colony, in the hope that the local hosp may become a tr school for nurses to be employed in the gen hosps and coolie estate hosps throughout the col. To notice of early of Kimberley by govt,

This wd be a noble thing to do
And I am sorry we cannot do it.
I shd “say further that less that 2 trained women could not with any expectation of success be sent out on such a mission work as this
better they shd be two “Sisters” of some Order or Society - provided it is a Training Order
[I was writing to Miss Jones on business & mentioned this casually.
have not yet had her answer.]
that we shd not think much of the judgment of a woman who wd go out alone on such a work as this however devoted she was
don’t you think so? 9/2/73
HBC I do.
what society is this?... All Saints St John’s House?
FN red pencil:
I am afraid there are only those 2 & 3 Miss Sellon’s (“Devonport Sisters of Mercy”) they have some good Sisters & 4 those Sisters who nursed Mr. Wyatt’s smallpox hospital--some Berkshire nurses.
Nurses Papps & Hunt 35 St. St. Jan 28/73
Dear Mrs Wardroper
    I have just received the enclosed Telegraph from Miss Barclay & think it better to send it off to you at once-
    There is not a doubt from its context that she has received Mr Bonham Carter’s letter of last night written from here wh: I mentioned to you-
    And there is not a doubt that we must consent, if, after reading that, she still wishes it - do not you think so?
    If you wish to, & if you can start Papps & Hunt off by the 10 a.m. from King’s Cross to-morrow, they had better join company with Miss Swansbourne who starts from here tomorrow by that train.
    How shall we manage it?
    If you do not wish or cannot find time to start Nurses Papps & Hunt till Thursday I will see them on Wednesday [breaks off]

Jan 28 telegraph re Swansbourne
My Lord

Mrs Wardroper on leaving St Thomas’ Hospital for her holiday three weeks or more ago requested me to reply to your letter of the 7th August respecting nurses for the Worcester Infirmary. I have been unable to reply to it in consequence of negotiations for the supply of a large Staff of nurses with a Superintendent to an important Hospital which if completed will exhaust our available nurses for a period beyond Christmas. This arrangement is now so nearly close that I think it right to delay no longer - in informing you that we shall be unable to meet your wishes.

I will venture to make an observation or two on the regulations &

I make observe [odd] in reply to a remark in your letter that in a Hospital of this no. of beds the matron ought we think to be able to superintend the nursing Staff without the assistance of an Assistant, as in fact you suggest, but on the other hand she can never be qualified...
to do so unless she has
herself undergone proper
training & a herein no
doubt lies a considerable
difficulty to find a

qualified female superintendant.
Referring to rules 100, 101
116, & 122, our experience
has led us to the conclusion
that a fatal error runs
through them all viz
making the Matron
responsible to the House
Surgeon for the conduct
of the Nurses, placing
the nurses under the
orders of the House Surgeon,requiring women servants
to obey the orders of the
House Surgeon as their
master. This system,
we maintain is the man
cause of the want of

moral discipline which
ends in most Hospitals
the making women
responsible to the House
Surgeon or other Male
officer. The whole
female Staff ought to
be responsible to the
Matron she to the
Committee- The Matron
should be responsible
that the nurses properly
carry out the orders of
the medical men in
everything concerning
the treatment of the
patients: an [y] complaints
against nurses by medical

men or patients should
be made to the matron
who alone (of course under
the orders of the Committee)
should take action upon
them, & any complaints
against the matron should be made to the Committee. Miss Nightingale has reiterated this principle in all her writings on the subject & I apprehend that nobody who has had anything to do with the management of a female Staff would gainsay the good sense of it.

Doctors are very apt to imagine that because they are the proper & only persons to give orders respecting the treatment of patients, therefore they must have the entire control of the Staff. The fallacy of this has been proved by the scandalously defective organization & condition of the nursing Staff of our Hospitals & Infirmaries & the total absence, until late years, of any means of procuring good nurses for the sick.

Trusting you will excuse these observations
I remain My Lord your obedient servant
Hy B.C.

Otway to HC Feb 1 1872 Co Antrim

H1/ST/NC18/11/39 letter to HBC describes offers £60; FN asks for info as to their requirements; with furnish in a day or 2

H1/ST/NC18/11/40 Lady Warrendon letter to Mrs Wardroper re ladies anxious to est an inst of nursing sisters in Edinburgh, rec to apply to her by Mrs Sweet of Devonshire Sq, Bishopsgate St, asks if can supply 2 or 3 from N School

H1/ST/NC18/11/41 to HBC Elizabeth Pulling, Cambridge thanks r her inquiries re nursing mgt; expecting nurses from St John’s House this
month to take charge of a small temporary hosp for smallpox
more on North Staffordshire.; supt asks for night nurses; Huddersfield 1873

1875 HBC with Boston Cottage Hosp

H1/ST/NC18/11/92 Belmont Belfast 1876 re Belfast Wkh Inf
H1/ST/NC18/11/94 from the manse, Ottawa Canada 1874 Daniel Gordon then wrote Wardr for info FN letter on! or clean copy? 23 Sept 1874

H1/ST/NC18/13/1-13 to HBC, Rathbone 1878, potential nurses, Rathbone on being asked to be on council

H1/ST/NC18/13/14-24 re Highgate after Hill’s death; re closing the school; corr with Sidney Waterlow on, Hinck’s applic, but Mrs Luckling appt matron; they had tried to get Hincks in; with the other’s apptmt decided to withdraw their nurses; books left at the inf; next letters are re nurses leaving; Wm Appleton, clerk, for Central London Sick Asylum District, Highgate Inf
corr with Malcolm McNeill of Edinburgh bd of supervision Poor Law

H1/ST/NC18/13/32-46 HBC and Montreal, terms for the engagement of nurses, signed by P Redpath for Montreal Gen Hosp

H1/ST/NC18/13/60 re Linicke and with Wardroper

H1/ST/NC18/13/64-75 re Lincoln Hosp, Vincent; inquiry to SEW from Henry W. Hutton, rev, Vicars’ Court, Lincoln; Vincent to HBC re his objections to her being a candidate for Lincoln, she idle and keen to work; HBC to Vincent re the negotiations going on

H1/ST/NC18/13/76-86 re Bart’s Machin and Styring, Twining, RIE, Salisbury district; Memo of Instructions by Matron to Ward Sister on Duties to Probationers H1/ST/NC18/13/85

H1/ST/NC18/13/81 Twining to HBC from 20, Queen Square W.C. I am anxious to ask if anything is now being done by the Nightingale Fund as to training nurses for Sick Asylums or Infs under the Poor Law, now that Highgate is no longer nursed from St Thomas’. I was greatly disappointed at the check given to the whole cause of improvement wh I consider was given by the change of plan there, and wh I quite hoped wd have been followed by many other district & others. I am trying to obtain all the info I can as to the hope and chance of improvement, but I am not aware if any inst is now nursed by your staff or any other nursing org, or, if you still train nurses for that especial dept of work? Miss Nightingale knows that this subject has been my interest for at least 25 years, and I am endeavouring to bring it again before public notice, as this same public is content to believe that we have gained all that we desire.

H1/ST/NC18/14/1-15 HBC on Netley with roll 5
H1/ST/NTS/Y36/71 has pencil minutes from Nightingale Fund council letter of Laura Wilson from N Home 1876 H1/ST/NTS/Y17/1a

The Hospital Nursing Supplement. with short version of BMJ article and typescript, not sure who by “I have been called upon and “The Late Mrs Wardroper” Hospital Nursing Supplement. April 28 1894:xxxviii. not by FN; and order for unveiling of memorial,

H1/ST/NTS/Y27/5 Corrected handscript and as printed in the order of service, Order of Unveiling of the Memorial to the late Sarah Eliz Wardroper...by the lord archbp of Canterbury at St T Chapel April 30 1894.

To the Memory of Sarah Elizabeth Wardroper
A faithful servant of God and man, the working leader in a great reform quietly and peaceably pursued, by which the care of the sick took its right place as a high and holy calling that enlists the noblest qualities of heart and mind, and turns to efficient use the intelligence, refinement and devotion of good women. For 33 years Mrs Wardroper rendered faithful service as matron of this hospital. Selected by Florence Nightingale as the first supt of the school of nurses, established by her in this hospital, she was successful during the last 27 years in training and sending out into our own and other lands capable women, worthy to carry on the good work. She retired from her post in June, 1887, and died at East Grinstead on the 14th day of December, 1892, in the 80th year of her age.

I was sick and ye visited me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt 25 chap, verses xxxvi and xl.

H1/ST/NTS/Y27/7 “Miss Nightingale’s Tribute” in The Hospital Nursing Supplement. (5 May 1894):xliv. recycles from the BMJ longer piece.

H1/ST/NTS/Y34/1 presented by Mrs Minet, née Rayner. Accounts of the Shipwreck

H1/ST/NTS/A1/1 Heads of a proposal to be made by the committee for Miss Nightingale’s Fund to the Governors of St Thomas’ Hospital...from conf held at WO 17 March 1860

H1/ST/NC18/20 reports of Wardroper and Whitfield, lists of probs passed etc., examination of Croft; also of AE Hill from Highgate

H1/ST/NC18/20/1-19 matrons’ reports of probs, and reports to NF council; 1st class and 2nd class still in 1867; and reports of those Maria Inwood and Ann Burgess 2nd class unworthy to be placed on register of certificated nurses; these reports give details, strewn through, of
dismissals etc.
12 Feb 1869 explains difficulties from irregular periods for probs; shows how people can be demoted later;
Dec 4 1869

04 12 1869 matron’s report that Torrance and she, in compliance with request, went to Highgate, met by W.H. Wyatt at station, to new inf, recd by architect; The bldg is pleasantly situated on a healthy elevated site....After returning from Highgate I accompanied Miss Torrance to St Pancras....The wards were very much overcrowded, badly ventilated and impure, only 2 windows were open in each of the wards we entered....Torrance summoned to com, who were satisfied with her qualifs and decided to accept her, already having agreed to take from us a staff of 9 nurses; for her to decide.
Report (No No.) with FN comments:
One report expl Miss Isabella Hawthorn who on account of an accident recd in the hosp (Oct 1870) was reported last year to have resigned, was re-admitted 13 Oct 1871.

1871 report, or draft?: describes lectures given; Clark, Bernays. “The practical tr of the probs by the sisters and others has not been neglected and supplemented by ourselves, who will use every effort to place the Nightingale Training School on the most efficient system.
FN und and comment; I think it is deceiving the Committee to leave this in--And if they chose to make enquiry, it could be denied by trustworthy persons. [re first unds]
then: Then let him do so.

1873 April 1873, report for 1872 has FN comments on the nurses names. Machin Cdn, Leighton going to India. on cover:
FN blue pencil:
Dr Bernays gave 3 Lectures
Mr Le G. Clark 4
but few of the Probs took any notes at all & none were looked over or examined.
[Hence the qui pro quo]
In 1872 Dr Peacock gave none. H1/ST/NC19/20/18

letter of A.E. Hill to HBC May 16 [1872? 1873?] returns her marks to the N com for the gratuity, probs have had 4 lectures from Dr Dowse; at commencement of last year I began and for some time continued giving the probs classes, but from want of time have been unable to continue them.

In a workhouse inf there are so many demands upon matrons time from nurses, probs, ward assts and patients--besides office work, that it wd not be possibly successfully to carry on a tr sch w/o having a trained asst to work under the matron in taking charge of probs.
Croft’s report shows how much more material covered than haphazard; and Wardr wrote authorities where people were and asked for reports;
8 of our Nurses left Highgate Inf in about 7 months (not including Babb, who never ought to have been sent) i.e. at more than the rate of one a month In about the same time 7 of our Nurses were supplied to Highgate Inf (not including Babb, who never out to have been sent including For who was dismissed at St T’s & kindly taken on at Highgate with alas! very little success) or at the rate of one a month Or up to the present date 10 of our Nurses have been supplied to Highgate (exclusive of the said 2) in little more than a year.

Report for 1874, 10 May 1875 signed by SEW and J Croft: is long; FN red pencil comments after list of Mr Croft’s Lectures: This is rather meagre Comparing it with FN’s account to Mr Jenner which was rather visionary. compared with this. Report for 1876 has FN comments, queries with what salary on appt 25/3/76 FN comment on appt of Crossland as home sister. “Most eminently fitted for her post & most grateful we are to her. F.N.”

FN letter to HBC H1/ST/NC18/21/78 pencil input, do digital?

Nurses’ Pension & Sick Fund
May 2/87
My dear Harry
This has been awaiting your return some time. I know not whether Miss Vincent has written to you - as I asked her.
Every 2 or 3 years a ‘recrudescence’ happens. And the subject is (happily) brought up again & again. “The Hospital” - a stupid paper - is full now of contributions on the subject which have
been sent me- But I have not seen Mr. Burdett’s letter
Probably you have. 
Miss Vincent’s is a very business-like contribution to the matter—giving names & suggestions. 
{she had previously spoke to me about it. And I had told her all the objections which I learnt from you.}

Her people, you see, are willing to do their best to obviate our objections.

So were Mss Pringle’s people some 6 or 7 years ago, if you remember.

Miss Bristow, of Belfast, [we had Miss Crossland from her, if you remember] is less business-like— but worth reading.

All the dissertations I have had this year refer to include the raising of a “Jubilee Fund” for the end in view.

I have given Miss Bristow likewise the difficulties

Would it be possible to work up something for them?

That something will be done appears certain— probably something that will have no sound basis, & will break up, unless you help them.

Miss Vincent’s paper of Suggestions is suggestive.

Will you kindly fix a day for seeing me this week?

ever yrs affly

F.N.
Lectures XIX-XXV. 74 pp. Lectures XIX Disinfectants and Antiseptics. 11 pp. The removal or neutralisation or destruction of that which is offensive to the senses or hurtful to the body is "disinfection." e.g. carbolic acid; septic derived from Greek, signifies putrefactive; antiseptic is then anti-putrefactive or against or preventive of putrefaction; disinfection has a wider meaning; some agents disinf w/o being antisep, and some antiseptics as well as disinfectants; deodorant feeble; putrefaction accomp by offensive odour, but fermentation is not; malt is fermentation. Putrefaction of animal and vegetable structures gives rise to several foul gases, and animal or vegetable beings or organisms wh are capable of growing and multiplying to an enormous extent. these gases and infinitely small bodies escape into the air under fav conds. The atmosphere around us is charged with germs as they are called; their existence is beyond a doubt. They can be collected and examined under the microscope and experimented upon.

1 experiment...Prof Tyndall’s lecture on Dust and Disease”, showed particles or germs though to naked eye air is empty and invisible.

Carbolic acid is both disinfectant and antiseptic; sulphurous acid powerful disinf; chlorine good aerial disinf; solution of chloride of lime; chlorinated soda solution useful only temporarily; chloride of zinc; chloralum; permanagante of potash and chlorozone or Condy’s Fluid. Letheby says active in destruction of dead organic matter, but does not appear to exert much action on vital manifs; charcoal oxidizing and has disinfecting action; heat; boiling water. Do not imagine for an instant that ...are to be looked upon as substitutes for ventilation and fresh air and cleanliness--these first place, disinfectants second.

Lecture XX Fevers 15-25. cites FN Notes on Nursing p 207 of mgt during convalescence. watching temp for. typhoid requires more care than typhus. Before leaving room patient shd have a warm bath for cleanliness Nurse shd ascertain that his clothes have been thoroughly disinfected and cleaned before puts on, bed and bedding to be sent away to be disinfected.


[so, very clear probs being taught germ theory in 1873, and antiseptics and disinfectants.
H1/ST/NTS/C38/1-5 ward diaries of Nightingale nurses given by Lucy Seymer, for Haig Brown, Allardice, Blackett, Lunderey [?] and Ward, all 1891 and H1/ST/NTS/C36/2 ward diaries 1873 Machin, Vincent, Spencer, Hornby, Pyne with FN und

H1/ST/NTS/C14/4 Duties of Probs under the Nightingale Fund [to scan]

Things that a Ward Sister ought to teach every new Probationer. by Machin. H1/ST/NTS/C15 c1874

Point out various cupboards where lint, tow, bandages, ointments, etc. are kept, any instruments or utensils not in sight that may be required. Show lavatories and explain bedpans and all such utensils, and how to use disinfectants.

How to wash and lift helpless patients, esp men, how to make beds, change sheets and dust, to do dressings, take temps, pulse and respiration, to read “cards” at bedheads, to apply iodine and other paints and liniments.

To make and apply poultices and fomentations.

To give enemata, pass catheter (female), to prevent bedsores, to make and put on bandages, cover splints, etc.

To explain reasons for giving or altering medicines.

To question probs if poss on special cases after round of the attending physician or surgeon.

To prepare for ops. To administer medicines and feed helpless patients. [evidently in 1874 well beyond housekeeping]

H1/ST/NTS/C17 Memorandum of Instructions by Matron to Ward Sisters On Duties to Probationers. Easter 1879. S.E.W. 4 pp

H1/ST/NTS/C37/1 ward diaries of lady probs 1873, Machin, Vincent, Spencer Hornby Pyne and Hunter, Knight? Morris, de Lütichian Mrs Carroll with FN comments, Not good practice

H1/ST/NTS/C27 Nightingale Fund Memorandum respecting the admission of Gentlewomen under the Regulations for Special Probs May 1868, HBC sec. The com being anxious to induce gentlewomen to qualify themselves...for superior situations are prepared ...to admit a ltd no. of probs free of expense with the addition in cases where the cand’s means require it, of a small salary of £10 during the year of training. the Com have power to assist Probs who may be willing to become cands for these appts (and whose means require it) by some addition to the small salary allowed during the year of training

Box with H1/ST/NC1/V series seen again April 2008;
Shrimpton letter to FN June 25 1872, 5 Whitehall, S.W. FN comment:

_Lying-in Inst Notes_
_Dr Shrimpton_

re not answering her kind note, tardy, grateful thanks for your admirable work on lying-n insts, which I found in Paris on my last visit there. I have read it a second time, but not with the applic and stat
work required to do it justice. Such a work, in my opinion, cannot be complete from various causes over wh we have no control, but certainly your book is most powerfully conclusive in its arguments and will have an immense influence, not only over lying-in insts, but over all hosp ests, demonstrating the disastrous effect of “hospitalism.”

You will agree with me, I think, that there are many difficulties to be overcome before any great reforms can be effected....working themselves out. The local san boards will give more power to medical men ...lead to es of small isolate d hosp wh will become the centre of action of all san matters throughout the country, leading poss to many reforms, the revision of the poor laws, &c. Statistics point increasingly to this.

Every hosp has now a service of midwifery, attendance on poor women in their own homes, to which service dev is given every day. Your work gives an immense impulse in this direction but I see that things must be left to work themselves out in England. The powerful action of indiv initiative will be brought to bear as soon as the necessity becomes known.

Reorg of army

H1/ST/NC2/V6/65 11 April 1865 letter to FN from Alex Graham. Carlton Chambers 8 Regent St. SW “Swansea Inf” I have to ack your note of yesterday (missing) with a newspaper and an enclosure which I return with thanks. I believe the com are acting in good faith, and that it has been their intention from the first (notwithstanding their extraordinary course of proceedings) to employ me as their architect. I have not yet recd official notification of the decision of the general body of subscribers, but only a private comm from Dr W. I really hope that this remarkable com will not give you any unnecessary trouble in a matter in which you have taken so generous part.

H1/ST/NC2/V7/65 Alex Graham to FN 4 May 1865. “Swansea Hosp” I have been requested by the com to lay before you the approved plans of the new bldg. They were prepared, as you may be aware, to meet the instruction which the com circulated to competing architects. I took the opportunity when working them out to adopt the suggestions which you were pleased to favor me with in your criticism of November last; at the same time, reducing the administrative portion of the bldg to suit the views of the com. To enable you to judge how far the reduction is likely to interfere with efficient admin, I send with the 8 approved drawings the two original plans. The only point which, I believe, I have failed to attend to is more direct communic between the nurses floor and the upper floor wards. I can easily remedy this, if you consider it desirable. The baths in connection with the out-patients dept are for salt water. The necessity for those was urged upon me by the com. Awaiting the favour of your remarks,

H1/ST/NC2/V16/62 Dearest Miss Nightingale May 23 [1862] signed M.C. Moore, re kindness of Mrs Smith, prays for her. May our dearest Lord grant you to know and do His blessed will. May He love you and make you love Him eternally.
H1/ST/NC2/V19/62 Inglott to FN 15 Aug 1862, asks for her approval of plans of Malta Hosp of Incurables “in their complete and finished state.” He notes that “almost all your suggestions have been attended to and embodied in the several buildings, and the est is now as perfect as the most perfect charity could have made it.” On the blank page he intends, with her permission, to quote her opinion of this hosp, shall call for the book. thanks for invaluable assistance

H1/ST/NC2/V2/58 Shaw Stewart to FN July 27/58 from Lariboisière, crossed out sections and FN corrections. Additional Hints Pavilion Hospitals suggested by studying the construction of the Hôpital L. letter has hers of the 14th. I shd have answered yours of the 14 before but waited to see how far I could honestly to you and myself answer the important qu as to vent. In result I am compelled to defer answering as regards my own obs, most of these questions because, ...re weather, hopes to acc the inspecting of night watch. Persons at the L H who mt be good judges incl foremost the director... there are numerous sheets of this, contd. rewritten

H1/ST/NC2/V3/58 11 Aug 1858. JSS to FN from Lariboisiere Aug 11 1858 encloses account as far as cd make it of the Bethanien way of cleaning their floors, puzzling description (but account not there)

H1/ST/NC2/V4/58 JSS from Larib cont Sept 17 1858, returns to FN’s questions. Essential to both the systems of vent here that the engineers shd have access the whole of the night both to the engine room and to the greater part of the underground space, called souterrain; (very clear she is answering FN’s questions)

H1/ST/NC2/V5/58 JSS cont Sept 30/58 at Hôtel Dieu, On Saturday eve I left the Hop L sincerely grateful for a most instructive sojourn and for much kindness recd there, came here, was kindly recd, settled myself in, a very comfortable room, hear the blessing in Notre Dame hard by and on Sunday having been with infinite comfort it gives to our blessed early service I was shown thro the hosp, presented to the prioress who was as kind as when she came to L and to the nuns incl the excellent old Mere. re lunatic hosp at Bicêtre,

H1/ST/NC2/V6/58 cont Oct 22 1858 Hôtel Dieu. This is in answer to yours of the 12; in a day or two I hope to send you remaining thoughts suggested by the Hop L. It is useless and yet inevitable to repeat my old and constant regret at submitting any ideas to you till I have seen and thought over all I hope to see. I return enclosed the plan of the proposed reg hospital intended to be but one story (but query if this for all). The proper san and med authorities shd decide whether or not it is healthy in a small hosp of 60 patients to have but one story, or whether the patients shd be on one floor and the kitchen if not in a separate bldg yet on a separate floor. The smaller the hosp the more chance of kitchen smells. Dr Esse of the Berlin Charité Hosp prob correct that for a small hosp of 80-100 patients decidedly best and best economy in the end tho’ an additional expense to have a detached bldg
serving both for kitchen and wash house. Also a detached dead house. with plan on blue paper, with FN headings on

H1/ST/NC2/V7/58 JSS Nov 10/58 from Hôtel Dieu; I subjoin some final thoughts sugg by the Hop L, sincerely regretting to submit them to you before I have seen all I hope to see. 1. Pavilion form of hospital, has ignorantly speaking, great advantages and great disadvantages. Authorities have recommended its adoption by the War Office on sanitary grounds. It is and shd be taken for granted. Will the form be precisely, or not, as at L.? English climate shd be well considered in all arrs; if L to be copied, unheated corridors, open terraces, many ground floor door

H1/ST/NC2/V1/59 Margaret Goodman to FN Sept 30 1859. I still see in the public papers bad accounts of your health...I have left Miss Sellon’s est, for which perhaps I was never adapted and have returned to my former occupation of school teaching. Hoping to resume my old sphere of labour at Christmas I took temporarily a small village school. I am disappointed about St James’s School which will not be vacant for another twelve months. Asks for a testimonial (next letter from bp of Moray and Ross re Goodman)

H1/ST/NC2/V2/59 FN from Margaret Goodman, Swindon, Oct 19 1859 her goodness touches me even to tears, thanks for sugg respecting employment, has accepted a school nr Cheltenham if clergyman approves of her testimonials

H1/ST/NC2/V17/67 Pelham Dale to FN on embossed Deaconesses’ Institution, 50 Burton Cres WC. May 2 1867. I had meditated answering your letter at length and had written down my ideas. I find it however so difficult to express them in moderate compass? That I am induced to ask you to give me a personal interview. I am quite aware that this in the present state of your health and occupations is a bold request but from your letter I am quite sure you would sympathize with my efforts and approve my aims. I am the more desirous for such an interview as I think that I could not fail to illeg my suggs how best to carry out such a system of training as you maintain for sisters indeed have illeg training and so I hope are so far an illeg to what you sketch out but of course at present all is illeg I think however the ??

A.E. Jones H1/ST/NC2/V22/67 June 12 1867 from Liverpool Wkh. What is it that these ladies Grant, Lawrence, etc with Mrs Kinnaird and Miss March want to do? & how far have your referred them to me? I recd last week a summons to London to meet them on Monday next & was told I had been nearly telegraphed for the week before. However I wrote that unless for some matter of great importance I cd not go, but I waited for a visit. I heard Mr Chalmers of Beckenham was to pay me. He has just been here and I understand no more. He had been with Miss Merryweather and had probably learnt enough from her--perhaps he was prevented asking me the same questions as on the only subject he mentioned my advice and hers rather differed. I saw at Burton Crescent how little the sisters were
trained as nurses by having patients in the house to practise on; and I knew often how the poor people suffered from the inexperience of their nurses and want of a doctor and therefore I did not give unqualified approval to this plan, unless they had some good nurse and doctor at hand.

However I do not pretend to be able to advise people how to organize, and therefore I do not see of what use my going to London would be. Even were I to combine with seeing this committee several other matters I do not understand what I cd do for them--and to so combine and arrange to see other people I shd require more time than is possible before Monday, as I shd have to leave this on Saturday. However as they have heard of me through you I want to know what you wish me to do. It would not be impossible for me to leave for a few days...,

The gov and I have been at war but peace is now proclaimed. Messrs Cropper and Rathbone got into a scrape thro indiscreet zeal, but I think you will consider the enclosed a valuable doc as the gov does not often commit himself on paper.

H1/ST/NC2/V23/67 AJ Lawrence to FN June 14/67. I am very much indebted to you for your letter of 12 and for your private and confid commun of 13th. I quite und that a small hosp won’t do. (Indeed the sugg came from another quarter) that the home shd be if possible within the hosp and that the matron shd be at its head. But how are we to begin? Suppose after th ex of Liverpool we call ourselves “Training School and Home for Nurses.” How are we to get access to hosps until we have secured some competent nurses? Shall we not best attain this by opening a home for cands under a matron who wd simply be housekeeper, having secured a few probs, seek to connect ourselves with some hosp and when the probs are qualified undertake the charge of it?

I am afraid that I shall exhaust your patience in asking such question but I fell how important to lay before our friends some distinct props and I must confess that with other engagements I am not able to give that attn to the subject which it deserves, and altho there are many who are ready to work, someone is wanted to start the scheme in the right tract. I think a gentleman is rqd who wd give his whole attn to the subject though he need not “do matron.”

I have before me the regs as to training prob nurses at the Liverpool Tr School. They seem excellent. Shd we endeavour humbly to follow in their track? Seek to make arrs with the hosp for tr women desirous of working as hosp district and private sick nurses?


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Dear Madam, It is impossible for me adequately to express the great pleasure and satisfaction I have felt in the kind and encouraging words you have on several occasions addressed to me and especially in your letter of the 9th inst accompanying your valuable paper “On the Nursing of London Workhouse Infirmaries.”
Had I not been much absorbed by the serious illness of my wife I shd have replied by return of post, but for a few days I felt obliged to postpone all correspondence.

This delay, however (and I am thankful to say the cause for it is past) gives me the opp of further thanking you for Mr Rathbone’s volume, which you so kindly sent by the following post.

It wd be well if in our great centres of population we had a few more earnest hearted and practical minded men like Mr Rathbone.

If my little pamphlet proposes any real value and is likely to serve any useful purpose, you do me justice in thinking that I shd be best pleased that I shd have been so widely circulated, and especially with the sanction of your name and influence.

You refer to the precarious state of your health. May I, dear Madam, without being intrusive, tell you that I have a venerated mother who having (or half a lifetime suffered more than medical science believed it possible for human nature to endure, retains at 75 the utmost activity of mind and intellect and has felt a mother’s pride in reading those letters which you have so kindly addressed to her son.

H1/ST/NC15/4/11 letter of Rebecca Strong to Mr Chamberlain, pm 18 Jan 1939; sorry not get OBE personally “but hope to see the day when nursing holds a definite position--a standard educ with its diploma, in place of each school for nurses having its own method.

A rapid advance in medicine and surgery has been made since Lister’s day, but no corresponding advance in the teaching of nurses, upon whom doctors depend for an accurate report.

In time of war our hospitals and nursing services are largely depleted of their nursing staffs and have to struggle on with voluntary help.

The influence of Florence Nightingale seems to be fading, with the exception of HRH Princess Arthur of Connaught, pres of the RBNA.

H1/ST/NC15/27/1-11 corr with HBC 1885 re Paddington Inf, proposal re sending nurses from Bloomsbury House to nurse in Greenwich; letters from Victoria Haus Berlin, duties of probs; C.S. Loch? letter to Wadr Aug 25 from Berlin asks for reg re Nightingale Nursing School, and contract; Victoria Haus has to rearrange its relations with the Friedrichshain Hospital from Dr E. Goldhammer (I think) with regards from Frl Furhmann and Frl Oberbeck; letter from Rachel Williams Egypt thanks friends at St Mary’s for silver tea service, with a list of subscribers!, incl HBC, Joseph Bell, Sieveking

H1/ST/NC18/27/15 Ehrenborg, Stockholm, to HBC re com, thanks for gratif, good wishes to Miss N.

letter Jan 18 1886 from Univ Hosp of Pennsylvania asks for rec of a woman to be head of hosp and tr school, attached to Med Dept of university, modern hosp H1/ST/NC18/27/15

card for inv to Nightingale Home St Thomas’ Hospital occasion of annual address to the probs nurses
Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Assoc, printed 6th report for year 1885 HBC on gen com; re nurses appointed, H1/ST/NC18/27/
“Memo” Miss Crossland’s
I think this very good; at least
I have no suggestion worth
making.
The only thing I would venture to say
is that to ask the question:
could not the line be drawn
less ‘hard & fast’ between (1)
the “main body” & (2) the “heads”
or the “superior appointments”
See Para 2.

The “educated intelligent
“Ordinary Probationer” is very
justly held up in this very
memo.
We do give them Cottage Hospl
Matronships

alike with the Special.
sisters & head Nurses are
recruited in many Hospitals
from either class alike &c &c

Would it be possible not
to cut off explicitly “Ordinary
Probationers” from all the
superior appointments,” as
appears to be done here?

This was very forcibly said
to me by an ex-member of
the India Off: whom
I dare say you know—
viz that we appeared (he
had not of course see this

paper) to preclude the
possibility of the Ordinary
Probationer rising.
this we do not really do.

One of our best Matrons was
an “Ordinary Probr.”
&c &c

F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/27/58 done as etext, pencil letter

1 March 1888

Miss Formby
My dear Harry

I suppose now you think I had better try to do this--York Road. I have no more means of doing it than others. (It seems hard that when we have so stoutly stood our for six months midwifery nurse, two months of outdoor practice in the six months, even if doctor two miles off instead of "nine," I should be called upon to do this.) As for Endell St., what I have been told within the last year by Mr and Mrs Craven is disgusting, but I know nothing now of Endell St. myself.

_I must write this morning to York Road_, if at all, for I have not a minute for days after. So I must trouble you for one _verbal word by messenger._

I entirely agree with you about the nonsense of "high enterprise." It is a higher enterprise to be district nurse to "twenty-five families" in Holborn than to "twenty-five families" like these in S. Africa.

If a Mettray, a Rauhe Haus or a Dutch settlement could be organized by competent men (I do not say it is possible) in some colony, for the wretched hundreds of boys who rioted for three weeks in Hyde Park--that would be a "high enterprise," and I should say even to a trained sister, go.

If the poor workwomen in E. London now on the verge of prostitution, but not prostitutes, could be trained and taken out to colonies by competent ladies (I do not say it is possible) as domestic servants, wives, perhaps, working women in the outlying farms, that would be a "high enterprise," and I should say to a trained lady nurse, if it could be so organized, go.

but the present seems to me a step not to the depauperization but to the pauperization of England, not to reformation but to the reverse, taking away the "sober and industrious" and leaving the drunken and destitute.

_F.N._
Private. Miss Young, Solly, Prince, as assistant matrons

My dear Harry,

I am obliged to have recourse to your wisdom and kindness again. Miss Pringle’s letter enclosed. Of the three, Miss Prince is by far the best woman. But she is so inefficient. She had no command of her ward when with us. But she and her ward were under her nurse’s command. Miss Solly: best as to ability, and as to her not having scrimmages with Miss Crossland as Miss Buchanan so unhappily has done. But—-you fully discussed the risks.

Miss Young—I believe you know my opinion of her. And as to her “much knowledge of the world,” it is entirely superficial. And she say she is intimate with people who hardly know her by sight. She is not even well educated. She did not do well in Egypt, but she may be improved. Miss Pringle does not say how she has done as assistant.

Before Miss Pringle’s arrival, Miss Young gave out that she was sure of the appointment because of something Miss Pringle had said to her at Edinburgh. And Miss Pringle spoke to me of a “Mrs or Miss Young,” whose relation had spoken of her to, her, Miss Pringle. You remember.

I am surprised at Miss P. thinking of her. But then Miss P. must know her now far better than I do. If you say “Miss Young,” please say under what precautions.

May I send tomorrow, Thursday morning at 11 for your answer? Please to help me with your sound advice.

ever yours

F.N.

What a pity that Miss Crossland and Miss Pringle cannot consult together.
My dear Harry

I think that in many things, especially as regards charity and care of their own people, the “Jews” have to convert us, and the “missionary spirit,” as M Mohl used to say, had much better be shown among our own poor outcasts in London.

In the East we are often trying to “convert” populations moral and therefore even Christian compared to ourselves. Besides, the languages are such a difficulty. (I am now in a sea of troubles with Miss Munro, whom I could not throw overboard, though she is totally unfit for Cairo.) (You and I quite agree on these points.)

If you and Miss Pringle choose to have this “Miss Pauline Schorr,” “from Jerusalem,” for a year’s training, you will be serving Dr Chaplin’s cause a great deal better than he knows how to serve it himself.

I don’t think we ought to ask “Miss Airy” for a scheme of this sort. And I don’t think she would take it. She is far too good. (I tried to get her into Miss Jones’s successor’s in Kensington Sq, who asked me for one for a time to train their sisters in their own little hospital. But she would not go.)

Her forte is nursing men, officers and privates and managing and training men = nurses, in which and in her conduct with medical officers she is all but perfect. I do wish she could re-enter their career. Miss Airy is indeed “of decidedly religious character.”

You do not know, do you? of a place to get an English = Arabic alphabet and prime, with pronunciation. I sent all over London on Saturday for one for Miss Munro, and could get nothing.

What a strange commentary of our possession of India. There are plenty of German ones. Don’t trouble about his. [end 13:567]

Letters came late this morning. And I am answering yours in haste, to be “early” according to your desire.

thanks for income tax.

ever yours

F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/27/73 Burdett letter to HBC April 6 1889. Preparing a short life of FN to publish in The Hospital, wants a likeness.

H1/ST/NC1/27/74: copy of HBC letter to Burdett, has sinned greatly in leaving his letter so long unanswered, delicacy, not at liberty to do anything in airing your proposed memoir without FN’s consent, have no photograph; he is right that no life of her has been published nor any record of her work as far as I know; no good likeness of her, but I have a photo, perhaps the best, though not satisfactory, may lend it and also get an autograph

H1/ST/NC18/27/83 C.E. Barff to HBC 29 Nov 1889, from Manchester &
Salford Sick Poor and Private Nursing Inst

H1/ST/NC2/V25/67 July 12 1867 from Richard Aspden, hon sec Clinical Hosp and Dispensary for Children, Park Place, Cheetham Hill Road. Manchester. Res appointed her an hon gov of the inst. Sends rules. With copy of the resolution July 8 1867. JS draft. Thank him for honour, but say that you have been obliged to keep yourself disengaged from these insts because you cannot in any way become continually responsible for them, and you find that you cd by no means agree with the rules in which they illeg.

FN hand: excuse my asking them not to illeg my name- so much occupied that I feel very unwilling to occupy myself upon while

H1/ST/NC18/15/67- seen again April 2008
H1/ST/NC18/25/67 James Clark to FN July 9 1867 wrote last night melancholy intelligence, I cannot help thinking that Whitfield gives good reasons for the queen being asked to lay the foundation stone. I wish it had to be laid where we wished and where it would, had the prince consort lived I cannot think the bank of a muddy river the best place for a hospital. It may get air, but not of the best kind any room, in the summer...and chilling east wind. But the queen must not e told that or any part of the unfortunate story. I am glad you got over the queen’s visit so easily....I will tell the queen on some convenient occasion that you were must gratified by her kind message...

I hope the visits of the royal ladies to hospitals may do us some good, owe to you.

The subject of hosps reminds me to ask your opinion of consumptive hospitals. I dislike them and believe they do little good in consumption. with sketch

H1/ST/NC2/V45/67 Dec 20 1867 letter of James Clark to FN, has just recd her note (missing), understand Whitfield’s anxiety to have queen lay stone but whatever the effect of the ceremony on the character of the school, it cd never raise the character of the hosp to what it mt have attained, had they placed it in an open dry situation near London; only chance of not sinking further the character of the hosp is to have attached to it a large conv home in an open, dry situation, to send convalescents as soon as they can be moved; impure air must ever prevail in the proposed hospital. I will do anything I can to incline her to do it, when the proper season arrives, which cannot be before the spring. But I must tell you that there is nothing the queen dislikes so much as these crowded ceremonies. Before the time arrives I shall be glad to hear from Mr Wh or see him.

H1/ST/NC2/V35/89; Acland to FN July 15 1889 re sermon ended my brethren Fight! Fight!! fight!!! only fight on the right side; the sermon of our wise and gentle counsellor. One thing I do not accept viz that a register may be wanted in 40 years. If ever long before that. So do I agree [hard to read] we must try to stop the cavilling between the BNA and Burdett. My daughter has stopped the Nurse Round (BNA) because she will not allow a paper become so abusive to be put into our Nurses’ Home. hopes to call tomorrow
H1/ST/NC18/11/1 HBC to Rathbone

H1/ST/NC18/11/2 Wardr to HBC sends 2 enclosures re training nurses for Dr Bridges, first intimation

H1/ST/NC18/113/1 28 Nov 1870 Torrance to Wardroper from Central London Sick Asylum District Highgate Inf that Pringle told her intended to come to St T but fell, made out list and ests for the whole place

H1/ST/NC18/11/4 FN note 92/73
Wardr letter to HBC from St T, Miss Hill informed her re meeting of bd at Highgate H1/ST/NC/18/116/6b re appt of Hill

H1/ST/NC18/11/49 19 Jan 1873 Helmsdörfer letter to HBC from Darmstadt thanks for his (in German) and again 21 March 1874

H1/ST/NC18/11/53 Feb 4 1873 Machin letter to HBC from Stadt. Krankenhaus, Carlsruhe, Baden to HBC thanks for info and regs of training, asks for another copy to forward on to Canada, and if a report or prospectus of the hosp with names of directors, physicians etc. wd be pleased have. Can you inform me whether special probs receive any theoretical instr or is their tr confined to hosp practice? What range of salaries is usually given in England to matrons and supts?; Time of my going to London depend upon the reply of my friend Mme de Bunsen received from FN when that is settled I shall send the regs duly filled in to Mrs Wardr

H1/ST/NC18/11/56 Feb 8 1873 letter of G. Wedgwood to HBC. Our nursing inst for co of Stafford is a revival of one in existence for 2 or 3 years called the Lichfield Diocesan Nursing Assoc, which lacked support, from sectarian objections to a church managed inst, and want of a “home.” Sir Smith Child on the death of his son some years ago built a memorial hosp of 12 beds on the ground of the North Staff Inf which he made over to the govs of the inf to be used as an incurable infy. We have never been in a position to open it however for incurables. Sir Smith Child who is a liberal supporter and I may say first reviver of the nursing inst proposed that his bldg shd be made the home for the nurses. Such it is, but the nursing inst has no other connexion with the inf than a local one, and that of training its probs (2 at present) in the wards. The inst is modelled on that of Lincoln and is intended to serve the same object, est about 5 months. First appt a lady, Miss Harding, as lady supt, sent her to Lincoln to serve a sort of apprenticeship under Mrs Broomhead. We have found real difficulty in getting nurses. Asks if can rec nurses to us. Lincoln ex. Home is health. God father to the com is Rev Sir L.T. Stamer Cliffe Ville Stoke on Trent
H1/ST/NC18/11/57 from C.H. Simmonds, supt of nurses North Staffs Inf
Hartshill Stoke...wants night nurses to HBC

H1/ST/NC18/11/60 Frances Hill letter to HBC from Athens Feb 20 1873 re
sent letter to Mrs Capt Verney in Malta requesting info on inst for tr
of nurses, list of questions, reason is a society of phil ladies under
patronage of Queen Olga of Greece has just been organized here for moral
and physical amelioration of the poor and destitute. reformation in
hosps and esp intro of tr nurses will in time receive the attention of
their society so desirable to get info asap; re “that divine work
originated by dear Miss F. Nightingale cannot but be interesting to you

H1/ST/NC18/11/61 letter April 1 [1873] FP Verney to HBC from 32 South
St. Florence says that I had better send the enclosed to you. If you can
give any help either directly to Mr Norris, rector of Bucks or to me she
shall be pretty obliged; with HBC note We have no one to recommend at
present. Possibly some Highgate probs mt do hereafter. Miss Barclay
reports well of Dr Laseron’s. Shall I suggest applic there?; FN note:
I am afraid it is
no use- I think
very highly of Dr Laseron’s place now.
but they have not one to spare
They supply Aberdeen, Perth & elsewhere
with Hospital Nurses. 28/5/73 F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/11/62 and /63 Wm Robt Smith Huddersfield Inf to HBC

H1/ST/NC18/11/64 21 July 1873 letter to Wardr from Edith Balfour, 6
Cleveland Gdns Hyde Park, in Madras a midwifery scheme since 1843, in
1872 I obtained the sanction of govt to form a nurse class, re lying-in
hosp; pupil nurses etc.; re rules; difference between the Nightingale
system and that of Madras seems tome to be that the Nightingale nurses
are trained with the object of serving in hosps; the Madras nurses and
midwives are trained to be independent practitioners and spread
themselves over the country; re Nagpur, Calcutta, bombay etc. thanks for
papers sent; asks re numbers of pupils

H1/ST/NC18/66 [fix #] Wm Ogle, Bradford to HBC re report of Nightingale
Fund offering a copy of FN’s Notes on Hosps to hosp bds who may be
proposing to erect new hosp bldgs, bd at Derbyshire Inf wd gladly
receive, he in habit of quoting from the book when making suggestions
for our further improvement; but not however in condition of proposing
to erect; we have already new and altered old, asks for FN’s name in

H1/ST/NC18/11/68 Otway to HBC expecting to hear from him re request re
admitting Miss Persè our lady supt into St T for a short period, Wardr
consents

H1/st/NC18/11/72 printed ad in Oxford University Herald for probs for
Highgate from Committee of the Nightingale Fund
H1/ST/NC18/12/48 Martin Brimmer 47 Beacon St. Boston to HBC Nov 7 76 re Linda Richards, supt, getting training

more from Daniel Gordon 23 March 1876 H1/ST/NC18/12, met with her in 185, re Prot hosp in this city, Co of Carleton General Prot Hosp, and proposal to est a nurse tr school; re getting someone St Thomas'; any lady appointed to this position may expect the hearty co-op of the directors in maintaining and increasing the efficiency of the hosp and success of the nurse tr school

Wardr to HBC re taking on the Herbert H1/ST/NC1/12/5
H1/ST/NC18/12/9 with Pringle 1877 RIE, Lucille Pringle corr with St Mary's Sieveking
H1/ST/NC18/12/23-25 re M and N Westminster, Grosvenor House
H1/ST/NC18/12/26- from Maria Machin at N Home and from Montreal Gen Hosp, from Laura Wilson, Styring, Crossland

H1/ST/NC18/12/45- with Bristol Royal Inf 1876; Nurses’ Home and Training School, Frederick St. 1875

H1/ST/NC18/12/48 letter of Martin Brimmer to HBC Nov 7 1876 re letters between them 2 years ago, when HBC got training in England. Our attempt failed notwithstanding your good offices, because the right person was not then to be had, but we succeeded soon after in getting a supt of the school here who has proved herself admirably fitted for the place, having had the best training which this country cd give and being qualified by character, capacity and tact for this difficult post; doubled number of pupils. supt Miss Richards will not be satisfied with her acquirements in the art of nursing until she has served in the best school for nursing she knows of. She is most anxious to be allowed to enter the school at St T Hosp in London for three months, and the directors of the school are desirous that she shd have this opp...leave of absence;

letter Jan 8 1877 Brimmer to HBC, wrote Rathbone to ask him re permission for Miss Richards to enter school at St T, sent his letter to HBC, so write directly; Dr James Putnam will deliver this letter to you

Linda Richards to HBC July 16 [1877] H1/ST/NC18/12/47 I did not expect to be entertained at N Home as a guest, and for this great favor please to accept my most sincere thanks. My stay here has been most pleasant. And I have gained all I could have hoped to gain. Mrs Wardr has kindly sent me where she knew I cd best gain what I wished. Mis Crossland has kindly shown me the “home Management” ad I feel that it will be a life long help to me. Most gratefully, Linda Richards St Thomas July 16.

Massachusetts Gen Hosp; Boston Training School for Nurses, 1873 est

Martin Brimmer pres
H1/ST/NC18/12/52 printed clipping from Times Good Friday March 30 1877
letter of R.K. Kestell-Cornish missionary bishop for Madagascar quotes
FN letter: “It is not but just that we who are supposed to be the most
advanced in knowing how to cure should help in alleviating a scourge
which our boasted civilization has inflicted upon an aboriginal
population. May I mention that the nurse whose services proved so
opportune is Miss Emily Gregory, who, with experience gained in hospital
nursing here, was led to take up missionary work in Madagascar?
Subscriptions for the ‘Madagascar (Tamatave) Hospital’ will be received
by Messrs Coutts and Co., 59 Strand, on behalf of Bishop Cornish.” then
his letter to FN:
“I beg permission to endeavour to enlist your sympathy in a work which
I have very much at heart. This town of Tamatave, in which I am at
present located, contains about 10,000 inhabitants, of these perhaps
from 8000 to 9000 are natives, while the remainder are principally
Creoles from Mauritius and Bourbon, with a sprinkling of European
traders. Upon this mixed population a very severe epidemic--smallpox--
has fallen, which has decimated the native population and has not wholly
spared the Creoles and Europeans. When such a calamity occurs the native
authorities have one only rule of action; they send away to the forest
every infected person. The natural result is that those who escape death
by disease are to[o] likely to be starved to death. When I found out
what was going on and that it was in vain to look for any other action
from the Hovah authorities, I secured a piece of ground, upon which
there was a small dilapidated wooden house, and placed there a lady who
was staying with me--a Nightingale nurse of large hospital experience,
who, as my have been expected, promptly came to my assistance. She has
had as many as 90 patients under her care at one time, and if many have
died, their sufferings have been alleviated by all that tender care
could do for them, while a large number have by her instrumentality been
restored to health.”

H1/ST/NC18/25/1-15 HBC and Berlin
H1/ST/NC18/25=4 Principles of NF as regards to Training School. for
Workhouse Nursing Assoc. in other and HBC hand. Lady Wantage’s inq “as
to poss cooperation as...” The Nightingale Fund School maintains about
32 and turns out as tr nurses on an ave about 27 probs each year. About
one third are lady probs, latterly increasing. St T Hosp absorbs a
considerable no., able to send out to other hosps; preference to hosps
or inf wh apply for a matron and staff as we find it useless to send out
trained nurses to serve under an untrained matron or indeed in any inst
in wh the nursing org is not acc to our views. and once started to
continue to supply any vacancies occur “until such time as the hosp or
in is able to train it sown nurses.” HBC hand: If wkh Ass were
supporting a tr school

H1/ST/NC18/25/9 HBC to FN 6 Aug 1887 re corr; Maxwell, treas, Miss P.
good he agrees to her proposal to postpone her arrival; have urged nec
of Mrs W keeping to time in quitting the House with her furniture by 1
Sept in time for cleaning etc. with family new re Herman and Elinor
Dicey
Miss Gordon of Leeds, age forty-two, has the indispensable element of moral strength and soundness and a right foundation—works from the root of all things, has tact, kindness, firmness and purpose—cheerful care for everyone, morally and physically—uncommon common sense. Very considerable powers of activity in work, influence and discipline, but her practical ideas of discipline probably differ somewhat from those of an already highly trained London hospital nursing staff. Has worked up her present hospital to a high degree of nursing efficiency and moral tone, has worked well with and under the junior as well as senior medical staff, and with the house committee. Great powers of management and of heading the nursing—bright and spirited, and though overworked, never seeming so, has had hardly any experience of St Thomas’ since her training fourteen years ago.

Miss Solly, age forty-two? decidedly clever, critic of sisters’ and nurses’ characters, has been sister at St Thomas’ both formerly and lately, assistant matron for fourteen months, but no severe testing of her powers as acting matron owing to Miss Pringle being so little away. Has an old and deep interest in St Thomas’ and knows it well and its capabilities. Well educated, has travelled and perhaps may be called in a good sense something of a “woman of the world.” Understands housekeeping and arrangement. Intelligent, sensible in matters of conduct and discipline. Very kindly interested in the welfare of the people, would allow no departure from propriety, serious, thoughtful, benevolent. Her deficiencies those of want of physical power, and probably of motherly sympathy.

Miss Masson, age thirty-four, a fine combination of qualities, good and well cultivated intellect, great aptitude for ward management, very kindly, bright and of a pleasant humour. Deeply interested in her ward work, very active and thorough in it, distinctly fond of management, particularly thoughtful for and clever with the patients, morally and physically.

Great possibilities, never tested in general superintendence.

Miss Scott, excellent ward manager in St Thomas’, Bright—not much
test of capabilities of general superintendence.
Dec 16/92

Dunstan
Chemistry
I should have liked very much
to have gone with Miss
Crossland into the subject
thoroughly by means of Dr.
Bernays’ Lectures before
saying anything, if you wish
me to say anything—
To go most simply into
elementary chemical principles
as regards air good
    foul
water good
    foul
    earth ditto ditto
food value of
    no value
but above all no crotchets,
no learning, seems the thing

The PRACTICALLY ridiculous
mistakes of even excellent
learned men are most
disastrous, for women,
ever especially nurses.
The practical applications of Elementary
Chemistry to HYGIENE
I would insist upon
particularly—
P.S. Lord Stanley (Derby)
said to me: ‘you
know
‘nothing will be done about
‘foul air in Churches, Theatres,
‘Exeter Hall, cottage bedrooms
‘& indeed all bedrooms till
‘we have invented something

‘something on the inside
walls would be best
'which would change colour
'of itself when the air was
'foul.'
I have again & again
felt the truth of this-
again & again asked a
Medical Officer of Health
fired by it but did nothing.
Would you ask Mr. Dunstan?
At all events it sets them
thinking.
   Everywhere I believe is
Analysis of Air now practised
   Would you ask Mr Dunstan
about this? simply I mean
as regards foul air.
And there are so many different
sorts of foulness.
Make him talk about it.
   Could you he teach the
Probationers in English, &
not in Latin?
   I feel as you do how
risky it is to begin
with a new man, for us
_ & a new Hospital man
besides, whom we can't oust.
   But you know a great
deal more than I do.
   F.N.
15 December 1892

You know, of course, that our dear old friend Mrs Wardroper died yesterday afternoon.

“Now the labourer’s task is ‘done.’” And she had laboured well and with strength.

Her last years were sad and forlorn and we cannot regret their ending. Her son was very attentive to her.

Her last weeks were quite painless and they hardly knew when she ceased to breathe. We had been expecting her death daily.

She was a great woman. “I said I will take heed to my ways and my tongue” and I will not enter into her life now. I think of her as having entered not into her “rest” but into something greater--into a life greater than here.

I wish something could be put in the Times or Daily News about her. If you wold be so very good as to send me something--your thoughts and facts are so much better than mine. Now today I would consult a friend who is rather a good hand and who leaves town tomorrow. But this is of course as you think well.

My dear Harry 25/11/93

I received a little while ago the enclosed from Lady Tyler. I did not answer it. I have always disliked as much as you do people making “interest” with me to get in.

I have “no acquaintance” with Sir J. tyler. And I cannot remember ever hearing “dear Mrs. Wardroper” mention Lady Tyler.

But it is much to be deprecated, is it not? refusing people on account of religion.

I am afraid the “India
“Army Service” is very ill disciplined.

F.N.

I had an application from Lady Caird some little time ago for a young lady which I sent to Miss Gordon. I only asked her to send papers.

The letter sounded well to Miss Gordon. I have heard nothing since. I should not like the R.C. to turn out this candidate. I told Lady Caird we had no vacancies. then

F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/28/29 Feb 2 1894 letter of AL Pringle to HBC from Holy Cross Soc of Trained Nurses, Ladbroke House, Notting Hill. Mother superior of a convent in Nottingham of the sisters of Peace asked us to undertake the tr of two of their sisters for district nursing. they wish to have their sisters properly qualified and wd employ them regularly in nursing the poor. Does this aim place them, with reference to your power of tr them in the same position as, say, the MN Assoc. I remember your telling me when I was about to place Miss St Clair at another hosp under the impression you cd not admit her, that you cd receive Catholic pupils sent to train for a definite position. Before advising the rev mother asked her to call on you; the bishop wishes the sisters to be trained. They wd be dispensed from wearing the habit for the time. AL Pringle

H1/ST/NC18/28/39 Dacre Craven, hon sec to M and N N A to HBC 31 Jan 1895 returns cheques signed; only just a quorum yesterday: Mrs Grenfell, Mrs Minet and myself; Miss Hughes asks for a third staff nurse

H1/ST/NC18/28/42 Oct 24 1896 letter of Amy Hughes to HBC thanks for help and interest he has shown in her book, no idea of the grave complications from rapid extension of district nursing; re FN’s efforts in form of a series of papers and her permission to dedicate them in a work to her; most grateful to him for guiding on dangerous places, quite unsuspected; hopes to have FN’s approval if not the preface

H1/ST/NC18/28/43 Henry Burdett letter Nov 6 1896 to HBC that FN who has practically revised the whole of Miss Hughes’s book on distr nursing wh the Sc Press is about to publish has refused to carry out her first intention or promise by writing a short preface. There is a general desire to honour Miss Nightingale’s work, wh no one possesses to a greater extent than myself, but you will be the first to perceive that the perpetuation of her memory and influence cannot be promoted by anybody w/o her consent. We have arranged to publish a complete series
of manuals on nursing in all its stages by the leading authorities of
the day, and propose to call the “Nightingale Series” subject of course
to Miss N’s consent, which...is certain to be refused. with HBC draft
reply how much FN objects to giving her name

H1/ST/NC18/28/47 letter 19 Aug 1899 of Joshua Baërza, director of
Barbados Hosp seeking tr for 6 of poor middle class women white or
coloured with a taste and desire for work [to FN or Gordon?]

H1/ST/NC18/28/48 letter Jan 17 1900 from Barbados General Hosp to LM
Gordon thanks from directors for willingness to co-op with them in
receiving natives to be trained at the Nightingale Home and several more
1899 and 1900

H1/ST/NC18/28/49 letter of Jeanne E. Scherer 12 Av du Troc Paris Nov 21
1899 to HBC I do not know whether you remember me and the kindness you
showed me last year re the tr of nurses at St T and how thanks to your
rec the head sister there recd me and showed me and my friend so much
that was useful.
We have taken a step since then and a nurses’ tr home is at length
going to be opened in Paris. I take the liberty to send you by this post
the papers concerning this home, about wh I am again going to throw
myself on your kindness and interest.
We have got some money together, have a flat in view, doctors
favourable, found a lady to be head, small scale. The lady says she must
go to London even if a short time to see the training home;
H1/ST/NC18/29/2 Wantage letter to Times 15 May 1900 re nursing in S
Africa; 3 distinct classes of nursing sisters now employed in S African
mil hops:
1. Those belonging to the Regular Army Nursing Service
2. Those enrolled in the Army Service Reserve, with quals similar
3. Those employed locally, and Br Red Cross com not resp

H1/ST/NC18/29/8 letter to FN from Georgina Franklin June 12 1901 from
Govt Hosp Hong Kong Before me lies the difficult task of asking you a
favour...emboldened by love of a work and the wish to continue it as
long as possible--which owes so much to your fostering care. Desirous of
devoting my days to nursing career, to soldiers for whose service I
originally trained and for whom since temp duties in mil hosp at
RawalPindi ... In 1893 circs induced my acceptance of a post here,
treatment of tropical diseases so constantly affecting our troops in
India to wh place I shd like to go. One of the main difficulties re
transference to Indian Army Nursing Service is my age (37), limit of 35;
however your influence....Hong Kong may grant a pension after 10 years
service. Climate in Hong Kong

H1/ST/NC18/29/10 ALP to HBC May 21 1901 from Mater Infirminus Hosp
Belfast re inv to attend (order is wrong) can’t attend: “As to our dear
Mother-Chief, the feeling grows always more tender and the appreciation
of what she has done for the sick and of what she has been to us becomes
ever more strong and clear, and is made now very moving by the thought
of her age and the weakness that must accompany it. God be good to her. And may many noble lives be given to the work. I was so pleased to see the lines in the Hospital for her birthday....” New wreaths of reverence and love. Angélique Lucille Pringle

H1/ST/NC18/29/9 ALP to HBC June 17 1902 from Mater Infirmorum Hosp Belfast re inv to attend “the most tender remembrance of our chief, always so loving and careful for us, comes surging up with the thought of the yearly gathering”

H1/ST/NC18/29/12 27 Feb 1903 letter to HBC from Sra Bice Cammeo sec of Union Femminile We are going to open in Milan the first School for Nurses and we wish to study the most noble and perfect example in the matter that England has given us. asks help, statutes, progs, etc. and again 23 April 1903 from Bice Cammeo thanks for sending; HBC reply (copy) 4 April 1903

list: NC1 from FN
NC2 to FN
NC3 suppl H1/ST/NC3/SU1-57 re SJ and Crimea
SU58-169 McNeill; SU170-79 Riddell House
SU180/1-186 to Rachel Williams
SU181-225 misc incl some from FN
NC4 of interest
NC5 copies of letters (I have all it seems)
NC6 diary and Xmas cards
NC7 books, pamphlets and articles by FN
NC8 re Crimea
NC9 honours
NC10 memorials, etc
NC11 pageants and theatre
NC12
NC13 residence and burial
NC14 newspaper cuttings
NC15 reports re nursing insts
NC16 pamphlets re nursing
NC17 misc
NC18 HBC
35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Dec 15/76
Herbert Hospl Nursing
My dear Dr Sutherland
I am extremely obliged to you for
your two letters of 13 Dec on this subject:
& as you desire me to reply by
this morng, I do so, (tho’ of course
only provisionally). [blue pencil] & somewhat hastily blue pencil
[I have of course consulted with
Mr Hy Bonham Carter.]
1. We should be disposed to accede
by way of compromise to your No. 1
viz. “in order to afford the Superintendt
“access to the x S. of S., she should
“be instructed to transmit all
“comms thro’ the P.M.O. (who
“is Governor)”

x [This means of course to A.M.D.] Editor’s note
2. “that the Orderlies be directed to
“receive instructions from the Nurse
“in all matters relating to the Sick.
“Complaints against Orderlies to be
“made to the Med. Off. in charge.”
"[they are under him for discipline]"

We cannot help the Medical Officer being made the referee for complaints against Orderlies but of course the complaints will be made by "THE SUPT" except "on emergency" [See Reg 48]

3. "Care to be taken that the 25 cases "are warded together."

Did they actually intend to give spread about in wards or blocks the 25 cases? 

But even as 3 proposes, is the Nurse to have charge of x. sq. inches on No. A. Ward floor, & not of y. sq inches? And supposing Patients on y. sq inches not under her charge to secrete spirits, &c &c &c under their mattrasses to be dirty &c &c or Orderlies either (things of daily occurrence in Military Hospls where there are no trained Nurses) in beds next to "her" beds.

is she to do nothing?

As you are aware, the Nurse (Sister) should be distinctly in charge of a Ward or Wards as in Reg 41 reading "shall" for 'should'

It is scarcely necessary to explain the reasons of this to you: it makes of course the difference between trained Hospital Nursing and a bear garden.

4. "Complaints against Nurses to be "dealt with by Supt."

Of course.
II In reply to your desire that we should “consider & put down the terms” that “would ensure the independent action of the Superintendt in all matters connected with “Nursing”: we should be disposed, as above said, to accede by way of compromise to No. 1 & that we think that with this modification the Netley Regns

8 to 15 inclusive
23 & 24
40 to 45 inclusive
47, 48
&
52-54

seem to embody what is essential.
The ‘Sister’ to be distinctly in charge

{Nurse
of a Ward or Wards

5
Mr Bonham Carter told Sir W. Muir & Dr Monro that we would “endeavour to modify Netley Regns “by way of compromise in order “to some extent to meet their “views as embodied in new “Regns with regard to position “of P.M.O."
The above is a (provisional) sketch of what we propose for this purpose.
[N.B. The ration money must be increased: but Mr B.C. has, I believe, already sent in our calculation on this head.] Would you be so good as to inform Dr Monro that Mr Bonham Carter will see him on Monday if convenient to him?
Pray believe me
(in some haste)
dear Dr Sutherland
most faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

FN letter, pen H1/ST/NC18/23/3 i

35 S. St.
Dec 26/76

Herbert Hospl
My dear HyBC

I return your Syllabus [I wish it were a (Papal) ‘Syllabus’]
I cannot think of anything else to be done but what you propose: viz.
to write such a letter, declining,
as will leave an opening for a further proposition.
I feel this the desire for further possibilities the more because if
[blue pencil] we are convinced that it does not
do, that it will never do, to put down 4 or 5 women among
00 or 500 men under the same head as that of the men,
in Military Hospitals:
& if we are convinced that in all Hospitals, Civil just as much as Military, the Hospital administration
should never be in the hands of the head of the Nursing Staff,
(on this Civil case all women, & therefore the head is a woman)
because it is found that the practical friendly competition (I will not say division)
of authority is so important: [see p. 2] [red pencil]
& it is practically known that no improvements are ever rarely made under one absolute authority,
(because ‘public opinion’ ever rarely comes in)
- if we are convinced of this, I think we ought to fight even a losing battle
- for other women besides our own;
- & for the Hospitals themselves.
When I remember what hopes were founded on Muir’s Director Glship by ‘us’, the Sidney Herbert party: [were are ‘we’ now?] it is very disappointing to find the same result in the 3 instances I have known: viz. the Army Medl School; the Army Medl Warrant: the Nursing.

yrs ever

F.N.

FN letter, pencil H1/ST/NC18/23/4

Your Draft returned Dec 28/76
7 a.m.

My dear Hy BC
I have kept this 24 hours: & yet no light visits me for making the “Remarks” desired: because they the A.M.D. seem to shift their ground every time we accept it. I cannot therefore tell in the least how they will take it. I trust it will be considered an opening for further propositions. It is very good: & I think we ought certainly to fight the battle. [I don’t think they will understand about the “units.”] The only remark I have made
is: that I would put *last page* instead of “OURSelves” “our Trained Nursing” or “our Trained Nurses.”

[It is really, without exaggeration, preposterous to think of our submitting our Trained Nursing to such an authority as Dr Slaughter: when we find it all we can do at St T’s to maintain it against their Superior Officers!!!

You said that you supposed experience of actual evil led Miss Stains to be so bitter/[insert here] against such a subordination /as we too are so determined/

In this you are perfectly right:
I particularly wish just now to avoid telling long stories & I will mention only one: she told me the one reason of her leaving

The Herbert, among others, was this: a Nurse a semi=lady, *lately* engaged by Mrs. S. Stewart just before she resigned engaged herself to be married to a handsome young Orderly 20 years her junior: - very likely a semi-gentleman too.

The woman was parted with à l’amiable:
but it was impossible afterwards to go into the wards without being saluted by Orderlies, Serjeants, Medical Officers, P.M.O., Capt. of Orderlies, everybody: with “Why could

you not let this poor woman marry this respectable young man? (This is natural enough:)
Now here you are quite helpless: it is no use Dr Slaughter being “a moral man,” as Dr Munro says:
Because - marriage is certainly “moral.”

This is only one thing:
The total want of power of Superior even first-rate Medical Officers of appreciating the discipline which makes up the “moral” or technical efficiency of women is: *the thing.*] I will only add:
I earnestly trust that your letter will not be considered final against. It ought not to be

2. Ought I to answer Dr Munro’s letter?
HERBERT Hospital Quarters. Furniture &c &c
Part II
State of Quarters probably very bad. They were are
Occupied by Married Serjeants’
families after being a Cadet Hospl
probably want thorough cleansing &
‘Doing up’
Qurs were originally Unfurnished except
Kitchen, Sleeping Rooms, & Infirmary
Supt’s rooms wholly unfurnished
Dining Room had only Barrack room chairs
the Dining Table was a bench
no carpets anywhere
Eating services for Nurses nil
no cups & saucers [they drank their teat
out of Patients’ broth porringer cups !!!
No breakfast service of any kind
no knives or forks or spoons]
[ye Nurses used Patients’ blackhandled & knives & forks]
Is the Supt to furnish her own quarters?
Infirmary was furnished for 3: but with
Hosp bed & bedding no carpets
Nurses Bed rooms furniture very fair
but where is that furniture now?
[I know where 13 presses are & some
tables: they were rescued] I suspect the rest gone
Must not the Quarters be not only thoroughly cleanses
but also properly furnished before we send Nurses?
[on diagonal
This which is all as stated is put down more precisely
on other sheets

2
7. Dress x?
The Herbert Hosp Regn dress was rather ridiculous
the St Thomas’ Nurses’ dress is pretty
& suitable & might be made of better material
unless we invented something of washing
material which would be better
than either
Is there to be a washing allowance?. /Yes.
(There was none under Mrs S Stewart
(The nurses paid for the washing
Other was none under Mrs S Stewart.
The Nurses paid for their own washing
8. Who is to pay for the Bed-linen & washing?
(The Nurses paid for the washing of their
own sheets, towels
& bedcases &c &c !!!
This is not as it should be

9. Who is to pay for the Washing for Quarters?
Table cloths, dusters & everything wanted
for use of quarters.
[Mrs S. Stewart used to pay it out of
her own pocket. Such a bad plan!]
Notes to 7. X Is the Supt to buy the nurses’ uniform?
Or the nurses?
[At Netley the Nurses buy their own uniform
(Having an allowance for it.)
Superintendent should do this
The consequence is: not two nurses are alike
was this our arrangement?]

3

10. General Servant doubtful whether
one can do the work of those
large Quarters.
A Charwoman however might
easily be got in to do scrubbing.
/special cleaning
11. Infectious (women’s) block in the Hospital
/Important/
smallpox, scarlet fever (women & children)
Is this to be under our Supt?
[I should very much deprecate it/at least at first
as I deprecated having it there at all.]
(Mrs S. Stewart paid the Nurses out of her own pocket.)
12. Ward Sculleries. The allowance of firing
Firing: (coal & wood) used to be so inadequate
that no hot water could be had in
the evening for fomentations &c &c
or Beef Tea warmed or &c &c
unless in the general Kitchen
afterwards the allowance of firing was
stopped altogether
& no hot water could be had but
from Kitchen
this is most objectionable
we must stipulate for our Nurses
that there should be a sufficient
allowance of firing to have fire
in the ward sculleries day & night
and firing allowance ditto ditto so scanty that
it never lasted after 6 p.m. & in the bitter cold
winter mornings Patients & Nurses suffered severely
4
13 Supernumerary Nurse very desirable
I advised Miss Stains not to ask for one yet: & it did occur to me, tho I did not of course say so to her that we might in times of emergency supply a temporary supernumerary
It would be capital practice for our young ladies under HER

5
Indeed, do you know, I am afraid we shall have a great deal to do for them
As soon as Sir Wm Muir can answer some of these questions Must not Mrs Wardroper & Miss Stains (Or someone from us) to go down soon to look at state of quarters, Furniture & the 1001 things necessary to be done, before we can properly send in a proper nursing Staff?
[N.B. Miss Stains has not a farthing of her own.] [use this for hosp]

H1/St/NC18/23/7 Herbert Hosp Contractor’s Prices.

Partial letter (or cont?) H1/ST/NC18/23/5 input, get scan (prob with H1/ST/NC18/23/2 of 18 Dec 1876)

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N.B. We have ourselves probably erred on the one side as the A.M.D. is now erring on the other.

We have stood to the theory as they are now standing to the [blue pencil 2 lines insert] opposite theory / that the Supt is to be supreme over the women; & not to be responsible to the administrative authority which manages the rest of the Hospital: but to some authority OVER BOTH: & we have so little attended to the practice or rather to training her for the practice - for knowing what she is to say & what she is to do: i.e. for training her for this friendly competition. [end ver]

--for good judgment, in short, or knowing how far & how the theory is to be pressed & in what practices or cases: blue pencil that I am afraid we must say that every one of our Supts whom we have appointed AS Supts has failed
[blue pencil] more or less, some utterly, in carrying the theory into practice with judgement.

F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/23/6 FN notes on Herbert Hosp Quarters nd. get scan
35 S. St.
Dec 18/76
My dear HyBC
P.S I have (you ask) Mrs Wardr’s & Miss Hill’s &c
M.S. Reports for 1876 with papers included:
& will return them to you.

Dr Monro:
1. Will you not show him that we feel, as a
breach of faith to us, their offer, nay request,
to each of the 2 Nurses at the Herbert
to remain untrained.
N.B. Nurse Kate has been 8 years (not 15) in
Hospital Nursing.
I look upon it as absolutely impossible that
untrained she could remain & obey a new
(trained) Supt: after having been 8 years
under one who knew & did nothing
except Linen. An Angel could not do
it.
2. I send my letter to Dr Munro for you
also Dr Sutherland’s & my letter for reference as you desired.
3. I have sent for & received Col. Clark Kennedy’s
Report: but it has only one Para. about
the governing authority
of Genl Hospitals.
An I think there must be another Report
of his about Nursing.
I will however send this to your house.
It is the only office copy: & must be returned.

F.N.

H1/ST/NC5/6 Z. Cope re Alice Fisher letters, and refs to Lucy Seymer
seeing them. typed copies from 45804-06

H1/ST/NC6/3/2 FN New Year’s card for E.H. Pringle
Miss Pringle
with
Florence Nightingale’s
very best
New Year’s wishes
for 1883
My Grace is sufficient
Sister Victoria (Miss Elkington) with F. Nightingale’s Christmas love
1893

H1/ST/NC6/9 FN Xmas card booklet The Better Land, by Mrs Hemans. ill C. Noake:
Have we not the “better land”
to bring about us here?
on Christ’s birth-day?
[to] Miss Allardyce
(Sister Clayton)
[from] Florence Nightingale
with her very best
Christmas wishes
1893

H1/ST/NC6/5 FN annotated Xmas booklet, Oliver Wendell Holmes Remembrance,
Miss Pringle
[from] Florence Nightingale
with fondest remembrance & love
Christmas 1896

H1/ST/NC6/10 FN Xmas booklet, Charlotte Murray, Heaven-Light for Earth-Shade
Sister Florence (Miss Allardice) Christmas 1897
from Florence Nightingale. Note presented to the Nightingale School by the Lady Riddell, née Allardice

H1/ST/NC6/11 FN Xmas booklet, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Remembrance
[to] Miss Peter
[from] Florence Nightingale Christmas 1896

FN account book
quarter’s Account ending March 31/56
£429.11.4 ½ H1/ST/NC8/6, bills paid, wages etc.


A Pageant & Masque on the Evolution of Training Nursing and the right of Life to Health. designed by Mrs Bedford Fenwick, words M. Mollett. pamphlet. Hygeia. 12 pp. dreadful
H1/ST/NC12/6 Minet, Wm. Future of the Nightingale Fund, proposing a scheme for training nurses as administrators 19 Feb 1913.

work must be training; be national; as it was the pioneer of skilled nursing, so shd it endeavour again to become in any new departure it may take. The want of the nursing world today? Normal training is provided; the larger hosps now do for themselves what we have taught them to do; and our school can claim to do no other, and perhaps no better work than they. We must therefore look wider afield than mere training. demand for higher posts, matron, supts, inspectors, under PL, ins, factor and educ acts. require special admin ability. “I propose then that we shd become pioneers in a work that no one has yet undertaken by giving to certain selected nurses who have passed through the normal course a further tr in the prs of admin.” 3 or 4 each year. to continue in conj with St T; at end of normal tr apply annual surplus to give certain nurses a further year’s tr. [seems he did not know of FN’s hopes to do this.”

Must pay a salary, maintain the nurse; have to pay fees. The total of these will form the value of the scholarships we are offering. quasi scholarships. not competitive. selection mt be made by council on consultation with matron, home sister and teachers. Several alternative subjects for this post-grad course; idea shd be very little, if indeed any, nursing in it; but admin and soc or social ec. “I am confident the wishes of Miss Nightingale in doing something to advance the higher tr of nurses, and in preparing a proportion of Nightingale nurses to fill the higher admin posts open to the profession.” for ambitious woman who hopes to rise to the higher posts; wd also attract the best class; wd add to prestige of the Nightingale School “and wd help to make it again, as it has been in the past, the foremost of the national tr schools.” wd strengthen connection with St T. submitted to council

H1/ST/NC18/26/50 1 May 1882 Dr Thomas W. Grimshaw wrote HBC with satisfaction of Committee of Governors of Steevens Hospital, that Miss Franks, appointed 1 July 1879, began work 1 September, instituted training and 26 nurses trained to date, 14 in the hosp, three at other insts, three in nursing poor at home, six in private nursing, eight probationers in training with printed rules and applic form for nurses, Dublin Nurses’ Training Institution, 26 Usher’s Quay, under Steevens Hospital H1/NC18/26/51-1-2

H1/ST/NC18/27/56 re cands for N School, Tokyo Hospital, letter of Wm Anderson to HBC 31 Dec 1887, learns from Pringle with regret that not considered advisable to entertain the applics of the Japanese cands wo desire to be admitted as probs to St T (explains why shd be), the first and only hosp in the capital K. Takaki, on staff of inst and formerly a distinguished pupil of St T; our hosp has been the English centre of the educ of the new school of Jp surgeons, and their desire to adopt our nursing system, so 2 of their nurses dispatched to London; will be a disappointment to be excluded; difficulties from death during voyage to England of the person with whom sent from Japan, Sir Francis Plunkett, min to Japan, now in England and him;
printed The Metropolitan and National Nursing Association for Providing Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor. lists patrons vice presidents archbp of Canterbury, Ld mayor of London, earl of Sh; trustees; duke of Westminster, Thos Brassey MP and Frederick Mocatta; lists council; duke of Westm is chair; duke of Northumberland, Baron Lionel de Rothschild, A.H. Brown MP, Charles Shrimpton; Andrew Johnston, W Rathbone, Russell Sturgis, R Wigram vice chair, Robt Hanbury; Mrs Danby Harcourt; Feb 6 1876; more printed papers of

National Assoc for Providing Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor in their own Homes and the East-End Nursing Assoc; we want: 1. a fresh supply of women; 2 fresh and more perfect means of training them; 3 the force, human and pecuniary, wh will enable us to turn the supply of women to the best account; has Memo of position of affairs; conditional offers made by Miss Nightingale and by the East London Nursing Society; 3 offer made by “a friend of Miss Nightingale” to enable the Amalgamated Assocs to entertain her offer; 9 June 1875; signed by E. Lechmere and R. Wigram 

bundle of Rathbone letters to FN not seen!

H1/ST/NC18/33/28 11 June 1875
H1/ST/NC18/33/29a 18 June 1875
H1/ST/NC18/33/30 letter 3 July 1875 sorry to hear from Wigram that Miss Pyne declines to come to them; seems ladies want a trained supts and inspector of outdoor nursing in Manchester, as their present matron has all her time absorbed by private nursing

Rathbone letter to FN had satisfactory interview with duke of Westminster, consented to be chair of assoc; wants her to write a letter of intro to Burdett Coutts

H1/ST/NC18/33/31a Lees letter to FN “My dearest friend & Queen” Overworked as you are, I hardly like to add to your many burdens, but without you, what can I do? When I first heard of the plan you proposed and the conditions annexed, my heart sank within me--it seemed so utterly impossible.

Will you therefore be patient with me, if I venture to ask you once more whether indeed I am capable of doing this work? If I may--as your pupil and delegate, come to you almost daily for instructions?

[I know how great a tax this will be upon our time and strength--but how else has such powers of gains? or can give such clear, wise and yet womanly counsel? And, before undertaking this work, may I ask your counsel and advice upon the minor details of furnishing the future “Home” dress of the D. Nurses &c?

In spite of the Home sickness that comes over me, when I think of leaving my mother - I find myself “making dreams” of the future “Home” that I may be able to make for myself and for those who are to live and work in it with me.

If I am able to carry out even half the dreams I have formed of future work, I much doubt whether I could ever give it up. But, as you
know, my life has been such an unsettled one—that although “nursing” like a silver thread, has hitherto run through all my wanderings, yet nevertheless this scant life has had a freedom of its own, which being tied down to any sort of work could never give. And then—without being rich—having just enough money to live and travel with is rather against any useless mortal’s “settling down.” I am therefore going to accept this work for two years. But dearest friend & “Mistress,” it much indeed be under you that I undertake it. I must report to you almost daily, and learn from you how I am to meet and surmount the difficulties that must surround a work of this kind at the beginning. Up till the day before yesterday I had been wicked enough to hope that “the big scheme” might never be carried out—it seemed to me so impossible to obtain from the public the large sums required! But now I have little doubt both that the work will be done, and is doing..... with sincerest affection & esteem I remain, ever your most devoted and attached friend, subject of & pupil, Florence S. Lees

H1/ST/NC18/33/33 hard to read Burdett Coutts to FN July 4/75

H1/ST/NC18/33/34a Rathbone to FN 7 July 1875

H1/ST/NC18/33/40 Metro and national report; Robt Wigram vice chair, G.T. Biddulph, HBC, Isaac Butler, Andrew Johnson, ETK Fortescue members of exec committee

H1/ST/NC22/4/1 FN pencil note on card

III Life of Christ 4
Feast of Tabernacles - Xt goes up John VII 1-
If any man desires to do His will &c v. 17 )"" 14-36
He that speaketh from himself seeketh his own glory 18 }
In Jerusalem: at the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles"
If any man thirst, let him come unto me & drink )"" 37-end
   Are we glorifying Jesus? If not, we shall not have} VIII 1
   the Holy Spirit " 2-11
Women taken in adultery - Jesus’ lesson to us all
Discourses: I am the light of the world (over) " 12-20
    I do nothing of myself - I always do those " 21-29
    things that please Him - death = carelessness -30
    hardness 30-39

He sent me
The Blind Man cured John IX 1-12
" " brought before the Pharisees " 13-34
" Jesus " 35-41
Discussions: The Good Shepherd } X 1-5
Jews’ chatter " " " } " 6-18
   " 19-27

(over, 1)
I am the light of the world - John VIII 13-20
I judge no man—yet if I judge my judgment is true } see
for I am not alone but I & my Father which sent me } XVI 32
[Am I alone or is it I and my Father?] } VII 16
If we know Jesus, we know God: & God & Jesus } 19
will come & dwell in us } XIV 8,9
(the greatest Event in our Lives) } “ 22.23

Book of Confirmation Lessons H1/ST/NC22/4/1 March 21 1889, some of these
have FN notes in them, one is copied clean from FN’s card above.
First Communion May 19 89

[FN]
Life of Christ, Birth & Childhood
(2) Life of Christ down to the first Passover
(3) II Life of Christ. 1st Passover
III Life of Christ - 4

Bowman writes “my dear friend”

H1/ST/NC22/3 is relic of hair, but whose? from gravesite at FN’s funeral in?
have to do good search for A.E. Jones letters to FN testifies to improvements made by Agnes Jones and nurses H1/ST/NC/18/7/70

H1/ST/NC6/2 FN card to Mrs Fellowes (beautiful)
May God fulfill this} for my dear friend
& every New Year’s wish} Mrs Fellowes
[at bottom]
& give this for her ever loving
Dec 29 1882 Florence Nightingale

note: recd on board Carthage Xmas 1882. Alexandria
H1/ST/NC6/3/2 FN Xmas card for Pringle:
Miss Pringle
with Florence Nightingale’s
best wishes & humble prayers
for the highest blessings
of the New Year 1884
on her & her work
wherever she is

H1/ST/NC6/4 FN Xmas card for AL Pringle
Miss Pringle
“Little Sister”
Florence Nightingale’s
tender Christmas love
1894


H1/ST/NC15/11 letter to FN from Farr July 30 1863, Gen Reg re 2 reports
exceedingly good. The London is the true model, or rather will become
so, by publishing the complete table II and with JS notes

H1/ST/NC15/11/2b with Statistical Tables of the Patients Under Treatment
in the Wards of the London Hospital during 1862, by Morrell Mackenzie.
London: Eden Fisher 1863

H1/ST/NC15/27 printed report. Maison de Santé Protestante de Bordeaux.
fondée 1863. 7 to 21 rue Cassignol, 62 rue Laroche.

Florence Lees. Report on the Lazarettos (Field Hospitals) and Stationary
Military Hospitals in the Franco-German War. Long account (destroyed) of
the want of supplies and conveniences and the refusal of the Johanniter
to give anything out of their large stores, of which no inventories were
kept. Some cases of supplies being given by them to officers for orphans
and deaconesses and medical men, but never for the wounded, for whom
they were intended. Membership of “Order” of St John was paid for as a
distinction and privilege. Many unauthorized “members.” Then a
handscript. partial. with underlining by FN. and comments in red pencil.
at reference to training of at least six months in some hospitals. FN:
The danger is of lowering the standard of nursing & training (in
hospitals) generally by this system. At powers given to “lady visitor”
FN comment? in Feld or Stationary Lazarettos? At Sister in charge. FN:
? How about “Lady Visitors,” in Lazarettos where were no Nurses or
‘Sister-in-charge’? - were they not useful at Sedan &c &c?

H1/ST/NC5/3/16 typed extract from General Grey’s letter Balmoral Sept 21
1856 to Mrs Grey
Miss Nightingale comes here today to dine and sleep that she may have a
good opportunity of speaking to Lord Panmure who also arrives.
I cannot quite make out what important changes she wd suggest, for it
is clear to me that individuals far more than systems have been in
fault.
I have just seen confidential reports of the French and Russians
losses during the war. The former out of 230,000 men who first and last
landed in the Crimea, lost about 70,000 by actual death, or about 30
percent. We out of 97,000 men lost about 21,000 or about 21 percent,
reckoning all in round numbers the Russians own to a loss of 300,000 men
in the Crimea.
[22] Sept 1856 Balmoral (no date) We had Miss Nightingale here
yesterday and were all much pleased with her quiet retiring manner.
Indeed the way she has avoided all notoriety since her return to England
deserves all praise, and her example might have been followed with
advantage by many of our generals. She was here an hour with the queen
and prince, and after the queen went, the prince called Sir George
(Clark?) (Jas?) and myself in, and we had a long conversation on our
hospital system generally. I was amused to hear her talk in the most
natural regimental slang of the PMO (principal medical officer) etc. She
described a state of great confusion for want of anybody to give orders,
but it does not seem to me to be the least the fault of our system that
this state of things existed, but to the want of individual energy,
She is not the least pretty, and has a sort of nervous twitch of the mouth, but she looks very ladylike and has a nice gentle manner. She is staying with the Clarks at Birk Hall.

Oct 2 1856. We had luncheon at Birk Hall and I sat by Miss Nightingale with whom I had again some very interesting conversation. I was rather cautious at first about saying that I thought we had overdone the thing immensely as regards the comfort of the men, but found to my surprise she quite agreed with me. She admitted the great superiority of our hospitals and system to the French, but thought we might learn something from the Sardinians. The result of all my conversations with her is to convince me that though some forms may be simplified, it is not the system that is so much ... general ignorance of their duties.

Oct 5 1856. Miss N has left us this aft. [So, FN failed to convince him]
Res med off had a house at the gate. Rigorous order. Mrs Wardroper, represented Miss Nightingale in our daily life. Whitfield had drawn up a comprehensive series of questions for the pupils wh each was expected to answer in writing at the end of the first year and each had to exhibit to him then a set of splints, lined and of the various bandages in use. He directed our note taking in special cases. He liked us to ask questions of him when he was making his rounds, had some excellent lessons from him. We had lectures also then from Mr le Gros Clarke, Dr Peacock and Dr Bernays, all charmingly clear and practical. Had to give Mr Whitfield notes of some of those lectures or to answer questions upon them in writing, and if a pupil did well in surgical subjects he was keenly disappointed if she showed less interest on the med side. Above all we were all taught the care of helpless patients.

Supple tr for district nurses. Private nursing of the sick did not enter into her scheme. Others were providing for that. Engagement given

In the circe of the time inevitable that pupils of both grades had to undertake resps with very insufficient experience. This belongs to pioneering days everywhere. The old style of nurse disappeared more rapidly than the new cd be trained. Hosps all around woke up at once to their deficiencies and ...had recourse to the N School for a staff. Scarcity of good cands owing to the discredit into which the work of hosp nursing had fallen in our country; it was only by slow degrees it came to be recognized as a career open to and calling for well brought up women.

Mrs W in close contact. I think Miss N saw all the appl papers of promise and some exam papers or notes submitted to her and monthly reports of progress. In any cases she saw them and continued to comm with them.

Many unsuitable women, came and went at brief intervals. At end of year re-est of mil nursing wh had been allowed to decline almost to extinction, and Highgate. Netley, Woolwich. Miss Stains bravely came to the school, sup at Wolverhampton and Liverpool RI,

The Abyssinian War called attention to the lapse in mil nursing.

Just when fighting over Dr Deeble, 2 I c of Med Dept, fell victim himself, left wife and 4 ch. Mrs Deeble... 6 N nurses given to Mrs Deeble; Sister Lennox, from the Zambezi with Bishop Mackenzie; Mrs Strong. Lots on Highgate. Pringle was friends with Deeble and Torrance so kept up with Highgate and Netley

June 1871 new St Thomas’ on embankment formally opened by queen, now 600 patients from 220, hard to have efficient staff ready

55: visits to Claydon from Crimea show FN victorious in the nobler warfare. Crossing a court carrying a pitcher of hot arrowroot a med off on horseback addressed her with an outburst of violent abuse. Mad no reply put her pitcher on the ground and stood waiting till he came to an end of his tirade. Then w/o a word or a sign of resentment she lifted her burden and went on her way. Nor did she make any report on complaint of the matter. But someone reported it to Sir John McNeill and the assailant was called to account, and to the best of my recollection was dismissed.

66: Mrs Gladstone visiting Edinburgh for her husband, recounted sitting
Prayer was her resource in her own troubles and ours.

Pringle's return to St T. 76: she was prompt in perceiving any deviation in action from the aims of her school. Gifts for comforts. Children. Conv sister from typhoid. Her leaving in 1890. 82: when ALP went to Ireland to train for poor reconciled, she told Lady Monteagle. Nice account.

85-86 Very many years ago when she had asked me to undertake to see that if she outlived her powers of active usefulness she shd be placed in a workhouse Inf, that she mt at least give some young nurses there experience in tending the old and infirm. Of course I cd not accede to this. Beautiful care surrounded her when she cd no longer choose.

I saw her last in February 1910. She was sitting up by the fire in the familiar room her mind evidently busy with happy thoughts and once or twice she spoke in a tone of satisfaction. Her room was as comfortable and beautiful as she wd have wished it for another patient...Miss Bosanquet crowned her other kindnesses to me by writing when the peaceful end had come and telling me of it all that cd be told.

86: ALP last visit to FN

H1/ST/NC12/4/ ALP “Miss Nightingale: A Contribution” handwritten recollections, 29 pp, followed by extracts Feb 10 1908. Recounts Crimean and Una influence. 5: The war was indeed but an interlude. Poor in hosps and infirmaries....no provision for nursing for private. 8: Una brought some recruits to the school. Age range. Prayers read in the home morning and evening. Much informal hymn singing. Mrs W a good churchwoman, undertook music in the chapel on Sundays.

12: in 1868 there were still old style watchers, elderly women on duty for night, duplicating Mrs Gamp. Mr Whitfield in effect med supt.

H1/ST/NC9/1 Wir Willhelm, von Gottes Gnaden König von Preussen. Das Verdienst Kreuz für Frauen und Jungfrauen 18 Junni 1871, fine doc

July 21 1872 H1/ST/NC18/11/30 letter to Wardroper, from Godfrey Wedgwood, Barlaston, Stone, Staffordshire. The North Staffordshire Inf is in want of a lady to fill the office of supt of nurses. We have a new inf, in an excellent situation, on a hill with a country aspect. It is built on the pavilion plan, for 200 beds. Our present average of inpatients is 140 about. The lady wd be independent except of the weekly com, in her office, wd have the charge of the nursing dept and laundry about 32 or 34 servants in all, and have no charge of the domestic part of the establishment. We offer £60 a year with rooms, board and washing. From the surrounding mining country we have many severe accidents; there is very good practice for nursing therefore. As we have a large dissenting neighbourhood it is desirable not to have a lady with very pronounced religious views who might give offence by any injudicious use of her authority. I shall esteem it a favour if you know of any lady likely to take such an office and adapted for it, if you will recommend her to us. I will then send her a copy of our rules and take up all farther corr.
H1/ST/NC18/11/31 Wedgwood Barlaston now to HBC, re his of 26th, will bring to com meeting. This a detailed letter (evidently HBC responded to letter to Wardroper), re divided jurisdiction of supt, re “lady class”. Thanks you again for your remarks, which backed by such high authority as Miss Nightingale will receive due consideration by our com. If wants to see, shall be glad, accept a bed here. Thanks for N report.

H1/ST/NC18/11/32 Louisa Lee Schuyler to HBC New York 19 West 31st Feb 9 1872. In a footnote to Miss Nightingales Intro (Una and her Paupers) to the Memorials of Miss Agnes E Jones, those who are interested in the subject are requested to apply to you for “Regulations about nurses.” Will you be kind enough to send me the printed rules, and whatever you can let me have, that will give both general and detailed info upon the subject of trained nurses.

H1/ST/NC18/11/52 Ralph Hordley letter to HBC July 4 1872 with advert for matron, answers questions of HBC 170 beds, besides detached fever wards (16 beds) nursing staff 12 nurses, 5 probs and 8 wardmaids; supt has separate sitting room and bedroom; housekeeper etc. (Favourable conditions)

H1/St/NC18/11/56 letter to HBC Feb 8 1873 from Godfrey Wedgwood to HBC for Stafford, nursing inst Lichfield Diocesan Nursing Assoc; memorial hosp of 12 beds on grounds of North Staff Inf, as an incurable inf (in mem), Sir Smith Child, not done, cd be a nurses’ home for nursing inst, modeled on Lincoln, Miss Harding

Feb 10/73 letter to HC embossed

letter to HBC 13 Feb 1873 12 Spring Gardens SW re trained nurses religious sisterhood, from W.S. Sargeant? FN comment orange pencil Many would offer “be willing” a few or none would I choose. I have o doubt miss Merryweather would offer a dozen. 23/2 F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/11/61 April 1 [1873]
FPV to HBC Florence says better send enclosed to you, if can help Mr Norris rector of Buckingham wd be obliged; HBC: no one to recommend. FN comment: I am afraid it is no use. I think very highly of Dr Larson’s place now But they have not one to spare They supply Aberdeen, Perth & elsewhere with Hospital nurses. 28/5/73 F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/11/64 July 21 1873 Edward Balfour, 6 Cleveland Gdns Hyde Park to Wardroper. In Madras there has been a midwifery school since the year 1843, in which European and East Indian women and native women have been
trained as midwives and recd diplomas. In 1871 I obtained the sanction of govt to form a nurse class. A stipend is given to each of the pupils in the nurse and midwifery classes. They are taught daily by the medical warrant officer of the hosps, the lying-in hosp and the gen hosp, and by the Matron of the lying in hosp.

First 6 months...I have also had them taught vaccination. The difference between the Nightingale system and that of Madras seems tome to be that the Nightingale nurses are trained with an object of serving in hosps. Here to be independent practitioners and spread them over country. ...Nagpor, Deesa, Calcutta, Bombay. I thank you for the papers which I have read over with great interest. Cd you obligingly favour me with the number sof pupils of all grades now in the hosp with their stipends.

H1/ST/NC18/11/66 Wm Ogle to HBC Sept 18 1873. Hosp bd may be proposing to erect new hosp bldgs, Ogle “in the habit of quoting from the book in question is the highest authority upon the subject whenever I make suggs for our further improvement.” have already erected new and altered old bldgs to extent of £23,000, they inclined to receive her recs.

H1/ST/NC18/11/72 has printed advert for Employment as Infirmary Nurses. Vacancies in their tr school at the Highgate Inf

H1/ST/NC18/11/75 Georg Fliedner to HBC from Kai 1873

H1/ST/NC18/11/77 from Thena Rourke, acting hon sec, Ulster Hosp for Sick Children, re Mrs McIntosh letter

H1/ST/NC18/11/78 Robt Longman to HBC, for a trained nurse £16 per year with uniform. Reply asks for more particulars

Boston Cottage Hosp 18 March 1875 from W.H. Wheeler, to HBC for a nurse 12 bed hosp, H1/St/NC18/11/79

H1/ST/NC18/11/82 Dec 10 1874 H.W. Rumsey, MD, FRS, Priory House, Cheltenham to HBC re his of 3 Dec with FN’s “very valuable paper, which I am glad to possess a copy of, and to refer to when engaged in the work of the National Assoc for Providing Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor.” the com, org founded by St John of Jerusalem Hospitallers proceeded on pr of inviting co-op of insts engaged in supplying this nec, esp of sisterhoods done their work admirably; but I see no reason why they mt not co-operate under Miss Nightingale’s system. Our great pr is comprehensiveness of effort, influenced by Christian charity, and guided by scientific instruction.

H1/ST/NC18/11/92 from Belmont Belfast, 19 Oct 1876. My friend Dr W MacCormac of Harley St. and St T tells me an interesting doc from Miss Nightingale has been issued, and that you would prob favor me with a copy. In the infirmary and hosp of Belfast Workhouse, we have in ordinary times some 3000 crowded together. I am objecting to the system of sending in from the country district round about into the town. The
town, a manuf place and seaport, contains upwards of 200,000 inhabs, wh wd furnish sufficient sick and infirm for an est. I wish to get reports to sustain my objections to the overcrowding into an unhealthy atmosphere. I wish the country sick attended to in their own district. Thomas McClure. I am well content to be out of the Parliament.

H1/ST/NC18/11/97 26 Aug 1874 to Wardroper. Feeling a deep interest in the extension of schools for the tr of nurses, asks for any info or pubb statements on St T. It seems to me that we mt and shd have in connection with each of our large hosps a tr school for nurses where they cd be educated for their important duties. We in Canada look to England for our guidance. Old country is home. Daniel M Gordon

H1/ST/NC6/1 copy of pages from Rossignol

Excerpts from La Vie de Florence Rossignol, 4 folios, not FN hand

6 Mlle Christie est venue passer quelque temps avec nous, elle s’allelait Mde Marsh, elle etait une si bonne dame, et je l’aimais tant; elle etait veuve, avait eu beaucoup de malheurs, ayant perdu sa fille unique, et puis sa nièce, elle adopta la famille de cette nièce et soigna cinq des enfans en consomptions et elles sont mortes l’une après l’autre, mais loin d’être triste et sombre après tous ses malheurs, elle est plus gaie qu’une jeune personne, et égaie tout le mond, excepté quand elle parle de ses nièces et alors elle pleure. Lucy Whitby, dont j’ai parlée est une de la famille qu’elle a adopté. Le vingt-neuf de September Mde Marsh, ma soeur, Clémence et moi dans la petite voiture et Mlle Christie sur le bidet, sommes allées à Wingfield, Mlle Christie était devant, quand nous voyons une troupe d’homme près de la barrière, qui regardaient un autre qui etait ivre, et qui voulait monter un âne bien obstiné qui [breaks off]

10: Mme Marsh. Les deux dernières la soutenaient, pendant que les six autres tiraient son bras pour remettre les os à leurs places. Je crois que l’opération dura un quart d’heure, et elle criait, cette pauvre demoiselle, car cela lui fesait horriblement mal, et nous, qui étaient enfermées sans chandelle, nous pleurions. Enfin, cela cesse, et Mme Marsh vient nous dire en pleurant que tout était fini et que Mlle C. nous demandait, nous sommes allées, elle était assise dans un grand fauteuil, car elle s’était presque trouvée mal; nous avons vu Wootton, qui disait que cela lui perçait le coeur d’entendre crier Mlle Christie. Cette mê nuit Clémence a couché avec elle, et elle ne dormit pas du tout, son bras lui fesait tant de mal. Le lendemain elle s’est levée à trois heures de l’après-midi, et tous les jours elle allait de mieux en mieux, et en se leevant de meilleure heure, le médecin la voit de

H1/ST/NC2/V6/71 JS to FN on War Office embossed. 6/5/71. I have read these letters with much interest and now return them. If the Geneva Conv were fully acted on, neither the Johanniter nor any other local body could interfere.

The Red Cross could only deal with the reps of govt. But the Prussian needs were so much greater than their means, and the Johr being already
in existence as a fanciful corps and the Prussians appear to have delegated to them the proper duties of supply and hence they claimed a right to pidge? Of all necessities except where they were in a weak minority. But this cd be met in any revision. I suppose it wd have to be that each nation reserves the right of helping its own sick and wounded, but mt accept supplies when and illeg or mt hand over its illeg pr tem to those who had the means. It will require much consideration.

My only reason for proposing a limit may work to the medical papers was that Lord Sh’s note mentioned them only and then your letter of yesterday mentioned about Mr Lloyd. I didn’t wish to limit my share by any means. But if there were any jealousy it mt be removed in some such way.

What an awful state of things these letters reveal. They may have fever or plague at Versailles and elsewhere in France. They are simply killing each other by every engine in their power.

H1/ST/NC2/V7/71 14 mai 1871 Mme de Stael to FN Je ne saurois m’adresser a vous comme une etrangere car je vous aime depuis longtems. Je suis a Londres pour quelques jours et je serois heureuse de vous serrer la main. J’ai subi une demande a vous faire. Mais Sir Harry Verney a qui j’ai exprime mon desir de vous voir et Mme Mohl ... Malade depuis longtemps je sais...le fatigue a le problem et je crois que ...

Je viens de lire le Memorial to Miss Jones .. Je crois que le preface a ce livre lui meme pourrent faire beaucoup de bien. Je m’e?? A vous pour obtenir le permission de le traduire avec le secours d’une amie qui ? L? Admirablement bien.

H1/ST/NC2/V10/72 Braxton Hicks to FN April 13/72. I think the return is very satisfactory on the whole, and does away with a fear I always entertained that the midwives wd practically avoid making returns worth anything.

I think that 2 at least out of the first 4 columns mt be omitted in the “report.” I shd think the number and date sufficient. Also the col “Hours surgeon called in” mt for the ... Also if space is important mt not the col (Duration) be omitted, inasmuch as it wd be probably included in the “result.”

It wd make the report more readily readable to place a bracket over those cols which have reference to one event [sets out] and red lines for the perpendiculars. However this is immaterial. I have already collected some stats of private practice and am promised more. Whenever you want to close yr MS please write me, till then I shall continue to collect them and shall have always ready those I have collected. I send you a paper wh may collateral	ly interest you on the stats of midwy ops.

H1/ST/NC2/V12/72 Rathbone to FN 23 May 1871. I have urged Mr Stansfeld to make some arrs for training at the expense of the Poor Law Board a certain number of nurses, say 20 in London and 20 in Liverpool, in the two workhouse hosps whose system of nursing sprang from the Nightingale School. He has asked me to put my suggestion on paper and seems very willing to consider it.

Now, what I want is simply that these two workhouse hosps shd do for
the workhouse hosps what the Nightingale School at St T is doing for private hosps. Before drawing up any proposal I shd like to hear from you if you have any suggestion to make or warning to give. (FN und) If you have not, pray do not take the trouble of answering this letter. I shall not send in the sugg until after this week so as to give time for the receipt of suggs from Liverpool or elsewhere.

Who is the best man to obtain info from about the London district workhouse hosp and what is the proper name of the hosp?...FN orange pencil: I wrote the name of Highgate Infy and the name of Mr [W.H.] Wyatt. F.N.

H1/ST/NC2/V26/71 letter to FN from “Justice Grant” post mark 23 Sept 1871.
I beg pardon the trespass on your time by a stranger, but as a friend of your nurses at St Thomas I address you, your hon name and your nurses are at stake. The lady (if such she be) to whom you have given charge of your school--Is there reason to believe from the sort of person you think she is or what she wd appear to you. Those who come into the work with the love of God in their hearts are

H1/ST/NC2/V86/89 from A.G. Burgess, Babies Castle, Hawkhurst Nov 30 1889. Dear Madam, I feel I must most gratefully thank you for your letter which is above what I deserve, and I can only say I trust in the future to become more worthy of being called one of your nurses. I hoped before now to be able to tell you I had settled upon a house and that I shd even be able to commence my new work. I fear I must delay my plans for a few weeks. Dr Barnardo seems to be so burdened about many thing, I do not feel I can leave him until he is more at liberty to turn his attention to this place. He has always behaved most kindly to me, that after 6 years work with him I cannot leave him until he has supplied my place.

I am pretty well just now, and so thought that under the circs I wd allow Xmas to get over before finally settling my plans. ...grieved to hear you are not very well.... will pray..

H1/ST/NC2/V87/89 Maude Stanley to FN 40 Dover St. Dec 4 1889. Please return to F.N. No. 1

the master of Balliol has told me that you would kindly see me some day. I had told him how I desired this honour for so many years and he said he wd try what he could do and I thank you much for say I may call. I am on the Asylums Board and so have to do with nurses, engaging them for the fever hospitals and seeing after their welfare. 2. .....the means of getting ladies who were trained nurses the matrons in our hospitals which ...

H1/ST/NC2/V93/89 Faith Schofield Bolton le Moore Dec 16 1889 (or 10th?) I long to tell you I am improving very nicely indeed. I went to Liverpool to see the doctor six weeks ago and he told me I was getting on very well. He seemed much pleased with my progress--I do not use my crutches or sticks only. In going up and down stairs I use a stick because we have no rail in our stairs--everybody is surprised to see me so much better--I do feel thankful to be so far restored often when I
find myself able to do something a feeling of thankfulness comes over me and I think about you and your help and goodness. I shall never forget you, you have been so good and the doctor too he is very good and kind. ...he does not charge me anything and always so gentlemanly in his manner. ...I often think about St Thomas’ it is a most splendid inst it does so much good and is so well managed.

H1/ST/NC2/V94/89 Dec 17 1889 David Patrick, Chambers’s Enc to FN. The editor desires to return his illeg thanks for the Ms of the article “Hospitals” just recd. A proof will be sent whenever we get it into type, which may be three weeks hence or so (so, asst to editor)

H1/ST/NC2/V1/91 11 June 1891 Rathbone, 18 Princes Gardens SW, unsigned. I enclose the duke’s reply. You will see from his note that he feels the value of our notes to read confidentially, and that he admits my letter is not one that shd go before the general public. I am afraid also that it wd not suit to go before two men so busy as Sir Michael Hicks Beach and Lord Cranbrook.

My opinion therefore, as an old electioneerer, is that I ought to have such a statement prepared while I can do it. The ministries breakup soon and I shall lose the poss of getting hold of my man. You will see that the duke intimates that it mt be well to have that st soon. I think the sooner it is in the hands of Sir Michael Hicks Beach and Lord Cranbrook the more likely are they to get their heads set the right way. Hicks Beach will be prevented from doing anything precipitously and the ideas, when once got into their heads, will prob become part of their own opinions.

I do not at all suggest that your notes shd be placed before either of these two gents. All I want is that the man whom I want to employ shd have them, confid. ...re difficultly of a register and sec as the incompetence of the BNA.

H1/ST/NC2/V1/94 Robt Robinson, 47 Queens Head Road, Handsworth, Birmingham 13 May 1894. To FN The enclosed cutting from a Birm paper this morning brought many old recollections of fifty years ago when I was your attendant on three different journeys across the Black Sea to the Crimea when you and your staff of nurses did so much for our wounded soldiers at Scutari and in the Crimea. I never shall forget that day when you were carried sick up that winding path to the General Hospital on the hill. I am sorry to say I cannot say much for myself. Twelve months ago I had stroke of paralysis. So I am unable to do much, but thank God I am getting better, but I am still very shakey on my legs. I am, kind Madam, your obt servant, Robt Robinson.

P.S. I hope you will pardon me for troubling you. I heartily wish you many returns of 12 May. R.R.

H1/ST/NC2/V5/97 Pringle to FN 4 July 1897. St Joseph’s, Rathkeale Co Limerick. Dearest “Mother-Chief” How good you are to me to send me the letter and to send it with your own hand and with so loving a message. To read it is, for me, to be sitting with you almost and hearing you speak.
I am so glad you strike a vigorous blow at the misleading idea of nursing being a sacrifice instead of a privilege. No doubt its right performance calls on us sometimes to “endure hardness,” but that is only discipline.

Dear Sister Victoria! I had heard of her illness and death and how you cheered her. Miss Hornby wrote to Miss Spencer and so it came round to me. I can see her now in the ward with an infant in her arms; I can hear her “Now Johnny!” to the crying child in the cot, and the crying ceased. May our dear Lord now give her rest in peace.

We must study diligently the many points of your letter. I am so glad of what you say about industry and regularity and the observ of the helpless, amongst other things.

This is a most home-like little hosp and needs no very difficult changes to make it as nice as need be. Of course it is not for me to make the changes but only to point them out. The sisters are so entirely in earnest in their wish to perfect what is wanting that I have every hope they will succeed. I have told the superiors it will be no use my remaining longer unless, after the holidays, a regular system of training is instituted—a school formed in fact (for members of the community) atone or other of their hosps. I incline to this for a beginning instead of straggling unwielding Limerick. We expect to see Lady Monteagle tomorrow and I hope she brings me a good account of you, dearest “Mother-Chief,” thanking you with all my heart from your dear letter, always with great love I am your loving and respectful old “little sister.” A.L. Pringle...

I can only put my longing after you and for all good to you into the old prayer “May God bless yo.”

Sir George Lawson wrote FN twice from WO in 1897 re Red Cross awards. Sept 18 1897, H1/St/NC2/V7/97 compliments...much obliged for her note and info re nurses wh she sent through Sir Douglas Galton. Re S.A. Terrot’s prospects of obtaining a Red Cross for her services—sec of state has sent Miss Terrot’s name to the queen for her approval.

H1/ST/NC2/V12/97 inquiry re Catherine Innes.

H1/ST/NC2/V1/99 Lily Quintard to FN Aug 9 1899. Yesterday I made my visit to Aldershot to see the new camp hospital and as I promised to write you about the place I feel as if I had better do so now before I get into the rush of duties I expect to find on my return to St Luke’s Hosp, New York. The campus you know is most beautifully situated for the work and the new hosp is very well planned, and will I am sure in time become a model army hosp. So far the nursing has been done by orderlies, but two weeks ago Sister Browne from Woolwich was ordered there with two others and even in this short time the improvement is wonderful. The wards are large and airy, having windows both sides and at the far end glass doors opening out into a gallery where the men can sit when sufficiently conv.

The doctors are delighted at leaving the sisters in charge and will I am sure do all they can to assist them. But as you know well it is very difficult to overcome the conservation of army regs and make any
great changes. I think Sister Browne will be able to acc a great deal as she is a woman of tact and ability and has already been in charge of an army hosp for five years. Sister Browne wd be so glad if she cd have an interview with you and I am sure it wd be of much service to her--is it possible? If you wd permit it I am sure Sister Browne wd go at any time you wd see her--you wd find her very interesting--I will enclose her address in case you can arrange this.

I cannot tell you dear Miss Nightingale what my meeting with you has done for me. It has been the greatest privilege and I shall count it as one of the most delightful memories? And in hours of discouragement I know it will be a means of strength; thank you a thousand times for granting this privilege to me who was quite a stranger.

You seemed so much interested in what we trying to accomplis in army nursing in the United States that I shall take the liberty of sending you reports of our work when it reaches such a shape as to mean something. At present we are only trying to work out a system and we find it difficult to gain the points which will make that system workable, but I feel sure we shall acc it in time.

I intended sending this from Queenston but was unable to do so--it will now go from New York.

We are leaving a delightful voyage--the weather is perfect and ...only rough enough to roll the ship a little I am sorry my vacation is so near at end, but I shall gt back to my duties quite ready to take up the burden once more....St Luke’s Hosp, Cathedral Heights, New York City


I beg you will pardon me for intruding on your ladyship after the lapse of forty-five years. I am compelled to return you my best thanks for your motherly care of me at Scutari Hosp, also your assistants. I have seen your letter and address on the public press relative to war experience I am satisfied to say now ever will see the sight ...Many is the soldier his bones were in the? And grave yards of the Cr and Const only for you and your staff. I had experienced at Balaclava where the wounded reqd blankets and the stores were ... I respectfully ack if it were not for your merciful kindness to me I wd be on the dead list...I have always prayed that you may be long spared in this world and hereafter that you may be crowned in heaven by our Blessed Lord. I beg to state I was 3 days and nights sentry on your tent on the hill above Balaclava when the Lord that spared me. I am now 72 years of age. I was wounded by 13 inch shell, 2 bayonet wounds, several gun shot wounds and still living and wd like to have a shot at old Kruger.

H1/ST/NC2/V3/06 from Malta 6 July 1906 Arthur A.L. Gedge. I saw in the Malta Chronicle a mention of yr 85th birthday...It may interest you to know that we are using at the Garrison Church, illeg? Whenever the Holy Cm. is celebrated th every Hold com vessels you presented to the Rev Sabin for use at Scutari.

Mr Sabin afterwards left them in charge of the senior chaplain at Malta for use in the principal garrison church. They are in my charge at present as I am in that capacity. I thought this mt interest you and
therefore have taken this opp of writing.

H1/ST/NC2/V31/57 from A. McLeod 28 May 1857, about to become a cand for a matronship in a public inst, req good mgt, great activity, prudence..., wd enable her to be of assistance to mother and sister, asks for a letter from FN to patrons, great value of your name. A Scotch situation, mothers begs to be reminded. Millburn Cottage, Canaan Lane, Morningside, Edin

H1/ST/NC2/V1/58 JSS to FN Jan 6/58 from Hopital General Vienna. I sent yesterday further [hard to read] to say (1) that today's post has brought me a very kind letter from the Countess Stolberg. She allows me to go to Bethanien and wishes me to... hope to go to Prague. I can reach Berlin...
2. I made the flight and stupid mistake yesterday. In addition to what I stated the head nurses of two of the great London hosps receive 2 pints of beer daily and the day nurses 1 pint of beer daily.

H1/ST/NC2/V3/62 Heathcote to FN 5 Feb 1862 Hursley Hall embossed. I forgot when I wrote yesterday to say that I shall go to town (91 Victoria St Westm) this evening and shall stay till Sat morn. If Dr S cd give me an int I wd call upon him and shd much like to make his acq. I inclose a copy of the address we are putting out--we make a good beginning as to money. Bldg com: Heathcote, chairman; Viscount Eversley, Lord Ashburton, Archdeacon of Winchester, H.C. Compton Esq; Melville Portal Esq, J. Bonham Carter MP, W Barrow Simonds Esq, says repairs won’t do “short of an actual rebuilding of the whole house” but where now stands wd “perpetuate the evils of retarded recovery and even of superinduced disease, which a confined space, with a soil vitiated by defective sewerage, cannot fail to produce. The govs have ac, after careful investigation, and on the report of a com, confirmed the rec of the gen com of the hosp, resolved to procure a new and untainted area, of larger dimensions, and to erect theron a hosp such as, w/o any outlay on unneeccessary ornament, but by well considered provision for the sick, shall recover...” position of 130 years ago when originated the es of county infs. Throw themselves on the generosity (sounds like FN letter); contributions already announced led by Ashburton £1000, duke of Buccleuch 250, Heathcote 200, earl of Carnarvon 100, Visc Eversley 100, bp of Winchester 100, F.T. Baring MP 100, ec. WEN, 100, Miss Nightingale 100,

H1/ST/NC2/V4/62 Heathcote to FN Feb 7 1862, thanks for her cheque of £100, and her Notes on Hosps

H1/ST/NC2/V5/62 Rawlinson to FN 4 March 1862. I have seen Sir Wm H this day relative to the new site, or rather on the new site for the proposed new co asylum at Winc. Dr S and myself are to go over on the 17th inst inspect the several sites offered. We shall then report to Sir W or to the com. I und that an arch has been settled upon but that Dr S and Capt Galton are to approve the plans--this of course means your approval.

The attempt to initiate sewerage in Winchester has so far failed. I
have no doubt however but that the question will soon be settled in the affirmative. On the 19th inst I read a paper at the Soc of Art on "Town Sewerage". Lord Stanley taking the chair. I will send you a copy when published.

H1/ST/NC2/V6/62 letter of Wm Beckett Denison to FN 15 April 1862. Printed stationery Burley, Leeds. In 3rd person. Takes the liberty (first letter presumably) that she is greatly interested in a new inf wh is about to be built in Leeds, he and colleagues on com have decided to entrust its planning and execution to Mr Scott, who, at their request, is giving the week after next to visit the pr Belg and French hosps. Meanwhile, the com have to settle their reqs wh they are just beginning to discuss. Mr D has made himself familiar with Miss Nightingale’s Notes on Hosps and with the evidence she gave before the commissioners. Trusts Miss Nightingale will permit him to ask one or 2 questions upon some points in the construction of hosps. FN has rec that the axis of hosp wards shd be north and south, (quotes) he struck with the rec on first reading it in Miss Nightingale’s book, as is contrary to the general belief as to which aspect for a house commands the greatest amount of the sun during the day. Re windows. Re double wards.

H1/ST/NC3/V7/62 JS draft reply to Denison letter, almost identical to what FN sent, RIBA ScGGS/4/3/4, except drops remarks about Woolwich Marine Hosp being bad

H1/ST/NC2/V8/62 Denison to FN 18 April 1862. I am extremely obliged to you for your kind and prompt reply to the questions I took the liberty of asking you about hosps. Grieved re her health. Re planning hosp, "which we intend to be the great hosp of the North of England, and which we desire to be as perfect as possible.”

H1/ST/NC2/V9/62 Heathcote to FN April 19 1862. Heard a report she was at Embley. You will see that the site which Dr S recommends above the others is of an awkward contour, necessitating I fear the bldg of 3 floors in the southern wing, which the northern wing wd have only 2 floors. You will also see that I want to be guilty of the heresy of using this additional floor as an additional ward, re inequality of the sexes. Mr Butterfield is coming here on Tuesday to inspect the grounds of which I hear reported the ... I shd be very glad if I could know something of your mind on this one point before you have time to consider the whole. He will be with me till Thursday.

If it is quite inadmissible, we must think of the second best site, which is a I believe nearly flat and in that respect much better. With list of reqs

H1/ST/NC2/V11/62 Denison to FN 21 April 1862. I am greatly obliged to you for the pamphlet and blue book you have been so good as to send me. In the "reqs" we have sent to Mr Scott, we have said that we wished the wards of our new inf to hold about 30 patients, to be about 130 ft long by 27, and from 16 to 18 ft high, so as to give about 2000 cubic ft to each patient. But the proportions of the wards in the new “Herbert Hosp”
will be less than this by a good deal, esp in height and as height increases ....I send Mr Scott all the info I can collect so that this point will come before him.

H1/ST/NC2/V13/62 J. Conolly May 15 1862 to FN, The Lawn, Hanwell, London W. A much esteemed friend of mine, Capt Leckie, requests me to do him the honour to place before you the plan of an inst in which he feels assured you will be interested. His own generous views in respect to it furnish the best assurance of his sincerity. He tells me that the advantages proposed are really needed.

H1/ST/NC2/V15/62 21 May 1862 from Inglott to FN, 66 New Bond St., comptroller of charitable insts, Malta. In July 1859 I was favoured with a letter of intro to you, but... I was then sent to this country by the Malta Govt to obtain info on several charitable insts, particularly lunatic asylums, and duty of obtaining plans for a poor house for the aged and infirm, for 1000 inmates and a hosp of incurables for 300 patients, which insts are about to be built at Malta. With advice of Dr S, Mr [T.H.] Wyatt was pointed out to me as the architect who had made such bldgs his specialty and who I believe is known to you....so requested him to prepare for me the plans. (So, got Wyatt because of FN). Before proceeding with the fair plans I wd feel very much obliged to you if you wd favour me with your valuable opinion on the general arr of that bldg. Title is comptroller of Charitable Insts

H1/ST/NC2/V16/67 Duncan Forbes to FN April 20 1867. I have got a colliery proprietor here to co-operate with the workmen to build a hosp for the accidents and we are not quite clear about the best kind of bldg and I shd feel greatly obliged shd you kindly give me yr opinion. I cannot really say the number of beds 8-10, perhaps 12. I have got yr book on hosps but I cannot see anything in it that quite illeg on such a hospital. The Rookery, Eastwood Notts.

JS pencil draft. In a small hosp for accidents, the best constr is that of a long cottage raised on a basement about two or three feet above the ground. The patients mt be placed at one end of the bldg, the offices at the other. Or the cottage mt be in 2 floors, the patients being above the offices and stores below. This wd require a stair case. The latter arr wd be the best. If you cd have a plan sketched to show this, adopting the arrs as to wards WCs etc as showed in my Notes on Hosps, I shd be glad to look it over.

It will be necessary of course to determine first what number of beds you shd have and this can only be done by careful inq into the number of accidents requiring special surgical care. Illeg influences materially the cost. As regards the wards the cheapest thing will be to lime white the walls. Several times a year over plaster scraping off the lime occasionally before rewhiting.

H1/ST/NC2/V24/67 Duncan Forbes to FN 4 July 1867

H1/ST/NC2/V23/67 AJ Lawrence to FN June 14/67. Indebted to you for your letter of 12 (missing) and comm of 13th. I quite und that a small hosp
won’t do

H1/ST/NC2/V8/65 Alex Graham to FN 9 May 1865 re Swansea. I beg to ack the receipt of my Swansea drawings and your very kind note of the 6th inst. The warm approval which you have been pleased to express of my little work will urge me to increased questions in this particular branch of my vocation. I may mention that a plan and view of the new bldg will appear shortly (at the request to the editor) in the pages of “The Builder”


Mémoire sur la Nécessité de transférer et reconstruire l’Hôtel-Dieu de Paris. 1785. Proposal of Sieur Poyet, architect et controleur des Bâtiments de la Ville H1/ST/NC15/25/1

H1/ST/NC18/27/15 letter of R.D. Wood & Co, Philadelphia Ja 18 1886. Dear Friend To HBC. Writing on behalf of the Univ Hosp of Pennsylvania, I desire to ask thy rec of a woman of experience and ability entirely capable of being at the head of the internal admin of a hosp and tr sch for nurses combined, in the position of supt. Attached to Med Dept of univ, 125 patients, hosp built 10 years ago. Richard Wood. HBC replied as Wood wrote again 29 March 1886; more corr on, then they appointed Charlotte Hugo of Ilfracombe, N. Devon
H1/ST/NC18/23/19 FN notes on HH. Herbert Hospital Nursing Quarters
Cleansing, Renewing & furniture
required
1. Separate entrance to Nursing Quarters
required, so as to shut them off from
the “Linenery
& Mendingroom /Officer’s Library & Orderly Officer’s room
Once this understood see p 6
this is essential.

2. Nursing Quarters require
thorough cleaning
distemperng e.g. Nurses’ rooms/Bathroom (in a miserable condition)
& Sink
colouring
white washing
re papering e.g. Supt’s rooms & Infirmary

3. Furnishing list of Furniture wanted [more here, struck through
and more by Wardroper and HBC and FN und]

H1/ST/NC18/22 to HBC 1877, re appt of Alderman Stone, Sclater Booth
letter, Loyd Lindsay, re Galton poss; duke of Devonshire re Galton

H1/ST/NC18/26/48 23 Nov 1880 BF Stevens re books to US com of educ, to
HBC. I send the books to General Eaton, US com of educ, Wash, no doubt
the general will ack; if you find there is still a statuette of FN cd
purchase
Oct 16 1854. Mr Shepherd had a letter from the bp cordially approving the plan of sending nurses to the East. Oct 17. ...Mr Bowman called to speak about our plans. Lady Canning also. 17/18/19 many letters containing offers of service and some money. Several ladies called desirous to go out to the East. Some parcels of linen sent. Mrs Bowman and Mr Bracebridge (or Mrs??) Called in the evening. Oct 19. Many letters and enquiries concerning nurses for the East. A council at 2 pm to make arrs for sending out our nurses. Present Dr Todd, Mr Bowman, Revd W Clark, ...Miss Nightingale attended as also Mr (Mrs?) Bracebridge Rev Gleig etc. Six nurses agreed to go out: Lawfield, Fagg, Higgins, Drake, Coyle and Bournett, with respect ot whom it is agreed that ordinary rules be in abeyance and the six nurses for the time of this special service be under the authority of Miss Nightingale ho has made herself resp for all our care of them.

Oct 22 Sunday. Re nurses going out.


19: “The counsels of Miss Nightingale, the experience of Dr Sibson and Dr Sieveking, the knowledge acquired by the sec of the Nightingale Fund, have contributed mainly to systematise and direct the conclusions to be drawn from the array of stat and personal testimony obtained by Mr Guyton (by whom the entire work of compilation of the appendices has been performed) and the results of Miss Lees’ close and careful visitation of hosps and districts. 28-34 is Nursing and Nurse Training. With lots of quotes of FN. Com of ref and eng, chair Rathbone, Acland, Alcock, Capt Blair, HBC, EH Currie, John R Holland, Lees hon sec, Lady Lechmere, EL O’Malley, Francis Sibson, EH Sieveking, Stansfeld, Viscountess Strangford hon sec (2 of them) J Nassau Senior Esq, Mrs Nassau Senior, Wigram. Study of 9 months appointed at gen com of assoc previous year. 35-58 District Nursing; 59- Actual Nursing in London; report has quotes from F Lees. Appendix VII. Suggestions for Improving the Nursing Service of Hosps 98-110 August 1874. Seems to be compilation of FN’s cubic space report, plus some material on district nursing.

Lees, Florence. H1/ST/NC15/37 (2) Lees’s handwritten report, with FN underlining 25-57

H1/ST/NC15/37/3 Dr Sutherland’s Notes on Hospitals for Soldier’s Wives with FN section added. Regulations for affording Medical Relief to Sick
Wives and Children of Soldiers and Others entitled to Such Relief.

H1/ST/NC15/10 Prospectus for Liverpool Training School and Home for Nurses. 32 pp. No date. Quotation from FN 5-6. 6: Miss Nightingale has given our plans the same consideration as if (to use her own words) she were going to be herself the matron. From the lady supt of the St John’s House Nursing Inst we have recd the most kind and valuable aid....McNeill, Jebb, Clough, Wardr, Whitfield,

H1/ST/NC15/34 1-40 short items, clippings.
Montreal General Hospital. Exposure No. 1. The Suppressed Report and the Lady Superintendent. No author. Re quarterly meeting of bd of govs of MGH August 1877, letter from Andrew Robertson. Machin, intimation of dismissal. Nurse Randall. Tyranny practiced by lady supt. This is a nasty attack. Accusation of Puseyism. Satellites of Holy Cross. Devotion to church of Tooth and McConochie. With clippings; one clipping refers to death of Dr Cline, house surgeon, and asst nurse Miss Flora Bowering; report May 21 1878 Montreal Star has May 21 1878 adoption of report moved by vice pres Andrew Robertson, sec by Dr Campbell,; moved by Campbell... That the society is gratified to learn, from the annual report, that the govs are well satisfied with the trained nursing system, as pursued in the hosp, and it hereby expresses like satisfaction, and resolves that the system shall be maintained and extended in the future. also a res of thanks of the Society of the MGH thanks due and hereby tendered to Miss Machin, the lady supt, and to her asst an and staff of trained nurses for their able and devoted labours in the cause of the sick poor. Also carried: Whereas the soc has learned with much regret that the lady supt and her staff of trained nurses have resigned, be it resolved that the govs be respectfully requested to consider whether it is not poss to have the said resignations withdraw with a view to the re-arr of the staff.” (so, vindication)
April 5 1878 Montreal Start. Reported that the lady supt has resigned and that the four English nurses have followed her ex. April 6: Quite true. Over 200 employees principally female nurses have either been discharged or resigned since the new system of trained nurses was introduced two years and a half since.

Appendix to Report on Victoria Hospital. 19-26. H1/ST/NC15/21. Mil hosp for 760 sick and convs, shd consist of ten separate pavilions, each capable of containing 76 sick.... sinks trapped to prevent effluvia from entering bldg. These are extracts from her Answers to Written Questions.


Anon. (A member of the Scottish Council) The Story of the Queen’s Nurses in Scotland. H1/ST/NC15/17. After 1903. Scottish council. Pres Princess Louise, duchess of Argyll; vice press, duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry, Lady Blythswood, Lord Justice Gen, AHF Barbour, includes Joseph Bell, Mrs Higginbotham, Craigmaddie, Milngavie, Louisa Stevenson, Miss Guthrie Wright
H1/ST/NC18/19/42 Croft to HBC Nov 4 1871. Has anyone volunteered lectures on practical surgery and nursing to probs at Nightingale Home at St T; if not I shd be happy to give an annual course of instruction shd it be deemed illeg by the council and wd be agreeable to those interested, surgeon, lecturer on practical surgery; wrote to SEW, no reply; the office I have accepted is the suptce of the Royal Berks Hosp and I hope to be shortly released from my duties here and to enter on any new work early in Aug

H1/ST/NC18/19/64 1 March 1871 to HBC Cartwright lady supt. Repld 5/3/71. Asks if you can aid me in finding nurses for this inf. Knowing how much you were formerly engaged in the cause of nursing and not being ware that you have discontinued your activity, I do not hesitate to tell you how I am situated feeling assured, will help; this is a new inf; I was apptd to be supt Feb 1870. It was intended that the system of training nurses shd be carried here and a beginning was made and of course many imperfections attended it. All went on however pretty well until the autumn when I left he inf for a moth’s rest and just as I had fairly resumed my work, seized with fever, when left sick room it was to find I had seven nurses leaving, a large number out of 15, and I have been unsuccessful in meeting with suitable nurses to take their places. I am wanting immed an experience surgical nurse and thoroughly reliable woman for men’s accident ward 21 beds; wages £25 ...I require 8 additional nurses as our staff is to be increased. Each nurse in charge will have an asst on prob. The head nurse has no authority over the other nurses

H1/ST/NC18/16/1-35 HBC on military nursing

H1/ST/NC2/V31/56 Samuel Smith to FN ca 21 8 1856. Der F, as to payments of wages for the time occupied in the voyage, it seems to me that 2 classes cover all:
1 those continuing to discharge their duty to the close of the work are entitled ot wages till they reached home.
2. Those dismissed for misconduct forfeit all claim from the time of dismissal, and those leaving for sickness from the time when their sickness assumes such a character as to make deterrence or disruption? The only difference between sickness and misconduct being that the passage home gratis is given in the first case not in the second.
This is on general principle and w/o reference to the terms of any special bargain where such was made. S.S.

H1/ST/NC2/V32/56 letter Sept 1 1856 from Eliz Tandy to FN. Honoured Madam. I return you many thanks for your kindness in remitting me a week’s wages it being more than I expected; I shd have ack it before but I did not receive your letters until finding in consequence of my changing my residence. My address is Room No 14, Bakers Bldg, Liverpool St, Bishopgate St,

H1/ST/NC2/V33/56 Eliz Blake Extem Ockham Sept 2 1856. Permit me to offer my hearty congrats upon your safe and happy return to England and to your dear family in peace.
I rejoice that of the Lord’s great mercy you have been preserved from all perils that have surrounded you both by sea and by land.

Hoping you are quite well and that you may ever remain under the care and blessing of the heavenly Father is the sincere prayer of your humble servt, Elizth Blake, midwife, late Scutari nurse

H1/ST/NC2/V13/57 Laura Cranworth to FN no date. [23 Feb 1857] I find in Miss Parkes’ report of the nurses when Renkioi Hosp broke up that she considered Nurse Hely a very superior woman, a clever nurse, excellent temper, perfectly honest sister, trustworthy and obliging” Mrs Newman fully confirmed this character, as did Miss Le Mesurier, and the former added that she was a real blessing at Renkioi being such a peacemaker.

I can not find the name of Miss Leslie in any of the nurse papers that I possess, and am so sorry I cannot help you to clear up the mystery. It was such a real pleasure seeing you today, only I ought not to have found you at home. Pray be good, and go out earlier in the day, when the air is fresher, and when you will avoid interruptions by being out of the house. Yours affectly Laura Cranworth. ... You cannot conceive what my great and lasting pleasure your visit in Harley St gave. [so, FN visited Harley St. in 1857]

cat H1/ST/NC2/V11/72 order, still to see

H1/ST/NC2/V1/89 Norman Moore, Warden’s House, St Bart’s Jan 13 1889. Dear Miss Nightingale, I have been in Rome...re her letter of Jan 6 (missing).

You are right in your hesitation about Montalembert’s account of Columba, which has been published as a small separate volume in English, extracted from his “Moines de l’Occident.” It is inaccurate in some details and what is more important is defective in its understanding of the society in which Columba lived. St Adamnan the ninth abbot of Iona who lived at a time when men who remembered Columba were still living on the island wrote Columba’s life. Columba died in A.D. 597, Adamnan was born in 624 and the oldest existing copy of his life of Columba, which is at Schaffhausen, was wr by the hand of a scribe who died about the year 720. I mention these dates that you may see how genuine the work is. It gives a delightful account of the saint of the time in which he lived, and has been edited with incomparable care by Dr Reeves, the present bishop of Down, Conor & Dromore It is in Latin but the intro notes are in English and your friend wd learn much by reading the intro and the additional notes at the end. The title is: The Life of Columba, Founder of Hy, to which are added notes &c, by Wm Reeves (Irish archaeological Celtic Society) Dublin 1857.

I think that Mr Skene has published an English version of the Latin text (in Edinburgh). In the Dict of Nat Bio ...Vol XI your friend will find a life of St Columba which I wrote from the original sources because many happy recollections of my boyhood were associated with the place of his birth.

The three great saints of Ireland are St Patrick, St Brigit, St Columba. A vast coll of material about all three (in Latin) is contained in the Frias Thaumaturga of Colgan: Lowain 1650. Three small lives...
If your friend reads Latin she had better study St Brigit...

The most ancient lives of the Irish saints are delightful reading from the truthful picture they give of life those early times 500-1000. John Colgan...

If your friend reads Latin she had better study St Brigit...

H1/ST/NC2/V6/89 Redpath to FN 12 March 1889 PO Box 80 Kimberley S Africa. Knowing how occupied your life is with important matters and what a continual drain there always is upon yr energy and sympathy it seems somewhat impertinent to break in upon you with a mere chitchat letter and yet this is really more the outcome of my unchanged affection for the dear chief of former days. I read over and over the dear letters I had from you long ago and almost forget the time that has elapsed since they were written--many occasions arise for me to speak of you and yr work to people out here, and this has been pleasingly instanced lately in the person of Lady Frederick Cavendish who returned to England a month ago after a three months’ visit to her brother our old friend the Rev Albert Lyttelton, now at Kimberley. Her stay amongst us was as refreshment in the desert, so clever and good and loveable is she. He has since very pleasant talk for more than one occasion yr dear self was the theme. She wants to know you personally as she already does Sir Harry and Lady Verney. Please don’t think me impertinent but I have a great desire for you tow to meet, believing the fellowship of kindred spirits to be one of the greatest helps in our earthly pilgrimage. I am writing this from Cape Town, coming these 650 miles by ? For the sake of the sea air and bathing--the very great heat Kimberley during the last three or more months quite knocked me up so my good husband packed me off for two months--he is one of the hundred brokers in the busy share market of Kimberley, an exciting and uncertain occ still men like it and I think my husband will do fairly well now, at first it was a struggle, and when in June last year he was thrown back with the camp fever I felt it my duty as well as pleasure after his conv to turn my profession to account and did private nursing until Oct, with good results in every way, but my strength nowadays will not stand any great strain and happily the necessity also cased. My interest in all hosp work and any sick nursing is as keen as ever and if I had the means I shd like to start a home for private nurses in Kimberley--there are few really good trained ones. At the Carnarvon Hosp which is a very nice bldg and well supported by the people there are some good trained ones from England and these have to train the young ones taken in from this country, but there is no systematic tr or classes for them, atho Sister Henrietta, who is in charge and just now in England on a six months’ leave, evidently gives the impression from a paragraph or two I’ve seen in the Nursing Record that there is a tr school.

I have joined the Br Nurs Ass with a view to carrying out some such scheme as I have mentioned and think it will be useful (if the charter is obtained) to us out here, but I am afraid you don’t approve of the movement as I see no St Thomas nurses on the com, nor your own among the patrons and gathered so from Mr Bonham Carter’s pamphlet that he so kind as to send me, I am very grateful for any Nightingale letters or papers he favors me with and shd dearly like to have yr own annual letter ot the probs. I hope Miss Pringle is happy and successful at St T. Wd you
like to send dear Miss Crossland to spend a year with me?!!! I fancy I hear you say “Wretch what treason.” This delightful to hear how flourishing “David” and Miss Styring are.

I ad wr thus for when Mrs Coltman’s letter of Feb 6 was returned to me from Kimberley and brings me news that grieves my heart--that dear Mrs Smith is gone--so kind and good she was to me--I hoped so much to have seen her again in this life. And I trust I shall in Heaven--what a blank this means to the family and Mrs Coltman tells me Embley will be let....

H1/ST/NC2/V10/89 Acland to FN telegram

H1/ST/NC2/V15/89 Winterton, General Inf Northampton March 27 1889 (in effect a new matron’s report to chief) on work here, reluctantly left St T, and only because the strain of work was getting too much for me, but again and again I keep regretting that I have left for I do not think I can possibly settle here. The wards are nice, but we are terribly under nursed, each head nurse has charge of 30 patients, divided into 4 wards, with only one asst day nurse and a night nurse, and they have left not only all the patients to tend, meals to serve etc, but all the floors to sweep and polish with beeswax every week, windows to clean and in fact charwomen’s physical work to do. The nurses take alternately one week day duty and one week night duty, so that it is perpetual change and every other Sunday when they change from day to night they are on duty from 6.30 am till 7 pm, when they are supposed to go to bed till 9.30 pm (2 ½ hours) and then go on duty again all night and not to bed till after the ordinary mid day dinner on Monday. The present matron has been here 23 years and until my appt had sole charge of every dept, but she still has charge of all ward ... so I am handicapped all round.

I proposed that the nurses shd take alternately 3 months day and 3 months night duty, and that they shd have an early dinner (10 am) instead of waiting up as they do now for the ordinary midday meal, but I find the proposal is not at all kindly recd, for it seems the nurses do all their washing and ironing and this they do every alternate week when they come off night duty, so that as they cd not be released when on day duty for it, they are not satisfied with the arr and say they cannot afford to put it out. Their only off duty time is from 2 to 9.30 every other Sunday, charge nurses from 3 to 9.30 one day a week, under nurses 3-6 9.30 every other week. I do not feel that I can do any good at all here, so what is the use of staying?

We have just opened a very nice children’s ward here, 19 beds, and Miss Pringle has kindly spared me Nurse Mold, who is coming in today, as well as a night nurse and 2 probs from the neighbourhood. Our spring cleaning has just begun, and the poor nurses have it all to do. There is not a single scrubber about the place. They have pictures to clean and hand, paint to scrub, beds to repaired, pillows to refill in fact everything but te whitewashing. And still some of the nurses have been with her many years, only a short time ago ones left who had been here 22 years. The Miss Stewart who was supt on board the Carthage has just come to Northampton in charge of the Nursing Inst. There are no meals prepared for the nurses, they have to get and clear away their own and
altogether it seems such a heathenish place that I do not feel I can settle and do any good her. The inf is beautifully situated in its own grounds and we have now 160 beds. Kind regards Margaret E. Winterton

H1/ST/NC2/V16/89 Godfrey W Hambleton 9 Dorchester Pl, Blandford Sq March 28 May 1889. To FN May I request your attention to the effort that is being made to open a cottage hosp for the cure of poor consumptive patients by the system I advocated at Manchester?

If you will kindly refer to pages 25-8 of the enclosed you will see that this new method of treatment has been followed by complete cure in half the cases and by very satisfactory results in the others. Contrast this with the invariable alternate fatal results of the other modes of treatment of the urgent from place where this system can be thoroughly carried out as clearly established....list kindly give their names as patrons and hope you will help us in this great work by permitting me to add your name? List v16/89. Lord Lieut of Ireland, marchioness of Londonderry, dow march of L, lord bishop of Bangor, Lord Henry V....dean of Chichester, dean of Bangor, etc. and revs, but no doctors.

H1/ST/NC2/V20/89 Solly to FN from St T June 3 [1889] re Miss Tossie’s Mission. “Pen” name of author FNbook

H1/ST/NC2/V22/89 de Laney to FN June 18 1889. The Infirmary. My dear and honoured Madam. I have delayed writing to you sooner with the idea of being able to give you a fuller account of this big place, but now as Miss Gibson will be in London, I may leave her to tell you a good deal. She will do it so much better.

I must first thank you for your kind letter. I cannot express how grateful I feel for it and how I feel about it. It has done me good already, and the gift of your sympathy I look upon as one of His best later blessings.

I am sure you will be glad to hear that I believe everyone connected with the places as acknowledges the great improvement throughout.

I think dear Miss Gibson has done wonders and it has been very uphill work, and she has born all the many petty annoyances that try the very best of people with the utmost gentleness.

The wards are looking very nice indeed and the nurses seem to be striving to do their best, even the old ones who have as it were to begin afresh. Some of them I am sorry to say have given Miss Gibson a great deal of worry and trouble, but the most troublesome have left, and matters are much better and brighter.

I go round the wards first thing, some mornings more thoroughly than others. I strive to say a word or two to all those in bed, they like it and so do I! Some are very amusing and very grateful for the least attention. I have not seen any of the male patients doing any fancy work yet tho some make themselves very useful about he wards.

At present I pass nearly every spare minute stamping linen but as son as that is finished I hope to be more in the wards. I sometimes manage to go round twice.

The nurses’ home is as near perfect as possible. Miss Gibson seems to have remember every thing for comfort and convenience. The mess room is
in the inf and te cooing is all that can be desired. We have a good variety and it is well served up. I take the dinner and supper as a general rule but Miss Gibson takes it occasionally.

I shd like to have Fairlie Clarke’s Manual for Surgery very much, all I have in that line is a small manual of inst by A. Moffitt for attendants on the sick and wounded in war. It is very very kind of you to remember me.

I cd not manage to go to St T before I left London....

I am afraid dear Miss Gibson is feeling very tired though she keeps u bravely and is always bright an cheerful and gets thro an amount of work.

I do pay for you dear Madam, and I think we all do, tho we look upon you as a blessing and something to be thankful for. I will certainly try to do my best, and do my little to help on the good work, and I know full wee we heed all you say, and I am sure I have need of prayer and more faith. It is often a great trouble to me that my allegiance to the Master is so cold and indifferent. Again thanking you for all your kindness.

H1/ST/NC18/19/32 W.H. Wyatt to HBC from 88 Regent’s Park Road 26 Sept 1871, have been unable to give any attn to Highgate, unable to give you any info re what has been done re probs, suggest he contact Waterlow. I shd some months since have resigned my appt as a manager of the Highgate Hosp, but I have postponed doing so thinking some point mt occur in which I mt be useful to Miss Torrance. I wd offer to se the Poor Law Bd for you on the matter, but just now my time is entirely taken up with the Hampstead Hosp Enq, the majority of the public will of course form their judgment from the sensational statements in the papers, but the result of the investigation will I have not a doubt be entirely satisfactory to those who have had the mgt of the hosp

H1/ST/NC18/19/27 Queen Charlotte’s Hosp sec to HBC 11 Nov 1872 with errors in FN book on lying in

H1/ST/NC18/19/28 W.H. Wyatt to HBC 8 June 1871, 88 Regent’s Park Rd. It was only today that I was able to see Sir S Waterlow. I told him generally the pints which had been discussed between us, and I think now the most effectual mode of furthering our object would be for you to see him.

Finding that you are likely to be at Highgate tomorrow (Friday) at 5 I have asked Sir S Waterlow to be there at that time, his movements are uncertain for his eldest son is lying very dangerously ill, but I hope he may be able to be there. I wd have gone up to meet you, but unfort I am engaged to dine at Greenwich, but if after you have seen Sir S W you shd wish to see me, I will call on you on Wed. You will find Sir S fairly disposed to try the plan, but unwilling to let it cost the inst very much. I shall be very glad for Miss Torrance to have a holiday, her asst matron come son the 24th, & when she is settled she will be ready to go....I think 6 probs quite enough to start with.

H1/ST/NC18/19/25 Torrance to HBC Highgate, 29 April 1871, I have just
rec'd gratuities, will send receipt to Mrs Wardroper, will be a week before I get them all, nurses pleased with their letters, hope you will have to send double the amount this time next year, re statuettes will be prized; will settle with Nurse Crowdace next week; If I tell her to go I think she will go, but I wd like to give her another chance; I am sure the nurses wd appreciate the books

H1/ST/NC18/19/30 Torrance to HBC from Highgate 25 Sept 1871 embossed Central London sick asylum District, Highgate Inf. That question about the rules for the probs came on last Monday at the board meeting, and they decided that the rules which were wanted were rules for the guidance of probs in the place. I am to draw them up for them by next Thursday.

It really is nec for me now to have the probs (if it is decided that we are to have them) in as soon as poss. I shall be the 4 nurses short at the end of the week and it will be hard work to keep things straight till I get them in.

Miss Cameron left here in July. She needed to have a month or six weeks in Scotland before settling down at St T and I thought I cd better spare it to her than Mrs W cd, so I let her go. The same with Miss Parkinson--she left at half quarter day and Miss Starling goes next Friday. I am very sorry indeed to lose Nurse Biggs this quarter--she leaves to be married.

H1/ST/NC18/19/31 Torrance to HBC 27 Sept 1871. I saw Mr [W.H.] Wyatt today and he gave me your letter. I have not been able yet even to think of the rules that I am going to send in tomorrow, but I shall make them as few and as simple as possible. The work here just now is something tremendous. Since the Hampstead inquiry began the patients have become almost unmanageable, and I have to be in the wards at all hours. Then the ward work is very heavy--over a dozen perfectly helpless cases in almost every ward. If the nurses were not very wiling and good indeed I do not know what I shd do. It is fortunate for me that they do not show the same temper and disposition which they did when we first began.

I cd have begun selecting probs long ago for all the board wd have said to the contrary, but how do you propose that I shd get them, and what am I to offer to them--There are many things that will make if far more difficult to get and to keep probs here than it is at St T! And even there with all the advertising it is difficult to get women.

You see I cannot begin to do anything about getting probs until I have printed regs of some sort. I wd not advise you to send any proposals to the board through Sir Sydney Waterlow. Almost everything that Sir Sydney proposes is opposed by the rest of the board.

This ing at Hampstead ought to do a great deal for trained skilled nursing. The nursing there was not so much deficient in “quantity” as in “quality.” [good letter]

H1/ST/NC18/7/77 26 June 1866 HV letter to FN, Rathbone seems to want her name connected with his undertaking
Excessive pressure of work has rendered my progress in running through your work very show and spasmodic—...crude remarks, but perhaps you will excuse the form. The discussion as to the death rate in private practice is very much mixed up with this, though I must beg you not to mention at ?namely that Dr Mathews Duncan was and is very bitter against lying-in [?] The latter had written upon hospitalism as you know. Duncan writes against the subject, and doubtless exaggerated the mortality of some practice, doubtless unintentionally, still he makes scarcely allowance. If you have read his review in the Edin Review on your work you will see the tincture and the allusion you make to Simpson and Locock is adverted to in the same spirit. I perhaps may be allowed to add that I hoped Simpson’s work as excellent, full of genius and breadth, but Locock, if you will look round is nil, his mark on the professional advance will never appear. I mention these points to give you some expl for the slight sharpness of that review, in order that you may make allowance for the opinions expressed on home practice. Still I think your calculation is not far off the correct one. I am not aware how soon you wish to bring out your 2nd edition, but I thought that mixed up as I am very much in country practiced, I mt privately [breaks off?] The amount of deaths during the past year. Suppose I cd before 3 months are over obtain those of 20 probably equalling 100 each in town and country equally, this wd be an instalment. In this I know it will be objected that the reports will not be taken from records made at the time. In the vol 1 of Obst Trans (which is at yr service) of two practitioners amounting to about 4000 cases. In our maternity this past year I find only one puerperal fever and one uncertain whether that or not. There were 2200 cases attended and about 8 deaths of all kinds. One was for tumour or basia but the report will be soon out and I will send it to you. You will see by my contribution to puerpl disease that I look upon zymotic diseases as the main cause of puerpl troubles in some way or another. I am inclined to think the so-called puerperal fever of lying in wards is started by one kind or another of zymotics generally. That in the puerperal woman it loses its particular character or is modified in the body, and that these forms are the most contagious. But I question whether simply pyaemia derived from within at any rate not from lynosis is anything like to contagious, if indeed it is at all, of this however I have no certain data. Dr Martin of Berlin has recently written to show that diphtheria is the cause of puerperal fever, that it is a cause my remarks in the papers sent you show that I believe--so that if a zymotic disease be anyhow introduced into lying-in wards it will spread as puerperal fever. The more in one illeg te more of course will be affected. How far a particular poison is generated by the lying-in woman a principio it is difficult to say. Congregation permits a greater number of course to be exposed and affected. In ordinarily clean wards fancy the simple fact of congregation will not act but it must be seen that the friends and
nurses where they are allowed to go out may introduce the zymotic dis, a scarlet fever w/o it being poss to tell from whence it arose. This is in a general hosp a source of trouble to surgical cases and others.

I may add that during the epidemic of smallpox I have seen very little puerpl fever compared with what I did during the last great ep of sc fever. Smallpox may kill the puerpl state but it preserves its features much more complete than the other zymotics. These points I have mentioned are not altogether recognized by the profession, but the discussion in my paper will show our general belief at the present time.

[interesting letter on the state of medical knowledge of disease and transmission]

H1/ST/NC2/V2/72 Braxton Hicks to FN Jan 30/72. Allow me to thank you for your kind present and also for your kind expressions in your note.

Since I wrote to you, I see that Dr Farr has collected some stats, but I can hardly understand, from the imperfect notice I find, how he calculates. Probably you have by this time have heard more details. I will certainly endeavour to get some stats from my brethren.

I hear that nothing will convince Dr Mathews Duncan but that the mortality of home is 1 in 2. This must be certainly overrated for ordinary conditions, and I shd fancy for average times. But he must not fancy. I think for the poor at home (of London) For Guy’s charity gives a fair example If even we allow 2 more deaths a year for cases which have not come to our knowledge this will make ample provision against error. Of the maternity charities the same may be said, as I know we look after the midwives very closely. In epidemics of sc fever puerperal fever increases much. In this ep of smallpox the patients have smallpox as such definitely, but not puerperal fever—at least this is my experience. Diphtheria in a ward, or village, will produce also puerperal fever in some, diphtheria illeg in another an da mixed case in a third. Erysipelas again the same. But in home treatment you will see that by my paper our enemy is scarlatina. In home cases the contact is unavoidable but in the better classes with means and opp at command it is often impossible to persuade mothers to leave the house. Numerous instances of lives lost w/o the slightest need, I mean where the children have been ill for say 2 months consecutively before, but not giving any anxieties on their account. Yet the mother has insisted on remaining in contact with them despite urgent entreaties of the med man. I saw an instance of this only recently at Leamington. Six motherless children all small are left where in all prob they need not have been. I have doubted how far the alarm caused by the full appreciation of this by women wd counterbalance the advantages of the knowledge of the danger, but certainly the majority do not know a danger very apparent and generally avoidable.

Regarding the MS table it is intended for a very short notice of a case rather to draw up tables from, than to give any account of the details. I like the form of the Birmingham one very much for other purposes, I mean for more complete accounts. I fancy that result date would be sufficient if you have a date at the beginning, but if you omitted that you cd put “Result. 30 days after.” It is not easy to obtain accts so long after in a considerable number of cases, at least
Will you kind again excuse literary failings whi I will endeavour to balance by info as far as I can obtain it. [again, note the state of analysis--diseases morph]

H1/ST/NC2/V4/72 Braxton Hicks to FN Feb 22/72. Will you again permit me to send a few more notes on your work, coupled with the same apologies for crudeness and also for the liberty I have taken throughout in the remarks, I mean of my freedom is too much shown. Some of them have already been made in the former remarks sent to you and therefore you must excuse their reappearing. They may be of assistance to you, or not, if you feel any help I shall have been rewarded. If you do not find them in consonance with your experience pass them aside. I have already stirred in the calculation of the death rate in private practice. I hope to obtain something before you close your MS worthy of a notice.

If I can be of any further service to you I shall be happy to do so upon an intimation in what direction I can assist.

H1/ST/NC2/V16/72 Professor Spaeth to FN April 1872 fair copy, in German

H1/ST/NC2/V31/72 Shrimpton to FN from 5 whitehall June 2 1873. Anxiety and worry with lawyers since arrived in London, did not answer. Your admirable work on lying-in insts, which I found in Paris on my last visit there. I have read it a second time but not with the applic a stat work requires to do it justice. Such a work, in my opinion, cannot be complete from various causes over which we have no control, but certainly your book is most powerfully conclusive in its arguments and will have an immense influence, not only over lying-in insts, but over all hops ests demonstrating the disastrous effect of "HOSPITALISM".

You will agree with me,, I think, that there are many difficulties to be overcome before any great reforms can be effected. Happily, however, I hope I see them working themselves out. The local sanitary boards will give more power to medical men whose efficiency will be developed as the importance of their duties is increased. This will lead to the est of small isolate hops, which will become the centre of action of all sanitary matters throughout the country, leading prob to many reforms, the revision of the poor laws, etc. Stats point illeg to this.

Ever hosp has now a service of midwifery attendance on poor women in their own homes to which service development is given every day. Your work gives an immense impulse in this direction, but I see that things must be left to work themselves out in England. The powerful action of individual initiative will be brought to bear as soon as the necessity becomes known.

The reorg of the army, the compulsory educ act etc will increase considerably the action of local govt all over the country and will bring about the necessary reforms in our hosps arrs. No one will have contributed more than yourself to this desired effect. I have ventured to hint at the probably succession of wants which will add assuredly to the strength of dear old England. Women have their part, and a very great part it is too, in our social progress. Your address to them as "My dear Sisters/ or rather mes chers et tres honores confreres") will
give a good impulse to the women now being made for the medical educ of women. How many women are there of first rate capacity, who have no vocation and who cd create for themselves the most useful carer as “physician accoucheuses”? I think you must be of my opinion that altho women may be instrumental in all the branches of med at and sc, they cannot practice as physicians and surgeons attending the other sex—they must naturally drift into their own sphere of action--allow me to renew my expression of gratitude and to be,... most respectful and devoted servant.

Lucy Leighton to FN Nightingale Home St T Oct 6 1872. Madam The kindness with which you replied to my letter of inq before coming here and the well-known deep interest you always take in the welfare of all who chose the life I have done and especially in connexion with your own band here lead me to hope you will pardon my intruding again on your time, asking your sympathy and advice. I made arrs with the illeg home here some months ago. Have been happier than ever I hoped to be in the work. But at the time I came Mrs Wardroper thought I looked delicate in...then since ..has confirmed her and Mrs W says she does not think I have physical power to fill the post of sister or supt. The blow tome is terrible. The more so as tho never perhaps robust I have always led a very busy active life and certainly while here as a prob I have never found the work too much for my strength, nor in any way suffered from it. Of course knowing Mrs W’s resp to the committee I don’t for one moment blame her or believe that she ought to act differently. At the same time I cannot give up the work, here or elsewhere. Can you, will you, help me? Not by asking Mrs Wardroper to alter her decision but by giving me some directions as to the best way of securing another sphere of labour. Mrs W has always expressed herself as fully satisfied on every other point. I have thought I shd be so very happy as matron of a small country hosp, so small that a good share of nursing cd form part of the work. If you are able to bear it—wd it be asking too much to say will you let me see you? I have wished it so many years now more than ever.

Emma Cox to FN May 11 1872. Re CDA had worked such wonders in Dover and Shorncliffe, neighbouring villages to the camps from the inquiries I have made on the subject lately, has been confirmed, visiting soldiers’ wives. Plymouth.

F.H. von Arneth from Vienna Dec 17 1872, English, trans von Littrow Kolowratring 14. Madam. Our mutual friend Mrs Littrow informed that you want information about the St Petersburg Inst for educating midwives of a better class. Immediately after I had the pleasure of this conversation with Mme Littrow I wrote to a friend of mine at St Petersburg to get the statues of the new school. I recd them only a few days ago; they are in Russian and my wife translated them for you into German as we learned thorough Mme Littrow that you are an excellent German scholar. In perusing these regs you will perceive at once that what they are doing in St Petersburg is highly different from what is going on
elsewhere and indeed they are arriving in Russia at a more perfect educ of midwives. Allow me, Madam, as you are kind enough to ask for my opin in this matter to speak of the St P school, and to leave aside the Zurich and other pursuits. As far as I can see they are on a better way at St P than in other towns, females being trained chiefly at least in that branch of medical science which becomes women the best, viz the accouchement and what is necessary to know of diseases of children. Women have regular courses in which men take no part except for teaching. Two capital points can according to my opinion only be decided by time. I mean to allude first to the fact that women educated after the plan of the P. Inst are in my opinion confirmed by many instances easily induced to practice medicine in a larger plan, that is to say also in branches in which they enjoyed no well grounded educ. It is clear that shd this ever be the case the result of the P education would be anything but happy. Another question deciding latterly as the success of the P school is whether the ladies of St P will feel by and by the adv offered to them by these better educated midwives. Perhaps you will consider this doubt as a paradox, but unfortunately I have seen two after that it is not always the better sc educ that procures confidence. Allow me to give you an example. We have in this country to this very day a double class of medical men, the fist class was constituted by men of a perfect univ educ and a far higher training in med sc, the second one counts only men of a very indifferent classical educ and of far less perfect medical training, and notwithstanding the alluded differences the public esp in the open country gives very frequently the preference to this inferior class of medical men. A similar thing I am afraid cd also happen in St P.

But even supposed the best result, these higher educ midwives will always be in a very ltd number, considering of course the immense extent of Russia, considering the comparatively small number of women of a better class inclining to the profession of midwives and to devoting their time and more or less considerable expenses to a training which may not everywhere be considered a very Honourable one. Of course to judge well you ought to consider a time where the first enthusiasm, the first hopes of many women to lead a more useful life in devoting themselves to occs hitherto the exclusive domain of men will be by some at least considered an illusion. But this is not all: there are many countries the greater part if not the whole of Germany, Prussia, are amongst them, where it was hitherto strictly forbidden to midwives to perform any operations as turning, using the forceps etc, these being the exclusive province of men midwives. You see se, Madam, that as other revaluation ought to take place where midwives are to take the part of men accoucheurs, the strife between the two sexes, I am afraid, will be a violent one and the newcomers will have great difficulty in getting over it being in the beginning at least far inferior in number, less provided with schools, scattered through an immense empire with I fear little protection and besides under the difficulty of the prejudice of a great number of their own sex. Even the bodily strength will not always be sufficient for those exertions, as every practitioner conversant with accouchement operations is and are they count among those operations afford frequently an immense deal of illeg and
strength.

Such, Madam, are the consideration I shd like to submit to your judgment when all in all I cannot illeg on the trial the pupils of the Petersburg school are undergoing with too sanguine expectations. Unfortunately I am long time since suffering from a disease of the eyes that prevents me from writing. My wife keeps the pen for me and so I have only to add that we both felt very happy to have this commun with you, Madam, who stand so high in leading and advocating the cause of woman. Believe me, Madam, to be with my best compliments and the express desire to be always of your service in similar and other pursuits.

Requests for supts and trained nurses for Liverpool wkh Inf and Gen Inf, Manchester Inf, Herbert Hosp, Melbourne, Hatfield Broad Oak Cottage H destroyed Sept 1935 note on folder.

H1/ST/NC18/26/65 SEW to HBC from St T Jan 19 1882. I send you the enclosed questions in reference to the intro of female tr nursing into the naval hosps and also female trainers for the young men. No doubt women are sadly wanted for the sick in these hosps tho I fear there wd be considerable danger accompanied with such an experiment. Please let Miss Nightingale have these questions if it will not be troubling her too much. They are sent to me by a lady friend of Miss Hogg’s (Sister Charity)

H1/ST/NC18/26/10 Isabel Thorne to HC from London School of Medicine for Women, 30 Henrietta St Brunswick Sq March 23 1880. I enclose some papers relative to the London School of Med for Women. A course of lectures for midwifery is given every other year at the school. Practical midwifery is taken by the students at one or other of the London lying-in hosps, our students generally select the one in Endell St as being the best, but the ars at the hosp in the York Rd have recently been reorganized and the teaching there is I believe very thorough. AT the hosp in the City Road female pupils are also taken.

There is no maternity dept in connection with the Royal Free Hosp tho the arrs for the treatment of the diseases of women are very good. ....will procure any other info.
Miss Pyne
Westminster  10 South St.
August 3/80
My dear Harry
I send you this from
Miss Pyne. She seems
scarcely up to the facts of
the case.
I feel very much inclined
to telegraph to her to
stick to the Liverpool
Workhouse: & to write
that I think the difficulties
at the Westminster are too
great. Though she is so
irreflective that that might
determine her in favour of the
Westmr.

I cannot of course write or
telegraph till I know what
you have done.
Am I at liberty to tell
her of the difficulties you
told me at the Westmr?
[Your expressions about
Elinor decided me against.]
I think too we are bound
to help Agnes Jones’ last
career & that we ought
to re-attach ourselves to
WORKHOUSE Nursing, as
soon as possible.

ever yours
F. Nightingale
Miss Pyne
Liverpool 5/8/80
My dear Harry
You & I have a difficult part to play:
Miss Pyne writes, asking me to telegraph to Mr. Rathbone that she prefers Liverpool, if she can withdraw from Westminster & regrets that she ever withdrew from Liverpool.
She explains that she never understood Liverpool was “permanent” till after she had applied for Westminster.

[I wrote to her much in your sense, NOT recommending “any further change”.
I send you her letter. I hardly know what to say: of course also I should not telegraph to Mr Rathbone without you.
[What you told me about the Westminster very much impresses me]
however, with the conviction that Miss Pyne could not deal with those Committees.

WHAT SHALL I DO?

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Lady Lothian has written to me more than once that she is "asked as a member of the Westmr Home Commee" to confer with me on the subject.

I have decline don the plea that I should only make mischief.

Now she asks again

What shall I say? F.N.

May my Messenger wait for your answer about Miss Pyne?

I could not write or do anything today after a quarter to one being engaged beyond my strength all this afternoon & day.

So sorry it should have happened.

F. Nightingale
Miss Pyne
Mr Rathbone 6/8/80
I do not think she would accept “a roving engagement” for a year: nor that she is a fit person for it (if anyone is) nor that it ought to be offered her.
I concur with Mr. Rathbone (with almost intense sympathy) that his Workhouse Hospital trained nursing “the first that was established,” should not be allowed to “run down.”
Pray tell him so from me, if you have an opportunity.

Pray, if you have an opportunity, give him my “love,” & say something of how grieved I was that he did not re-enter his own Liverpool as a member. I had so looked for it.
I have not liked to trouble him (& have been too ill myself) but should have been anxious to know what was the result of his son’s visit to Calcutta.
Miss Gordon
Edinbro’
I do not think we could
“offer Edinbro’ Infirmary
“night supcy for a year
“to Miss Gordon” without
further conference
with Miss Pringle
who is abroad.
Miss Gordon might do
excellently. I did not at
all conclude against
it. But I think
Miss Pringle might
justly say: ‘what I
‘asked you was to
‘recommend a one-
‘year=old Probationer,
‘with the express purpose
‘of your receiving her back

‘For a Supcy’ I could
‘not take a lady who
‘has been (? 1 ½ years)
‘a Sup & who is
‘not yours without
‘some enquiry & conversation’
I do not say Miss
Pringle would say this:
but I think she ought
What we thought of Miss
Gordon was: that we
liked her very much
(I have never seen her)
but thought her quite
unfitted for Supcy. She
may have been improved,
she may have deteriorated
under her present Supcy
but we cannot tell without
knowing more. F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/27/32 Louisa Hogg to HBC, from Royal Naval Hosp Plymouth
March 23/87. The naval nursing sisters have a very good position, and
are treated not only as ladies but as officers in the hosps where they
work.
Their pay is much the same as that of the mil sisters, but their
position socially and officially I shd say is better. They have more
control over their nurses, and over the arrs of their wards. They begin
at £30, rising to £50, rather slowly, but they have no expenses, as
ample uniform is allowed them. And they have 1/6d a week allowed for
washing, besides getting their aprons, caps, cuffs and collars washed at the hosp laundry. For food we are found with a “mess” and allowed 1/6d a day, which is paid monthly and which allowance we have always found sufficient. In fact we generally have a surplus.

I believe your special probs wd like the work very much. Just at present there are no vacancies, at either of the three naval hosps, Haslar, Plymouth or Chatham, but one never knows when they may occur.

Sir John West Reid keeps a “roster” of names at the Admiralty and it would be as well for your probs to put down their names, some months before they are ready for employment. We want ladies of tact, and some character and Indeed hardly say with a good deal of discretion as many of the older naval surgeons have never worked with women before and the older nurses at first disliked taking orders from a woman. However that feeling has almost entirely passed away and we are all very comfortable here. I am afraid I have ...

H1/ST/NC18/27/31 Hogg to HBC March 187 re his inq about Royal Albert Hosp Devonport. It is a small hosp, close by the dockyard, well built with most modern improvements and the matron has very comfortable sitting room. The late matron, Miss Fanon? was a worthy sort of woman but not at all a lady and certainly not a trained nurse. The wards are very pretty and nice. The visiting doctors are not those most thought of in Plymouth but Dr May is said to be both a clever man and pleasant to deal with. I enclose a list of the patrons and medical staff....

They are now re-opening the lock wards as govt give a grant yearly towards these. I shd think it wd be a nice quick appt for one of your specials and of course I do not know whom you have in view...

I am quite settled in here now- and like naval work much better than I did at first. There is a pleasant set of sisters working here with me and the hosp is said to be much improved since they came. But it takes a long time to get anything at all new or different from their old routine

H1/ST/NC18/27/49 Pringle to HBC from Royal Inf Ed 30 May 187. I have today written to the treas accepting the post, and I will do my best not to disappoint such a kind trust as they have shown. But you know I have no confidence in my own suitability. The treas’s letter was so pleasantly worded that it has taken away a certain dread I had of him (not that I knew anything of him.

I wrote privately to Mr Ford on Saturday and today to Mr Fasson telling him about it, and that the offer remained subject to the approval of the general court. Mr Ford paid me a most kind visit and told me that the managers wd take no steps till they recd my formal resignation on hearing again from the treas. This seemed to me very delicate and good of them. But they are just what they have always been. I suppose the treas will let me hear as early as poss, so that no time may be lost for our managers? I forgot to tell him that I am going into the country tomorrow aft till Sat....

For Miss Nightingales sake I am glad of this issue, but she will have to teach me so much and to bear with me. Mr Fasson and Miss Spencer are the two who will feel it most here, tho all are kind. You must not feel
that it is a “sacrifice” for me. There is much pain in it of course, but it comes in the way of duty and that is always the best. And if it is right for me to go it must be best for Edinburgh that I shd go. Since the decision came and my duty of being advocate for Edinburgh is over I can think of St Thomas’ as my old home and take pleasure in the thought of working for it. [so diffident]

H1/ST/NC18/19/8 James Hope to HBC 4 July 1871, 119 Prince’s Street Edinburgh. We have been in communication with Mrs Wardr of St T Hosp regarding nurses, but find that she cannot at present help us, as she says all she knows of will be required for the new hosp. We propose to adopt some such system as she superintends, of which she was kind enough to send a full memorandum. A lady supt wd be required, and that probably will not be easily got. We have heard of a Mrs Crawford in Liverpool, who is highly recommended by Miss Merryweather the supt of the Nurses Tr School there. But, what we want first are 4 head nurses corresponding to your sisters in England to do duty at night, and see that the ordinary nurses attend faithfully to their duties.

It occurs to me that perhaps Miss Nightingale may know of some experienced trustworthy woman. We find that such a check is much more required than day supervision.

When we remove to the new hospital we shall require more such nurses, but in the meantime, as our accommodation is ltd, we think four cd do the duty. Two being on each night, one in the medical and one in the surgical hosp. [16:784ppp]

The whole plans for the infirmary are completed and we are just going to commence excavating the foundations.

A short time ago I spent some hours with our architect in the new St Thomas’, where the clerk of works showed us everything. We got some good hints but, on the whole, I think our new inf will bear a strict comparison. [end]

I had intended to have called for you on the subject of this letter, but had to leave London sooner than I expected. When you have time I shall be glad to know if you can help us.

H1/ST/NC18/19/12 7 June 1872 to HBC from Richard Holmes, sec West Kent General Hosp, Maidstone thanks for copy of N Fund report for 1870; hosp has 40 beds, often full, will prob have to enlarge, asks for copy of FN’s Notes on Hospitals with appendixes, asks if can get at a less price, by studying such a work I mt be enabled to give a hint at the right moment

H1/ST/NC18/19/18 17 March 1871. Alice Hospital, Darmstadt to HBC I shd be much obliged if you wd kindly send me a copy of the qualifications considered necessary for a perfect nurse by the com or managers of the Nightingale Fund. I ask for the paper for us in connexion with the Alice-Frauen-Verein, a nursing society est by HRH the Princess Louis of Hesse., director. C. Mayo?

H1/ST/NC18/19/78 HC 12/6/71 to Sir Sydney Waterlow. Com of N Fund seeing the large and increasing demand which prevails for tr nurses in wok
infs, are anxious to extend so far as their resources will admit, the ltd means wh exist for training this class of nurse.

The appreciation wh the bd of the Central London Sick Asylum District have evinced of the advantages of trained nursing and the success wh has attended the intro of the system into the board’s inf at Highgate induce the com of the M Fund to hope for the co-op of your board in extending these benefits to other insts.

It appears to my com that the Highgate Inf affords facilities for training which no other similar inst possesses. I am therefore instructed to inquire whether your board wd be prepared to entertain a proposition for the adm into the inf of a ltd number of pupil nurses or prosbs upon terms to be agreed upon.

My com believe that arrs may be made which shall ensure that additional expense shall be entailed upon your board, while at the same time conferring a considerable adv upon the inst.

My com wd only be enable to commence tentatively and upon a small scale and they propose that at first six prosbs shd be recd who shd be lodged and boarded in the inf, be placed under the immediate direction and control of the matron and act as asst nurses in the wards.

Upon hearing that your bd are willing to entertain the proposal I shall be prepared to enter into further details and if thought more convenient personally to attend and give expls.

1/ST/NC18/23/5 FN note to HBC, pencil, red und

Nurse Caroline Oakes: Acting Supt Herbert Hospital
Feb 13/77
My dear Hy B.C.
The pension awarded is £16.16!
Of course she thinks this is all our fault for having deferred the sending in of her claim & statement of services: /till our own Staff & entrance was settled
/insert: the Draft of which was sent me, as I told you, in September/ I have revised a Draft now asking for more & told her & said that I would back it
I presume you have heard nothing from Sir Wm Muir.

Should I, in writing to him, about this unhappy pension [they are really wearing me out at the Herbert with an incessant & perfectly useless correspondce] say anything about our own Staff? Or ask for his answer? I return Nurse Kate’s letter to you: It is important. Yrs F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/23/12 acting dir gen, Munro to HBC on embossed WO 27.9.76
The furnishing of the quarters for the supt and nurses is not yet completed. The moment everything is ready for their reception I shall let you know, and we can make a beginning with whatever staff of nurses
you can supply. This is Sir W. Muir’s wish and intention.

Sir W Muir will be much obliged if you will arrange for removal of the nursing sisters now at the Herbert Hosp.

FN comment red and blue pencil
What an extraordinary expression, & to us!
We are to “remove” the Nurses?

H1/ST/NC18/11/39 W Walters, Parsonage, Oldham to HBC May 20 1872. I have today recd a most kind letter from Miss Nightingale in answer to one I had written about a matron. We are organizing our staff for a new infirmary in this town. It contains two pavilion wards with nurses’ kitchens, rooms &c 12 beds in each. Between them is the administrative bldg with plenty perhaps too much accommodation. We want to find an experienced matron who will help us to organize on a right principle and to begin well. We offer £60 a year with of course board, lodging &c. We hope to command the services of an efficient matron for that sum, but we shd be ready to give more to secure what we want.

Miss N asks for info as to our requirements, which I shall hope to furnish in a day or two. Meanwhile at her suggestion I am putting myself in communic with you & hope you will forgive the trouble I am merely giving you, any advice or sugg you cd give wd be recd with gratitude by our inexperienced com. [so, another matron etc for new pavilion hosp]

H1/ST/NC18/11/40 Lady Warrender to Mrs Wardr May 31 [1872] is this the start re Edinb?, she and some other ladies are very anxious to est an inst of nursing sisters in Edin and she was rec to apply to Mrs W for info and advice on the subject by Mrs Sweet of Devonshire Sq Bishopgate St. ...whether cd supply 2 or 3 from N Nurses at St T for the proposed inst, told another locality, also wh Mrs W knows of anyone who wd be qualified to act as matron or supt. What salary wd be reqd? Lady W ignorant of the whole matter, only that the want of efficient nurses in Edin both for private and hosp work is so lamentable that she has felt impelled to take this up. Asks for any hints

H1/ST/NC18/11/56 G Wedgwood to HBC Feb 8 1873

embossed Senior Oxford and Cambridge Club July 10/73 to HBC from Chas Taylor?? Can’t read re his friend to Miss N, certain ladies of the Lawrence family he acquainted with 2, have been talking to me re a plan of theirs for formation of a sort of tr est for nurses in India. It wd be under the immediate suptce of Mrs Beynon? whom I know a little, a da of Sir George Lawrence (wife of Col B a pol official of Rajpootama). Object wd be the prep of women such as easily to be had in India, widow and the like, for employ as nurses in the zenanas. A doctor and his wife to take charge of instr. He asked for assist in search for such persons. Asks informally. Re formal corr between Lord Lawrence and FN who have no doubt quite enough on their hands already. I believe the plan is one of the most practical and bona fide kind. That it will have ulterior
purposes of a missionary sort to serve at the same time is only what one wd expect from the well known opinions of the family or families engaged in it. But the whole thing is to be expounded by Lord L himself in a paper shortly to be sent to me. Chas. Taylor

H1/ST/NC18/11 and another J.G. Allen, MD, 1237 Spruce St Phil, physician at Phil Lying-in Charity and Nurse Society of Phil. Asks for a copy of docs on hi and mgt of school for nurses re St T. I am one of the “principal physicians” and teachers connected with the Phil Lying-in Charity and Nurse ..We are about adding a hosp to our present acc and I will thank you very much for any report, rules regs or info re nurse teaching

H1/ST/NC18/11/95 C.S. Billings, [J.S.?] asst surgeon US Army, librarian SGO (Surgeon General’s Office) to HBC. Request for the library copies of any printed reports, announcements, rules and regs or circs of inf relating to the Nightingale Fund for Training Nurses. They may be sent addressed to the Surgeon General, US Army care of Trubner, Ludgate Hill, London, any expense incurred, will be cheerfully met.

H1/ST/NC18/12/30 May 10 1875, Whiteford to HBC, in London but Montreal Hosp corr. I have recd from Miss Machin the papers wh you so kindly sent to Miss Nightingale and wh the former wd doubtless have ... It was determined to employ Mr Alex Graham and he is to prepare a preliminary sketch to be submitted to Miss Nightingale. I can for the present but repeat to you and to capt Galton thro you my own deep sense of the obligation wh you as well as Miss Nightingale re laying the people of my native country until it can more fully be done by those more directly concerned. We however may not be for some time as I will only send the papers with my report when I receive the plan. [use hosp]

H1/ST/NC18/12/29 April 17/75 Nightingale Home, from M M Machin to HBC. Asks to let Miss Nightingale see that plan of the ground of Mtl Hosp if it is in yr possession yet, and please did I leave in the env a letter to me from Mr Redpath. I cannot find it.

H1/ST/NC18/12/26 Charles Alexander, Montreal, March 18 1875 to HBC, re agreement made with Miss Machin to return to Canada to manage for us the nurse dept of the Mtl Gen. Asks assistance of 4 nurses to accompany her

H1/ST/NC18/12/27 Machin to HBC April 1 [1875] Enclosed is from Mtl with my letters this morn. They seem to agree entirely with the terms I have proposed and now I think it is quite clear that I shd go this summer. It is reasonable to suppose that if I am interested in the improvements to be made and am allowed a view in the matter that they shd wish to have me on the spot suggest according to actual obs or exp I have decided and Mrs W is of this opinion, bet to take head nurses not from among the ladies, later on if all succeeds I may want a lady asst. I hope to see Miss Nightingale this aft and when you have the leisure to talk it over with you.
H1/ST/NC18/12/31 no date Whiteford to HBC re Mt1, re lots, false economy

H1/ST/NC18/12/3 SEW to HBC April 10 1876. I enclose an applic form Ottawa for supt and nurses. Mr Gordon represents our conversation on the subject last summer in rather an exaggerated tone

H1/ST/NC18/12/4 23 March 1876. Manse, Gordon re interview with her last summer, brought before your notice the cond of the Prot Hosp in the city, the County of Carleton General Prot Hosp and the proposal to est a nurse training school in connection with it. I mentioned that the number of patients in the hosp ranged from 30 to 45, that the directors had recently erected a new and commodious bldg with modern hosp conveniences, and I asked you if you thought that one person cd discharge the double duties of matron of the hosp and supt of a nurse tr school attached to it If so, cd you rec an appropriate person for the position and at what salary?

You assured me that a prob who has passed under such a course of tr as is given in the Nurses Home under your own direction cd very well discharge such twofold duties, and you were kind enough to say that, if desired, you wd undertake to rec a thoroughly suitable person. You further assured me that you thought one 100 pounds salary per annum, with apartment and board, wd be an appr salary for such a matron...nurses at £25 each per annum...

Nurse tr schools are new in Canada, but their importance is beginning to be realized, and the dirs of the hosp in this city are very anxious to est one in connection with the hosp, the supt of the nurse tr school to be also matron...They have authorized me to request you to recommend to them for this position some thor qual person, trained in the Nurses Home of St T Hosp or in some equally good school, and fully capable of training others, on the und that her salary....asks to inform

H1/ST/NC18/12/5 SEW to HBC Sept 30 1876. Glad to hear Sir W Muir decides for us to take the Herbert, and I hope it may be poss for us to commence with a staff not less than 4. I dare say Miss Nightingale has forwarded letters to your from Miss Pringle and nurse Watkins..., re Stains, Rye, Shillington

H1/ST/NC18/12/22 Sieveking to HBC 19 May 1877. The disaster of yesterday has quite stunned me. I shd not have thought it poss that a body of men who knew anything whatever of nurses? Govt cd have majority of yesterday
H1/ST/NC/18/21/1- Reports to Mrs Wardroper from Nightingale Nurses 1881
letters from employers; letter of Sophia Crump from Capel Village Hosp
April 24 likes work in a large hosp much better, glad to know still
belongs to the Nightingale Home;
Henrietta Walker letter to Mrs Wardr, after leaving Coventry. Mach 2
1880 Tetbury Hosp Gloucestershire, seems matron, v small hosp; I
Huguenin letter Marc 25 1881 from Parish Inf re inqu about Miss Knox;
M.L. Carroll from County Hosp Lincoln Apr 20 1881; E Staines re Miss
Bloomer, Papps, Ausley from Gen Hosp, Wolverhampton Apr 18

H1/ST/NC18/21/78 pencil

Nurses’ Pension & Sick Fund
May 2/87

My dear Harry
This has been awaiting your
return some time.
I know not whether Miss
Vincent has written to you - as
I asked her.
Every 2 or 3 years a
‘recrudescence’ happens- And
the subject is (happily) brought
up again & again.
“The Hospital” - a stupid paper
- is full now of contributions on
the subject which have
been sent me -But I have
not seen Mr Burdett’s letter

Probably you have.
Miss Vincent’s is a very
business-like contribution to the
matter - giving names & suggestions-
[She had previously spoken
to me about it. And I had
told her all the objections
which I learnt from you .]
Her people, you see, are
willing to do their best to
obviate our objections.
So were Miss Pringle’s people,
some 6 or 7 years ago, if
you remember.

Miss Bristow, of Belfast,
[we had Miss Crossland from
her, if you remember] is
less business -like-but worth
reading.
All the dissertations I have
had this year include refer to
the raising of a “Jubilee Fund”
for the end in view
    I have given Miss Bristow
likewise the difficulties.
    Would it be possible to
work up something for them?

    That something will be
done appears certain-
probably something that
will have no sound basis,
& will break up, unless
you help them.
    Miss Vincent’s paper of
suggestions is suggestive.
Will you kindly fix a day for
seeing me this week?
    Ever yrs affly
    F.N.

List by E Vincent of names of matrons keen to have a benefit and pension club:
E. Vincent, G. Wyld, C. Davidson, A de Laney, M.A. Kent, M.A. Vousden,
L Constable, M Shere, M Bywater, H Heasman, M Clutterbuck, E Bartlett,
E Watson, E Pattison, M.A. Thompson, J E Mackenzie, H Proschwitzley, C
Thompson, E Walker, M Shifford, C Uridge, T. Dugdale, F Newlow, E Lee,
J (T?{ Steele, M Swift, H Mcilleg J Cairnie, S Baylis

With FN: From Miss Vincent. F. Nightingale
Lady Bloomfield’s 1887

H1/ST/NC18/23/20 Aston to HBC

references re Galton and treas
H1/ST/NC18/22/10 Galton to HBC Liege 22 Oct 1877
My dear Harry, The more I reflect upon the St Thomas’ business the more
do I doubt the advisability of taking the position of paid treas with
residence of St T Hosp. It seems to me that it is impossible to divide
the position of that of being a subordinate to the board of mgt with the
sec or solicitor...paid subordinates. If the ...You cannot compare the
position of the managers to the position of paid managing director of
illeg because all the directors have ...

St T cured and discharged from St T in Southwark last year, of sick,
wounded, and diseased persons 286 inpatient and 25430 med and surg
outpatients, incl casualties, 28296, buried from thence after much
charge in their sickness 284, remaining under care: inpatients 394,
outpatients and casualties 1849, so during last year of poor miserable
objects under the care of the said hosp and destitute of other proper
care, in all 30,828, this for 1834;
another for 1835 goes back to 1781;

for 1860 St T
inpatients 46338, died after much charge in their sickness 350,
remaining under cure inp 440, outp 2240
for 1861 St T
admitted, cured, discharged during last year 45762, died after much
charge in sickness 380, remaining under cure inpatients 446, outp 2050,
for 1861

St John’s House records agreement with Charing Cross 1884, St
Margaret’s; corr 1871 Caroline Lloyd, superior and Dr Lionel L. Beale,
treas KCH; printed H.C.B. Daubeney, vice chair, com of mgt KCH re suit;
1872 “very serious situation re St John’s House”; newspaper story
(undated) A Nursing Sisterhood, secession of sisters from SJ House and
painful controversy concerning it; 1874 difficulties; more trouble 1874.
Statement of the Lady Superior as to matters at issue between St John’s
House and KCH, to Lord Hatherley, nurses and patients conniving;
finally a printed doc 10 July 1883: St John’s House 7 and 8 Norfolk St
Strand WC, resolved unan, that the Council accepts the resignation f the
sisters with the greatest regret, believing that there is no sufficient
ground, no intention as is alleged to lower the moral and religious
standard of their work; statement to Guardian by Bartle J.L. Frere,
treas of SJ House 1883. “Strike of the Sisters”; ref to bitter end at
Guy’s re mgt of hosp in hands of med staff or nursing sister, recurred
at KCH, terminated in resignation or dismissal (doubt as to which term
of sister matron and resignation or strike of 30 of the sisters, who
severed connection with hosp and SJ House; struggle for supremacy within
order; then a Refutation by R Few, survivor of its two origination in
1848

Report of com of council of SJ House 28 Jan 1856 approved going into
KCH. Terms of agreement, SJ House will provide for efficient perf of
duties of matron, sisters, nurses and scrubbers in hosp, KCH shall pay
treas of SJ House £800 per ann, quarterly; hosp will provide accomm for
persons,; whole expense of commissariat to be defrayed by hosp; persons
provided by SJ House obey directions of hosp com and any question
arising between the 2 insts to be referred to arbitration of council of
King’s College London, beds not exceed 140
Sir Thomas Phillips, chair of joint committee of KCH and SJH: matron nom
by SJH to be appointed to that office by hosp com
printed draft term May 6 1872 of agreement between KCH and SJ House
printed Hints for Nurses (St John’s House–King’s College Hosp) 4 pp
H1/ST/SJ/A39/7

printed The Nursing in King’s College Hosp. H1/ST/SJ/A39/9 7pp, signed
Bowman and Beale

booklet h1/ST/NC5/4 misc copies, extracts of letters. Roll 5 prob
21 Sept 1856 General Grey. Miss Nightingale comes here today to dine and sleep that she may have a good opportunity of speaking to Lord Panmure who also arrives. I cannot quite make out what important changes she wd suggest, for it is clear to me that individuals far more than systems have been in fault.

I have just seen confidential reports of the French and Russians losses during the war. The former out of 230,000 men who first and last landed in the Crummy, lost about 70,000 by actual death, or about 30 percent. We out of 97,000 men lost about 21,000 or about 21 per cent; reckoning all in roudn numbers the Russians own to a loss of 300,000 men in the Crimea.

[22] Sept 1856. We had Miss Nightingale here yesterday and were all much pleased with her quiet retiring manner. Indeed the way she has avoided all notoriety since her return to England deserves all praise, and her example might have been followed with advantage by any of our generals. She was here an hour with the queen and prince, and after the queen went, the prince called Sir George and myself in and we had a long conversation on our hosp system generally. I was amused to hear her talk in the most natural regimental slang of the P.M.O. (Principal medical officer) of kits etc. She described a state of great confusion for want of anybody to give orders, but it does not seem to me to be the least fault of our system that this state of things existed, but to the want of individual energy, beginning at the head.

She is not the least pretty, and has a sort of nervous twitch of the mouth, but she looks very lady-like and has a nice gentle manner. She is staying with the Clarks at Birk Hall.

Oct 2 1856. We had luncheon at Birk Hall and I sat by Miss Nightingale with whom I had again some very interesting conversation. I was rather cautious at first about saying that I thought we had overdone the thing immensely as regards the comfort of the men, but found to my surprise she quite agreed with me. She admitted the great superiority of our hosps and system to the French, but thought we mt learn something from the Sardinians. The result of all my conversations with her is to convince me that though some forms may be simplified, it is not the system that is so much at fault as the indiv wh has to had to carry it out. There has been a general ignorance of their duties--an apathy in carrying them out and a fear of resp from highest to lowest...

5 Oct 1856. Miss Nightingale has left us this aft.
me to accept it, as I have been for years entirely a prisoner to my house from illness and overwork (for which work still I do thank God), but that I am ever the army’s and ther faithful servant
Florence Nightingale October 25th 1875

3 Nov [1871] HBC note 9/11/71. Thanks for his letter giving me Miss Nightingale’s address, hesitate to trouble her and yet the subject is one which must be gone into. Swinny the widow of Rev H.H. Swinny, incumbent former of Mortlake and latterly principal of the theol college of Cuddeson and vicar of the parish; eldest da married son of Sir Theodore Brinckman, went out as missionary on own account to Cashmere and da died there on her way home; 2nd da Charlotte she wants to consult FN about, great longing to nurse the sick and some idea of going out to N Brunswick with her brother to Miramichi River; don’t wish her to become a sister; high church issue; choice between St T and KCH or Univ and All Saints Margaret St.
Swinny to HBC 12 West Kensington Gdns nd re a letter. Do you think Miss Nightingale wd counsel Kai. I have no objection if it is absolutely necessary and I shd think Charlotte wed have none. She is not with me at present. Shd you or Miss N require to know more about us...gives refs. Re daughter.
H1/ST/NC18/19/15

letter of D. Crawford, Erskine House, Harrow on the Hill to Madam, replied HBC 26/5/71 long letter, read Agnes Jones, convinced of great importance of systematic tr for all hosp work, wh small or large scale. I am induced to trouble you with a few lines, object of which ...old friend now bldg a small village hosp on her own property; ladies committee to be connected with it; she (Crawford) has capacity for it...

Torrance letter to HBC H1/ST/NC18/19/36 29 Nov 1871 embossed Central London Sick Asylum District, Highgate Inf. I have sent in the names of the nurses for the certificates and if it can be done I wd be so glad to have the certificates and the money to give them at Xmas. They will get their quarter wages the Friday before Xmas Day and I wd like to give it to them all at once. Have you thought any more of having six nurses to train instead of three. Two pupil nurses in one ward seem to be too many for the nurse just now. I think they wd be better able to train thee or four in a year or two’s time than they are to train the two now. Teaching others is new work to them. I shall be very glad to have the register and case book when convenient to send them.

H1/ST/NC18/19/39 SEW to HBC Netley Altho the War Office agreed to pay Berry’s wages from the 2nd of Dec you will see by her note that they have not done so. First detachment of sisters were allowed travelling expenses and of course the last two (Berry and Winsall) [Winsale] must have theirs paid also, but you will be able to make all right I dare say; and numerous letters on the same

H1/ST/NC18/19/33 Torrance to HBC 1 Oct 1871. I am so very sorry not to have seen you yesterday but I am generally out on a Saturday aft, if I
do not know beforehand that anyone is coming. I have just been writing to Mrs Wardr about a night nurse to superintend and help the nursing at night. The bd are going to give me one. The night work lately has been very heavy--so many serious cases and all the beds full and likely--I am happy to say--to be always so. I am at my wits end for the want of the four nurses. If you wd let me know as soon as poss what I am to offer the probs I shd be so glad. It is not only that they are seriously wanted for the work now, but the bd are in quite a senseless fright about the Hampstead affair and will insist upon any one being taken on at present rather than that the place shd be short of hands.

H1/ST/NC18/19/34 Torrance to HBC 16 Oct 1871. Don’t much like the “five quarter” so many will object to it. Probs are sure to expect “instruction” to mean something more than merely showing them how to do the ordinary daily work of the ward. And this is all the nurses can do.

St John’s House Queen Square.
13: Messrs Galignani in 1865 asked for St John’s House nurses for hosp in Paris for English residents; 14: Mary Jones resigned her office as superior in 1868, succeeded by Mrs Hodson a most generous benefactor and sister, who resigned at end 1870; then Miss Caroline Lloyd; April 1871 Children’s Hosp Nottingham placed under their nursing, until 1873, but both it and Paris too small for efficient training; 14: maternity home est in 1877 for training, 10 in-patients, house taken at Ashburnham Road, Chelsea and Mat Home est there;

15: This work was honoured by Miss Nightingale’s sympathy and interest. She inspected the plans (which were based on the newest hygienic principles then known) and gave them her warmest approval.” at close of letter to council she wrote: “I wish you God speed with all my heart and strength and shall be proud if we can by maintaining pupils with you follow in your steps and extend among a large number your benefit promised to the poor.” appeal to public for funds. 1883 Maternity Home removed to 18 Queen Anne Terrace, Albert Rd, Battersea, work relinquished in 1892 as expend too heavy, numbers of nurses gained LOS dipl there at certif;
16: 1883 a storm broke out, and most of sisters and some nurses left, re-org by Esther Gilbert and Helen Frere; 1885 new agreement between SJH and KC, hosp no longer to be nursed from SJ House; in 1886 Community of All Saints took over mgt of SJ House and later Comm of St Peter; 1886 MAB asked for SJ House help;
18: agreement for nursing at Charing X ended in 1889, as hosp wanted own staff
19: 1892 nursing at North Eastern Fever Hosp undertaken for 1 year; 2 became missionaries in Zanzibar; 24: in 1907 left Norfolk St for Queen Square Bloomsbury;
25: lady superiors and sister superiors: Elizabeth Frere 1848-49, Elspeth Morrice 1849-53; Mary Jones 1853-68; Eliz Hodson 1868-70; Caroline Lloyd 1870-83, Esther Gilbert 1883-86 (became Rev Mother of CHS Priory Ascot)...
V4/65 letter of Dr Williams Swansea April 8 1865 to FN, re special general meeting of re Swansea Inf, I congratulate you and the cause on the fulfilment of your farsighted prophecy....Alex Graham appointed the architect for the new hosp. And I assure you that every member of our committee while they adopted the resolution of going through the farce of an “open public competition” were determined from the first to appoint Mr Graham as their architect because he was recommended by you. No authority could be held by a body of heterogeneous gentlemen in greater reverence than you have been in the affair by the Swansea Infirmary committee.....has lately visited the hosps of Paris and other places, caught typhoid fever, making recovery. Norman? Williams Thomas?

H1/ST/NC18/611 unsigned letters, 5ff, printed

Private and confidential
Miss Nightingale to Mr. Henry Bonham Carter

24 Norfolk St. W.
March 21/65

My dear Henry

I will answer your (3) first as to accommodation for Probationers in the new Hospital of St. Thomas.

I am sorry to say that
A. I see no improvement in Great London Hospital Matrons since my time. I am quite sure that we can do nothing half so good as to stick to Mrs. Wardroper & Miss Jones.
B. I have always been very anxious not to have an undue proportion of Probationers to beds. But I must leave this more or less to Mrs. Wardroper to decide. She must say how many Probationers she thinks can properly be taught.
1. In the present St. Thomas
2. “ ” future “
(it is certainly the lesser of 2 evils to leave a few too many Probationers (to beds) rather than to send out instead of a staff of Nurses, scattered Nurses, that is the greater evil.
C. I consider a separate house for Probationers an unmitigated evil. They should be all together and under the Matron’s eye, who too should live in the Hospital.

It was unavoidable now, and I am even in doubt whether we shall not have to go on with it if people choose to send no Probationers & pay for them while St. Thomas is what he is now. But my conclusion from all this is that you would be perfectly safe in
entering into an agreement with St. T.’s for a term of years of some duration if they build especial accommodation for us, which accommodation must be in the Hospital, under the Matron’s eye and properly healthy.

Certainly they should lower the charge for maintenance. But I think the required accommodation for Probationers should be limited by the number who can be properly employed about the Patients - not by our funds - because I am so sure that we shall come ultimately to train for people paying x x x x x x

Miss Nightingale to Mr. Henry Bonham Carter

(Copy sent to the Treasurer)

Oakhill Park, Hampstead N.W.
August 9/65

I have gone over the Plans for the proposed accommodation of 36-40 Probationers to be trained under the Fund, and I have considered it to be best at once to write and say that it would be in the highest degree desirable for the future prospects of training to provide accommodation on a different principle from what was adopted at old St. Thomas’ which all were agreed was a mere temporary expedient a sort of trial arrangement.

In making a more permanent provision for Probationers there are several important points which require consideration.

First among these is the fact that a Training School is not a Nurse staff. Probationers should be so to speak a corps by themselves i.e. they should be all lodged together
in quarters easily accessible to and under control of
the Matron. Mrs. Wardroper’s quarters should be as near
as possible to the Probationers’ quarters & her access simple
and easy.

(I believe that I am only echoing the views of our
admirable Matron in saying this. It is no answer to
state that our day and dining room is under the Matron’s
office.)

You will see that the above requirement which all,
who have had Nurses under training, will agree to as
very indispensable, is not carried out in the proposed plan.

No Matron however energetic, could by (physical)
possibility, with the proposed arrangement, keep up that
efficient oversight which should be (I had almost said
hourly) necessary to success. And we must remember
that the immense distances both perpendicular & horizontal
in the new St Thomas’ x positively greater than those
[in the left margin] x necessitated by

the nature of

the site

at Netley (which I consider the most unadmirable
Hospital in the world) to be traversed in order to reach
the Wards, where the work lies, makes the above consideration
even more imperative.

But not to dwell upon this, training is as much moral
as it is professional, and the construction should provide for this.
2. We must require a Day and Dining room above ground.
A sunk floor altogether below the level of the ground
& partly below the level of the Thames is absolutely
inadmissible. We have had too much sickness
among our Probationers already.

I would just add that eventually not a few of our
Probationers will be women of gentle breeding. And altho’
I am the last person to consider their health more
than that of women who have to earn their bread, or
to wish to make any difference in the quarters of
the different classes, yet I must state that it would
curtail our usefulness, if we had nothing to offer them
but a sleeping room in the roof and a day room below the level of the river.

Innumerable have been the remonstrances which have reached us upon the matter of our accommodation in old St. Thomas’ with which I have not thought right not trouble my Committee, experience enabled me to pass them over as not essential. But one of these from a most influential quarter, influential I mean as being likely to procure us many Probationers of an Order likely to become Matrons - stated positively that the height and positions of our Dormitory at old St. Thomas’ most trying to women not accustomed to hard work made all future recommendations from that quarter impossible. How will it be now.

3. I see that at the South extremity of the area of the Hospital between the two ends positions are placed certain quarters. If the Matron were there the Probationers rooms with their Dining and Day Rooms &c &c &c might be placed as near the Matron’s quarter as possible. There appears to be vacant ground there. I do not say that this would be best, But I fear I must say that the present plans are what would be worst.

N.B. I do not think the Lift system for human beings is any answer to my 2nd or attic objection. Among women 3 out of 4 would rather toil up any amount of stairs than get into a lift.

Miss Nightingale to Dr. Sutherland
(who kindly examined the Plans) September

1. The best plan of accommodating “Sisters” & Nurses in a Pavilion Hospital is that each Pavilion Nursing staff should be accommodated in its own Pavilion separately.
But with Probationers it is a totally different question. It is proposed to accommodate them in two Pavilions but without any reference to their work whatever and totally away from the Matron, who is their Mistress.

It is entirely subversive of any moral discipline whatever. And Lifts having nothing to do with the question at all.

2. There is not a good Training Matron in the world with our present ideas of training Nurses) who will not tell the Treasurer that she would prefer
A. That her office and residence should be together (N.B. The Matron’s office if in the end block would certainly be rather far distant from the other end block – but with regularity of arrangement this would not matter And I am extraordinarily mistaken if there is a single good training Matron in the world who would not infinitely prefer that her office, Residence, Probationers Dormitories and Day Rooms should be all together in that end block)
B. That she cannot undertake to train or exercise moral discipline over Probationers unless their quarters are all together and near her.

3. One large Day room suffices for Dining & all other purposes, if the quarters are as they must be together. It is nonsense putting a Day room and a Dining room together as in the proposed plans. There must be a separate Day room to every Dormitory in such plans.

4. No (or very little) advantage accrues from the Dining and Day rooms being near the Matron’s office. Were the office, residence and Probationers quarters to be all divided I should say: put their Dormitories and Day room near her residence.
Miss Nightingale to the Treasurer
Sept 29/65
34 South Street, Park Lane.
London. W.

My dear Sir,

I have carefully considered your kind letter of the 21st regarding the accommodation proposed for our Probationers at the new St. Thomas Hospital.

If you will allow me to say so it appears to me that in planning this accommodation there has been no one at least to state simply to what extent construction bears on successful training of Nurses.

Also may I say that the proposed construction has been based on the temporary accommodation which we were compelled to accept at old St. Thomas but which was accepted only on the distinct understanding that a more suitable arrangement should be provided for us at the new Hospital — I believe my kind friend Mr. Baggallay would bear me out in saying this.

But all the original workers of the "Nightingale Fund" are gone: Ld Herbert whose loss has told on even much wider fields of action Sir J. Jebb & Mr. Clough. Nothing would have induced Lord Herbert to give his consent to the accommodation now offered to us.

I mention these things not as compulsory arguments which would be absurd but as shewing that the very statement which has been made to me viz: that we have the same accommodation (only better) which we had before, is the very statement which we make as proof that we cannot approve it.

There are but two ways of training women for Nurses, one a strictly conventual method, as among Roman Catholic communities involving Spiritual headship
and all the constructive arrangements consequent thereon. The other is to treat the Probationers as personal moral Agents and with the freedom of our National habits.

I refer to this because it is a common mistake to suppose that Nurses are trained for their work mainly (or only) in the sick wards.

Ward training is, as near as may be, one half of the training. The other half consists in women being trained to habits of order, cleanliness regularity moral discipline & a thousand little things I need not name to you.

Now to accomplish this there must be one head or training Matron. There cannot be two, and the whole Establishment must be so constructed that Probationers Dining & Day room dormitories Matron residence and office, Assistants quarters must all be together & the Probationers must be under the Matrons immediate hourly direct inspection and control. These requirements are simply absolutely necessary if the training is to be efficient and the Institution permanent.

May I be permitted to say that with the new & improved idea of Nurse training now arising all over Europe You will find that not a single good Training Matron of experience but will insist upon these points even more strongly than I have done.

And the great errors which have been made in the contrary direction tend even more strongly, as errors always do, to enforce this experience. May I say (though unwilling to be too lengthy) that in two of the largest Establishments in Europe one under the Poor Law, the other a civil Institution my opinion was recently taken in the one case whether the female officers under training could not be under the views & forms of accommodation which the Students are - in the other case whether it was
necessary for the female officers under training to be strictly under the Matron’s (Supt) control out of duty hours. My answer in both cases caused in the one the mad project of constructing as for Students to be abandoned - in the other the Regulation is I am told to be altered by authority.

I mention this because I have had a kind letter from Mr. Baggallay, in which he alluded to Workhouse atrocities. I should not like St. Thomas’ for whom I feel a personal deep affection to be behind what the improved Workhouse Infirmaries will be, in point of advantages for training female officers. For the new St. Thomas’ may and probably will last as long as London lasts and in that case it will have been outstripped in this point even by Pauper establishments.

The next Session of Parliament will probably see the beginning of this great change so far as can be judged of by expressed Public opinion.

With regard to our own affairs there has already been difficulty enough with such points partly arising from the nature of the accommodation provided for us in time past. And I am most anxious (or anxious that it overpowers other thoughts) that in your great new Hospital no mistake should be made in this matter. I would earnestly bespeak further consideration for these requirements. I feel satisfied if I may say so, that you can give them, and that if the case were only fairly brought under you notice more forcibly than I, alas can do it, you would see the necessity and work out the problem better than I.

St. Thomas will become the Great Training School for Nurses for India, England & many places on the Continent. And of this I am quite certain viz. that no Matron who knows her work would willingly undertake it with the means it is proposed to give her.

Let me say that the changes proposed in your Letter of
the 21st do not in any sense remove my objections as to the principle, I had written a P.S. explaining this.

Pray believe me Dear Sir, your very faithful servant

Florence Nightingale

P.S. I am most unwilling to take up your time with petty objections on matters of detail, when I am asking for a reconsideration of the whole matter.

I will therefore only trouble you with these remarks.

1. That no system of Lifts makes any difference to the fatal objection of having the Probationers at two Dormitories which leave no reference whatever either to their work or to their Matron’s & are in two distinct Pavilions.

To a question similar tho’ not the same, asked me by an Independent Establishment I answered, We should consider this fatal to any Institution whatever.

2. That I as a Matron myself, & as having an European acquaintance among Matrons, may state that all Matrons who have their heart in their work prefer having residence and office together, but that every good training Matron would say that she cannot undertake to exercise proper influence over Probationers unless their quarters are all together & near her - that if the quarters are all together there is no occasion for anything but our large Dining and Day Room two are unnecessary, and that little or no advantage accrues from the Day room being near the Matrons office, if that is to be at a distance from the Matrons residence, the Day room and the Dormitory should be near the Matron Residence in that case.

I trust you will excuse this long rambling blotted and somewhat abrupt Letter, when you know the circumstances of illness overwork & bereavement under which it is written - I should much have preferred sending it thro’ Mr. Bonham Carter, but he is away & I do not like to defer longer than necessary answering your kind letter.

Pray believe me My Dear Sir

Your very faithful and obliged Servant

Florence Nightingale
Herbert Hospl
35 S. St.
Dec. 26/76

My dear Hy B.C.

I return your Syllabus: [I wish it were a (Papal) Syllabus.]

I cannot think of anything else to be done but what you proposed: viz.
To write such a letter, declining,
as will leave an opening for another proposition.
I feel this the desire for further possibilities, the more, because if we

are convinced that it does not do, that it will never do, to put down 4 or 5 women among 400 or 500 men under the same head as that of the men, in Military Hospitals:
& if we are convinced that in all Hospitals, Civil just as much as Military, the Hospital administration should never be in the hands of the head of the Nursing Staff, (in this Civil case all women, & therefore the head is a woman,) because it is found that the practical rivalry/friendly competition (I will not say division) of authority is so important: -[see pg. 2]
& is practically known that no improvements are ever/rarely made under one absolute authority,
(because 'public opinion' never/rarely comes in)
if we are convinced of this, I think we ought to fight even a losing battle
- for other women besides our own:  
  - & for the Hospitals themselves:
  
When I remember what hopes were founded on Muir’s Director’s Gt ship by ‘us’, the Sidney Herbert party: [where are ‘we’ now?] it is very disappointing to find the same results in the 3 instances I have known: viz. the Army Medl School: the Army Medl Warrant: the Nursing: yrs ever

F.N.

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N.B. We have ourselves probably erred on the one side as the A.M.D. is now erring on the other.

We have stood to the theory as they are now standing to the opposite theory that the Supt. is to be supreme over the women:

& not to be responsible to the administrative authority which manages the rest of the Hospital: but to some authority over both:

& we have so little attended to the practice or rather to training her for the practice - for knowing what she is to say & what she is to do i.e. for to training her for this FRIENDLY COMPETITION.
signed notes, 7ff, pen & pencil

{written along the left margin: This, which is all as stated, is put down
more precisely

on the other sheets.}

HERBERT Hospital Quarters: Furniture &c &c
Part II
State of Quarters probably very bad [they !!! were/are
occupied by Married Serjeants’
families after being a Cadet Hospl]
probably want thorough cleansing &
‘doing up’:
Qurs were UNFURNISHED except
Kitchen, Sleeping Rooms, & Infirmary
Supt’s rooms WHOLLY unfurnished
Dining room had only Barrack room chairs
- the Dining Table was a bench
No carpets any where
Eating services for Nurses NIL
no cups & saucers: [they drank their tea
out of Patients’ BROTH CUPS/PORRINGERS!!]
no breakfast services of any kind:
no knives or forks or spoons
[the Nurses used Patients’ blackhandled knives
& forks]

Is the Supt to furnish her own Quarters?
Infirmary was furnished for 3: but with
Hospl bed & bedding no carpets
Nurses’ Bed Rooms: furniture very fair
but where is that furniture now?
[I know where 13 presses are & some
Tables: they were rescued.] I suspect the rest gone]

Must not the Quarters be not only thoroughly cleansed
but also properly furnished before we send Nurses?
7. Dress x
   The Herbert Hospl Regn dress was rather ridiculous
   the St. Thomas’ Nurses’ dress is pretty
   & suitable: & might be made of better materials
   unless we invented something of washing
   material: which would be better than either.
   Is there to be a washing allowance? Yes
   (There was none under Mrs. S. Stewart.
   The Nurses paid for their own washing.
   8. Who is to pay for the Bed=linen & washing?
      (the Nurses paid for the washing of their
      own sheets, towels & bed=cases &c &c !!
      this is not as it should be.
   9. Who is to pay for the Washing for Quarters?
      table cloths, dusters & everything wanted
      for use of Quarters.
      [Mrs. S. Stewart used to pay it out of
      her own pocket. such a bad plan!]
{in the left margin beside 8 & 9: Commissariat}
Note to x
7. Is the Supt to buy the Nurses’ uniforms?
   or the Nurses?
Superintendent [At Netley they Nurses buy their own uniform:
should do this (having an allowance for it.)
   the consequence is: no two Nurses are alike
   was this our arrangement?]
“[they are under him for discipline]”

We cannot help the Medical Officer being made the referee for complaints against Orderlies. but of course the complaints will be made by the Supt except “on emergency”: [See Reg 48]

3. “Care to be taken that the 25 cases “are warded together.”

Did they actually intend to give - spread about in Wards or blocks - the 25 cases? cases to one woman? or man either? But even as 3 proposes, is the Nurse to have charge of x sq. inches? on No. A. Ward floor: & not of y sq inches? And supposing Patients on y sq. inches not under her charge to secrete spirits, &c &c &c under their mattrasses - to be dirty &c &c - or Orderlies either (things of daily occurrence in Military Hospls where there are no trained Nurses) in beds next to “her” beds - is she to do nothing?

As you are aware the Nurse (Sister) should be distinctly in charge of a Ward or Wards. as in Reg 41. reading “shall” for ‘should’ It is scarcely necessary to explain the reasons of this to you: it makes of course the difference between trained Hospital Nursing and a bear garden.

4. “Complaints against Nurses to be “dealt with by Supt” Of course.
II. In reply to your desire that we should "consider & put down the terms" that "would ensure the "independent action of the Superintendt "in all matters connected with "Nursing"
we should be disposed, as above said, to accede by way of compromise to No.1, & that we think that with this modification the Netley Regns

8 to 15 inclusive
23 & 24
40 to 45 inclusive
47, 48
& 52 - 54

seem to embody what is essential
The ('Sisters' to be distinctly in charge { Nurses
of a Ward or Wards

Mr. Bonham Carter told Sir W. Muir & Dr. Munro that we would "endeavour to modify Netley Regns "by way of compromise in order "to some extent to meet their "views as embodied in new "Regns with respect to position "of P.M.O.
The above is a (provisional) sketch of what we propose for this purpose.

[N.B.
The ration money must be increased:
but Mr. B.C. has, I believe, already sent in our calculation on this head.]

Would you be so good as to inform Dr. Munro that Mr. Bonham Carter will see him on Monday if convenient to him?
Pray believe me
(in some haste)
dear Dr. Sutherland
most faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

you not let this poor women marry this
respectable young man? (This is natural enough)
Now here you are quite helpless: it is no use Dr.
Slaughter being "a moral man", as Dr. Munro says
Because - marriage is certainly "moral"
This is the only thing:
The total want of power of Superior/ even first rate Medical
Officers of appreciating the discipline which
makes up the "moral" or technical efficiency of
women is: the thing. ] I will only add:
1. I earnestly trust that your letter will not be
considered final against It ought not to be
2. Ought I to answer Dr. Munro’s letter?

Your Draft returned
Dec 28/76
7 a.m.

My dear Hy B.C.
I have kept this 24 hours: & yet no light visits
me for making the “Remarks” desired:
because they the A.M.D. seem to shift their ground, every time
we accept it.
I cannot therefore tell in the least how they will take
it. I trust it will be considered an opening for further propositions.
It is very good: & I think we ought certainly to
fight the battles. [I don’t think they will understand
about the “units.”] The only remark I have made

for good judgment in short. - for
knowing how far & how the theory
is to be pressed & in what practices or cases:
that I am afraid we must say that
every one of our Supts whom we
have appointed as Supts has failed
more or less - some utterly, in carrying the thing into
practice with judgment. F.N.
“Solly as Assistant”  "Prince Matrons"

My dear Harry  I am obliged to have recourse to your wisdom & kindness. Again Miss Pringle’s letter enclosed. Of the 3, Miss Prince is by far the best woman. But she is so inefficient. She had no command of her Ward when with us - But she & her Ward were under her Nurse’s command.

Miss Solly: best as to ability, & as to her not having scrimmages with Miss Crossland as Miss Buchanan so unhappily has done. But - you fully discussed the risks -

Miss Young - I believe you know my opinion of her - And as to her “much knowledge of the world” it is entirely superficial - And she says she is intimate with people who hardly know her by sight - She is not even well educated - She did not do well in Egypt - But she may be improved.

Miss Pringle does not say how she has done as Assistant -

Before Miss Pringle’s arrival, Miss Young gave out that she was sure of the appointment because of something.

Miss Pringle had said to her at Edinburgh -

And Miss Pringle spoke to me of a “Mrs. or Miss Young” whose relation had spoken of her to her, Miss Pringle. You remember I am surprised at Miss P. thinking of her. But then Miss P. must know her now far better than I do.

If you say ‘Miss Young’ please say under what precautions.
May I send tomorrow Thursday morning at 11 for your answer? Please to help me with your sound advice. ever yours F.N.

What a pity Miss Crossland & Miss Pringle cannot consult together.

H1/ST/NC18/28/1 unsigned letter, 6ff, pen

Miss Gordon of Leeds - age 45 has the indispensable element of moral strength & soundness & a right foundation - works from the root of all things has tact, kindness, firmness & purpose - cheerful care for every one, morally & physically - uncommon common sense - very considerable powers of activity in work, influence & discipline - (next 4 lines have a vertical line in the left margin) but her practical ideas of discipline probably differ somewhat from those of an already highly trained London Hospital Nursing Staff. has worked up the her present Hospital to a high degree of Nursing efficiency & moral tone has worked well with & under the Junior as well as Senior Medical Staff & with & under the House Committee
great powers of management & of heading the Nursing - bright & spirited - & tho' overworked never seeming so has had hardly any experience of St. Thomas since her training 14 years ago

Miss Solly age? 42 decidedly clever critic of Sisters' & Nurses' character has been Sister at St. Thomas both formerly & lately Assistant Matron for 14 months but no severe testing of her powers as Acting Matron, owing to Miss Pringle being so little away has an old & deep interest in St. Thomas, & knows it well & its capabilities well educated - has travelled perhaps may be called in a good sense something of a 'woman of the world' understands housekeeping & arrangement intelligent sensible in matters of conduct & discipline very kindly interested in the welfare of the people would allow no departure from propriety serious - thoughtful - benevolent her deficiencies those of want of physical power & probably of motherly sympathy
Miss Masson age 34
   a fine combination of qualities
      good & well cultivated intellect
      great aptitude for Ward management
   very kindly, bright & of a pleasant humour
   deeply interested in her Ward work - very active & thorough in it - distinctly fond of management - particularly thoughtful for & clever with the Patients, morally & physically
   great possibilities
never tested in general Superintendence

Miss Scott
   excellent Ward manager in St. Thomas.
   - Brighton not much test of capabilities of general superintende
My dear Harry

You know, of course, that our dear old friend Mrs. Wardroper died yesterday afternoon -

‘Now the labourer’s task is ‘done’ - And she had laboured well & with strength.
Her last years were sad & forlorn - & we cannot regret their ending - Her son was very attentive to her.
Her last weeks were quite painless - & they hardly knew when she ceased to breathe.
We had been expecting her death daily - 60 - 27  
54 33  
12  
42

She was a great woman -
“I said I will take heed “to my wags & my tongue” & I will not enter into her life now.
I think of her as having entered not into her “rest” but into something greater - into a life greater than here -

I wish something could be put into the “Times” or “D. News” about her.
If you would be so very good as to send me
something - your thoughts & facts
are so much better than mine -
now to-day, I would
consult a friend who
is rather a good hand
& who leaves town
tomorrow -
But this is of course
as you think well
ever yours
F. Nightingale
I hope you
are really
much better.

H1/ST/NC18/28/8 incomplete letter, 3ff, pencil

Dunstan 8 Dec 16/92
Chemistry 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
I should have liked very much
to have gone with Miss
Crossland into the subject
thoroughly by means of Dr.
Bernays’ Lectures before
saying anything, if you wish
me to say anything -
To go most simply into
elementary Chemical principles
as regards air  good
foul
water  good
foul
earth  ditto ditto
food  - value of
- no value
but above all no crotchets,
no learning, seems the thing.
The PRACTICALLY ridiculous mistakes of even excellent learned men are most disastrous, for women, even especially Nurses.

The practical applications of Elementary Chemistry to HYGIENE
I would insist upon particularly -

P.S. Lord Stanley (Derby) said to me: ‘you know ‘nothing will be done about ‘foul air in Churches, Theatres, ‘Exeter Hall, cottage bedrooms, ‘& indeed all bed-rooms till ‘we have invented something

‘-something on the inside ‘walls would be best - ‘which would change colour ‘of itself when the air was ‘foul.’

I have again & again felt the truth of this - again & again asked a Medical Officer of health - -fired by it but did nothing - Would you ask Mr. Dunstan? At all events it sets them thinking -

Everywhere I believe is Analysis of Air now practised Would you ask Mr. Dunstan
10 S. St. June 4/88

To convert the Jews!

My dear Harry,

I think that in many things, especially as regards charity & care of their own people, the “Jews” have to convert us -- & the “Missionary spirit,” as M. Mohl used to say, had much better be shown among our own poor outcasts in London.

In the East we are often trying to “convert” populations moral & therefore even Xtian compared to ourselves.

Besides, the languages are such a difficulty.

[I am now in a sea of troubles with Miss Munro, whom I could not throw overboard tho' she is totally unfit for Cairo.]

[You and I quite agree on these points]-

If you & Miss Pringle choose to have this “Miss Pauline Schor,” “from Jerusalem” for a year’s training, you will be serving Dr. Chaplin’s cause a great deal better than he knows how to serve it himself.
I don’t think we ought to ask “Miss Airy” for a scheme of this sort - And I don’t think she would take it - she is far too good.

[I tried to get her in to Miss Jones’ successor’s in Kensington Sq. who asked me for one for a time to train their sisters in their own little Hospl. But she would not go -]

Her forte is nursing men Officers & privates & managing & training Men=Nurses, in which & in her conduct with Medical Officers she is all but perfect. I do wish she could re-enter this career - Miss Airy is indeed “of decidedly religious character”

You do not know, do you? of a place to get an English=Arabic alphabet & Primer, with pronunciation.

I sent all over London on Saturday for one for Miss Munro, & could get nothing - What a strange commentary on our possession of India - There are plenty of German ones -

Don’t make trouble about this.

Letters came late this morning. And I am answering yours in haste, to be “early” according to your desire -

Thanks for Income Tax ever yours
F.N.

Printed form of The Nightingale Fund Training School for Nurses. Form letter of matron: ____ has applied to the Committee of the Nightingale Fund to be allowed to become a Candidate for admission to the School established at this Hospital for Training Nurses, and has given reference to you.

I may mention that it is essential that Candidates should be of unblemished character, and in sound health, both of mind and body. The work demands intelligence, activity, good temper, cleanly and orderly habits and thorough trustworthiness, and none should enter upon it who are not imbued with a strong sense of duty and are wiling to
conform to strict rules of discipline. Previous experience in nursing is not expected.

Will you be so good as to communicate to me in confidence such information as you possess respecting the applicant’s character and conduct, mentioning also how long you have known her and what means you have had of becoming acquainted with her.... P.S. The Form printed within can be used or not as you may find it convenient.

Confidential Report [1 page front and back]
Respecting
1. How long have you known her, and your opportunities of personal acquaintance.
2. Previous history (especially of last three or four years).
3. As to health.
4. Habits and disposition.
5. Temper.
7. Intelligence and education.
8. Moral character.
9. Method of doing her work.
10. General remarks.

Date (Signature)

H1/ST/NT5/C29 printed form. St Thomas’s Hospital, Albert Embankment, Westminster Bridge, S.E.
The Nightingale Fund Training School for Nurses. Form letter of John Croft to doctors
Sir, I am referred by Mrs. W.W. Wardroper, the Lady Superintendent of the above Institution, to you, as the Medical Attendant of

who is a Candidate for admission to the Training School.

The Council of the Nightingale Fund desire to be satisfied that Candidates be not only morally, but physically and mentally competent to undertake the Duties of Hospital Nursing. Will you therefore kindly fill up the Form of Medical Certificate attached to this Letter, and send it to me (by post) at your earliest convenience?.... N.B. Your communication will be received as strictly confidential.

Medical Certificate H1/ST/NT5/C29/b

1. How long have you been acquainted with _____
2. Have you attended her professionally?
3. Is she intelligent and of active habits?
4. What is her general appearance, configuration, height, weight?
5. General health?
6. Is the sense of vision good?
7. Any illness of importance?
   When?/ What?
8. If fulness of habit, or subject to head affections?
9. Any tendency to pulmonary or scrofulous disease?
   Cough or shortness of breath?
10. If at any time spitting of blood?
11. If any heart disease?
12. If vaccinated?
12. Are her parents living?
13. Has there been any insanity in her family?
14. Uterine functions at present?
   And in general?
I have this ____ day of ____ 187+ examined ____ and hereby certify that she is apparently in good health, that she is not labouring under any deformity and is, in my opinion, both physically and mentally competent to undertake the duties of Nurse in a General Hospital. Signed, date, address.