My dear Sir Harry

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

Among the Indians I see or hear from, I find an impression that there may be dangerous risings against us in different parts of India: & a relation of Mrs. Stewart's told me that this was Major Stewart's opinion. Would it be too much to ask him (thro' you) to put down his opinion, or rather any facts he has?

Would you tell Parthe, in answer to Miss Tynnot's request for my name, that, dearly as I value the object, a pulse of 120° for weeks after my return from Lea Hurst & the camel's back being broken at last
warns me not to add another straw.
And would you tell Parthe that I did have a long interview (in bed up-stairs) with Mr. Cunningham the very first day I had an hour free?

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

ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

Mrs. Wardroper has written to me to know what are the duties of the Matron at the Bucks Infirmary F.N.

9008/2 signed letter, 1 f, pencil

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

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

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

I hope you are well Could you
Natal
Kaffir women
Could you tell me whether
you think I should do
what Mr. Chesson asks?
viz. write a few words for the deputation to use?
You say you mentioned to
Sir M. Hicks Beach
My interest in the subject?
Should I stop there?
Mrs. Brooks comes here again
the end of this week.
May God keep you:
ever affly yrs
F. Nightingale

9008/3 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

24/1/80
I hope you are pretty well,
my dear P.
I am sorry to say that dear
Mother has been very
poorly for 3 days: cough
& unable to get up the
expectoration. She has
seen Dr. Clark's Assistant
2, I think 3 times: Yesterday
afternoon, tho' not leaving
her room, she was so
bright that Shore who
(tho' he has himself been
in bed with a bad cough)
goes up to see her thought
her well as usual. But the cough returned & was incessant all last night. And she is able to take very little - but seems comfortable to-day. I cannot estimate the amount of danger, for she has such devoted care taken of her. But it is serious.

yrs ever
F.N.
Lady Verney
24/1/80

28/1/80
I should send Joseph's daughter to Dr. Armitage
12 North Audley St
who has been very successful with all my cases.
And please tell Joseph that for his sake I will include her in my Acct with Dr. A.
But I could not undertake a corresponde for one additional case (having so many at Lea Hurst too.)
And it is no use sending a girl to any Doctor (or indeed any Patient) without his corresponding with you: or without a capable person going with the Patient.

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

I hope my dear P. you will soon be better

F.N.

Lady Verney
28/1/80

30/1/80

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

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

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

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

This is a thing I could not put off.

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

31/1/80
the anniversary of Mrs. Bracebridge's death

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

I cannot possibly get another to-day.

Could you kindly put a man-servant at my disposal from 10.30 today till 1.? It is to go after
a Nurse for my Mother
[Or Morris will not last out.] I am sure my Mother was the better for your prayer yesterday.
I have a letter from the Gd Duchess of Baden which I will send you yrs
F.N.

Immediate
Sir Harry Verney
or Lady Verney
31/1/80

9008/7 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil [1:209]
2/2/80
My dear Sir Harry
There are many very strong reasons to my feeling why those who should follow my dear Mother to the grave should be only Shore & his wife & yourself. I would not ask any of the "Cousins" - not one - If Wm Coltman & Harry B.C. like to offer, let them. But pray do not let us do anything to prevent
Louisa going with Shore.
It is converting a lovely act of love into a farce to ask "the Cousins": is it not? -
The people she would like would be: - yourself, Louisa, Shore - coachman & Charles - and Morris, if she would like it: no one else. [end 1:209]

I must send to Mrs. Wardroper this evening. Could you lend me a man-servant?
ever yrs affly  
F.N.  
Sir Harry Verney  
2/2/80

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

4/2/80
If I have not written, my dear Pop, it is because heart & hand & mind have been fuller than I could bear. I will write to morrow, please God.
God bless you ever: always your F.
An immense magnificent Cross & wreath come just now from the trained Nurses for her dear memory for Friday
5/2/80
If you would like, dear Pop, to see the beautiful Crown & Wreath contributed by all the Nurses of St. Thomas' to my Mother's grave, please send in a man to bring you the boxes.

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

5/2/80
My dear P. I think a card in remembrance of my Mother would be valued by some of the Lea Hurst people more than any earthly possession.

If you think so, I would send in (as soon as I can get a maid to find it) our memorial card for Miss Hill & another - not of course to be copied but as in specimens. We can then settle what we will have. your

F.
6/2/80

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

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

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

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

houses' - Not above 2 or 3 of my intimate poor friends with whom I am in daily intercourse at Lea Hurst, Holmes, Broomhead, a woman dying of tumour, Limb, dying also, Shardlow, Henstock &c &c.

&c &c &c &c live in the "Estate's" house - ever dear Pop your F

I think it ought to be done immediately, if at all, I don't think you like my "texts" in general, my dear P.

But as you ask me what do you think of the enclosed?

10/2/80 F.N.
There is nothing in this world I should appreciate so much as seeing Col. Gordon: whose work is unique. God bless him for it. But ALAS! at this moment it is quite impossible to me.

11/2/80 Florence Nightingale

I am just sending off Wm Hedges to Dover Convalescent Home.

11/2/80

I with draw my Mother's age, my dear P., tho' it greatly loses in pathos thereby: but my Father's age must in that case be also with drawn.

But the place of death is always put: & in this case the circumstances are so remarkable that it is quite impossible to omit it: the antithesis of the house in London & "the house not made with hands" is not painful but half the
pathos: (as in the
verse so popular
leaving "the cottage on earth
"to dwell in The a palace
in heaven".)
The poor people would
not think it was the right card without
I send several that
you may patch them
as you like.
[I put on my wreath
about joining our
Heavenly & earthly Father]
I think I like No 4 the
best. but am not
particular: only I feel
it quite impossible to
leave out that she
died with Shore: don't
you?
your
F.
If Sir H. likes the black
instead of the gold line, please let him
have it. But I
explained to him that
what we did was:
gold **tinted** edged card in
black edged envelope
And I thought he
concurred F.
11/2/80
My dear Sir H. These are "distressing" indeed. I wish I had never seen them. I had pictured her so different. The only one I could bear to have is the one I enclose.

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

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

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

F.N.
10 S. St.
Feb 13/80
My dear Sir Harry
   I cannot do Lord Lawrence
the injustice
of writing anything at this moment about
the man to whom & to
whose career there is
scarcely a parallel in
Ancient or Modern
history: who saved
the ryots, who saved
a Province, who saved
the Empire. I knew
his work too well to
dare to write a hurried
sentence. And I think
it would be putting
myself forward. God

speed the Memorial
to this great man!
And may others follow
in his steps is really
the deepest prayer of
   Florence Nightingale
The Queen has sent me a message of condolence.
I have not had a day's rest of body or mind for 6 years & 6 weeks. And the last 10 days have been enough to upset the strongest man. I can scarcely speak.

You kindly said you would change this £40 Cheque for me.
I should like to see the Wilson letter. Perhaps you can show it me after to-day: not in a hurry. F.N.

9008/17 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

13/2/80
My dear P. You do not know how very ill I am.
I could not see any one between 2 & 3. my only hour of rest.
And at 5 Rosie is coming. I settled 5 because I thought it too late for you -
Let us then say 4.30. for 1 quarter of an hour - please.
your F.

I cannot see Sir H. Verney till 6 at earliest.
Lady Verney
13/2/80
I am almost extinct, my dear P. 
If you would like to see me for 10 minutes to day, please send word when.

your 
F. 
13/2/80 

Lady Verney 
13/2/80 

Granville Hotel 
Ramsgate 
Feb 16/80 
I am "not worse", my dear P. 
And I like looking at the 'white horses' coming in, which I have not seen for 24 years. But the 
place is too London-y: 
& I don't like acting the 'lady'.

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

Do you at all know what has become of my Mother's watch? Can you remember what became of it before my dear Father went? Is it possible that it can be in her desk?

Grace must know:

God bless you:

ever your 
F.
Ramsgate
19/2/80
Would you not, my dear P., let "the linen" stay in use at York Place at least as long as they have the house. if this is my mother's household "linen".

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

I am very glad you know where the watch is.

Dear Sir Harry ran up steps & about & about like a young man here yesterday, doing kindnesses. I hope he caught no cold.

I will send back your letters at once. But you scarcely know how utterly worn out I am: & how much I have to do. even here ever your what arrears P. there are - people writing to me for Indian & other papers.
Wellcome Ms 9011

9008/21 initialled letter, 1 ff, pen

19/2/80
Granville Hotel
Bucks Infry

My dear Sir Harry

Should Hy Bonham Carter quite decide against Nurse Spreat for above. But we have another to propose: Miss Fryer. He will tell you about her. Should not she go down to Aylesbury & see Miss Russell? [Miss Fryer is 'High Church']

I hope you caught no cold.
Godspeed the Matron of Bucks Infry: Have you heard from Miss Pringle & has she seen Miss Williams?

Yrs F.N.

9008/22 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

Army Hospital Nurses
Private Granville Hotel
Ramsgate
Feb 21/80

My dear Sir Harry

I am "considering", as you desire, the proposal in your "Aid to Sick & Wounded" letter of Feb 19. In the first place it is a bit of a 'job': Col. Loyd Lindsay of the "National Aid Socy" endeavouring to relieve Col. Loyd Lindsay of the "War Office" in pecuniary matters. I had not yet apprised my usual advisers: because I was much pressed, & nothing definite had been sent calling for decision, _ that Sir Wm Muir, Director Genl, wrote to me, about Xmas, that he was preparing (for the Estimates)
a scheme for extending trained Female Nurses to the Military Hospitals of 3 other Stations, probably Aldershot, Devonport & perhaps The Curragh: but the scheme was to embrace the trained Nursing of Sick Officers too: [& he forwarded to me a letter on the necessity of nursing the Officers.] He said that Col. Loyd Lindsay warmly supported the plan of Female Nursing. proposed.

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

I heard nothing more till you sent me this, which it
struck me was Col. the War Office's way of 'providing the money'.

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

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

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

You see that the Nurses are to be "under the supervision of" the "Director Genl": (which means Dr. Munro:) in the official sense of course absolutely necessary: in the practical sense it is the very principle we most
do combat:
   I have none of Sir Wm Muir's letters with me: but they contain no details.
   How soon is your next Meeting of the 'Aid' Socy? And how soon must I answer you upon the letter?
   ever yrs affly
       Florence Nightingale
Whether "they would obtain training & experience of that practical nature" &c. depends, I suppose, on what the "training" to be given is.
   F.N.
The "experience" at an ordinary "Station Hospital" in a year is, in surgical injuries & acute diseases, scarcely equal to that of one Ward in a great London Hospital in a week:
Such as "would best fit them _ F.N. for usefulness in time of war"
34 Granville Hotel
Ramsgate
Feb 23/80
My dear Sir Harry
I am glad you do not
dislike Miss Fryer. Of course
you will see or hear from
Miss Machin about her, with
whom she has been a year
as Night Supt at St. Bartholo=
=me's, before you decide.

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

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

x not in a portfolio

Many thanks for the rich
wood Avalanche -
I am writing to P.
ever yrs & hers most affly
F.N.
My dear P. I have not been getting better for Ramsgate, & I do not return because I cannot.

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

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

Even here beggars have found me out. I do not know whether you would care to enclose the 2 notes about Miss St. John (wh I enclose) to Miss Thornton who & not I is the heir to Sir Robt Inglis. But I always feel it a great liberty when it is done to me: & therefore I do not press it. She knows what to do better than any one with claims.

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

Thanks very many for books & flowers. & letters.

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

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

So no more at present from ever your F

29/2/80
In loving remembrance of
our Mother,
Frances Nightingale,
who, from her nephew's, in London,
Mr. & Mrs. Shore Smith's
went home to God,
just after midnight,
on February 1-2 1880
in her 92nd year.
As well as of our Father,
W.E. Nightingale,
who died at Embley,
Jan 5 1874
in his 80th year.
"And he walked with God: and he was not, for God
took him."
Gen. v. 24

"I must work the works of Him
that sent me while it is day:
the night cometh when no
man can work."
John IX. 4
"Lord, what wilt Thou have
me to do?"
Acts IX. 6

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

Or:
By the bright waters now Thy
lot is cast,
Joy to thee, happy soul, they bark hath past
The rough sea's foam:
Now the long yearnings of thy soul are
Over
still'd:
Home, home, thy peace is won, thy
heart is filled
Thou art gone home!:

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

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

If Parthe wishes for our two names
as her daughters, I think they
could only be placed in this way:
To our Mother
(before the inscription)
& (quite at the bottom) thus:
Frances Parthenope Verney
Florence Nightingale

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

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

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

9008/26 initialled letter, 1 f, pen

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

We hope the Bucks Infy Commee will be imbued with the necessity of giving the Matron proper authority over the Nurses & in the Wards. And should
there be anything in former rules & practice seriously inconsistent with this being carried out, that they should consider the matter now that they are appointing both a new Matron & a new House Surgeon; but it is of course very necessary to be cautious in dealing with this question.

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

yrs affly & P.'s ever F.N.

Thanks for Genl Vaughan's letter:

9008/27 2 ff, written in Italian

{2 postcards}
Lady Verney
4 South St.
   Park Lane
2/3/80   London W.

2 Marzo 1880
Grazie tante e ben sentite a voi ambedue per il gentilissimo invito a Claydon. Udir cantare gli uccelletti e veder spuntare le primevere mi sorride. Forse più tardi, se voi rinnovate l’invito caro. Adesso bisogna ritornare da quà: e sarà più facile per la vista telescopica di Claydon. Non mi pento io di aver veduto un mare proceloso.

F.N.
Avete il numero di Marzo del ‘XIX Century’?
Dove è (?a Embley) quel glorioso
Coreggio (?) del padre Madre: "Ego dormio
sed cor meum vigilat," cioè Christo bambino
dormente e la Vergine vigilante. In questi
ultimi 6 anni eccoti lo stato di nostra
Madre: l’anima infantile vigilata dallo
Spirito vegliante creativo, di Dio. La
memoria non era più, l’anima viveva.
‘Mia mente forse dorme ma il mio core veglia,”
ecce quel che andava dicendo.
Come mi sarebbe caro avere quel
litografo adesso.
2/3/80 F.N.
Lady Verney
4 South St.
Park Lane
2/3/80 London W.

C’è permesso di domandare la grazia
della carrozza domani (Martedì)
alle tre/3 pomeridiane, cioè 2.50, p.m.
a Victoria Station?
E se il servitore potrebbe (colui che viene
colla vettura) tornare cogl’ impedimenti,
molto gravi, e cosaccie in un cab,
sarebbe per me risparmio di molta
fatica.
March 8/80 F.N.
Ramsgate March 7/80
I meant to have asked
you kindly to send the
carriage, my dear P. &
Sir H., to meet me
tomorrow - But I am
unable to come. I must
however get back as
soon as I can for a few
weeks' work, - to get off
again as soon as I can
for a short time to the
quiet haven you offer me
at Claydon. May I have the
carriage on Tuesday?
I was appalled at finding
how utterly prostrated I
was by seeing one visitor,
the famous gallant ex-
coxswain of the Ramsgate
life-boat, when I
have to see far more
exhausting visitors
every day of my life
in London. But Doctors tell me
that it will take at
least a year "free from
the responsibilities which
have been forced upon"
me to have any hope
of being able to do my the same
work for the (few) any future
years of my life. And,
to me, the prospect is
appalling of letting the
work drop for ever.
I like your garrulous old lady. How well I remember Esholt: & sitting up till 5 a.m. to read that beautiful ‘André.’!

And John Parker was with us.

How much, how much has happened since!

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

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

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

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

I will write tomorrow: ever your F.
Lady Verney
or Sir Harry Verney
4 South St.
Hyde Park Lane
8/3/80 London W.

My dearie I am all in an "excitement" too: & the more zealous for every thing to be dared that can be dared, if we are not to win. If you go to Claydon (I quite expected to hear that you were going) tomorrow, I wd gladly see you to-day at 5, & Sir H at 6 for a few minutes, or vice versa - or if you go to-day, I could see one at 1.30, & the other at 4, if that would suit. [I am quite prostrate with bilious Diarrhea - not from table=excess.] A faithful Corrt of mine in Scotland, an ex-governor & peer, says that Mr. Gladstone's Scotch 'Jehad' [jihad] was ill-timed. "Mr. Gladstone makes speeches & the Duke (Buccleuch) makes votes" - I will read you part of his letter - Hurra! Hurra! Hurra! for the Liberals: but let them be wise as serpents.

thine ever
F.
10/3/80
Wellcome Ms 9011

[envelope]

a verbal answer
Lady Verney
or Sir Harry
10/3/80 4

9008/31 initialled postcard in ITALIAN, 1 f, pen [1:351]
Vorrei sapere come sta Sir H. -
   felicissimo augurio -
una carta postale, ti prego,
sorella 'pia'.
   F.
12/3/80

back of post card, stamped, cancelled Mar 12 80

Lady Verney
Claydon Ho.
Winslow  Bucks
12/3/80

9008/32 initialled note, 1 f, pen [5:344]

10 S. St.
13/3/80
The song is beautiful!!
it has gone the round of
every body here:
so is the account of the
Meeting
so is the Address:
1000 thanks
And may the song be
fulfilled 'a hundred fold'.
Surely God must go
with the Right!
Primroses, primroses,
let this be a new spring
time for politics as for you
F.
I pray for a new righteous Ho. of C.
March 16/80
You see Mr. Forster was speaking at Bradford,
My dear P. But that is no reason why he should not come back.
Success attend us: or the highest success of all: to do God's will for bringing about a Ho. of Commons which shall serve Him.
All hail to the brave old Paladin.
I shall be with you at all the Meetings, & what is better, God will.
I hope you were not too much tired: & that (I had said, the stout old warrior but I say) the ever young warrior will not be the worse for last night.
God bless you:
ever your F.

It is rumoured that Mr. Cowper Temple has resigned. We heard his chance was poorer
Mr. Rathbone gives up Liverpool for Lancashire S.W.
10 S. St.
18/3/80,
My dear Sir Harry

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

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

&, while "compulsory" vaccination really means, for the poor, the Public Vaccinator taking the matter from any poor child he can get, probably from out of the workhouse,

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

Or the Vaccine must be taken from the calf.

[I believe the best, even the oldest Physicians are coming over to this opinion.]
If there is to be any "compulsion", it should be as to the sources from which the Vaccine is taken. [In England a Public Vaccinator would be scouted, if he were to ask questions as to the parents or grandparents of the child from whom the Vaccine lymph is taken: yet, without this, we know that disease may be propagated down thro' two generations]

I have given the facts generally, as well as I can. But I must say I think it unfair to press you with such a question (non-political) & unnecessary for you to answer it, unless you have a decided opinion of your own one way or other.

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

And I confess, if I were asked: 'Would you abolish compulsory Vaccination? Yes or No?' - without being allowed to enter into the facts as I have given them here, I should be at a loss to answer: much as I have gone into the subject.
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anti-Vaccinators'
The liberty-of-the-subject cry against compulsory Vaccn is absurd. I only wish there were more that was compulsory - such as house-to-house visitation of sinks &c &c
But, if there is a State machinery for Vaccination, it is worse than absurd not to have a State organization for providing (compulsorily) good lymph - but to leaving the choice of this lymph to a parcel of Village apothecaries throughout the land. Austria has her Calf Vaccination State organization.

[end 6:464]
Thank you for your 2nd song:
very charming that & the working men's feeling &
love & activity.
We pray daily in our family prayer that God will send us a good Ho: of C. (I, like Garibaldi, [quoted 7:332]
cannot pass the Ho. of C. without tears) & we pray for all those who are working for a Ho. of C. that shall serve Him.
God speed: I hope the leg continues better.
ever yours & P.'s
F.N.
Sir Harry was looking beautifully well, my dear P., & really seems enjoying this work.

The Affghanistan Telegram & leading Article in the Times this morning, of which I don't believe a word, will do us much harm. In a General Election, so closely run, it is not impossible that the Lytton job of giving Genl Vaughan the exclusive monopoly of the Sunday telegraph may turn the scale against us. Because it was generally believed that the 'Rocks ahead' in the Affghan War were now so formidable that this was the reason for at once dissolving: And I believe it still. You will observe that Genl Vaughan told you Sir H. that he "had never had the mortification of having a "Telegram refused", because -- he says this himself. BECAUSE he had always altered arranged the Telegrams to suit the authorities. You will observe too that the Times has never announced the "final" & "satisfactory" result "conclusion" in Affghanistan, but it has
been followed by the massacre of an Envoy, a retreat from Cabul into Cantonments or &c &c &c
So it will be again.
Coupled with Genl Vaughan's denial of poverty in India (to Sir H. on answer to my letter) at a time when such a state of things existed as compelled the Govt to cut down all Public Works, & as I have described in my letter to Mr. Fawcett, one cannot but look upon today's Times as an electioneering 'ruse'.
Ld Beaconsfield at the head of the Government, Genl Vaughan at the head of the leading Journal, qua India, - these are the men who guide the Empire.
O tempora! O mores!
[I say this with the greatest respect for Genl Vaughan: only I wish he was not there]

Thanks for the lovely primroses & flowers. I suppose there are no daffodils yet. I would I could come: but I am overwhelmed with people to see. And I think you are quite as well without me now - but I mean to come. I wish Fred were with you.
9008/36 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

24/3/80
Temperance's address, (not political 'Address') my dear P., is (you ask me)
Mrs. Peter Grillage
Ridgeway
Plympton
[I will try & return you your letters to day.]
The talk here among the "academic & philosophic politicians" is: that Ministers will have a small Majority & will be obliged to form a Coalition Cabinet.
The breaking up of the Stupid, overwhelming & unthinking majority of the last 6 years will be a great deed for the Liberals to do - And they may have a small majority, after all. God bless them.
Do you know that Shore & Louisa have actually been enlisted by the Liberals to canvass in Marylebone?
I am so glad.
Please tell Mr. Fred that nothing makes me so jolly as what he says: that the labouring men are rising to the interest of Liberal politics.
That is the thing we have to do. So we shall beat
the beer at last: with
   The Savings' Bank,
   the daily newspaper,
   the improved dwellings -
   & schools.
Is it that the compulsory
   schooling is already
   beginning to tell?
   Hardly that, I suppose,
   yet.
But we must not let the
   politics degenerate into
   beer.
Hurra, Hurra for the Canvass
   Depend upon it it is a
great thing, when conducted
   as it is with you, purely
   - whether we win or lose
   - for instructing & rousing
   the people to higher
   interests.
Electioneering is then a great
   & noble task - none
   higher.
   I give you joy of it:
but we mean to win
   besides.
   This morning was a hard
   frost & a N.E. wind.
But there was a dear
   little bird carolling &
   whispering away to God
   before dawn.
   That is the dawn of
   purer politics.
   Success, success.
God bless the Election
   ever your & Sir H.'s
   F.
Mother's affairs  26/3/80
I have hurried on Hy Bonham Carter, as you so wanted the money, my dear P., & he has been very kind about it. He writes to me: "this "is in train, waiting for an Act of Parliament, which somewhat reduces duties. "In the meantime it may be arranged to pay you over some money. How much do you require? "I am going to open an acct at Smith's Bank in your name & mine for your Mother's administration Some of her little fund of Stock will be sold to "pay debts & what Parthe & you now require And it will be convenient that you should give an order to the Bank to honor my sole cheques". "I shd think there will be £800 to £1000 coming to you." Hy B.C. I answered this by giving the 'Order', & saying that you would like to have £500 at once; that you really wanted it. And I have since heard that it was paid to your Acct YESTERDAY that I should be glad of the same: but
that, if you could have
yours, I could do
with half the sum.
   I believe however that
the same will be paid
in to my Acct tomorrow.
   Sir Harry said to me
on Monday: "Your Mother
has left us a legacy of
£1000: & as you are
the Administratrix, please
let it be paid at once."
   I merely said answered that I
had done all I could
to hurry on Hy B.C.
[I did not mention what Sir
H. had said to Hy B.C.]  
I did not know that my
Mother had left a Will.
   F.N
Good Friday [26 March] 1880

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

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

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

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

God bless you.

ever your & Sir Harry's F.
10 South St.
   Park Lane W.
   March 27/80
Dearest Margaret

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

The beer & the bribing & the paid agents & the cabs are on the other side. On ours is the purity & the real interest in the grand political issues & the disinterested enthusiasm

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

Elections are usually so unutterably disgusting that one feels towards them as to some horrible illness out of which
the House of Commons,  
the grandest representative  
body in the world -  
(saving & except the last  
Ho. of C.) has to emerge.  
[I never can pass the Ho.  
of C. without taking  
off my hat & without  
tears in my old eyes.]  
       But this Election is being  
fought on our side with  
such unparalleled good  
faith & high motives  
that we may well call  
down the best Easter  
blessings on you & yours  
from the God who loves  
liberty & truth & progress  
       And I do pray every day  
& in our family prayers  
that the Heavenly Father
will send us a House of Commons, that most important body of all, which will further His cause & serve Him in spirit & in truth.

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

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

[2]
I hope my God-daughter is dressed in her Father's colours. I ought to send her little Ruth a bow: but I don't know them.

The best success will be ours.

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

You have had a Sisyphus work up hill. But they will thank you in eternity.
I see the Angel or Archangel Raphael - whoever is commissioned as the Angel of the Elections - standing & crushing down the Dragon of bribery & beer. And he is bringing a green sod from heaven for Margaret to stand upon in the turmoil of Portsmouth.

Aunt Florence

9008/40 signed letter, 1 f, pencil

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

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

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

Miss Robinson wrote to me some months ago to ask me to write in the 'Times' for her. It is impossible for me to do that, which so many ask. And it was impossible for me then even to answer her letter.

also = I had not even a shilling
which I could properly spare. After the Elections I may ask you to speak to her & to tell her this, & to say how deeply I am interested in the Soldiers' Institute, which indeed I hope she knows, & kindly to give her a small sum which I will send you.

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

Aunt Florence

9008/41 initialled note, 2 ff, pencil

Easter Day 1880 {arch: March 28}
Almost my first Easter thoughts are for you - God & the Right are my first cry. May all the best Easter blessings be for His elections. And may we 'rise again' to day to do His work, even His Elections, in the true spirit of the risen Christ. He himself made a turmoil in the Temple. All the more Christ for that. May all our short comings & difficulties only bury us with His
body: that so we our 
spirits may rise again 
to-day to work His work 
as He would have it 
done. 
And may He give us a 
true Easter House of Commons. 
& give poor India an 
Easter too. 
Three cheers for God & the 
Right & the Election =
=battle of the Right 
[Mr. Gladstone has excited 
in Scotland just the 
same fervour as he did 
at first] 
F.N. [end 3:397] 

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

10 S. St. 
1/4/80 
Joy, joy, joy for Buckingham 
& so many other Liberal 
victories. 
Sorry for Devonport, 
sorry for Westminster. 
glad for Lord Baring & 
Winchester: & for Hackney. 
Success to Portsmouth - 
but, whether we win 
or not, it will be a 
great moral victory: so 
pure & unadulterated: so 
much of the people, people: & not of beer, beer. 
Our maids are all in 
the colours: red: & the 
four cats are marching in 
with their four tails up 
& in four red necklaces 
Mr. Wildgoose writes to
me from Holloway:

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

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

a gallant fight. against
the Arkwrights & Conservatives
I am glad Henry Strutt
has the Berwick seat.
Your kind Telegram reached
me at 5 minutes to 11
last night: & put the
whole house in joy.
   I hope you are not too
much fatigued.
The glory of it all is that
   on our side it is all pure
  enthusiasm, (without beer)
of principle, & awakening
to higher things.
   May God continue the
Election for the Liberal
interest as He has begun
it!
Let Mr Ralph know that I am in his colours, white & red, & that I solemnly share his triumph on this happy occasion, for which he has been so convincing a little argument: ever your F.

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

[2]
'Its customs are - beastly. Its manners it has none, one may say of the weather, Ld Beaconsfield, & the Times. I have sent 'A Nile Novel': it is very interesting & striking, tho' it does not catch the Nile 'couleur locale'. I have not been able to finish it since I left Ramsgate: & should like to see it again, please. I thought a man had written it.
Success, success, success to the ever young Paladin of Buckingham yrs & his ever F.
10 South St.
Park Lane W.
April 2/80
Dearest Margaret
"Some natural tears
we dropt but wiped them
soon."

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

Fifty Elections won on
any lower standard
would only degrade them.
But a lost Election,
purely lost, will fructify win
for next time. & for
Eternity.
And the Election, fouly
won, will be lost for
Right & for Eternity.
How gloriously the
Elections are going.
And the Liberal majority
is as much won by
you who have lost as
by those who have
come in at the top of
the poll.
God bless the Right.
I only hope that you, dear Margaret, have not suffered in health for all the turmoil. Please let me hear - Please ask Parthe or Sir Harry to let me have the trades & names of the "15 or 16 Committee men" who gave all their time for 3 weeks to return the Liberal side. There were 3 grocers, 2 farmers, 1 Cabinet maker, 1 baker - & who else? We are fighting a Liberal battle (the mill-men) in North Derbyshire. And

I want to make known such a noble example. Indeed the state of England now makes me not ashamed of being an Englishman: but jolly beyond measure. Only, my 'pearl', keep well. And don't consider the Portsmouth canvass lost time. God bless you all: ever yours Aunt Florence
10 S. St.
7/4/80

My dearest P. & Sir H.

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

How beautiful the flowers of Sir Harry's colours. thanks, thanks.

I had much rather have come to Claydon first, & then have taken my chance of Seaton later. But so it is settled. I am sorry not to have the first bloom of the Election from you. God bless you: The Elections are going gloriously. [N.B. In Lea there are 3 Conservatives: _ in Holloway one.] But I am appalled to hear that Mr. Gladstone may not be in the new Ministry. I can't believe it. A Ministry without Gladstone is like an Engine without steam.
O that he could be Chancellor of the Exchequer, for but one year, for India. Please write or even telegraph to me ANY Ministerial news you hear. [Poor Queen! My address will be, as you know.

Seafort Lodge
Seaton
S. Devon.

I do not like being at Louisa Ashburton's charge for housekeeping. Could you advise me how to manage this? Or do you think she meant me to keep house? I had much rather.

Are there books there?

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

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

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

I am so sorry not to be here when you arrive: ever your F.
9008/45 unsigned note, 1 ff, pen

Seaforth Lodge
Seaton
S. Devon
9/4/80
Arrived here all right, thank God, but very tired to-day. sea x & cliffs most bold & beautiful: but expected it to be more wild-flowery & bird-y, being Devonshire, & less cold. And O how it wants a little of Mama's or your landscape=cutting.

9008/46 initialled letter, 3 ff, pencil

Seaforth Lodge
Seaton
April 19/80
My dearest P. On your birth day I wish I could send you a flowery tribute from this glorious place: or rather a whiff from the noble sea-horses, which come charging in, without ceasing, in tremendous squadrons from the wide & far Atlantic but the whistling of the winds covers the thunder of the waves: & sometimes one seems to hear the cries of the poor Atalanta. A blackbird tried to
sing two days ago, but
was instantly silenced. The wide-winged sea-birds
over head chuckle in their
flight & say: None but us, none - but us can sit on
the cliffs
Perhaps they are going
up the Channel as far
as Dover: & I will
entrust one with a billet,
under his wings, of love
to thee, my dearest Pop,
which, as he says he
cannot carry a serenade,
shall take a more prosaic
fi’pun note, with best
earthly birth day blessings

& heavenly
I feel that I have nothing
now to do but to work the
work of Him that sent me
while it is called to day:
& so prepare for the
Immediate Presence of
God. Pray for me that
I may do it less badly.
I have made no progress
yet.
The sea-gulls send word
that no winged thing
can breast the gale or sea
to-day up channel. So
this must go by vulgar
post.
I would I could send you
& pick as of yore an
    Embley nosegay of lilacs
from the American garden
    always out on thy birthday.
Rebecca Bux Buxton is dead:
    the carpenter's daughter:
    at Lea. And old Hannah
    Allen, the prophetess, is
    failing.
I wish you would send &
    enquire how Gwendolen
    Galton is for me. I wrote
    a long letter to Marianne
    to enquire & sent in by
    hand before I left: but
    received no answer. I am
    afraid she may be very ill.

Mr. Rathbone's failure
    very disturbing. Liverpool
    ought to insist upon
    having him her own again:
    & find another seat for
    Lord Ramsay.
    _ very anxious to hear
    about Bucks & North
    Derbyshire & Lord
    Hartington.
    but more so still about
    Mr. Gladstone being in
    Ministry. Pray tell any
    thing you hear to
    ever your
    F.
22/4/80

My dear P.

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

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

But have you not one you could give her?

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

ever your F.

Madame Werckner:
Seafortth Lodge
Seaton
April 22/80

My dear Sir Harry

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

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

A more terrible fate than hers one can scarcely conceive.

Her husband not insane enough, unfortunate man, to be put legally into
confinement: yet too insane not to ruin her — with all her superhuman courage & exertions & patience

[I heard much more of this from Miss Irby than I ever knew before: twice he had taken all she had, & once at least compelled her to have an execution in her poor one room, once by consulting a Doctor without telling her & sending her in the bills: & once by taking shares in some speculation without telling her, & making her pay, for them. She parted with her wedding ring.

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

Her deafness, so clearly a head=deafness, I thought against her, even when here, for lessons or situations. Now it must be, I should think, fatal to any employ=ment.

One knows not what to advise: it is clearly useless for her to remain at Vienna, "to spend", as she says, her "summer in a Hospital". She should clearly, come to
her sister's (the retired grocer's) in near Lymington.
But what is she to do with the unfortunate man? She cannot put him under legal restraint:
He will follow her to England as he did before. And I suppose the sister exceedingly objects to this.
Then about her going to Paris: is it better or is it worse for the success of your kind efforts that she should go there? Should I tell her what you are doing: & what you advise her to do?

[2]
[I am only astonished that her health has not utterly broken down before this. I thought when she left England that her husband would survive her. I think so much more now.]

Miss Irby only left England, on Thursday last: & will doubtless see Mme Werckner in Vienna:
Perhaps a little money to bring her home is what she most wants from me: but what to do with him?
Ida (Mohl) Schmidt-Zabierow is with Mme Möhl in Paris.
Buxton Hospl

If the Duke of Devonshire is in London, will you not see him & make out what he has done or is doing?
Thanks very many for your letter of this morning
I shall hope to carry out my long looked forward to visit to Claydon. Just now what I seem to want most is total silence And if it were ever possible to have that sitting out of doors! - - - -
They have sent my Mother's Memorial Cards here (100) What would Parthe like to have done with them?
I send you one in another Envelope.
    ever yrs & hers
    F.N.
My Mother's affairs: Hy B.C.

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

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

"To accept this, would not, my dear Flo, be agreeable to me - detracting as it would from the pleasure which is afforded by being able to be of some service in matters which could not perhaps have been so conveniently & easily done by another.

"If you had had a brother, such business affairs would have fallen upon him as a matter of course and I hope that you will both, in this respect, allow me to stand in the position of one." [1:456]

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

Hy B.C.
24 April
How very very kind this is - How kind he has been.
But do not you think we could get him to "accept" the £100 for one of the Dieci (boys)
I vote for this.
F.N.

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

The cold here is intense: [7:701]
I think it is the bleakest place, not excepting the Heights of Balaclava, [end 7:701]
your
F.
Seaforth Lodge  
Seaton  
S. Devon  
April 25/80  

My dear Sir Harry  
"The earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the children sons of God". and I do indeed in the new Ministers, but most especially for India  

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

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

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

C.G. Gordon  
[5:493]  
dated  
114 Beaufort Street  
Chelsea  
Is this the Col. Gordon of the Soudan & Upper Nile - a truly great man - Must one address him, if it is,  
Col. C.G. Gordon or what?
As my Grandfather said:
I want nothing but the
"extremest quiet":

I hope you see Shore & dear
Louisa sometimes.
   ever yrs affly
       F.N.

Madame Werckner
April 26/80
My dear Sir Harry
   Miss Irby writes from Vienna: "She, Mme Werckner,
"will, I hope, to go Paris
"in May. Lady Elliot
"is interesting herself very
"much about her: I fear
"Mme Werckner's health
"is breaking down, & we
"urged her to go while
"she can." Go where?
   This does not help one
   much as to how to best
advise her what to do,
especially about her husband
   in gt haste
   ever yrs affly
       F.N.
Seaforth Lodge
   Seaton
   S. Devon
India  Seaforth Lodge  
    Seaton  
    May 6/80
My dear Sir Harry  
I enclose a card for Mr. Robertson's Lecture on "Agriculture in India" tomorrow (Friday) at the Socy of Arts. Please, if you do not want it, make somebody go who will be of use there.
Mr. Robertson's address is:  
W.R. Robertson Eq  
Hotel West Central Temperance  
    Southampton Row  
    Russell Square: as he telegraphs to me).  
ever yrs affly  
    F. Nightingale

Seaton  
May 12/80
My dear Sir Harry & Parthe  
I am coming back to South St. tomorrow, please God: & shall arrive, all being well, at Waterloo Bridge Station at 6 p.m. on Thursday (tomorrow).  
I shall be very much obliged if your Coachman could order me an easy Brougham, in case your own carriage is too busy: & if you could send a man-servant to meet me
& bring back the
'timpedimenta' in a
Cab to South St.
as I shall be very tired:
au revoir
ever yours
F. Nightingale
Please not to tell any one
I am coming back:
F.N.

My dear Sir Harry
I have read your
son's letter with the
utmost interest
With regard to the
first subject, I have
written & printed my
opinions on it very
strongly. And they
were adopted after
a long experience
of both English &
French armies. It
is quite time that
the system is adopted
in the latter - And
with what result!!
To me it seems
like the former English
custom of carrying
idol offerings to
idol temples in
India - founded on
the same false reasoning -
& to be abandoned
on the same principle.
Whit Monday
My dear P. I am so sorry,
as you are alone today.
But I saw Sir H. this morning:
& Shore comes this afternoon -
& I am besides more than
3 quarters dead
I return what you ask for.
F.

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

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

23/6/80

what if our Chairman himself goes to ruin us -

Monday May 24
My dear P. I am so feverish & unfit to see people that I really feel as if I must accept your kind offer & go to Claydon for a week - if not inconvenient to you -

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

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

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

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

ever yrs aff

F. Nightingale

25/6/80

My dear Sir Harry

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

1. I send Miss Frere's letter:
I have not had time to read it. Please, when you & Parthe have read it, return it to me to read. And I will forward it to the others named.
2. You have not sent me Genl Vaughan's letter.
3. Paper on Station Hospitals for Mr. Childers.
   I have only now received this copy -
   Please read it, then return it to me, & advise what is to be done - I will then send you Col. Gordon's & Mrs. Hawthorn's letters for yourself only.
   You & I will then decide what shall be shown to Mr. Childers only.
   He must then back it with his authority, not mine or Col. Gordon's to Sir Wm Muir.

4. Could you & Parthe give me a List of Plesely people you wish my Mother's Memorial card to be sent to?
5. & tell me what has become of poor Coachman Moss?

ever yrs affly
F.N.
My very dear Pop & Sir Harry

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

You had given me hopes
of coming on Saturday.

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

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

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

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

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

8/6/80
My dear Sir Harry
I am very, very ill & tired,
thank you.
I see Mrs. Hawthorn,
to-day (about the Station
Hospitals - Col. Gordon's)
She starts for Africa
immediately.
I had hoped to be left
one day, if not one week,
to rest. But it is not to be.
I was very, very sorry
not to leave Claydon. But
there was not the remotest
possibility of my being able
to sit up & "to see the Nurses" - I am sure you & Parthe do not know how very ill I am - worse than I was when I went to Claydon. I hope you are not over-fatiguing yourself.

ever yrs affly

F.N.

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

9008/62 signed letter, 2 ff, pencil

9/6/80

My dear Sir Harry

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

I had that capital, God= [15:859] sent woman, Mrs. Hawthorn, yesterday. She told me a great deal, - very appalling, about the Station Hospitals. - I must write it down & consult with you what is to be done with Mr. Childers [end]

Parthe says: "30 Nurses are
"expecting to see" me.
It is quite impossible, it has ever been quite impossible for me to see them - I am sure I can never have given the slightest "expectation" that I should But I do not think they do "expect". When I wrote to Mrs. Wardroper to congratulate her on our 20th anniversary, & to send her the £13 for your delightful day, I told her that I was scarcely able to raise my head from the pillow.
- You saw how I was not.
  I should have thought Parthe would have said:
  'We know you cannot see "30 Nurses": we know you cannot see one: if you stay at Claydon, we must not tell a soul you are there'.
  Would you explain this to Parthe? you don't know 'comme cela fait mal' to have such letters as hers & yours when one is so ill - just off a journey.

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Tomorrow I have to see Mrs. Deeble from S. Africa
  She must leave London afterwards. It was the last day I could accept her.
Mme Mohl was here yesterday. Of course I could not see her. Have you?
I trust, dear Sir Harry, you are rested -
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

I think Sir Harry has a bad cold. You will know best whether to make him stay for a night or two at Claydon for it to be nursed. All good be with you to-day & every day your
F.
June 16/80

Miss Nightingale is sorry to be obliged to decline being used as a reference by Mrs. Hoult. She can give her no "recommendation", as desired.
9008/65 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

19/6/80
My dear Sir Harry

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

1. Many, many thanks for your note this morning. I am glad that you did not move your "instruction", & most glad at the same time you set it going. Lawson's Victory is, as you say, important.

2. Pray tell Parthe that your entertainment to the Nurses gave boundless delight: & tell Margaret that the little waitresses, her daughters, were most applauded. I felt a little jealous that my god daughter had not her share of the waiting & consequently her share of the plaudits.

3. I enclose a note from Mrs. Hoult who, you remember, was dismissed from Embley: & my reply, which please post, unless you would kindly write yourself to decline for me. Perhaps a yet shorter note would be best.
4. Have you yet seen Lord Shaftesbury? I think your suggestion that the National Aid Socys plan must be seen & approved by Mr. Childers so important. I did not propose that a Civil Training-School should be substituted for a Military one: but that, if they will have this plan, we should give the "9 "Probationers" a year's training at St. Thomas', or at our other own (Civil) Training Hosps Surely this, inadequate as it is, could hardly be declined. [end 15:525]

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

5. Will not Parthe ask poor Madame Mohl? [I have seen her. She is so pathetic: so subdued.] 4 Melbury Road Kensington W. ever yr aff F. Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 9011

9008/66 initialled note, 1 ff, pen

Mrs. Scharlieb's address:
   25 Gordon Street
   Gordon Square
   W.C.
says she has "written 4
"letters to Lady Verney
"& had no answer: hence
"I feared I had in some
"way offended her".
   [I told her you were
always enquiring for her]
   She has had Bronchitis
   - is very busy preparing
   for Examn _ she will be
   in London till August.
   F.N.
26/6/80

9008/67 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil

    July 3/80
My dearest Pop
   I return you some letters,
including Miss Thornton's
& Mr. Rathbone's beautiful
letter to Sir Harry -

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2. About the Inscription for
   my Mother:
   you know I could not
   have anything to do with
   an inscription which
   says: "the mother of ____
   & of F.N." especially as
   she never said a word
   to me of the kind, tho'
   constantly talking about the
tomb -
The inscription is supposed to be written by the nearest survivors, who are the daughters -
How then could I put in that "mother of - - - & F.N."?
I will contribute to try to compose an Inscription if you like it:
but if you think it necessary to have that put in, surely it can only be thus:

(at the bottom of the Inscription)  
"to her dear memory affectionately } inscribed lovingly }
by her daughters  
F.P.V.  
F.N. "
(something of that kind)

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

Craven to be confined on the 25th & has not yet found one. ever your F.
9008/68 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

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

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

F.N.

6/7/80

9008/69 unsigned note, 2 ff, pencil

Guy's 6/7/80

The proposed Committee to receive evidence
but not decide how the thing is to be done.

Their conclusion to be drawn thro' the actual system
(or experience) of other Hospitals where there is a
good organization - & not from a priori views
of what ought to be a the scheme of administration
The Officer who is responsible (Matron) to advise
as the scheme of carrying out these things. x
as to how the thing is to be done:
a Vice Chairman or a small Committee may
take evidence of the Medical Officers how
these things affect their Patients - but not as a
matter of administration:

and but only to take evidence: not to lay down details
The Officer who is responsible for the details
to say what these are to be:
if she is not fit to do this, why keep her?
she is not fit to be Matron.

If they are not

The Committee may lay down principles -
the responsible Officer (Matron) must arrange &
carry out details x as to Night Nursing, Special cases, hours
July 10/80
My dearest Pop
I should have thought
that you would have
wished Shore, - more
than son & daughter to my
mother, - to have had
half of the Embley furniture
Surely you would wish
him to have that which
you designed expressly
for Embley.

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

upon me like a blow
when I could least bear
it. A day or two before,
I was told what they
wished. Believing it
was only on the money
account, I immediately
offered that, if they
would let it (all the
furniture) alone for the present,
they should pay you
only £50 a year: &
I would pay the other
£100 a year: (i.e. £25
to you & forego the rest:)
I pressed this with all
my might. They would not
You knew of it on the same day that I did. [It was your very "visit to Embley" & your letters which determined them]

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

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

ever your

Flo

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

10 S. St.
July 14/80

My dearest Pop

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

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

This was made a great difficulty of by the Excr And a new valuation was made absolutely necessary

I have no power to stop the valuation of that or of the "pictures" & "prints" &c or of any thing else. But I do not see how that need affect the division.

As to the "books", I earnestly
wish that they may be
left at Embley & "not
divided" for the present.
It is absolutely impossible
for me to attend to it at
present.
And I would have (& did
offer at the sacrifice of
almost any money) staved
every thing off for the
present.
You shall have my "half
of the bust", & welcome:
not "to buy" it: but
for you to leave it to
Shore or his successor.

My dear P., I should
have thought you would
have felt that my
Mother's one wish
during these latter years
was to give to & to bless
& to do for Shore.
And I am carrying out
her mind, which I am
sure will be yours also.
Had she said that to me
about "Mother of F.P.V. &
F.N," I am sure it would
have been "of Shore".
As for my part, I was made to swear upon the Bible "so help me God" that I would do my best as Administratrix. That oath I must carry out to the best of my power, as you, I am sure, will agree. Would to God I had never accepted the Office which was to rend my heartstrings. Or would to God I could have had my offers accepted to put the whole thing off. I am quite bowed & broken God bless you, my poor Pop & give us all peace yr old Flo

9008/72 signed letter, 1 f, pen

10 S. St.
July 15/80
My dear Sir Harry I am more fit to be in my grave than seeing people. Yet I have to see our Asst Matron, who returns to Edinburgh tonight, this afternoon. And tomorrow a Lady who is also leaving London. I could see you, please, at 6.30 for a few minutes this afternoon: or at one tomorrow: or on Saturday yrs affly ever F. Nightingale
I have put your last letter, my dear P., in the hands of those who know about it. And they will communicate with you.

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

God bless you

F.N.

17/7/80

10 S. St.
July 23/80

My dear Sir Harry

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

A Mlle Juliette Dodu, "Chevalier de la légion d'honneur," distinguished in the Prussian-Franco War, is charged, as "Inspectrice Générale des salles d'asile de l'enfance" to visit our principal "salles d'asile". She brings me a letter from her "parrain", Baron Larrey,
who asks me not only
to see her but to make
her known to people
who can help her.
[She has just been here.
I could not see her.]
She is in London for
a week, at
Miss Lawrence's
18 Whitehall Place
then goes on the same
"Mission" to Scotland &
Ireland.
What am I to do?
I have not an idea
how to help her to
"Salles d'asile de l'enfance".

[Yet I think it such a
good thing to have
female Inspectors. I
wish we had.] Could you kindly
introduce her to any
one who would help
her?
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale
30/7/80
My dear Sir Harry
Thanks for your note about Candahar. What an appallingly fulfilment of Lord Lawrence's forecast. Do you think our wounded are brought in?

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

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

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

9/8/80
My dear Sir Harry
If Mr. Childers has sent you the Memo from the War Office answering the one on Station Hospital Nursing by Orderlies, could you let me have it at your earliest convenience? I will return it to you yrs ever affly
F. Nightingale
To ask Sir Harry to be so good as to send me immediately, if possible, the Officeal Memo in answer to the "Station Hospital Orderly Nursing" Memo

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

F. Nightingale
14/8/80
Sir Harry Verney

My dear Sir Harry
"Col. Loyd Lindsay received "a letter from Prof. Longmore "yesterday which he is "sending on to" you - "in answer to his". You do not appear to have received it. "Prof. Longmore", as you know, "consulted Mrs. "Deeble and says that "the training at Netley "will be much more "Suitable for Nurses for "Army Hospitals" than the "training in London Hospitals "He writes a public and
"a private letter.

"Col. Loyd Lindsay is "sending both to Sir H. Verney"
[I am then asked to read them.]
"Col. Loyd Lindsay "thinks that if desirable "we had better try to 
"supplement the Netley "training by some London "Hospital training - as 
"we can only work thro' "Netley in some form "or other unless we 
"alter the scheme altogether".

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

"some suggestion".

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

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

I must consult Harry Bonham Carter:
& no good London Training School will take Nurses to train for a few months:
God help us.

yr aff
F. Nightingale
My dear Sir Harry

Has Col. Loyd Lindsay's letter to you, - with Prof. Longmore's 2 enclosures, - not yet reached you, about the training of Nurses for at Netley?

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

Thanks for the "reply" to Mrs. Hawthorn's paper - most extraordinary document! We shall have to consider now whether to give Mr. Childers the names of the Hospitals & what else to do? F.N.

My dear Sir Harry

I have done a most unwarrantable thing, which you can scarcely think so unwarrantable as I do myself.

When you found that Col. L. Lindsay's letter was not at Claydon, I was in hopes you would include in your Telegram & letter an order for me to send to your 2 houses here for your letters, & for me to open Col. L. L's, if there.

I had not a moment to
spare: Col. L.L. had desired that I should see Longmore's 2 enclosures: & Capt. Galton was coming almost immediately to talk them over with me, which I therefore took my courage in both hands, sent for your letters; Col. L. Lindsay's was unmistakable. And I forced myself to open it.

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

Capt. Galton had of course already seen them.

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

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

Capt. Galton is disposed to fight it - not by a protest but a 'substantive motion'. Pray God we may succeed

The meeting not to be called till Saturday at earliest.
2. Madame Werckner is back at Lymington!!!
her husband insisted on leaving Paris & going back to Vienna!!! she had no control over him: & is come back to England.

Poor woman!! she has sent me a heap of letters, which I will send you:

ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

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

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

9008/81 signed letter, 1 f, pencil

Col. Loyd Lindsay's letter Prof. Longmore's 2
My dear Sir Harry
I enclose you your letter, stolen & opened by me.
The contents are most extraordinary.
You will probably think they will modify your Protest which is quite to the point: But would it not be well instead of a Protest to move a Resolution? I will if you please return you your Protest, suggesting some modifications to make
it a Resolution  which
Capt. Galton, & I conclude
Lord Shaftesbury will support -
I am very tired & have a long afternoon with Miss Crossland before me:
Or I would do it to day:
for your consideration -
But I did not like to keep your letter another day.
I still think you have it all in your own hands,
if you choose to fight it through - God helping.

yr affte
F. Nightingale
10 South St
Aug 25/80

9008/82 initialled note, 1 f, pencil

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

F.N.
25/8/80
Your Protest & 'Resolution' as as proposed:

Nat. Aid Socy Meeting:
10 South St.
Aug 26/80

My dear Sir Harry
This is what Capt. Galton & I have agreed upon:
The letter of Dr. Longmore seems based upon the idea that the Nurses are to be trained for Military Hospitals only.
The object of the National Aid Socy is to provide Nurses who would be competent to proceed to the scene of a war when called on by the Society either with English troops or to foreign armies.

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

Sir Harry Verney's Minute is quite to the point: But
Would it not be well instead of a Protest to move a Resolution:
1. that the Funds of the Nat. Aid Socy can only properly be expended in training Nurses who will be available for War Service
2. that for such training, whilst it is desirable that the Nurses should be taught the customs of Military Hospitals, there is not in peace time at Netley a sufficient basis of sick on which to train Nurses for emergency, and acute or operation cases.
3. Therefore that whilst it is desirable that the Nurses should be originally selected by the authorities at Netley & should be tried serve there for a specified period 1: they should then serve be trained at some Civil Hospital in London for a further period 2: & return to Netley to complete their training. 3

1. say for one month
2. say for 8 or 10 months or better still a year to St Thomas', they might be excused male surgical & Medical omitting the women's & children's, wards -
3 say for 3 months
It should be noted that Dr. Longmore’s private letter is not quite correct in saying that at London Hospitals, that is at St. Thomas’, the Dressers do all the cases of dressings after operations, accidents & severe surgical injuries. Because on this his whole argument is based:

And I am now taking every means to obtain for you evidence that cannot be challenged on this point, other than mine. I have written to Mrs. Wardroper to ask her to state

1. what do her Sisters & Probationers do in regard to dressings
2. what difference, if any, in what they do in this respect at the present St. Thomas’ than from what they did at Surrey Gardens (where Mrs. Deeble was trained.)
I have written to Mr. McKellar of St. Thomas’, employed by the Nat. Aid Socy, as you will remember, than whom is no higher authority, asking him to state in a letter to you:
1. what is wanted from Nurses in time of War (of which he has served in two)
2. If how far the training they receive at St. Thomas' would prepare them Nurses for what is wanted in time of War. And I have offered to see him to-day. [I should have written to Mr. Croft: but he is absent.]

Dr. Longmore says that only at Netley can they get "personal practical training" - Only at St. Thomas', of any Hospital with which I am acquainted, is "personal practical" Ward training given, on with acute Medical & Surgical cases & especially on Operations & Accidents, of none of which classes are there any exist at Netley. With regard to the concluding Paragraph of your Minute, I have had the unexpected satisfaction of hearing from Sir Wm Muir as follows:

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

But who is to move your Resolution? at the Nat. Aid Meeting

Capt. Galton will support it: but I am quite sure he will not move it.

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

All falls to the ground at this Meeting of course if you are not at it. And now we are "in" for it.

I have seen all these men & pledged them to your side: & shall have all the evidence ready.

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

II

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

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

F.N.
27/8/80

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

I enclose you a letter from him:
& one from Mrs. Wardroper to me -
Please not to make use of them, if at all, without me.
& please let me see "them both again -
[That part about "Mrs. Deeble" should not be in Mr. MacKellar's. And Mrs. Wardroper should write independently of "Mr. McK". & "Mr. Patts". it shd not allude to my "interview" with Mr. McK.] FN

9008/87 signed letter, 4 ff, pencil

My dear Sir Harry
I was in hopes of hearing from you yesterday how this matter stands - & of laying before you how we think it stands.
I have consulted both Capt. Galton & Hy Bonham Carter:
And this is what we think:
We conclude that, if you can obtain a Meeting, you will propose your Resolutions [Col. Loyd Lindsay appears to have chosen Prof. Longmore as his adviser: & of course in many respects Longmore would be a very valuable adviser. But to do this
is to ignore altogether the past history of Nursing Reform. & the experience which has been accumulating for 25 years - experience which we may say Military Medical Officers have as a rule not taken in or understood the meaning of.

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

Capt. Galton says:
"I think it would be very desirable to have Mr. MacKellar to examine.
"But Dr. Longmore should be present
"If he had attended the last Meeting he could have been questioned as to the opportunities Netley affords.
\[x\]  \[x\]  \[x\]
"It would be much preferable as carrying more weight to have Dr. MacKellar present. than to read letters only."
Our objection to reading the letters at least in extenso is that they are written with a purpose — no doubt perfectly bona fide — and do not carry the weight which verbal communications would do.

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

[2]

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

'Sir' Harry's' Resolutions embody the principle of
Civil training, which be it observed embodies also Civil discipline not to be found in Military Hospls

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

But the main principle is involved in the question of Civil Hospital with proper Training School as against Military. Mr. MacKellar's verbal evidence would be most valuable.

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

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

F Nightingale
Madame Werckner  
Lymington 1/9/80  
My dear Sir Harry  

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

F. Nightingale  

I send you Gd Duchess of Baden's letters  
Please return  

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

Nat. Aid Socy  1/9/80  
My dear Sir Harry  

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

2. It is perhaps important that you should first move your Resolutions: before Mr. MacKellar is examined.
because Resolution 1, about object of Socy's fund, & Resolution 2., about no sufficient sick at Netley, are not based on Mr. MacKellar's evidence at all, & should precede it - and also should Resn 3, & the rebutting of Mrs. Deeble's allegations, are all in the same 'boat'. I trust you will not be too tired.

God save the work:

ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

9008/90 unsigned letter, 1 f, pencil

1/9/80
I would see you, if it will suit you, dear Sir Harry, tomorrow at 1, and or even to-day at 1: - only that you will know nothing more about Col L Lindsay to-day. Please say which.
Or I could see you tomorrow at 11, if that suits you better.

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

How are you? so sorry not to be able to come to Claydon, as yourselves so kindly wished.
Sept 3/80
My dear P.
Sir Harry had a bleeding
at the nose yesterday -
I am sure you think
he requires much care -
I hope you will rest too.
Make my devoirs to
beloved Ghent.

your
F.

Sept 3/80
My dear Sir Harry
I earnestly hope you have
had a good night & will
not travel too hard.
Few, perhaps none, can feel
as I do this day, or know
all that you have lost -
all that we have lost
in her. Yet can we help
being glad for her who is
safe & happy for ever,
working for her Lord as we
hope to work some day?
Thanks, thanks, thanks for
all you have done for the

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

May He
God bless you:
Give yourself some
rest on the journey:
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale
Lea Hurst
27/10/80
I hope, my dear P., that you have arrived at home comfortably. Welcome home & glad that you are back this wintry weather.

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

You will hear that [1:485]
Uncle Sam is dying: painlessly & calmly
But neither Aunt Mai nor Shore who will be heart broken at not being able to be with him at the last know how ill he is. [He knows is conscious every one is recognized by him.]

Nor indeed does Aunt Mai know how ill Shore has been.
It seems cruelly sad that the two illnesses should have been together. [end 1:485]

Louisa's brother, Mr. Sam Hutchins, of Ardnagashel, County Cork, who had only succeeded his the elder brother Emmanuel, 4 weeks ago, (when Emmanuel died) was shot at & escaped,
but his driver was killed by the shot: this is the third Agrarian murder: it is quite unaccounted for in Mr. Hutchins' case. Shore was too ill to be told for some time. And it has been an immense strain on Louisa.

Altogether our times have been troubled.

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

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

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

ever dear Pop your affecte

F.N.
I grieve indeed, my dear P., that Sir H.'s valiant crusades have ended with a Diarrhoea: & can but rejoice that he is safe at home where I hope he is not only cared for but locked up. Pray thank him very much for his very kind letter to Madame Werckner, only hoping that something may come of it. I can to day only write about the housemaid you mention. [I do not quite know who Mrs. Fremantle is. The Dean has not married again, has he?] I think
it must depend upon whether
'She' (you do not say her name) has been for SEVERAL or MANY years with the Dean whether it is worth while for me to enquire about her. If she has only one or two years' character, I should dread it too much.
'She' would have to wait upon me for 2 hours every day: she would have a very industrious little under housemaid under her, whom I should expect her x not only to improve strictly in her work but to 'mother': She would have to keep my house in my absence: with one other maid under her: she would have to do what is done by upper housemaids where neither butler nor housekeeper is kept. It is a very easy place: but there are only 4 maids: (& a man to do the morning's work, but not sleeping in the house).
And this makes it rather serious to have a "wilful" woman with "a temper".
I rather like the idea of a "reading" housemaid; but then she must be willing capable of taking care of a younger servant.
I might sometimes allow her "to sit with a fire in her own room", tho' as the 4 maids have 2 {underlined 3x} sitting-rooms, besides a large pantry, it seems rather 'de trop'. 
Tho' I say it that should not say it, I think a really nice woman would be very happy with me. And oh how thankful I should be to have her. But I would not take any one not likely to stay. Thank you for taking this trouble.

Do you know of a cook? One who had been only a kitchenmaid would do. I have heard from the Gd Duchess & answered her. She speaks most kindly of your visit. I will return your 2 letters With best of wishes to Sir H. ever yrs affly F. Nightingale

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

You ask for Miss Irby's address: if you like to write here, I shall shortly be able to forward it. She leaves Mr. Freeman's tomorrow.
Madras  Lea Hurst  
Cromford: Derby  
Nov 17/80  
My dear Sir Harry  
I extremely wish, if  
it were possible, to  
introduce Mr. Robertson,  
Superintendt of the  
Government Farm, at  
Sydapet, Madras, to  
her Governor, Mr. Adam.  
Mr. Robertson has not  
only been for many years  
'in command' of that Farm,  
Agricultural College, &  
Institution - & has an  
intimate practical & moral  
knowledge of his Students,  
_Brahmins, Parsees &  
others - of their abilities,  
caste prejudices, & the way  
to manage them & turn  
them to good - also,  
of the people &  
agriculture of Madras:  
_but he has made Government  
agricultural tours in  
Coimbatore, Bombay  
Presidency & elsewhere.  
He knows the state  
of the land & people  
of Southern India.  
There is perhaps no  
one who could give His
Excellency the Governor
more intimate information
as to the causes of
deterioration &c. of land
- as to the ways by which
the attention of the native
"gentlefolks", or the
higher class of cultivators,
or of the class which
now all 'runs' to
Government clerkships,
could be called to
the improvement of
their lands - the main
'desideratum' in S. India.

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

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

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

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

Could you kindly
not only write to Mr.
Adam, - (I believe he leaves England this day week); to recommend Mr. Robertson, who has just returned to Madras from England, & the Agricultural College specially to Mr. Adam's protection but also give me a letter of introduction to Mr. Robertson for his Governor elect, for me to send to Mr. Robertson.

To insist upon some Agricultural knowledge as a qualification in native Revenue Officers: to direct the energies of the richer native classes into the intelligent improving of their lands: these two seem to be the main wants in this line of S. India.

All the higher education 'runs' to making natives, especially Brahmins, into Government clerks & petty officials: & these not good Revenue officials: none into making
them good farmers, good landlords or landlords' agents - none into making them 'better'
the main industry of India _ agriculture.
And the 9 tenths who fail in becoming Govt clerks become Home Rulers, read Bradlaugh, & write seditious nonsense in native newspapers. in Madras.

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

Pray believe me
dear Sir Harry
ever yours afloat
Florence Nightingale

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

9008/97 {copy of 9008/96, dictated by FN}
My dear Sir Harry
I am so thankful that you are better.
But pray take care of yourself at Pleasley.
I was just going to post this (enclosed) letter to you to Claydon asking for recommendations for Mr. Robertson, of Madras, to Mr. Adam, when your kind note came. Could you be so very good as to attend, if possible to my troublesome requests without loss of time,

as Mr. Adam, I believe leaves England early next week.
I hope you have Morey with you. Remember me to him.
I cannot say when I shall be in London.: - Shore has had a relapse here & has been in bed since Saturday. He is quite unable to go to Embley where his father is dying. And tho' going on perfectly well I should think
would probably not be able to move till before the end of this month.
I am almost glad you are not coming here: for under the circumstances we could not have made you comfortable.

Good cheer: good cheer:

God speed.

Pray give my love & regards to every one who remembers my Father at Pleasley.
I am always thinking of them.

God bless them:
in haste
ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

This is "Wakes" week here. Last night I gave a Tea & Entertainment at the Institute to all the members, wives & widowed mothers.

And we try have a Concert tonight, another Entertainment on Saturday &c. &c.

trying to compete in attraction with the awful drunkenness of this week.

On Sunday the public-house was crammed: F.N.
I am trying to set up another Coffee-room at Whatstandwell.
Dr. Carl Fliedner (my Godson)  
now at Munich -  
Candidate for House Surgeoncy  
at German Hospital, Dalston, 
London. Election  
to be decided on Monday or 
Tuesday next, Nov 22 or 23.

Lea Hurst: Nov 19/80  
My dear Sir Harry  
I am extremely obliged  
to you for your kindness  
about Madras, Mr. Adam,  
& Mr. Robertson. It is very great.  
It seems as if my  
"reconnaissance n'est qu'un  
vif sentiment des bienfaits  
futurs". For here I am  
troubling you again.  
Could you be so very good  
as to write, if you would think  
well to write, to Count  
Münster about this young  
man, Dr. Carl Fliedner,  
(whose letter I only read  
last night).  
I have written to the Committee  
by this post, but doubt  
if this be of any use,  
unless some "considerable"  
person, patron to the  
Hospital, would interest  
himself kindly in the matter.  
Dr. Carl Fliedner ("praktischer  
Arzt") is son of one of the  
best & ablest men I ever  
knew, Pastor Fliedner,  
founder of the Deaconesses  
at Kaiserswerth, on the Rhine  
This young man is an eager
Candidate for the, now vacant, office of House Surgeon (or Assistant Surgeon) in the German Hospital, London.

He is my Godson -

He wishes for the House Surgeon -

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

He has sent in his Testimonials which speak for him.

But there is a crowd of candidates.

After having been at Halle, he successfully passed his first Examination in Medicine at Bonn in 1877. Then he went to Würzburg University: then he travelled. From Nov. 1878 he has pursued his studies in Medicine at Munich & from Nov. 1879 to March 1880 he went through & he triumphantly passed the "Approbations Staats Examen für praktische arzte" in all its parts. From April to October of this year he served his second half year of Military Service in the great Garnison=Lazareth of Munich as "Militär arzt."

He is in love with the study of Medicine & Surgery: & is poor. He asks me to try for to help him in his eager Candidate ship for Dalston. I believe him to be fitted by energy, moral & intelligent qualities - & I understand him to be by practical studies & knowledge to gain the experience he
wants & so earnestly seeks in the
House Surgeony of Dalston
German Hospl
[In Bunsen's days I knew this
Hospital very well.
And it was then nursed
by my friends the Kaiserswerth
Deaconesses.]
You see the election is on
Monday or Tuesday next.
_not an hour to lose._
With very many thanks & very
many apologies
please forgive me & do this
if possible - I know you will
[Do you remember getting a
watch for me for this
young man - boy then -
some 9 or 10 years ago -]
I trust you are none
the worse for your
Pleasley Expedition
Shore is better, thank
God.  in haste
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale
My dear Sir Harry,

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

Your game has been most acceptable for him. Parthe, whom please thank for her letter, kindly asks whether we will have some more. We should be very glad of it. He cannot eat the meat here. ever yr aff. F. Nightingale

I have much to write to you about: Fliedner, Adam &c. &c. To-day is Uncle Sam's funeral: quite quiet on Aunt Mai's account.

My dear Sir Harry

How much I have to thank you for: but in this sad and trying time I have been unable to write one line not absolutely pressing. When I wanted to beg of you you see I wrote:

2. I cannot say how anxious the danger of Sir James Hope must make every one who knows what he is. And that is everybody. May he recover!
[not FN] 1 The Eau de Cologne from the son of Mme Joseph of Scutari will be welcomed thankfully

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

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

Sir James Paget said he was "greatly surprised" at the "kind of men" - "men of "really marked scientific "ability - including Dr. Fliedner. "who were candidates for "this post". I return your letters with many thanks.

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

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

5. The Grand Duchess has sent me the plans for the proposed Heidelberg Children's Hospital. And I have gone over them with much labour: & made Dr. Sutherland & Capt. Galton in London do so too. [They are not very good.]

How would you advise me to return them to the Grand Duchess at Baden? They
are in a box. [It is rather a job for me 'toute seule' to despatch a package to Germany.] 6

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

in greatest haste
    ever yrs affly
    with love to P.
    F.N.

Shore is better:
    but life is trying:
Lea Hurst  
Cromford: Derby  
Dec 4/80

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you many times
for your most kind letter.
I find that the Gd Duchess
of Baden would like to have
the plans returned to her
as soon as possible, as
she "was particularly
"anxious to obtain our
"criticisms thereon before
"any work was begun".
I should therefore be
extremely obliged to you
to "write AT ONCE" as
you so kindly propose, "to
"Sir Charles Dilke" "to ask

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

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

Thanks for some game (2
pheasants most acceptable,
arrived yesterday.
I earnestly hope for good
tidings of Sir James Hope.
in haste with love to
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

Many thanks to P. for
her "autumn ramble"
F.N.

Mlle de Cornberg is, I am
thankful to know, buckling
to her work very well
at St. Thomas' -
10 South St.
Park Lane W.
Xmas Day
1880

My dear Sir Harry

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

I am full of cares:
which is very impertinent,
for God says that "cares"
are His.
I am going to ask you two
favours:
1. Mr. Haywood, the Lea

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

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

2. Would you & Parthe like me to have from one of your tenants a weekly as follows: 

- Hamper
- 3 chickens
- 2 doz. fresh eggs
- lard }
- pork } when ordered
- apples }
- fresh vegetables } ditto
- & fruit }

Snowdrops, primroses & grass
I pay in advance.
If you see no objection & would settle it with one of your tenants, or give me one of your tenants' names (to settle it myself) whom you approved,
I should be truly obliged.
I am sorry to trouble you
I should like to know his prices
Great Xmas love from ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

Your kind letter just received.
I am so thankful Sir James Hope is better.
F.N.
27/12/80
I have written to Hy Bonham Carter "about giving him £100 from dear Mother as Executor". He is sadly overworked. Many thanks to Sir Harry about poor Mme Werckner. I trust his goodness may win. I tried hard to get in poor old Moss into the Almshouses of St. Cross near Winchester. I did not know but what he was in. Racked with anxiety as to new Ministers: x no greater crisis since the Commonwealth especially for India

No worse Viceroy I should think possible than Goschen: a man who will say that the Hindoos will die according to Political Economy & ought to die because Pol. Eco. says so. And Lord Northbrook, you know, will do nothing about the Land question. O but "one pulses' beat" of Gladstone as Chancellor of India's Exchequer. I wonder whether all England prayed yesterday for the Queen that her choice might be according to the Spirit of truth.
What does Mr. Cunningham say of the Famine Commission? I will return Mr. Rathbone's beautiful letter. He wrote to me too. I believe people can as little prognosticate the march of things as they could after Charles I's death in the Commonwealth. Pray tell Sir Harry I give him best birth day joy: ever your & his F. Have you heard of an upper housemaid whom you know for me?

9008/105 unsigned note, 1 f, pencil

Letters 1881
3 March Ld Roberts (in Morey's hand-writing)
25 April Colonel Gordon
9 June H.L.W.V.
22 July Christening
15 Nov District Nurses

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

8/1/81
Thanks many for the lovely flowers: & also for the 'contract' about fowls & eggs, - very "welcome" - bacon &c. &c. Our maids are going to have a little 'spread' & 'party' on Wednesday next. Would you let Julie & Leonard come? But, very important, could you let me buy a ham of you, I mean of Claydon: for this 'raout'? must be here by TUESDAY morning: yr F.
9008/107 initialled note, 1 ff, pencil

I shall be very much obliged to Morey & Bond to come & have supper & play on Wednesday evening - And if the maids' hearts are set on dancing, would they play some dancing music? Yes, I had the Eau de Cologne, thank you.

1000 thanks
F.N.
9/1/81

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

10/1/81
My dear Sir Harry
1. Would you kindly send me the address where you get your Hams? at once.

The programme of our Wednesday's entertainment is as follows: p.m.
Company come at 7
(a little tea & cake)
Dancing 7.30 till 9
Supper 9
a little music afterwards
Disperse at 10
Break up at 11
2 I should be extremely obliged to Morey with your permission if he would
take the head of the
table at supper: & if he would order
from Grosvenor Hotel a
sufficient number of
bottles of Bitter Beer or
Ale for about 17 or 18:
& dispense it himself.
[Three out of my 4 maids
are not allowed Beer
by Doctor's orders. I don't
want to forbid it on this
festive occasion: but I only
want moderation]
3. I should be extremely
obliged to Morey if,
with your permission he
will engage a fiddle
to come at 7, & play
dance music: I don't
like to ask Morey to
play dance Music:
but we shall hope to have
his music too & Bond's.
both before & after supper.
We hope to have from your
house
Morey & Bond
Julie
Leonard &
Phoebe the housemaid
And if YOU would look in
upon the festivities, (as I
can't,) it would more
than double their value.
4. Is Col. Gordon in London?
ever yrs affly F. Nightingale
10/1/81
I like Lady Verney's two
cloaks very much:
but what I want is a
quite loose round
cloak, not very long,
with hanging sleeves, ___
lining wadded & quilted: with
lining silk lining or satin (but such as I
could wear for my every day
walk at Lea Hurst)
no jet, no beads, no chenille,
no papementerie,
trimmed with plush or
silk band.
I should like it ready made
as being cheaper.
Howell & James are selling
off to-day: I enclose their book.
F.N.

11/1/81
My dear Sir Harry
The servants want to
dance in the Pantry -
(not in the Dining-room)
& to sup in the Dining
room.
Could you kindly come
& settle this knotty
point, or send Morey?
Could Parthe kindly
send me a little cold
stewed Beef, or anything
you have had at
luncheon, tomorrow,
for my dinner at 6.30
please. F.N.
I was very sorry not to be able to see you to-day yesterday.
I had been immersed all day in the most harassing business which I had to send off by post: & then was so tired.
Waterloo House has sent in 4 Models of Cloaks, very kindly - They are not my sort: too much Carriage DRESSES: not round jackets too long: too wintry all fur & jet & lace: too heavy
I could give an order upon one of them, I think: altering it completely - But I should like to know

first what you kindly settled with Waterloo House: for I suppose they will fetch them this MORNING: & whether there is anything at Howell & James you would recommend in preference.
You see I want a thing that I can throw on to walk in Lea Hurst garden:
If I go out once or twice all WINTER, it is all.
Pray thank Morey: he was the life of the "party".
& "thank you for my good dinner". F.
14/1/81
My dear Sir Harry

Thank you very much for speaking to Lord Hartington about my man, Dr. Hewlett. It will take me a day or two to look out so as to write shortly his merits & claims - Will this short delay signify?

I am sorry to say I have had in a Load of Logs (wood) but the day before yesterday. And if we were to accept your munificence, we should overflow into all the passages, as we did last year - I am afraid therefore we must put off your kind gift. I would gladly "pay the carriage up" - yrs affly

F.N.

My dear Sir Harry

[envelope ink] Lady Verney with F's love & hope that she will wear the mantle for 1000 years to 'become' it. 15/1/81
18/1/81
I did not propose to Miss Crossland your sweet company yesterday (she seemed so 'dead' beat)
If the weather at all clears up, would you have her this evening? - or to dinner?
[Her dinner is ordered here: so there is no occasion for that.]
Please give my love to Mrs. Cox & Genl Cox, if they come: & say how sorry I am not to be able to see them -
Please send me the Blue Book (Mr. Cunningham which you mentioned: your F

21/1/81
My dear Sir Harry
I am sorry that I am double deep in engagements tomorrow afternoon:
but still hope to talk 'Balaclava charge' with you some other day.

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

When Morey goes to the Co-op Stores, I shall be very much obliged if he will do a little business for me - What day will he go? Can he take out a ticket for me?
Stores:  22/1/81
My dear Sir Harry
    Of those things of which
I have not marked the prices,
the prices are either posted
up in the Dept: or - I
have not got the "book".
    Morey will be so good
as to insert the number of
my Ticket.
    I enclose a £5 cheque
which perhaps you would
be so good as to change.
    Many thanks
    yrs ever aff
    F. Nightingale
I must try the things
before I make a large order.
    must I not?

26/1/81
My dear Sir Harry
    I am so very much pressed
& troubled with various sad
affairs & so poorly
(& Fanny very ill in bed)
that I am afraid I cannot
accept your kind offer
to-day. But if you
will offer it me again
tomorrow, IF it is convenient to you
I will try tomorrow or next day
Would you be so very kind
    as to order me another
    Bible, like that very nice
    one for little Ruth? __ and
    a very fine New Year's card?
    F.N.
My dear Sir Harry

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

"The superior advantages" are those
which attract to the Army:
pay, pension, rank, status, scientific
education, &c, release from house=
keeping duties for the higher ranks &c

The superior "roughing" produces
a better article in the Navy: that is
what I was speaking of -

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

a worse article.

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

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

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

But take time of war: the
misery of the wounded soldier
on board ship is unspeakable.
Nothing but the sailor being used to it & loving his ship makes him endure it. But the Navy Doctor has not lived on a ship from boyhood: any more than the Army Doctor has.

The wounded soldier's

The Army Doctor was found quite helpless in the miseries of the Crimean War – [As for Afghanistan, the sick wounded were left behind, & the sick wounded were murdered.]

But if you think there is discrepancy in my letter. pray alter it. The passages you mark seem to belong to two different categories of conclusions

d 15:531] 9008/118 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil, black-edged paper

30/1/81

My dear Sir Harry

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

I was very sorry not to have my letter ready when you were so good as to call for it yesterday. But it was almost impossible for me to do it in the afternoon. And I had understood you to say that you meant to call at Lord Hartington's house with it.

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

6/2/81

This is the letter you wished to see - I cannot think that you will care to read it - Please return it to me very early tomorrow morning - I begin writing at 7.30 am - I must hear, please, what Mr. Childers said to you about Haslar before I answer reply to Dr. Acland.

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I am sorry it is quite impossible to me to see you now or even to write. I sent down to the Horse Guards this morning for information about the proposed Haslar School. And perhaps you would defer your kind question to Mr. Childers till I can breathe & communicate with you - I am not at all anxious that Mr. Childers should "discuss it with Dr. Longmore" who only wishes all the Naval s to be left at Netley with no Naval education at all. F.N.
12/2/81

My dear Sir Harry

I am so much overworked that I fear I could not see you today. But I would gladly see you tomorrow at 5 or at 6, as it suits you.

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

Would you give her or get her a letter of introduction to Sir Hercules Robinson at the Cape - (to make use of in case of need) She goes straight to Newcastle - with 4 Netley Nurses - on Thursday.

I am also corresponding with Col. L. Lindsay about stores (N.A. Socy)

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

F.N.
My dear Sir Harry

Mrs. Fellowes may possibly sail tomorrow.
Could you kindly get her a letter for Sir Hercules Robinson to-day?
And could you send me a man to take some messages for me?

F.N.

My dear Sir Harry

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

And I told her you would kindly get them for her -
[I saw her again last night.]
She is a daughter of Genl Kirkland (Major Genl Vesey Kirkland)
Could you be so very kind - you say Mr. Childers will give "introductions" to Sir H. Robinson & either Sir E. Wood or Sir G. Colley"
could you be so very kind
    as to obtain introductions
  to both Sir G. Colley &
      Sir Evelyn Wood.
I wish I could save you this
trouble - ever yrs affly

F.N

9008/125 unsigned note, 1 f, pencil

Thanks, thanks, thanks for the snow-drops 16/2/81
Would you like a maid, but it must be
  one of age & discretion, to go with my
foolish girl cook to Reserved Seats at a Concert
at Steinway Hall, Seymour St - to-night
Concert begins at 8 -
    I am too humble to ask Mrs. Ellis - but
either she or Julie or some one of standing.
(My cook is such a 'Jim Crow'=ess.)

I will return Endymion, as soon as I go downstairs
I am ashamed of having such a low thing in the
house.
17/2/81
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir Harry
It seems to me that as 4 Nurses (from Netley) are being sent out by the War Office & Mrs. Fellowes under the authority of the W.O., I should scarcely venture to make use of private information to stop them.
What do you think?
All five meet at Dartmouth today to embark tomorrow morning.
I have secured Mrs. Fellowes' address at Dartmouth in order to telegraph to her if necessary.

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

Of course if peace is to be made the Govt will be too glad to stop its reinforcements, & its Nurses too: but not I.
Do not you think so?
Please advise me. [end]
Fanny is in a dreadful state - a most serious anxiety to me -
My dear Sir Harry

I think your letter (enclosed) very good.

I should be disposed to put under your signature: "Chairman of the 'Nightingale Fund' Committee" (or whatever you please to style it.) It might also be put in at the end after "a year's training as one - - - - Hospital" -- "& was Night Nurse" (or "was actually serving in that capacity") 'at St. Thomas' Hospital up to the present date' [You will put it so much better than I -] Perhaps however this is making it too long:

I like the letter -

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

Would you be so good as to look over the enclosed & tell me what you think of my answer to Mr. Dunn? Perhaps Parthe would kindly look over Glossop's hideous plan.

I am so overworked.

Would you kindly come in & see Fanny about your luncheon time?

F.N.
Mrs. Fellowes 3 March. 1881

Nurse at Newcastle 10 South Street
Natal Park Lane W.
Morey's handwriting
H.V.

Dear Sir Frederick Roberts,

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

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

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

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

your ever faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

M. General
Sir Frederick Roberts
&c. &c. &c.
3/3/81
My dear Sir Harry
Would you kindly read & return this to me (Col. Loyd Lindsay) when if you approve I will send it at once?
I would not mention sending out Doctors.
It is highly unlikely that our Army wants Doctors.

9/3/81
I am very glad that you will join us at 6.15.
I have a small bit of rather important business with Mr. Jowett which I have been waiting since September to do: (for I have not seen him for 6 months) - And as he comes so late, I suppose he will not give us more than 1/2 an hour: therefore I am afraid I must have it all - I shall hope to see you & Sir H. many other times.
F.N.

9/3/81 [blue pencil]
Would you or Sir Harry or both like to take the Sacrament with me to-day at 6.15?
Please show the enclosed to Sir Harry & return it to me:
F.N
9/3/81
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
PARK LANE. W.
My very dear Margaret
I have never thanked you for so kindly getting the Bibles & cards for me:
And now Sir Harry tells me you are going to leave London. All blessings go with you & yours wherever you are: & special love to little Ruth:
Might I ask you to convey these two cards to the Gwendoline who sent a card to me?
Perhaps, she may one day 'train' as a Nurse.
I am always thinking of future recruits

I should like to have sent the incipient 'psyche' some prettier better present. that your cards are lovely, as all you do -
Might I ask you, if you have time, kindly to tell me whether you recommend "Barton Smith" (whom Parthe tells me you employed) as a 'comfortable' Doctor for the maids?
Is his address 29 Charles St. Berkeley Sq? [6:641]
We sent such a treasure
of a woman, a trained woman,
Mrs. Fellowes, my 'cape of
good hope', to the Transvaal War.
great love to all.
God bless you:
Aunt Florence.

9008/133 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil {arch: ? 9.3.81}

Kitchen-maid (with Lady - Buxton?)
The cook I had for & have is
such a failure - & such a dirty cook
as one rarely sees - but nice a woman
With love to Sir Harry, ever
your & his F.
Please tell Murdoch (Jane) your
housemaid that we at St. Thomas'
{page ripped} Edinbro' are quite full (of Probationers)
till after Xmas. Her sister's
application came too late. But
all are ready to help - perhaps later -
I meant to write to her - Jane & will -
Please tell Mrs. Ellice (your cook)
of my cook wants. I did speak to
her. I hope her little boy is
pretty well.
I saw your little "Silence". She
does not wish to go any "Home"
till next year. What an interesting
little soul
in haste
F.
Am I to pay this to Sir Harry?
If so, please let him put his name to the
two Accts, (nothing more) & return them to me.
I do not see the Cream & Butter charged:
I have only had it them once: I know not why.
Neither do I see the 'Logs' charged.
15/3/81          F.N.

My dear Sir Harry - I decide according to
your advice & great kindness - to go to
Seaford on Monday for one week -
Would you be so good as to telegraph, as you advise, to take the rooms at the
Hotel (the addresses were not in the letter)
for but if there must can be a bed in the Sitting -
room: a spring bed if possible - [I spend 16
hours out of the 24 in bed]
And would you be so good as to let Morey

order either an Invalid Carriage or
a Compartment (of a first-class Carriage) to
through from Victoria to Seaford
by 2.0. p.m. (I think it is) train on Monday.
A thousand thanks for all your kindness
I should like to see Morey to day
& will write to Seaford by post to-day.
20/8/81
I send back "Fox" with many thanks. I have now sent back all your books but Michelet, which shall come this evening.

Could you recommend me some "foolish" book for Seaford? The worst of my going to the Sea is that I have to carry with me all my employments & all my books - It is no real change - The only real change is to go to a house where there are all the books & pictures (not one's own) lying about - & on the shelves - And one has only to choose - not to provide -
I hope it is not very inconvenient to spare Morey
Could you tell me what to repay you for his journey to Seaford, besides with many thanks your F

28/3/81
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir Harry & Parthe
I return from here on Tuesday (tomorrow), & reach Victoria Station, please God, at 4. 50 p.m. Pray be so very good as to ask Joseph to order a Brougham to meet me at Victoria. [I am sure you want your own carriage.] Please kindly remember that my only chance of not being the worse for the journey is to have no kind voice to answer & to talk to
Dear Lord Ripon, May I venture to recall to your kind remembrance, one Florence Nightingale, and to ask you a favour for Auld Lang Syne at the War Office? With joy I have heard of your Measure, so much needed, viz: of the creation of a native strong Hospital Corps. The wants of the present system or no system of hospital attendance in the Indian Army were so enormous, the name even of Nursing was such a farce, the Ward Coolies who are the nurses, at four rupees a month, & are not even enlisted; any day they may desert, & do always desert in time: they would seem to be there merely to be kicked by the European soldiers, who one officer says & says truly, he did not know who the native was, for they wear no uniform, they cannot be recognized in the Bazaar, if absent there, as they always are. Then there is the Mahtar, or sweeper of a yet lower caste, who, sweeper as he is, does all the most necessary


9008/138 handwritten copy of an unsigned letter, 8 ff, pencil [from shorthand copy], original 43546 f158, copy 45778 f75
work about the sick soldier.
Alike board coolie or sweeper, they are of course utterly untrained. There's absolutely no supervision of these nurses. The Indian hospital is forsaken when the medical officer is not there, or either coolie (coolie called but no coolie) is there. The ward coolie, who washes & nurses the patients, is worse paid than the shop coolie who washes the bottles. The better paid officers, the compounders, & the dressers, so called, are all in the dispensary & none in the wards. The coolie nurse has no one to overlook him, & even when in the wards, he seems to be there only to be gentle, & to be bullied by the patients whom he is there to nurse. This is the real state of things in the Military Hospital in India in time of peace.

It is not known to inspection, because when the hospital is inspected, of course it is not there — then everything is in order, & expected to be inspected & praised. But

the best medical officers, are those who know most of it, & who most anxiously looked out for a remedy. The British Army in India is the worst nursed army of any army in the world, if indeed it can be said to be nursed at all. This is the state of things where there are few & ordinary sick: when a patient is dangerously ill, a regimental comrade is sent for to nurse him. The old system condemned by Sydney Herbert at home, twenty years ago — the taking of untrained comrades from the ranks to nurse the worst cases, & still more to be deplored in India, where there's the aggravation of the language, & the regimental comrade nurses the patient by beating the ward — coolie, who does not understand him, & who says the Briton ought to understand.

In India it is often a matter of life and death, if a man can be attended to within his first seizure, & so-called superintendent medical department is supposed to be there,
in the hospitals for his; but a man may 
go to the hospital sick, & knock, & there 
be no one to open to him, & a life be 
lost in consequence. Such is the lack of 
regular organization, that the hospital may 
be shut up, with none but patients in it. 
This is the state of things with a 
native crowd of unorganized, un-enlisted 
hospital servants (supplemented by a regimental 
comrade in ordinary times), sixty to a hospital, 
perhaps 600 or 700 to say 130 or 150 patients in 
non-ordinary times. In times of 
cholera and epidemics, what the hospital 
becomes, in point of nursing, can neither be 
told nor imagined; & yet these poor natives 
are most superior, most kind, most tender, 
excellent stuff for nurses, if only trained, 
supervised and organized; of all which, 
there is at present there is not the shadow, 
much less the substance. The medical officer 
has to do all the ward nursing, if it is to be 
done at all, & upon whether it is done depends 
the patient's life. In time of war, it is 
yet worse, especially in the recent campaign. - 
than the natives desert "en masse"; then 
hospital servants (one cannot call them nurses) 
has had to Scramble his doolie bearers into 
are not to be had at all, and the medical officer 
nurses, thus improvising attendance on the sick 
at a critical time, when anything improvised 
must be a failure, & the medical officer die of 
it. These ward-coolies or nurses may be 
children of 10, old men of 80, cripples, blind, 
anyone in short who will come for four rupees 
a month. No other inducement is given - no 
promotion _ no reward _ no good-conduct pay - 
no increase of pay for long service _ no camp 
equipage, The nurses; shelter has to be, in the 
bitterest night, under the hospital tent walls 
to be either roasted or drown in the monsoon. 
Having no uniform, & not enough pay to feed 
them, to be perhaps seized for entering their
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own lines. . . but it would be too indiscreet to enlarge to you upon these things. In a word, there's no training of native hospital nurses, no ranking, no supervision, no responsibility no organization, & very little pay. Of course no "esprit de corps", no interest in one another, no pride in the reputation of their body - there cannot be. There is nothing constituted, nothing that is not haphazard, & this for the most critical & essential of all minor duties, because it has to do with life & death

No steps have been taken to attach the new representative & the old regimental orderly, namely trained Army hospital corps men, to Indian regiments proceeding for the language difficulty, & the cooking is bad.

N.B. For what share of the drinking in our Army, well & sick, in the India of badly trained cooks are accountable, no one tells, no one knows. These are the reasons, not only for enlisting, but still more for training

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and organizing a regular corps of native hospital nurses, out of this untrained crowd.

All this was pointed out before the Royal Commission on the Sanitary State of the Army in India.

Sydney Herbert's [afterwards Stanley's] recommended
1. Training the Hospital Attendant.
2. European Hospital orderlies.
3. Female nurses at large station Hospitals.
4. Properly trained cooks.
   But no one has taken it up but you.

You have come to India. It has been left to you to save them from all this misery.
My dear Sir Harry

The Indian letters are not gone till to-day.
Is she not The Marchioness of Ripon?
You know she is ill: (something like Cancer in the face)
You did not criticize my letter:

to Lord Ripon

I hope your cold is much better

I am going to see Madame Helmholtz (Anna Mohl) to-day
at 5 - She leaves England tomorrow
Would Parthe like any message given to her?

ever yrs  F.N.
Your letter to Lady Elliot  {arch: 18.4.81}
Easter Monday
{printed address} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir Harry (see p. 4)

Madame Werckner's sister is
not a "solicitor's wife" but the
a Grocer's widow - Her husband
is dead - & Mde Werckner
remains with her sister, on
condition that she shall not give
her address to her husband: who
thinks she is in London.
With my regard to p.p 1, 2 & 3:
it is hard for me to say anything:
_ the prejudice against M. Werckner
as having assisted French prisoners
is so strong in Prussia that he
would not & could not remain there except
by force, which his wife would
never consent to- And he would

probably (or certainly?) forfeit
the 1000 fr. a year from
the French Government which
you were so good as to get
for him.

How very, very kind Lady
Elliot has been.
I am writing to Mme Werckner
to-day, & hardly know
what to say to her

  yr affte
    F.N
Many happy returns, my dear Pop, of this day - alas! it is a dreary looking day - no fit emblem of brightness - no lilacs out - the flower of April 19 - Please accept graciously my prosaic ungracious birth=day present, to be turned into beauty by you. As Papa used to say of my mother: 'beauty & grace sprung up under her touch'. Is Ellen Tollet now the only living Sister? Did you kindly think of asking her for a cook for me?

Please let me see Strafford, Vol 2,

My dear Sir Harry
I have Mrs. Wardroper to-day. Would you mind having her at dinner afterwards? May I send & ask her? I would gladly see you tomorrow, if you will fix the time.

I would see Dr. Acland at 5 on Monday if that will suit him, or at 6, if he prefers it. I am greatly disturbed by this letter from Mrs. Fellowes. Still I think if her "orders" had not come, she would have telegraphed to me - would she not?
I think it would be very kind if you would call on Sir Wm Muir & ask him about her, Mrs. Fellowes. [I feel very uneasy

Private
You see, tho', in her position outside the Regular Nurses, introductions were indispensables, these are not the things which make our path easy with our real Masters, the Medical Officers. Rather they create obstacles in the way of our work.

I was obliged to caution her about this: & tell her that I never appealed to the authorities against the Medical Officers, under whom we ought to be.

[end]

Miss N. to Col. C.G. Gordon
5 Rockstone Place South’ton
10 South St.
Ap. 23. 81 Park Lane. W.
I have regretted never hearing from you again, as you promised, about that scheme of yours for improving the military hospitals, these connected with Mrs. Hawthorne's paper of defects which you sent. Sir H.V. tells me that you are going immediately to Syria, from a desire to follow in our Saviour's Footsteps. Will you pardon a weary old woman for saying or rather for asking would it not be following more in our Lord's Footsteps to employ the gift so absolutely unique as yours for the benefit of some of the countless millions of natives dependent upon our own country. We see English gentlemen, going at their own expense, to discover regions North of near the North Pole (a cousin of mine does it every year): regions where, if any unfortunate being did hurt them, we should do
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our best to bring them away at once. Others ride across Patagonia, N. America or Asia, or, what is more intelligible because it is opening the way to civilizing poor natives, across Central Africa; but what we have never seen, & His son I have prayed God that we might see, is an Englishman who would visit our own greatest possession, our own fellow-countrymen, two hundred millions of the most interesting & perhaps the most miserable peoples in the world, & peoples absolutely dependent upon us, for the sole purpose of doing them good in India. Englishmen say "oh there's the climate, & there's the language, & what could I do among people as strange & alien?"

Well! Here's a man who has braved worse climates; who, in spite of languages, has a God-given power wh. appears almost divine, & is certainly peculiar to himself for attaching, leading, civilizing and delivering peoples yet more strange and alien, and those Indian peoples are our own!

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And will this deliverer now go on a journey of curiosity among other strangers, & this deliverer is Col. Gordon. I have made India my study for nearly twenty-two years. If Englishmen want to find a state akin to slavery to deliver, and to deliver from slavery: let them go to India.
But Englishmen, who are the pioneers in every impossible country in the world, among all religions & races, yet never to go their own country, India, for the single purpose of doing what good they can do. This phenomenon is still to be seen: what a revelation it would be to the natives, to them who see none but officials, or organised missionaries, or planters, or speculators, or drinking soldiers.
Pardon me if I had hoped to see you again. I should not have ventured on a letter, which may well seem presuming, & yet not clear, but too vague. But should you be in London again before
you leave, would you kindly make an appointment, two or three days beforehand, to see me.
I pray God to guide your sovereign talent, to the use worthy of it, as He has done hitherto. The Master of one of the most prominent Oxford Colleges, told me that he would have the L.L.D. honour offered you this year at Oxford, not for the sake of giving you an honour, but of honouring themselves by making your great deeds - as far as is in their power - known to the world, in order that the world might employ you. Will you not accept it? But do not leave England so immediately. suddenly.
may the Risen Life be yours & mine & poor India's, today & for ever.
But am I risen again - that is what I ask myself.  

9008/144 initialled letter, 3 ff, pencil, red und

Mme Werckner (v.p. 2 of your letter) 23/4/81
My dear Sir Harry
Did she not say, write, in answer to your kind questions, that the "Court" where her affairs were treated was at Breslau, not Berlin?
_ I distinctly understood her letters so -
  p.1.
Can he quite be said to live upon "Alms" when you got him 1000 fr. from the French Govt &c?
  p. 3
I do not understand her Sister to be in "poor" but in very comfortable circumstances, not rich - a retired grocer's widow -

2 Will you kindly read the enclosed to Sir W. Muir, & if you approve, send it by one of your Servants? yrs aff F.N.  

3. I should like much if Fred will send me a copy of his review of the Irish Land Bill.
before you send it back?
  Fare you very well
 ever your
 F.

9008/145 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

I wish Col. Gordon would come | 23/4/81
 & see me Where are the Basutos? |

My dear Sir Harry

I will go out for a little walk, as you are so good as to wish it. But I have only strength to walk, if I am quite alone & unnoticed - & will therefore transfer your kind visit to me to 6 or 6.30, if that will suit you & if you will allow me -
I hope Parthe is not too unwell to take a little drive with you. I would have a little drive, as she kindly asks, either before or after hers - Please say when - to day.
Fred has kindly sent me - his Irish Land Bill - F.N.

9008/146 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil  

24/4/81
My dear Sir Harry

I would accept your kind offer to Westminster Abbey, including your "putting me in" - if quite convenient - [I have not been to Church for 24 years: & may never go, if not to-day] -

Would you read the enclosed to Col. Gordon, & if you approve put the right address on it, & post it?
I enclose, according to your request, about
{printed address}10 SOUTH STREET, my Mother's inscription  F.N. {sideways} PARK LANE. W. [end 3:397]
Col. Gordon
25/4/81
{printed address} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir Harry
   About Col. Gordon, if you mention my name at all to Mr. Gladstone, PLEASE NOT to write or to say that I "think" him Col. Gordon fit for employment among the frontier tribes of India", or "the Basutos", or "the "Boers & natives in the Transvaal".
   You know I have always especially eschewed offering political opinions, or even giving them when asked for. With these it is mere impertinence for me to have anything to do.
   If you mention me at all it can only be to say that

Col. Gordon's power of attaching, governing, civilizing & administering & leading Natives of Oriental & African races is absolutely unique at the present time: & that it seems a pity when the British Government has to govern 200 millions of Oriental races, a larger number than any other Govt, they should let a man with such an unique power - no matter how queer he is at home - go out of their hands reach. What he did in the Soudan & in China can be known to Ministers: & to any one who enquires.
This is an administrative opinion, which facts support, & which it is not impertinent in me to have.

2. I did not say to him Col. Gordon that "he would be following more in the footsteps of our Lord by serving his fellow-creatures" (he would say he could do that in Syria) but "by serving his fellow-countrymen" (in India), - "using such a God given & unique power for the natives under our own Sovereign & Government," our fellow subjects, in short. Excuse my troubling you yrs aff F.N.

On envelope, pencil
Sir Harry Verney
If you are going to see Mr. Gladstone at the Ho. about Col. Gordon, please see me for 2 minutes first. If to-day, I could see you, please, at 2.10, if convenient to you, for 2 minutes. F.N.

25/4/81

My dear Sir Harry
It is because I think "that the gain or the "loss of such a man as Gordon" is so important that I so very much deprecate anything being said to Mr. Gladstone from me except what I put to you in my letter of this morning.

How can I recommend him for "frontier tribes"?
If I were "Prime Minister", it would set me against Col. Gordon to have him recommended {printed address} 10 SOUTH STREET, in such a fashion - & rightly, I think - {sideways} PARK LANE. W.

25/4/81 F.N.
My dear Sir Harry

I return the letter to Dr. Hahn, as you desire it. But I should like, please, to see it again.

Would you ask Dr. Acland, busy as he is, in what way we could get some such questions introduced for discussion as those I have noted in pencil at p. 2 of Section XIV. Military Surgery & Medicine in the Programme of Medical Congress (which however is not the last Edition)

I had great pleasure in making Dr. Acland's acquaintance yesterday: but I am afraid he was very tired.

Could you settle with him about going with Miss Acland to St. Thomas' tomorrow? Doubtless you go to Lord Beaconsfield's funeral to-day. How solemn is the rendering up of his soul to God.

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

Please return me my Programme of Medical Congress
Madame Werckner

2/5/81

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

My dear Sir Harry

Here is this poor Madame Werckner with a fresh & heavy blow.

You kindly asked me whether you could do anything for me in London.

You see her Counsellor in Vienna tells her to settle her husband's affairs, & to remove him if possible from Vienna.

Would you be so very kind as to write to Mme Werckner direct, & advise her? She will attend to you more.

You see poor M. Werckner being unable from mental disease to take discriminate

is involved with a scoundrel who has been arrested: (which may have serious consequences for him:)

& owes money.

I cannot help her about selling her bracelet. What would you advise!!

Please tell her.

You see what she says about translations. ever yrs affly

F.N.
Would you object, my dear P., to my taking 
2 cats?

ever your 
F.

2/5/81

May 7/81
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir Harry
You are too kind to be so 
uneasy about me. We came 
in two flies, "luggage" & all, 
from Buckingham. [I am 
writing for Fanny.] And if I 
had driven THRO' Buckm, so as 
to see your town, my fatigue 
would have been much relieved. 
I have not been very well 
since I have been here: but 
then I was not well before I 
came.

This is for Parthe. 

[6:641]

I have had much conversation 
with Mary Hughes, your 
Scullery maid, according to your 
desire. No time should be lost
in sending her to Aylesbury Infirmary. [I am afraid it is a bad case. These spine cases always are.] The next taking-in day is Wednesday, they tell me. I suppose Sir Harry's order of Admission, & a Medical certificate are necessary: Can I do anything? She is very lowspirited & cries.

After she has been in the Infy, I should like to send her to Margate or Seaford or Ascot, as recommended.

3. The cook, Mrs. Brown, is, I am sorry to say, a total failure. And I must look out for somebody else. Do you know of any one? yet? I suppose you would like Mrs Brown to stay here till Mrs. Ellis comes? Or not? What day does Mrs. Ellis come? [Mrs Brown blazed out the third day after she came. And if she was not ____ , I never saw anyone who was. It is grievous to me.]

I had a long talk with Mr. Grey: what a capital man, thrice capital. Today is so lovely Thanks for this lovely place. ever yrs affly F. Nightingale I have written to Mrs. Fellowes
Claydon
May 11/81
I send back Mrs. Fellowes' letters, my dear Sir Harry, as you desire. But, as you say, we must take care not to compromise her. It would prevent her future usefulness. Did you see in the "Overland Mail", quoted in the "Times", that Col. Gordon was to be Commanding R. Engineers in the Mauritius? I hope this is true—. Tho' it seems a very small post for a man like him, yet to utilize him in those parts of our possessions where are native races seems the right thing — & then to go on to larger commands, but all in Oriental parts.

F.N.

May 18 81
How are you?
Please send me Mrs. Hawthorn's letter from Fort Amiel -
Please tell me what Morey paid for his journey back. By mistake he did not take this.

A thousand thanks
I am in a torrent of Matrons already: began yesterday — Or should have been so glad to have seen you.
My dear Sir Harry

Thank you very much for your draft -
I should like not only to look it over carefully, as you desire, but to consult Hy Bonham Carter.
Do you stay till Saturday morning?
I am so driven with seeing Nurses for Marylebone new Infirmary, (& Sir R. Temple), that I have only "10 minutes" at 7 tomorrow (Friday) if that would suit you.
How are you?
26/5/81  F.N.

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you for your suggestion.
The folly of the Paragraph is so intense, so contrary to even what the Horse Guards & War Office have decided, that I think you should "observe" "on" it.
Will you tell me how?
And will you let me show what you write to Hy Bonham Carter?
F.N.

Paragraph in) Times of today
Soldiers Wives Nurses for soldiers
10 South St. W.

June 9/81

Thank God that Margaret, my dear, my very dear friends, is well through her lying-in _
dear, noble, beautiful, brave Margaret & her little son.

And may we not thank God too, as it is His own doing, that it is a little son at last _ the little 'he'
will give so much pleasure to many & not the least to his Grandpapa - his Grandpapa who wished to live to see Margaret's son.

And tho' Aunt Florence sticks by her god daughter, yet she must give Margaret joy of her son.

I give you all joy, my dear friends. Let us sing a new song of joy this Whitsuntide -

I am sure you will see the little man, come of such good stock, in future days, fighting as in the brave days of old, standing shoulder to shoulder & not alone with other
brave few, perhaps
against heavy odds,
in the good cause -

Then God bless the little
man lying in his little
shirt on his Nurse's knee
with his queer little bundle
of features - or perhaps
opening his eyes to the light
by his Mother's side in
her bed.

And tell my little Ruth
to send her godmother
a detailed account of the
young hero whose protector
& guardian she now is.

May all blessings attend
you all.

I always thought Margaret
looked as if she had
brought down a sod from
heaven to stand upon.

ever yours
Aunt Florence

Love to Maude too
Capt. Verney R.N.
10 South St. W.
June 11/81

Thank God that dear Margaret is safe: & we thank God too that she has a boy.
I give you joy, my dear Sir Harry, & Parthe too, of the jolly little man who comes hurrah-ing into the world, like the Scots Greys into the battle of Waterloo - a gallant charge, carrying all before him - Three cheers for him.
And a brave & a gallant man fighting against evil he will doubtless be. & justify his creation -
in the heroic mould
as in the brave days of old - God be praised -
How many a prayer we shall put up for him -
Edmund was so good as to write me word of the dear little welcome new-comer -
Truly do we grieve over
the loss of Sir James Hope -
_ I thought he had been better
& did not know it was
so near _ And the whole
Navy will grieve over it.
_ I remember him when he
was like a fresh breeze
of delightful sea. not
chilly, no, but like a
Southern Mediterranean
breeze - And before that
in China time when
I used to hear of him every
day from some Government
manber -

The two widows - how
forlorn they will be - Miss
Hope & Lady Hope.
Please, if you go to the
last 'lay him in the earth.'
say something for me to
each of them. It is
from the bottom of my
heart.
Amicia Milnes is married
to day.

9008/159 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil, blue paper

15/6/81
My dear Sir Harry
Could you kindly look over
Robert Robinson's letter
(enclosed), & tell me what
you think I should say
to Mrs. Galton who comes
tomorrow?
I could gladly see you
to-day at 6, if
convenient to you:
ever yrs affly
F.N.
Miller, the Clumber Gardener, declines to give Herbert Crooks a holiday - Perhaps he is right.

But a much more serious thing has happened: Robert Robinson, to whom you have been so kind, & who has a farm of Mr. Galton's, has fallen out with his landlord, who, he thinks, has used him badly. He writes to me all about it, & asks me to see Mrs. Galton who is in London. She wrote to ask to see me (which she ought not to have done.) And I have accepted her for Tuesday, thinking I should see you on Monday, show you Robert's letter, & settle what I should say. It is a farm-building quarrel. I don't like to send you Robert's letter, for fear you should be gone to Carriden. But if you don't come to London on Monday, I think I shall put off Mrs. Galton till I
can see you about this unlucky quarrel - (which I can judge nothing about.) I am voracious for pink 'May'. & white 'May'. God bless you & Parthe - & let the little grandson be a good Verney ever most affly yours & hers & its
F. Nightingale

9008/161 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper

29/6/81
My dear Sir Harry
I am sorry I have not a minute to-day or yesterday I had even to decline Mrs. Fellowes, who is now entering St. T.'s.
Thank you very much for offering "to speak or to do "anything for" me at St. Marylebone to day. But there will be no opportunity either "to speak or to do" - will there? - I quite agree that it is most important "to raise
"the status of Nurses" -
That is what we are at
St. Thomas' for, is it not? -
But did you mean that
there would be any way
to further that to day
at St. Marylebone?
[I think it is quite necessary
that the friends of TRAINED
Nursing should muster there
to-day: especially
when I see what Ly Strangford
is about.]
Sir F. Roberts comes here
tomorrow -

I hope you are not going
to Nottingham after St.
Marylebone -
Please tell me your plans

Grant Duff,
I hear
is to go to Madras -
Do you think he would
be willing to see me?
I am much pressed
yrs
F.N.
I do not wonder that you are uneasy, my dear P., about Sir Harry's inveterate activity - But I have nothing to do with it, except a constant effort to restrain it, almost at the peril of my own.

With regard to the "Military Orphans on Friday" in last week, I could not have "said any some thing about it", for I did not know he was thinking of Orphans. I did not even know of their existence. He told me he was going to Claydon.

If he means the "Military" Widows the day before (Thursday)

I certainly did "say something about it", & a great deal, -- to persuade him not to go, two days running - (seeing him on purpose, when I was half dead). I told him all the harm I knew of the Institution, which is a great deal -

About the opening of the St. Marylebone Infy, (which we nurse,) the day before yesterday, I was so careful that I did not even me answer his question. He then wrote to me to ascertain the hour - which I did by Telegram -

(4 p.m. on Wednesday)
thinking then he had an
Invitation & that he was 'in'
for it. To my horror I
found out that he had none,
that he expected me to get him
one, (which I did) - & that
he meant to go down to
Nottingham the next morning
i.e. the same morning as the
College opening by P. Leopold -

There is perhaps no one so
fearful of his overdoing himself
as I am -

Many thanks for the lovely
roses - As Rover says: do it
again - & for the strawberries,
& dear Margaret's letter.

I thank God about
the Railway -
am very sorry about
dear little Ellen
ever your
F.
I saw Sir Fredk Roberts
yesterday - going to Madras.
I scarcely ever saw a more
manly man - not in appearance

but in essence.
July 4 1881
I am very much obliged, my dear P., for the renseignemens about the two under housemaids.
[Somebody (qy you) ought to write a novelette called the "3" under house-maids.]
You kindly ask: shall Sir harry bring up either of them tomorrow (Tuesday) - Yes, please, I greatly incline to see them both, one after the other.
    If he would bring up tomorrow the one who lives with Mrs Smith, the "sentimental" one, (not the Rawlins) -- -
    And would you make a message to Mrs. Smith how truly obliged to her I am that I may do this, without losing the girl her place, in case I do not keep her.
    I do not know by what train Sir Harry comes up.
Could he leave a message with me here, when he does, whether I could send the girl back to Claydon the same evening and by what train?
    I had rather, if possible, she did not sleep here. It is terrible to me to have
to say this. but the ways
  of the Lizzie Brooks I am
parting with are so
immodest, tho' not immoral,
that I could not answer
for what she might say to
this innocent girl — or "put"
'her up to' — And I am
particularly anxious that
the country girl should
begin well here.
    Many thanks
      ever your
           F.
I have had an old cook on
trial, who takes a whole day
to prepare one mutton chop.
I am again looking out for a
cook.

9008/164 initialled note, 1 f, pencil, blue paper

    July 6/81
I am so very sorry, Friday
& Monday are so entirely
filled up (since I wrote)
that I am afraid I cannot
see the girl — (the housemaid)
Saturday is a bad day for
her to be on the rail.
But it must be, I fear,
either Saturday or Tuesday
which you think best.
  yrs my dear P.
   F.N.
10 South St.
July 6/81
I think, my dear P., that I must ask you to be so kind as to send up the girl Harriet Smith the earliest day possible to be looked at. You will not get this in time for tomorrow (Thursday). Then let it be Friday.
Let Morey be so good as to write to me tomorrow (Thursday) telling me by what train the girl will come - & by what train she must return. And let her take a return ticket. Pray God. she may do well.
I wish you had kindly telegraphed to me yesterday that Sir Harry was not coming. Otherwise it runs the chance of putting an excessively old child into a terrible fright.
Many thanks for lovely roses, just come.
A few more & a few strawberries will be very acceptable (see Rover.)
Your invitation is too tempting _ I made a leisure day to see Sir Harry (he wrote to ask me) & the girl yesterday _ When that will come again on this side the grave I don't know _ the Gods only know.
A grand thunderstorm all last night.
Please remember me most tenderly & gratefully to Lady Monteagle, if she is good enough to remember me. ever your F.

July 9/81
My dear Sir Harry
Would you think well to re-inclose to Robert Robinson all the letters: he ought to possess them - I send them to you in a stamped envelope, in case you wish to re-direct them to him.

I have not heard whether you saw Fanny, or the result If you could kindly look in upon me at 10, I would gladly see you for a few minutes

Did you go to Savory? -
Please say at Claydon that the girl will not return till the 5 o'clock train.

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

9008/167 initialled note, 2 ff, pencil, blue paper

19/7/81
So Arthur Stanley has passed away - where is he now? & where is she?

With regard to your School feast, there is doubtless some risk: but I question whether there are many villages which have not "2 or 3 slight "Scarlatina cases" -

Is your School closed in consequence?

If your School feast is entirely out of doors, if no body comes from the Scarlatina houses,

I should think the risk was at a minimum

But I would take the 'Doctor on a bicycle' into my confidence & ask him.

All kinds of Fevers arise so much more from one's own circumstances than from one's surroundings that I should think your children would be safe. I suppose it would be impossible to prevent them from running in & out among
the school-children. Must you have the school feast on the tennis lawn? not in the park?  The baby & Ruth at all events need not be carried into the thick. dear little Ellen cannot run, alas! - there is only Lettice who may rush to close quarters. I should not myself be afraid. But between this & then it will probably be known whether the Scarlatina is spreading or assuming Scarlet Fever form.

[I am so very sorry that it was quite impossible for me to undertake any purchases.] Supposing the Scarlatina becomes decided, I cannot think there is any much risk in Margaret's dear children coming to Claydon, if they never go near the cottages. Then of course the School Feast must be given up. Good luck attend you. Success crown all the dear ones - ever your F.
Genl Vaughan's letter returned with many thanks
Delight in your christening festivities, ushering the child of many prayers among the people where we hope he will continue the good traditions of his race.

prayer to the Heavenly Father for him - for all His choicest blessings
love to his dear Mother who lives already on a green sod from heaven
joy in the Holy Spirit

these are my wishes for you

3 little Indian famine Orphans sent me the following blessing:
The love of God the Father the grace of God the Son the joy of God the Spirit be with you always.

I say the same to you & yours tomorrow & every day. I shall be with you to-morrow & every day

July 22 1881 Aunt Florence
Longmore, not "straight", has talked of the confidential paper you sent him, communicated the contents of his letter to you, including his depreciation of Mrs. H. One of the men, an Army Surgeon, to whom he has done so, has written to me - I will not tell you more of a disagreeable subject. on a joyful day. But some say you must write a few words to Longmore. Anon, anon.

F.N.

25/7/81
My dear Sir Harry
I am very, very sorry not to be able to see you to-day. I have two appointments (long interviews) on Indian matters, which is one too many. But I could not put them off - & I dare not weaken my strength -
Tomorrow I have almost the same
But I would see you in the morning if you do not stay till Wednesday
I give you loving joy on your christening.

F.N.
Aug 5/81
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir Harry
I am glad you are going
back to Claydon, for I
thought you seemed so tired
yesterday.
All blessings go with you.
Fanny will not let me
send the cat to Mr. Langdon. But Parthe should
have it, if she likes.
And I will send Mr. L. a
LITTLE WHITE CAT, thoroughbred
too, as soon as it is old
enough to leave its mother.
I wish I could see you this
morning: But I am
going at the rate now
of business interviews
morning and afternoon.
This cannot go on long.
I would ask you to write
to me now "what passed in
"the House last night as to
"Hospital Orderlies". Then
when we meet you shall
tell me more.
Thanks about the cook.
Does she come from Lady Lucy's
housekeeper?
Poor Madame Werckner
asks you & me for a
testimonial. Shall

I give it her?
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale
Please return me Madame
Werckner's letter.
D. of Buckingham | 21/8/81 | Madras Drainage & Sewerage

I thought I had better, my dear P., take advantage of your kind offer to give a message from me to the D. of Buckingham, & write a letter which you could show him, & which if he answers you will have been clever -

It is very important that he should answer it.

Or, if you prefer, will you give it to Sir Harry to show him?

P. Turn Over

2.

One thing I wanted to ask you, & there was no time: whether you entertain the idea of our sending our washing to Claydon when we come back from Lea Hurst ever your F.
25/8/81
I hope, my very dear P., to be in your haven on Saturday by the train leaving London at 3. when, if you will send a barrow to meet me, & let me go straight to my room most happy shall I be.
But it is alas! uncertain whether I shall be able to get away on Saturday I have no letter from the D. of Buckingham. To-day there is a Meeting at the A.S.C. Horse Guards to decide what I am to say to Mr. Grant Duff about the Madras Drainage & Water Supply - And not a word from the D. of B.!!
   If it comes tomorrow, it may be necessary to call another Meeting on Saturday. And then, I ought not to be away.
1000 thanks for the most exquisite flowers. The C.P. admired them - She was very touching, unsatisfactory, clever - I thought very much altered since her boy's death. [She was dressed plainer than any maid.] very affectionate, very graphic, almost hysterical & yet subdued _ sent a message to Sir Harry that she was not very sorry not to see him when he called on the C. Prince. (she was out I suppose at Osborne) She came up to London on purpose - looked ill but young: like a girl. thinner - not happy - she used to be so joyous - [end 5:543] You have not told me whether that poor spine girl shall go to the good Ascot Sisters - I had a letter from them this morning ever your F with love to Margaret [end 6:642]
Claydon
Sept 3 1881
My dear Sir Harry

I have been with you all day, & her: this happy day for her -
I have carried flowers & wreaths to the grave as a poor outward token of the constant love which is ever burning in our hearts for her - a wreath of barberries as an emblem of the love of God: & a cross of white flowers as shadowing forth her "white robes" -
And I strewed the step with pansies & small flowers. But I could find no rosemary "for remembrance" -
I will take in the wreaths tonight, if this December weather continues, that they may be fresh for Sunday, the Resurrection morning.
I shall be very glad to see Mr. Trelawny Saunders, if you are kind enough to ask him, & if I could see him before dinner, instead of after. He will tell me an immensity about Indian affairs -

I wonder whether he is the Saunders who was discussed, with others, to write Ld Lawrence's Life

Mr. Fred is here: & the children are well: but I think they wanted their Papa - He came yesterday.

I have heard from Parthe, a cheerful letter from Meurice's - Paris - going on to Dijon.

Thanks for the enjoyment of this beautiful house & gardens ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale
7/9/81
My dear Sir Harry

Thank you a thousand times. There are few, probably none, so sorry to quit your roof as I am. But I do not think Miss Pringle would come unless you & Parthe were quite alone - She is in very delicate health - And - you kindly ask me to invite my "friends" - I could not bring all Lea & Holloway here - I think I ought to go tomorrow, Friday or Saturday -

Please decide which: as I must order two maids today to meet me at Derby -

I should like to go by Lichfield & Derby - if you would kindly order a Saloon Invalid Carriage to go thro' to Cromford. The train I should like the maids to go by - (one is your little Harriet - one the new cook - both very feckless :) would be St. Pancras' 12 Cromford 4 - something if I could meet them at Derby
[They will have cats & a deal of luggage.]

The only way of tempting Shore to Lea Hurst will be my being there - And I should be there some time before him - to do some business.

Parthe wants me to see a poor spine - girl Katie Perkins at, I think, Mrs. Barrett's - & to send the "dog-cart" for her.

I would see her to-day at 12.30 or at 1.30 or at 4. or at 5 - whichever time you are likely to be busy & away - if you would decide. & kindly send for her.

But my main question is: how are you after such a tiresome journey? have you eaten? & have you slept?

F.N.
8.30 Sept 9
a.m. {arch: ? 1881}
My dear Sir Harry
Would you have the kindness
to write to-day, as you proposed,
to order a Saloon Invalid
Carriage (with conveniences
for Invalid & door through
to Servants' Compartment)
for Monday
to go through to Cromford
by Lichfield & Derby -
I shall write to two maids
to meet us at Derby
by train at 12.0 from St. Pancras
if we can be at Derby to
meet them by that time.
Or had they better go
thru' to Cromford without
thinking of us?
[They will have much
luggage: & cats -]
I shall have to write to-day
to Yeomans to order
flies & carts to meet
us all at Cromford Station
The maids are helpless.
yr aff -
F. Nightingale
Claydon Sept 11 1881
My dear Margaret (if you will allow me to call you so) You know perhaps that Miss Cunningham asked my sister whether we could take her into our School at St. Thomas' Hospital for 3 months' training —

I should have been so very glad to do this: but our Secy, Bonham Carter, representing our Commee, is so very much afraid of this being made a precedent; that he feels himself compelled to decline.

Failing 'us', I was asked where Miss Cunningham had best go? Not Guy's certainly._ I should recommend Edinburgh R. Infirmary as in some respects better than St. Thomas' — not the systematic training, but the great 'drive' of real hard work - And Miss Pringle, the Lady Supt, is such a jewel —

Miss Pringle is coming to me on Tuesday at Lea Hurst. Should I sound her on the subject of Miss Cunningham?

Miss Williams, also a pupil [illeg] friend, Matron of
St. Mary's Hospl, Paddington, is also coming to me on Tuesday. Should Miss Cunningham prefer a London Hospital, I can recommend St. Mary's, from 8 or 9 years' experience of Miss Williams; but it is far inferior to Edinburgh R. Infirmary; which for that kind of Hospital, where Probationers are apprentices rather than 'in training', is unrivalled.

May I enclose you the definition of our wants re Lady Probr for future Heads of Hospls, should you ever meet with any such? who would come to us -

Fare you very, very well, dear Margaret - you & all your children: happy they to have such a mother.

Remember me most kindly to Capt. Verney, whom I was very sorry not to be able to see - & believe me ever yours

Aunt Florence
9008/177 signed letter, 4 ff, pencil

Lea Hurst  
Cromford: Derby  
Sept 21 1881  
My dear Sir Harry  
I saw Mr. Yeomans  
last night. And he  
proposes to come on  
Monday to Claydon  
with a man, a farmer,  
whom he describes as a  
very intelligent & good man, to look  
at your farms & see  
whether he would take  
one if he likes the land.  
They would return on  
Tuesday. Of course you know  
this.  
Could you conveniently  
give orders that they  
should be put up  
somewhere to sleep on  
Monday night?  
I think it would much  
facilitate matters.  
Of course I did not  
'even' such a thing to  
him: or he to me -  
Yeomans looked at  
the specimens of corn  
you had kindly sent  
(for the cats), & admired  
them. Nothing like the  
barley, he said at once,  
could be grown here:  
the oats, he thought, were
grown as good here. & the wheat, he thought, better.
    The harvest is not yet all got in: & the next week will determine its fate. Sunday was the hottest day this year, & ripened the corn very much.
    I return the List of your Buckingham Commee with thanks. I was in hopes that I might have been allowed to keep it for my very own. (as the children say) - the men who gave up their own time to their own cost, instead of having to be bribed & paid, as in other places. dear Sir Harry I was very glad to see so many Publicans on your List: 2 Labourers Chairmen of Meetings Many thanks for the trouble you have taken about Mr. Chamberlain & the "Elder Brethren" - & Sir John Lübbeck has sent me his beautiful Address by your kind desire.
I have been so knocked down since I came that for some days I was unable to raise my head from the pillow, & was obliged to have Dr. Webb, & could only see Miss Pringle & Miss Williams for a few minutes each on alternate days - I have as yet been able to see only Yeomans, & not even the servants.

This must be my excuse to your kindness for not having returned the (glorious) List before -

Yesterday I thought continually of the poor Grand Duchess who asked our prayers that she might "understand her life"

God bless you & with thanks for beautiful Claydon ever yrs affly dear Sir Harry

F. Nightingale
Dear Mr. Fred

It strikes me that it would throw an air of genteel comfort over the Institute tomorrow night (which might keep them from adjourning afterwards to the Public) if after the performance which you so more than kindly offer, I were to add what they call a 'free tea' -

Would you if you think so & approve suggest this to Mr. Wildgoose?

There would not be time now to get ready more than Tea & a bun. which must be ordered at once at the Village Oven.

[Haywood, the Secy, generally manages this.]

I want to give all the éclat possible to your generous proposal wh: so richly deserves it.

I hope Maude is not tired

F.N.
9008/179 initialled post card, 1 f, pen, stamped cancelled 28/10/81 Sir Harry Verney Claydon Ho: Bucks

L.H. Oct 28 1881
Welcome home to you & P.
Thanks for your note & for all the kind trouble you have taken for poor Madame W. She is on her way to or arrived at San Remo, where she has taken the post offered. But I have not heard from her yet. I believe her sister is leaving Lymington.
Very many thanks for game very acceptable F.N.

9008/180 initialled letter, 1 f, pencil

Lea Hurst
Nov 6/81
My dear Sir Harry
Very many thanks for your great Goodness to Mme Werckner. I enclose her note to me. I should address to her Madame W.
M. (? le Chavalier) Blanchi
San Remo.
The letter is better than I expected: I feared much worse, with her bad health.

I will write again to her & you - All good attend you: ever yrs affly F.N.

I hope Mr. Gladstone does not talk of his "approaching retirement" - F.N.
M9008/181 unsigned letter, 2 ff, pencil, to Parthenope Verney

L.H.

13/11/81

I return F. Milnes’ letter – with thanks –
I have not the ghost of an idea who
"Arthur" is, nor whether he is a "sposo",
nor whether "sposo" at all there is –
God bless her if she is going to be married: & God bless her if she is
not going to be married. dear P.

I will write about Village Nurses

But we have never trained them
at St. T.'s, except for Miss Lees.
One of our 3 District Homes is
writing to me for one, whom we
cannot give: (413 Holloway Road)

I will send to morr

I should write, [illeg] I were Mrs. G. Verney, to
23 Bloomsbury Sq. W.C. (see book)
They may know of one. It is certain
that they cannot spare one.
We do not give one, even when one of ours
volunteers without making her our
conditions for her, that board & lodging
shall be provided &c. that she shall
not cook for herself &c. –
I should also write to 510 Edgeware
Road)
(book enclosed)
And God prosper Morfy's plan.

I will write again about other things.
Do you see in the papers how ill the
Grand Duke of Baden is?
Miss Irby has been here.
I came down=stairs yesterday for the
first time –
I shall have done tonight 26 village
afternoons – but have 8 more to do.

I am afraid you have been pretty bad.
Can you still tell me of that cook
It has occurred to me, my dear P., that Mrs. G. Verney might adopt a plan that has just been adopted here at for Crich by the Miss Hurts.

They have engaged a Nurse from the Nurses' Home at Derby at 52 guineas a year, 'tout compris' all paid (which seems very little) & £26 to be paid retrospectively for her training - They have engaged a very nice lodging for her a Crich with a good widow who is to cook for her & have the place warm & comfortable when she comes in cold at night (2 rooms) They are to have the right to change the Nurse if they are dissatisfied with her - or if she becomes disabled, or on her holiday - so that they are always to be provided with a Nurse -

I think every thing will depend as to whether the Nurse works strictly under the Doctor, as in Hospitals, - & is carefully supervised by some lady (or ladies) who knows what she is about, as in our London District Homes: & whether the Nurse is a Nurse & not an alms-giver -

Now there are Nurses' Homes all over the country. If I were Mrs. G. Verney, I should enquire what is the nearest similar Institution to Esher (there are several in Essex & Kent) - & what is its character, especially as to the training given, & try to make some similar arrangement, if with an approved Institution.

[East Grinstead 'Sisters'. I know send out Sisters as Village Nurses during Epidemics. & I should think as permanent Village Nurses. but on what conditions I am not aware.]

There are so few of our highly trained
District Nurses that some such arrangement is certainly the one I should adopt, provided the Nurses of said 'Home' were trained at some accredited Hospital Training School. [But I have known an excellent Institution of this kind (the Norfolk one) entirely fail, because it neglected to require such conditions as that the clergymen (or lady) or other responsible person engaging the Village Nurse, should arrange that how the Nurse is to be lodged, warmed & cooked for, & if possible boarded - so that the Nurse's strength & care shd not be absorbed in 'fending' for herself.

[I can hardly believe that all this is included in the £52 guineas a year. but I am told it is so.] I am ashamed to ask it: but I should be glad if this letter could be returned to me. The question is so often asked of me that it would be a convenience to me to have this to refer to]

ever your
F. [end 13:776]

Could you tell me, my dear P., how the Washing (Claydon) contract progresses? I must give some notice to the Embley Washerwoman - which I have delayed, because I did not know what you had settled or what you wished.
[I did not think my washing very well done when there -
  But few badnesses can surpass the badness of the Embley washing,
  except my neck-ties, cuffs & caps, which are well done-
]

Yes: the Damson Preserved would be made welcome - The pears & apples,
kindly sent, were eagerly cooked & proved most desirable -
  I suppose I shall be here another fortnight, tho' Dr. Webb says I ought
to go as soon as possible -
  F.

It was the Lady V. Buxton cook that I was hankering after - Mrs. Ellice spoke to me of her again at Claydon. Is she at liberty?
  I don't want to trouble you to look out 'promiscuous' -

9008/184 initialled letter, 2 ff, pen

Dec. 13 1881
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

I am very sorry indeed, my dear P., about the washing.
As soon as I had written to Sir H. & you, I agreed with the washerwoman at Embley to try her again till March next. And we have already begun.
And I have already paid her in advance.
Thank you very much: I shall be very glad of Stewed Beef & flowers.
The smallest favour thankfully received.
Will you say to Sir Harry that if he is so good as to
come up about the Gd Duchess' clock, as he proposed, he must, please, tell me a day or two or three before - & the hour: I should have thought you would have said: 'I know that till the very moment you drive off from the door at Lea Hurst you have almost as many people to see you on business as there are minutes - & not only this but that people meet you at Belper, your present 'Station', to talk business till the train starts. I know that it is as much as your life is worth to have a week clear after you arrive at South St. -And I do hope nobody found you out'.

I am very sorry you are still so invalided, my dear P.

ever affly yrs & Sir H.'s F.N.

9008/185 initialled letter, 2 ff, pencil, red und

Mme Werckner Lea Hurst Nov 26 1881

My dear Sir Harry & Parthe Many, many thanks for your letters & game & pears & flowers. I think the slices of Stewed Beef saved my life, as it is almost the first meat I have been able to eat these 2 months Mme Werckner. Misfortune & mistake seem to pursue this poor woman - Please read the enclosed about the 1000 fr. you were so kind as to get her.
What is to be done?

Thanks, my dear P., about the washing.
I think we had better defer it till March, as there is so much uncertainty about it.
I trust you are better & Sir Harry well.
ever yrs affly
F.N.

9008/186 initialled letter, 2 ff and envelope, pencil [6:642]

Dec 14 1881
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
[line struck out]
my dear P.
Please, if Miss G. Hurt is still with you, first give her my best love: & then ask if she would be so very good as to write to me, & tell me, shortly, what she meant by "BUXTON HOSPITAL" being a "gigantic blunder". Of course I agree with her. But I want to know if our experiences coincide -
The poor woman died in
August last in the greatest suffering - [you knew her, widow of Limb, the carpenter mason] who was destroyed by Buxton Hospital - I ought to have prosecuted them - (she was considerably under 50) I sent her to Buxton: she was put in a Ward with 5 other helpless, not bed-ridden women from Chronic Rheumatism. They were left every night from 8 to 8 with only a Nurse (?) sleeping in the next room, whom they dared not wake - One poor woman remained on the Close-Stool all night, unable to get back into bed

Mrs. Limb got a friend to bring her back to Holloway, & never left her bed again, but died, as I have said, in intense suffering. It was so admitted that Buxton had done it, that I thought it my bare duty to doctor, nurse, & give all Medical appliances to her. It cost me about £60 a year, (which I only mention for the purpose you see) -

The woman was a Saint, if ever there was one - She was as patient as "Uncle Tom"
This is only a fatal instance of much else that I know about Buxton Hospital. I am most anxious to hear from Miss Hurt what she considers the present state of the Nursing, the Matronship & management.

[I have just sent a man there, but not helpless. And these kinds of male Patients all come back in ecstacies] - in haste ever your

F.
The densest smoke fog I ever saw was last night. But we have had 3.

"POST CARD" with stamp & postmark
Please forward

   Capt. Verney R.N.

   Claydon House

   Bucks

20/12/81

Do you remember a George Douglas Seaman & Ship's Carpenter; who says he served on board Capt. Lyon's & Capt. Peel's ships in the Crimean War, & went up with the Shannon's men to Lucknow in the Mutiny? He is a Glasgow man, has been at Singapore in business, failed & came home: asked me to help him home to Glasgow: [said he had been nursed in Scutari Hospl]: did not seem to know your name: but spoke of a Lieut. Vernon 20/12/81 F.N.

9008/97 is a copy of FN letter to HV Nov. 17/80 re Madras
January 2 1882

10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Every good & perfect gift for the New Year, & many New Years, to you & Sir Harry my dear P. [end 1:355]

And in return for your lovely flowers, I send you a misfortune -

At Lea Hurst a careless under housemaid actually burnt with her candle a hole in the amber poplin of my Mother’s Escritoire immediately on the right as you go into the Drawing - room (as we were packing up to go) -

The Village Tailor said he could mend it - & you see what he has done -

[The careless Under housemaid was your poor Harriet - who does very well under her vigilant Mentor here. But at Lea Hurst I lived in the perpetual fear of every kind of disaster, except when I was in the presence of every kind of disaster. She is a dear good girl without head, eyes or hands. And I don’t think she will ever get any. But - she always tells the truth.]
To return -
I have sent to every great shop in London to try to
get anything at all like it -
And failed:
I send in an Envelope 3 patterns
which might possibly do -
I am told at Derby that I
might possibly get it at
Manchester.
Shall I try?
If it were not that the Shore
Smiths might possibly
go to Lea Hurst this month,
I would leave it till you
come to London -
But I don’t think you will
find anything.
I have ransacked the shops
here, whether in damasks,
satin, poplins or anything.
Shall I put up the least
unlikely of these patterns
at Lea Hurst? & which?
And if we get anything pro tem better,
later, then put that up?
Shall I try at Manchester?
Which is best?
Please not to tell Louisa.
10, South Street,
Jan 14 1882

I had such a delightful account of your revels from Louisa S. S., my dear P. & Sir Harry. She really entered into them with her soul & MIND - & gave me quite a poetic account of them - I shall try to reproduce something of what she said to the people when I see you -

2. Katie Perkins

I think I ought to write to you about this poor child. She ought not to go to the good Sisters' Convalescent Home at Ascot as an Incurable or dying person - or wait till she comes to the worst before she goes. They are not for Incurables but for Convalescents.

When I said that they would not turn her out if she were incurable or had to die, that was because they take them as Patients to whom some good may be done - & then, if none can be done, (unlike all other Institutions of the kind), they will nurse them till they die. [I had little Harry Lee of Lea for 4 years between St. Thomas' & Ascot where he died.]

But I had written to Sister Bertha
of Ascot about poor Katie immediately after your first letter — paid the money for the bed.

[Your second letter dated Saturday (wishing to put off sending Katie “till she was worse”) did not reach me till Tuesday night with a post-mark, “Merton”!]

Sister Bertha answered my letter, written before your second reached me thus. on Dec 28

She says: “I shall only be too glad to do anything that lies in my power for her, I enclose Admission papers which if the Doctor at Claydon signs it will be sufficient.

[Admission paper enclosed: to be filled up.]

“There is one thing I think right to mention “—we may be obliged to close our Hospital
“for a time, as little or no funds come in. X X X (they took in 112 free Patients) Still for all that we must keep on those whose beds are paid for: so there is no difficulty about taking her for the present x x x “From what Sir W. Gull said, he would endeavour to make it only a convalescent Home; not for those long-standing cases; but there is time enough to think of that.”

I have no place to recommend within a century of this for the care given: except St. Thomas’, for which she, poor child, is not a suitable case - I saw her at Claydon, as perhaps you know - She is exceedingly interesting. I thought if she would have gone then to Ascot, there was a good chance for her. But she kept saying: ‘No, not till I am worse’ - And I had not the heart to use pressure.

But I feel very strongly that it is not fair upon her no Ascot nor fair upon her to send her there merely to die. It is quite against their object & raison d’être -

They took 112 free East London Patients & kept them for months in year 1881-

3 Please send back the amber col’d (old) front of Lea Hurst Drawing-room Escritoire.

ever my dear P. & Sir Harry yrs affy

F.N.

May God bless poor Katie & direct what is best for her
10 South Street,
19/1/82
My dear Sir Harry & Parthe
I am very sorry for Sir Harry’s bad cold. I too have a dread of his bad colds - And I thought I would write a word to say how very bad the weather is in London now for colds - The moment the day-light ought to have begun to lengthen, there ceased to be any day-light at all - We have the cold heavy wet smoke fog with the high barometer - the most hopeless fog of all. Yesterday we burnt lamps all day nearly. Black frost at night -
2. Bucks Infirmary: 2 additional Wards.

   I did not answer Sir Harry’s printed paper about the extension to this Infy, because I could not understand it without the plans—tho’ I have no doubt he was right.

   But nothing is more risky than adding to an Infirmary — You may entirely spoil the Sanitary advantages.

   Surely it would be better to have the highest Sanitary advice (professional)

   If you will send me up the plans, including Ventilation, Drainage &c

   I will have them overhauled by the Army Sanitary Comm: & overhaul them myself, if you please.

   I see the Meeting at the Bucks Infy is to be held on February 1 — [emd]

3. Please bring up when you come to London the strip of Lea Hurst amber poplin.

   ever my dear Sir H. &P yr affte
26/1/82
My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

Welcome back to London which has cleared up its very ugly face of yesterday to receive you.

I hope you are neither of you suffering now.

I fear I shall hardly be able to see you “to night”, as you kindly propose; for I have the Shore Smiths at a farewell tea (before dispersing tomorrow to School & College)

- nor yet “tomorrow”: for I have to go out to what is very fatiguing business to me -

2. Could you kindly ask your Coachman to order for me an easy Brougham with one horse, & if possible a second man by the hour to be at my door punctually at 1.10/ one: ten tomorrow?

[I shall want it for about 2 or 2 ½ hours.]

I shall hope to see you on Saturday -

3. How gladly would I help the good Grand Duchess about the Cookery - But I have been asked before how to teach cookery from a book - but never before how to teach Cooking from a book. I think it is impossible, because if the cook is a good one, he will find out the way to do what he is told better than from a book: & if he or she is a bad one, no book will teach him or her.

We teach our Probationers something of sick Cookery in the Ward kitchens - & at Edinburgh we give them Cooking classes. As you know, not thinking they learnt much of Cooking at St. T.'s, I gave them classes, which were very good, at the National School of Cookery - where a cook also was taught for me sick cookery, & much better

I send you their book: see Sick Room Cookery: p. 382 - you see how meagre it is - the classes are really much better than the book.

[There used to be a good book of Soyer's but it is quite out of print] -

Let the Queen send over a Cook, (not a book), to the Gd Duke -

May heaven restore him.

In the most poverty stricken places in Germany -even at Kaiserswerth, the cooking, to my mind, is immeasurably better than in England.

I don't think the Gd Duchess will learn much from England.

4. I have no cook.

Would you be so good as to send me that address of a Register Office in Mount St. for servants?

Amen May God bless you
ever yrs affy

F.N.

My dear Sir Harry I am sorry that I kept your carriage so late. You know where I have been - It is the first time. And I am it is only lucky that I got away before midnight

2. It is a pity that Mme de Bunsen should "make "Extracts" from Francatelli. Let her keep the book & send it to the Gd Duchess, if she thinks it will be of the least use. I don't. Let her return the School's book to me, because I know it will be of no use.
I am sorry to say I know the School have no cooks to recommend. For I have applied once & again. And, if they had, it an Englishwoman would be of no use - as you say. If the Queen were to send one a Cook, it would probably be a Frenchman or an Italian, either of whom would do -

3. About the clock, if Mr. Morey would come & undo it in this house - under your kind superine, if you like it - but not “in my presence” - That wd. be a considerable & very useless addition to my fatigue. [I am sorry to say I am obliged to avoid any such. Dr. Webb, in whose hands I was during my whole time at Lea Hurst, said that, ‘for greatly as it was against his own interest & that of Lea H. to say so, he must order me to change my name & go away to a Southern sea for at least 3 months, where I had no one to speak to, every year. Or he could not think that I could go on for another year.] & as expected I had not one days’ rest.

4. I could gladly see you tomorrow at 5 or at 6, whichever is best for you -

27/1/82 F.N.

My dear Sir Harry

Could you kindly give me the address of Lady Hobart, widow of the Governor of Madras?

F.N.
31/1/82
Feb 2 1882
Dear Mother went home this last night two years - my dear P.
I have been reading again your Article in the Contemporary. It is very graphic & agreeable reading. But still I want more about Hamlet ["peasant proprietors"] in the play of Hamlet. Thanks for your magnificent rabbit -
I am glad Sir Harry is gone out of this fog -

Sir Harry was so good as to offer me a share of a truck of little woods from Claydon with Mr. Fred & George - & desired me to answer - I would accept if he would let me pay.
Thanks for the lovely snow-drops -
I have 2 books more of yours to restore -
When am I to have the Peasant Proprietor books?
If you are so kind as to have the "little woman" at my expence for Julie to superintend & make my black skirt (when shall I pay the bill?) I shall be very much obliged - & will send in a skirt for a pattern with variations -
God bless you: ever your F.
Immediate 4/2/82
Sir B. Frere called here a day or two ago - but left no address but “Wimbledon” -
Could you tell me, my dear P., immediate whether that address is sufficient?
& whether he is a “Right Honble.”?
[I have an important paper to send him.]
2. Could you tell me whether Sir Harry wishes to see me tonight? & if so whether he will be back at by 5 or at 6?
I don’t know when I can see him, if not this evening, as appointments come fast & furious?
I should have to put on an appointmt. for to morrow (Sunday) to today, if he cannot see me this afternoon, but wishes to see me, as he says, immediately- i.e. on Sunday
[I also want to talk over the proposed Whatstandwell Coffee-room with him.]
3. Miss Pringle of Edinburgh will be with me on Monday on her way back to Edinburgh - Would you like to ask her & Miss Williams on Monday of St. Mary’s to dinner?
   No occasion if you don’t like-
   - Godspeed
   Wha ever yrs aff
   my dear P.
   F.N.

5/2/82
I am so sorry that I have been totally unable from press of Nursing business even to look at your paper or at ‘2 Mondes’ -
As you want them, I return them, hoping to see them again:
I don’t think that Cheque is due to me, I will explain.
Will Sir H. bring back a nosegay of grass for the cats? F.
24/2/82
I am most thankful that Sir Harry has acceded to having the horse up from Claydon - It is a relief indeed - I give you joy - I give ourselves joy.
   And you must allow me to give the horses Board Wages while in London, & the livery, as your Birth-day present, my dear P.
   With the best will to appropriate the Cheque enclosed, I cannot find out that it belongs to me. Please score it out of your counterfoils your F.

M. Werckner’s 2nd letter (within)

Mrs. FitzGerald (Amicia Milnes)
is safe from Cairo on board the Invincible

This is delightful reading - But where is the Peasant Proprietor? middle of
   p. 20 Is not the transition rather brusque, unaccounted for, from “Vénus de Milo” to peasant properties”?
   I return Leplay, hoping to see him again.
Have I your Revue des Deux Mondes? You lent it me: but you took it away again. I think you have it.

19/2/82 F.N.
20/2/82

How is your cold this morning?

Mrs. Boyce’s address is: 2 Upper Wimpole St.

Please be very careful, if you write to Sir Evelyn Wood, not to mention Mrs. Hawthorn at all; & to mention me only incidentally if at all, e.g. as having large opportunities of information from Natal or as always carrying on a Nursing correspondence with Doctors & others everywhere - If you see him, you can afterwards say what you like

F.N.

Natal 21/2/82

My dear Sir Harry

I think that there must be God’s purpose in the curious coincidence of Dr. Acland writing to you & Mrs. Hawthorn to me about this Typhoid Fever - I have written to a man here in confidence to ask his advice - & shall try to get his answer tonight - about Orderly Nursing.

Both on account of this & because I am so very much occupied to-day, & have Miss Irby coming to-day (& to sleep) - would it “do” if I were to see you tomorrow at 4?

Or do you attach much importance to speaking to Mr. Childers to-night? If so, I could see you to-day at 1.45.

But I feel sometimes almost worn out You are younger than I.

F.N.
23/2/82
My dear Sir Harry
How are you?
Natal
In Dr. Acland’s letter you see it merely says ‘there is Typhoid fever’; & asks you to call on Sir John Stokes - Perhaps you have done so -
It occurred to me: if Dr. Acland would ask his son Frank to send him word

how the men in Hospital are nursed, whether he hears any complaints about Orderly Nursing, or the Diets and drinks - And you might tell Dr. Acland what we have heard
And would you ask Sir John Stokes who you see has a son there the same thing: giving him hints of what we have heard.
If we had the testimony of these two young Artillery Officers, it might be a good thing.
Have you anything from Sir Evelyn Wood?

yrs
F.N.
You see it will be nearly 3 months from the date of Mrs. Hawthorn’s letter to the time she receives our answer: the Typhoid Fever will either be well or dead
It is not the question, is it? of Sir E. Wood.’s sending out Mrs. Fellowes or any Nurse but

more of seeing whether he is aware of the true state of things - & whether he thinks “the General”, (Who is the General?) will have done anything.
and what he would suggest as to the Nursing Orderly Service - whether he knows how bad it is -

F.N.
24/2/82

My dear Sir Harry

It was very good of you to have your horse up from Claydon, which will be an inestimable comfort to Parthe, & I may add to me. You must allow me to have the pleasure at least of paying the Board Wages to the horse: And I shall make this, my Birthday present to Parthe, to you - I think you said that you had Livery for the groom boy. Else I hope you will allow me to provide this, as you are so condescending to our fancies - It is really very good of you -

2. No bill has been sent me for the wood you were so kind as to give me - Please let it be sent me -

3. I am glad you are going to see Sir Evelyn Wood to-day. No doubt you will ask him his opinion of the Pietermaritzburg & Newcastle Hospitals, & if he has one: & how the men would be nursed there, in an outbreak of Typhoid, by Orderlies - as well as who "the General" is - & what he would do in such a case -

4. I enclose this extraordinarily dry letter in answer to my extraordinarily civil letter from Miller the Gardener at Clumber about H. Crooks - I am afraid it is no use obvious Miller does wishes to get rid of him - If you will kindly give your opinion I will send the letter to Shore.

We have lost all our 4 beautiful little kittens - in a week - ever your affect F.N.
3/3/82

I am almost sorry, my dear P., to say that the Embley laundress, after have done atrociously, has done much better during the last 4 weeks - mainly owing, I think, to my having taken away a part of the washing, & given it to a laundress at Hampstead.

If I must answer now, I think I must say that I must give the Embley washerwoman another quarter's notice trial: that is, 'law till June - [She is very anxious to keep the whole -] I am very sorry for any inconvenience to the Claydon washerwoman in thus putting off my decision till June - & shall be glad to offer any compensation that is right -

May Morey bring me primroses & daffodils? & snow-drops?

3/3/82

F.N.

My love to Sir Harry

March 9/82

My dear Sir Harry

I enclose Mrs. Hawthorn's last letter to me, as you desired.

If Mr. Childers does not take up the matter energetically, it ought to be brought in some form or other before the public? And Parliament would be the best form?

I would therefore in the first place make a fresh & strong attempt upon Mr.
Childers; & in the next prepare
for the matter being brought before Parlt.
Should not the demand be for Mr.
Childers to make a local enquiry into the
facts as stated in this letter, & into
the management of all the Hospitals -
Of course it could only be done by a
person or persons of weight proceeding
from England: & such an enquiry would
be useless unless it involved an Examination
of all the available patients who had been
in the Hospital, as well as of all the persons
connected with their administration -
Nothing short of this could bring out
the facts - And if Mr. Childers limits
himself simply to referring these
questions to the General Officer Commandt.
or to the Medical Department, no useful
result will come of it.
F.N.

9009/18 initialed letters, 1f, pencil

Dearest You were so good
as to say you would come
instead of Sir Harry - Sir H.
appoints one & to-day
one-thirty - [And even that, I
believe, shortens his ride -]
But that is too early for
you - is it not?
I suppose the time most
convenient to you is just
before or just after your drive.
Will you say to-day what it
shall be?
ever your
F.
March 16/85
18/3/82

I wish your kind invitation to Louisa & Shore could have come in 3 hours earlier, my dear P.

She did not come in till 12 last night, tired to death - & started again for York Place this morning - Neither she nor Shore will be in here again till 6 or 7 - this evening - to dine here at 7.30. If you cannot judge for them - Whether you should send up to York Place your invitation or put it off till tomorrow - I shall not countermand my dinner till you tell me.

9009/19 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [3:397]

19/3/82

You do not know, my dear Sir H., how entirely unable I am to go to Wellington Chapel - [I should certainly not be able to lie down for a week after it, even if I got through at all.] There I have scarcely been able to lie down for the last 4 nights.

There is nothing I should like better than to go to W. Chapel, except to go to Church with you. [I sent this message on receipt of your kind note yesterday -] How are you? & how is the Groom? - F.N.
20/3/82

My dear Sir Harry

As you “propose to give notice to-night,” I will try my best: tho’ I had rather have had leisure to think - & to talk it over with you.

I should give a great deal more prominence to the military dangers, which are undoubted & truly terrific - & a great deal less to the commercial, which are local & doubtful & might be described (by an enemy) as selfish & purely affecting London.

[I was told that many would say: the answer is: not to discourage the Tunnel: but -” so much the worse for London.”]

And I would certainly omit all mention of the “Suez Canal” (at the end) - because it damages our case; & the answer is conclusive.

It is: is it not? ‘the Suez Canal is a benefit to the world. - “And for the sake of the English carrying trade, ‘-would you shut it up?’

In India I am we are entirely against “diverting the course of the carrying trade” from water to rail -- but simply because it rail makes heavy goods so expensive to carry that it virtually shuts a distant market
Wellcome Ms 9011 234

to the poor for their produce. Whatever country has cheap water & cheap coal (for steam on water) has cheap transit - see America with her grand water carriage - And whoever has cheap transit has is the granary of the world - & commands the markets of the world.

But I we should never think, of putting should we? of urging water as against rail for the on the plea that otherwise a shipping interest should would be injured.

For I think the answer is ready: Also: cheapness will always win the day: will it not? And no artificial barrier will prevent it, or promote it. This motion is most important: it involves almost the future of England: I should put it on the broadest possible basis: of the vital interest in a "Military point of view"

I should say: something to this effect: "That it is of vital importance to our country to maintain its insular position: -That a submarine Tunnel, uniting England with the continent, destroys this position.

"in a military point of view: 

"and that by diverting trade from London, at present the entrepôt of commercial transactions between the East & West, it might have an injurious effect both on E our commerce & on our ship-carrying trade" [end 7:765]
The Bonnet-maker, my dear P., has sent me not a bonnet but one of those hats, transmogrified. She has sown on 2 ears, 5 feathers at the top, put a stout heavy velvet bar inside with a thicket of black lace over the forehead, no white cap at all, & heavy black ribbons - nothing I ever wear at all.

The bonnet is a master piece - wholly unsaleable to others - wholly unwearable by me -

It is the reverse of anything I ever wear: the reverse, as I believe, of your orders.

{written at the top of the page, but apparently unconnected with it}

& that he will give them to "opportunity"

of "discussing" it till then -

If you think otherwise, I will try my very best to look over your Notice
But I fear I could not see you today

Many thanks for Col. Smith's note
F.N.

You said she wished to see it on. Shall I let her come tomorrow at 1.30?

I cannot think how it is to be altered -

And wear it I cannot -

It is besides perfectly grotesque on me -

Could you lend me Guizot's Histoire de la Civilization

(not from a Library)

F.

Thanks many for your Article.
27/3/82
My dear Sir Harry

I do not know: but is there anything that Mr. Gladstone could answer to your proposed Notice but what he has twice already answered in the Ho: of C. & in the Lords viz. that he has appointed a Committee to report upon how the Channel Tunnel is to can be made *defensible*. & that till it has reported the Ho. of C. will not be called upon to consider it - & has w & nothing will be done
re London against Liverpool
as in re Bombay against Calcutta -
Last year the completion of the rail-roads between Bombay & the Punjab diverted the wheat-trade from the N.W. of India down to Bombay (instead of to Calcutta) & saved us as you know from a rise in the price of bread in England.

Calcutta does not therefore cry out - but she seeks to develop the resources of the countries North of her. Assam & the like
And Calcutta will soon have a flourishing trade - again -
We think Mr. Deichmann’s objections will rightly be put down as trade=selfishness - He is merely thinking of his own firm - But this is not the way to reason for a great Empire.

My earnest hopes that you will be comfortable at South St I shall be there tomorrow to welcome you - {a word cut off}

Sunday I was entirely engaged in seeing the new Legal Member of Council previous to his departure for India - Monday (yesterday) in preparing papers for him - & in the evening in seeing another gentleman about Agricultural Education for the Civil Servants / Service previous to going out.

To-day Shore’s wife & Rosy come to stay.
How are you ? I thought you tired on & how is Parthe? Saturday
31/3/82
My dear Sir Harry  If you are so good as to see Sir Henry Parkes, please remember, as our honoured Chairman of the N. Fund, that we owe him the greatest obligations.

He raised a large sum towards the N. Fund: he sent me home an Address on my return from the Crimean War.

He afterwards had our Nurses out on the most liberal terms to Sydney

(Miss Osborn, you remember.) They nursed the D. of Edinburgh -

I wish we could have done as much, or nearly as much well for Sir Henry Parkes as he has done for us -

He has always supported us.

I will be sure & see him before he goes -

2. You see that in ‘XIX Century’ for April there is a signed petition for against the Channel Tunnel -

And it is still lying for names signatures at the ‘XIX Century’s’ Office in Paternoster Row -

Thank Parthe for the lovely flowers -
I am almost afraid I cannot find time or strength to see her this week.

F.N.
2/4/82
I had not heard of a “Lady Parkes” (in these 20 years’ corresponde.) but then neither had I heard of “a daughter”.
Tho’ I did not mean to have seen him Sir H. Parkes so soon, ( I am so knocked up), I will accept your kind offer & say 6 on Wednesday - [You dine at 7.30?]

F.N.

28/3/82
My dear Sir Harry
Your note on the Channel Tunnel quite agrees with the general idea, I think.
I said yesterday what occurred to me about making it a Notice of Motion -
Might I add that I think it is not I nor yet Parthe - but an M.P. - who should be consulted as to whether or not Notices of [not?] Motion should be made?  

[end 7:766]
28/3/82

Louisa & Rosalind are rather very tired, my dear P., & seem to prefer dining quietly here with Shore tonight, many thanks. They are just come up from Cambridge.

Some weeks ago Miss Benedicks, of Gothenbourg, now Mrs. Barclay, who was with her sister, in law, that lovely Mme de Björkenstam, at Albergo dell’ Arno (Palazzo Acciajuoli) at Florence, you remember, called here. She was to spend “the winter” in London. And I have always been too ill & overworked to see her. Could you or Sir Harry leave a card there, 25 Bolton St, & explain, if she is not gone, how unwillingly impossible it is to me to see her - She returns to Sweden -

F.N.
10/4/82
My dear Sir Harry

I am not sure but I think it was Capt. Clough Taylor (of Ld Ripon’s Aide de camps) who married a daughter of D. of Argyll. but what her name is I don’t know - but I think it was an alliteration of Clough, a Lady C. Campbell - But I don’t know - The Indian Mail does not go till Friday - does it? - I was very angry with Ld Ripon for sending me that message by you: because I wrote to him on 2 most important subjects, partly at least at his own instigation -

And if he had done the thing, & said: ‘I don’t owe Miss N. the a letter, it would have been much more to the purpose -

But if you are so good as to wish to come at 6 to day we might concoct something.

F.N.
Katie Perkins 10/4/82

Dr. Denton has written me a Certificate in which he says that “the spinal curvature from which she, Catherine Perkins, suffers is getting worse, & that her general health is suffering in consequence x x x “but no doubt a residence in any place where she would have proper food, “care & Medical attention would do her good for the time - & probably for some “time after she left the Institution” -

In another letter he said that she was quite equal to the journey.

I accordingly wrote to Sister Bertha, the Superior of the Devonport Sisters, who answers

“We shall be very much pleased to receive Katie Perkins at Ascot (Convalescent Hospl) whenever she is able to come. It is now a beautiful time of year for her to be there.”

“I enclose Admission paper for her.”

The way to Ascot for K.P. is through Oxford & Reading. Reading to Ascot ½ an hour: change of rail -

The bed is paid for already -

I enclose Admission paper: in case the one I sent before is mislaid.
I should be very glad to contribute to travelling expences & washing

And I earnestly trust that Katie Perkins may get better -

That she will be happy under their great care & kindness there is no doubt

Post Office Address: Florence Nightingale Ascot Convalescent Home Bracknell Berks Station. Ascot
12/4/82

Many thanks, my dear P., for your welcome to Claydon
I will take the cook. Could I have a stout girl at Claydon - she need not be a kitchenmaid - to do the kitchen cleaning & kitchen-utensil=cleaning under her - my cook is rather a delicate woman -

Do you want me to take the Claydon girl, Harriet, there as housemaid? - I had rather not. - rather give her a holiday to see her mother some other time - I should always be afraid of her destroying your furniture. She is much worse than any number of Jumbos - poor child

If I am not well enough or if the weather is bad, I think I shall hardly go on Saturday or till Monday or Tuesday, if equally convenient to you -

But I suppose I ought to write tomorrow to Mr. Grey to stop my Hamper -

I did write to R.M.M. - & sent to inquire after him. but had no answer how he was but that he would write -

I hope you are somewhat better from Dr. Brunton’s handicraft. In the V. of Wakefield the lady could not spell because she had sprained her ankle - You say write: ‘this hand won’t right’.

Sir Harry, I trust, is bonny - again - but I ever yours 

thought him looking delicate & his

F.N.
9009/31 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

14/4/82
My dear Sir Harry & Parthe
   I am so very sorry for Parthe’s “rheumatic gout”, & wish I could see her - Please
tell me what Sir W. Gull says -
   I enclose a characteristic note from
R.M.M. Please return it. - [I can
scarcely decipher it]
   I will accept your kind wish that I
should go to Claydon tomorrow Saturday by the 3
o’clock: if Morey will order a Saloon carriage

for me with door thro’ to Servants’ compartment
(2 maids) to Claydon
But I am afraid I must make a proviso
not to go if weather very bad
or me very unwell -
I am so sorry to bother Parthe just now
- but about the stout girl wanted
in the kitchen - would she Parthe direct
to whom I should write or telegraph
to secure her, to come tomorrow before we
arrive?
   ever yours & hers anxiously
   & sorrowfully
   F.N.

9009/32 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Private  Claydon April 19 1882
My dear Margaret
   You have good news of Ellin: thank God -
   And my little God-child: how is she?
   Will you excuse me for asking your advice
on what I know you will think with me a
most important subject/ I have no one
else whose advice I can ask -
   You know that when Parthe leaves London,
Sir Harry goes to Mr. Calvert’s to “meal”
as we say in Derbyshire, but that, as
Sir Harry cannot have a bed at his
brother’s, he is to “sleep” at me’s - Now
1. How am I to tell whether he comes in cold
at night? [I shall of course have his
spiced wine ready for him: a very bad
thing without food for so spare a man:
but that in itself is not enough.]
2. What is the latest hour at which if he
does not come home, one ought to send out
to see if anything has happened?
3. If an attack of cramp should come on
from cold & indigestion, such as might
occasion a fall & he remain senseless
on the floor in the night, as has occurred,
what ought to be done?
   [You will think me over-anxious: but I
understand that it is expressly to guard
against these very grounded anxieties, which as
that he does not make it not fit for him to go to a hotel to sleep;
AS I ENTIRELY CONCUR! that he comes to me.]

It seems as if only a wife or a son or
a confidential man-servant could do
what is wanted, effectually -
   I spoke to him of course about having Morey to
sit up for him; & to sleep at hand.
& he of course utterly pooh-poohed it -
   Do you think that it would be right or
possible for the proper things to be done
without Morey at least sleeping within call
of him? I would empty the other room
on the floor he will sleep on of my maid (Fanny)
who would be quite useless in the case of a night attack. [she herself has night attacks - & I have no maid in the house who would be of any use.] And Morey should sleep in the room next him - And we must trust to Morey’s good sense for the rest, if Sir Harry will not let him sit up for him -

As for the terrible probability of these cramps recurring, I should hear of any fall - for I should sleep under - or any groan - And I should of

{page missing}

My best love to Fred & Maude - & oh & how sorry, how very sorry I have been to have been quite unable to see or write to them any time this long year or to hear Maude’s music or to see my little friends -

“When 2 or 3 are gathered together” - - - -

God bless you all:

ever yours

Aunt Florence

Thank my little Godchild for her Christmas card. I have not neglected her in thought.

Claydon Ho: April 27 1882

My dear Sir Harry

I hope you will come to 10 South St. to sleep when you move from your own house - I begged you to do this any how - there would have been room - But now, I am sorry to say, the Shore Smiths are not coming - [They have taken a lodging in Albemarle St]

Thank you very much for your kind
invitation to stay here - But I must be back -
I put my Easter wreath of blue forget-me-nots & white flowers on dear Emily’s grave -
The singing birds seem fast disappearing from your trees on both sides the Tennis Lawn. I cannot help fancying they have been shot, tho’ not by Mr. Phillips the Gardener -
But it may be the cold which is like February
I have a dreadful letter from Mrs. Hawthorn of Natal - (3 indeed since I saw you) She says: make Mr. Childers examine the Patients who are now coming home from Natal If he won’t do it & if they don’t convince him nothing will
Yr aff
F.N.

9009/34 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil.

Claydon Ap 28 1882
I trust Sir Harry’s things will be brought straight in to me’s. I have not liked to trouble you, my dear P. -seeing you have been so poorly & worried - & I have been so ill that all my most important business is neglected - God help me & it - but I must ask now questions regarding Sir Harry’s comfort & indeed safety at No. 10, where he will come on Tuesday for the Channel Tunnel debate - I trust - [Thanks for your very
kind invitation to remain here - But I
must be back]
1. *How am I to know* whether he comes
in *cold at night*? I shall of course
have his spiced wine ready - & you will
tell me how to make this - Let the person
who usually makes it *write it down* for me -
Do you have an Etna, or what? to keep
it warm? But so spare a man as he
should have something of *food* with it?
And how am I to know whether he does
not want *more* fresh hot water bag in bed -
or the like? & whether he will take care of himself?
2. *What is the latest hour* when if he
does not return one should send out
to know what has become of him?
One must consider this with his age &
frame - And I know you do -
He is so perfectly fearless about himself that
he cannot conceive your being uneasy.
3. Suppose he were to have from cold & indigestion some such fit (with unconsciousness) as he had once? What exactly ought to be done?
   I should hear any fall or groan from my room below - & should of course run up - stairs at once - But I could not rub him or lift him into bed again -
   And I have no one to send out for a Doctor -
   Please give me the name & address of the Doctor

4 My best of loves to Margaret - & tell her how sorry I am -
   Did you get from her the address for the "imitation stamped leather" for the piece of furniture at Lea Hurst?
   Aunt Julia is going there in a month - & I must get it done -
   Please send me the address -

5. Katie Perkins
   After hearing in answer to my enquiries that she was “dead”, - that she was “wasting away”, - I sent Fanny & Mrs. Greig to see Mrs. Barrett & her.
   She is better - & would like to go to Ascot Convalescent Home -
   I suppose the Doctor here should see her first.
   I had better do nothing about moving her till you come home??

6. Mrs. Clark (the washerwoman) -.
   I have seen her & Greig (according to your desire) & Mrs. Greig -
   She seems satisfied.

7. I saw a miserable deformed baby, living at Catherine Cottage here - & have sent for Dr. Denton.
Please send me word the day
? (Tuesday) Sir Harry will come in at
No 10
Please send his things in now -
God bless you both
ever yrs & his affly
F.N.

9009/35 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

29/4 {arch: ?’82}
Dear P. I don’t know whether your
Carriage means to take me the round of the
sights, as you kindly proposed.
Don’t think about it, if you are too much
pressed these last days.
You said I must have a new bonnet.
F.N.
“Mary Baring” returned:

9009/36 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

Channel Tunnel.) Claydon May 2 1882
My dear Sir Harry
You desired me to write to you what I
thought & discussed with you about Mr.
Deichmann’s objections to the Channel Tunnel
The real objections are so strong - &
Mr. Deichmann’s so ill-pointed that we
can make a much better case than this;
1. Mr. D. fears that foreigners will
come (? through the Tunnel) & do their
business in English & Colonial produce personally.

They can do so now by coming by steamer:
-the sea-sickness is then the only preventive?

2nd Paragraph: does not explain why or how the Tunnel should injure English Trade but merely the English Shipping trade. It would probably benefit the Railways - And it is not shown how Trade in general would be injured.

There should be something stronger than this to make a good case out against the Tunnel -

Surely the unanswerable Military objections - the discomfort as a route for passengers of a tunnel 25 miles long without ventilation -- & the great cost which will certainly not pay a high rate of interest, as the moment this is put to work, 5 or 6 more will be started - should be reasons for spending the money on improving the Harbours at each end of the passage, and on good steamers rather than on such an enterprise -

I wish you had talked to Shore who has such very clear & strong views -much better worth your having than mine - about it.

In India we should never dream of giving such reasons as Mr. Deichmann does
Mrs. Hawthorn's
   letters:  May 4 1882
   {printed address:}  10, South Street,
                      Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir Harry
   I trust that you are well
   this morning & not too
   uncomfortable.
   If you would like to see
   me this afternoon, please
   fix the time.
   Would you kindly look
   over now the two letters
   from Mrs. Hawthorn
   enclosed?
   [I have two others which
    you have not seen.]  
   You see the plot thickens.
   *Genl Drury Lowe* is
   coming home.
   *Could you see him?*
A question must be asked in the Ho: asking for this official report against the orderlies.
Who shall put it?
May I ask what you did about moving for a Return & Report of the Army Hospital Corps?
What do you think the course to be adopted upon these terrible letters?
I suppose I must see Dr. Blair Brown & Trumpet Major Epps.
What a blind guide is Mr. Childers.
yrs affly
F.N.
Netley Probrs. 4/5/82
My dear Sir Harry
Did you ever have any answer from
Sir R. Loyd Lindsay about the Examn of the Nurses?
I am afraid it is over & nothing done
(see the enclosed from Mrs. Deeble)
I am afraid I must see her.
F.N.

May 5 1882
10, South Street, Park lane. W.
My dear Sir Harry
I have signed this, as you think well but at the end -
-I think nothing could be better than that you should sign it
You see Mrs. Boyce asks me to “have it forwarded
to the Crown Princess.” I don’t quite think I ought to undertake this. If I do, I must write a separate letter
to her with it. And that I ought not to do.
The alternative is “to send it to “Miss Whateley”: & to let her “forward it”. What do you think?
I am afraid I expect nothing from it.
Do not go till 11 tomorrow
9 is too early.

yr aff ever
F.N.
Can you find out anything about Genl Drury Lowe?
When does the Channel Tunnel debate come on?
Madame Werckner 5/5/82
My dear Sir Harry Have you heard any thing of this poor woman?
I am afraid her husband has caught her & brought her to England.
I found on my table a card:
"Mrs & Mr. Werckner - Columbus;"
(this is one of his insanities)
& a direction at Dalston: not a word from her

In the meantime I have this letter from your Mrs. Boyce of Bordighera -
Do you think any good can be done by an appeal, or by this appeal, to the Crown Princess?
farther than what you did already.
F.N.

10 South St. Park Lane
5/5/82  W.
My dear Sir Harry
I shall be very much obliged to you "to read prayers at 9," as you so kindly propose
I do it - (but in a most unsatisfactory way) that is, I read prayers with Fanny at 8.30 - & she afterwards reads again what I have said & read, to the others at 9.10 -

Do you think it would do if you would kindly write to the Cr. Princess with about the Petition?
8/5/82
Mr. Fred wanted to dine with you yesterday at the Travellers’ or to-day at the Ho. of Commons - His address is at the Travellers’ - 
My love to him - & I should so like to know his Irish news - 
I should like to ask you a question about Mr. Forsyth, the Dentist, if I may. 
F.N.

10/5/82
My dear Sir Harry
It is quite impossible for me to send see Mr. Forjett or any one this morning - 
And I am too ill to see any one not quite necessary this month at least - 
I am well acquainted with Mr. Forjett by correspondence: & have the highest respect for him. Please tell him so - 
& ask him if he is in London later in the year to kindly to make an appointment with me beforehand some afternoon about 5 - 
I have been obliged to put off many most important appointments this last fortnight from inability
Philip McCarthey about 24 or 25
carman & previously car boy in the
service of the Midland Ry: St. Pancras' Station
son of an old soldier who was in India
under Sir F. Roberts - now an
attendant in a Lunatic Asylum -
from Ireland: born in India
a tee-totaller: not a R. Catholic -
inclined to the "Salvation Army-
might, I know what character he bears
as to sobriety, steadiness &c a tea totaller
very good

26/5/82
My dearest Sir Harry
I trust that you will not think of not
returning here. I do not mean to part from you
till you can have a room at Mr. Calvert's
or at some relative's as good as you are
pleased to say this is.
It was quite impossible for me to
decline any longer taking in Shore - They
have no home - But I did not mean it
to make any difference to you. I told you in order that it might make none.

I have been & am so very ill that I fear I have not been able to make it as pleasant to your kindness as I could have wished -

I own I am glad that the Ho: takes Whitsuntide holidays - & very glad that you get into the country by the 5 o’cl.  

If you are good enough to go to the Midlands, I enclose Fanny's lover's signalement.

I shall expect you on Thursday
Pray make a good luncheon to-day.

God bless you & God bless the right ever yr aff
F.N.

May I have the Ford co Draft of your Notice of Motion to Mr. Childers? A.H. Corps

9009/47 initialed letter, 1f, pencil,

5/6/82

I would make time on Thursday or Friday at 5 or 6 or at 4 if Genl Lowe would be so very good as to come -
To-day, tomorrow & Wednesday I am engaged -
But any day after that (after 4 in the afternoon) that Genl Lowe would kindly fix I would be ready gladly -
F.N.
As we have always said, no good can come of Mr. Childers’ enquiry into the Army Hospital Corps unless some unofficial person is on it - some one whose promotion does not depend on the Horse Guards - some one independent.

6/6/82 F.N.

My dear Sir Harry

If Genl Drury Lowe intends to leave Euston by the 5, would he come to me at 3? We have at least 2 good hours’ conversation before us - [But perhaps he would leave Euston by a later train. I must not however ask this.]

Very many thanks for your note. It is very important.

Very many thanks for going to St. Pancras about McCarthy.

I told Fanny about it

Do you think I should now write to the Derby Manager about it?

Of course we cannot learn whether McCarthy is a married or engaged man

Such things have happened.

I am so sorry I shall not be able to see you to-day. perhaps tomorrow

ever yrs aff

F.N.

Sir Henry Parkes will be in London again on the 18th for a few days only -
Could you call upon him?
My dear Sir Harry

Thanks for your budget.

How terrible the prospect of injustice in the A.H. Corps enquiry -
As we were told before, the only foundation we shall not find to fail us is the Report made to Genl. Leicester Smyth by his Mil. Secy. -

Can you ascertain from Mr. Childers whether this has been received -

2. Who are the members on the enquiry &c &c &c

Do you know the Lord Provost of Edinburgh (Sir Thomas Boyd)

I am canvassing (by desire) for Dr. Bell to be elected to the chair of Surgery at the Edinburgh University?

The Lord Provost is one of the Curators to be Canvassed.

[I will tell you when I see you how all important to the welfare of Miss Pringle’s Infy. & Training School is - Dr. Bell]

Capt. Verney, I believe, knows Sir T. Boyd

If you see them today, would you first give Margt my best love = & how is she? & then ask Capt. Verney about this Edinburgh matter -

yrs affly

F.N.

[In another hand: Duncan McClaren formerly M.P. Edinburgh]

Miss Campbell
3 Crick Road [Rosinwarn[?]

Park Terrace [?]
Sir Harry permitted me to open this letter, take out the prescription & send it to Squire’s to be made up - It shall come by him.

I will write to Sister Bertha about Katie Perkins. I was obliged to give £20 about for the bed, or I could not have had it at all under the circumstances which I wrote to you - If they keep the poor child on, it will not therefore cost you anything - May she improve!!
I will write to the Devonport Penitentiary (Home of Hope) about the frightful case you tell me of at Steeple Claydon. But if the girl is "shameless", will she go? - They only take VOLUNTARY penitents - Is she a case where the magistrate has interfered to place her in a Penitentiary? May God convert her:

16/6/82 For man cannot!

9009/52 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dear Sir Harry I am glad that I have a vigorous letter from Parthe this morning: in much better handwriting than usual. You ask me about Maude’s letter with reference to showing it to Sir W. Gull - There is nothing in it to give him any "knowledge" of "Parthe’s condition" - The only step which could do this would be for her to write report to him herself with accurate & quite other particulars than this - especially stating the effects of his medicine -

Or, what Sir W. Gull would prefer, for her to be seen by a local Doctor - not for the local Doctor to dose her but for him to watch her & the effect of Sir W. G.’s medicine & report to Sir W. G. -
No other report except a Nurse’s or Parthe’s careful one would be of any use.
Would you allow me to send any Prescription of Parthe’s to Squire’s to be made up?

The difference of Squire’s drugs from Potts’ or nearly any one’s else is the difference between purity & the exact strength ordered - and haphazard in old drugs - You could not believe it was the same prescription.

Careful Doctors always tell you this -
F.N.

9009/53 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

17/6/82
My dear Sir Harry  Parthe has written to me about the Shore Smiths - She makes a little mistake about them - Would you explain to her?

They are not in London: & cannot remain in London. They have broke up their little household, & parted with their servants -

Shore was in London two days this week.

His wife was at Cambridge with daughter & son -

They come up to encamp at York Place to night for only a few days: & hope to let the house again -

They have telegraphed to me to see them. I am afraid they are will be going to Ireland.

Aunt Julia is at present at Lea Hurst.
I hope they will go there afterwards - I trust you will find Parthe better

yr aff
F.N.
June 22 1882
My dear Sir Harry

I am so very glad to have had you this one week more. Parthe told me that you would not be coming to London much more after this week. And I hope for your own sake it may be so - She also told me that after this you could have a room at Mr. Calvert’s -

I am so very unwilling to have to say that there has been a long engagement for Mr. Jowett to come here for a week in order to go into very important enquiries in London about the subject of training of Civil Service Indian candidates who as you know are chiefly at Balliol.

I have put him off every week this month And he told me on Sunday that this next week is the last week he could come. So you would wish him to come, I know.

I am almost worn out.
And I am now so crowded with engagements But if Claydon is empty, & it is quite convenient, as you so kindly propose, I believe it would be almost necessary for me to go there for a little rest the week after next, if there is no one there- if I am to go on at all -

I hope you would come here for two days for the wedding of your Schatz on July 4 - if more convenient to you than elsewhere
You sometimes kindly speak on things so near my heart. There are but two things that I am sure of - One is that I for my sins have deserved infinite punishment. The other that God of His infinite mercy will save me from my sins.

May God be with us both! I am getting so that perhaps I cannot go on much more -

Yrs ever affly
F. Nightingale

9009/55 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

23/6/82
My dear Sir Harry
Very many thanks for your notes -
It is a great relief to me that you are not going into a lodging, unless it were with Edmund & Margt _ Thanks.

The address of Fanny's "schatz", whom you said you would be so good as to find out about, is: 43 River St
York Road
King's Cross F.N.

9009/56 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

24/6/82
My dear Sir Harry
I had rather say 'Welcome' than 'Good-bye' which I hope to do on Monday week.
I trust you are not coming to London next week & that Parthe will greatly improve -
We shall miss you & your prayers -
I saw Sir R. Loyd Lindsay yesterday; (& Margaret)
But I should like to know what you thought of the Nat Aid Socity. Meeting: God bless you: Au revoir!
F.N.
27/6/82
My dear Sir Harry: very sorry you are in London & not here -

Sir Henry Parkes, 98 Lancaster Gate, is only in England till Saturday only.
You said you would call on him

[I hope the Queen has seen him]

Col. Gordon has taken the command of the Colonial forces at the Cape - He would be the best possible Englishman for Zululand -

God bless you -

ever yrs affly

F.N.

1

Thanks for your note about Sir E. Wood -
I was very anxious to hear -
But has he had before him Genl. Leicester Smyth’s Report (Col. Montgomery’s)
2. Will he keep the enquiry open till the fresh evidence comes next mail?
It is quite impossible to have women at all Military & War Hospls. -

Will he help, *not* in “punishing these
“drunken rascals” but in reforming their enlistment training organization promotion?
I wrote you a note which could be read to him if you liked?
Very many thanks
28/6/82

June 28 1882
{printed address:} 10, South Street, Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir Harry

I rejoice that Sir Evelyn Wood is the head of this enquiry into the conduct of the Army Hospl. Corps in Natal.

I have had a “letter from Natal saying that more evidence is coming home by next mail. Doubtless Sir E. Wood will keep the enquiry open for this.

But the important thing is that Sir E. Wood should have before him
the result of Genl. Leicester
Smyth’s informal enquiry
contained in his Military
Secretary’s (Col. Montgomery’s)
Report to Genl. Smyth.

It is a pity that there
are not more witnesses in
England (of those who have
actually suffered) for Sir E.
Wood to examine

But there is one
A. Epps
late Trumpet Major Inniskillings
Horticultural Depot, Peat Stores
Vauxhall Station [end]

I think Sir E. Wood has
seen some of Mrs. Hawthorn’s letters:
but I send, by your desire,
the some later ones which
perhaps he has not seen.
Please return them to me.
They are strictly private.
As you know, however, I do
not put myself forward
to mother this enquiry. [15:888]

Sir Evelyn Wood will
elicit the truth victoriously.
He knows that Privates &
N.C. officers will not stand
to their word: that Medical
Officers must consider their
promotion & how difficult it is to obtain evidence of any abuse, however many may know the exact truth about it.

Nevertheless Sir E. Wood will elicit it, I feel sure.

Yrs very sincerely
Florence Nightingale

9009/59 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

30/6/82
My dear Sir Harry I wish I could see you to-day. But I am quite overwhelmed-Sir Henry Parkes telegraphs that he must see me - [He sails tonight -] And I have Mr Jowett besides - I feel quite worn out. Perhaps I may go to Claydon on Thursday, as you so kindly propose
F.N.

9009/60 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

30/6/82
My dear Sir Harry
Tho’ I am very sorry you are in a lodging at all, as you say that you are “comfortable” & “do not wish to move”, I will not press your coming here for the wedding on Monday, as I fully hoped you would do.

A thousand thanks for your most kind invitation to Claydon - I am so
completely done up & ill that I believe I must go somewhere next week to be quite alone - But you will probably be having friends at Claydon, & I could not bear of course to prevent this -

I feel like my grandfather who said: “I want nothing but the extremest quiet” - & to be able to lie about in the house & saunter about in the garden without having to speak or to see or to avoid any one.

A thousand thanks - for your most kind notes.
I cannot thank you enough for your kindness in going to River St about Fanny’s suitor -

ever yrs affly
F.N.

June 30 1882
Herbert Crooks
My dear Sir Harry
What should you have me answer to this letter?

should you I point out to him that it is thro’ Clumber he has got this good place - but that he has shown such infirmity of purpose that I cannot be sure of him till he has been there at least 3 months: Shall I let him have the Gardeners’ periodicals again or not?
Wildgoose

What an odd letter this is - reproaching me (who am very much his Senior at Lea Hurst) for taking any information but his own - & then doing all & much MORE than all that I ever suggested!

What should I answer him?

ever yrs aff-

F. Nightingale

Many thanks for your note about the Egypt trouble

Just return me these letters tomorrow morning if you have no time to consider them.

9009/63 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

July 4 1882
{printed address:} 10, South Street, Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

God speed to your marriage.

Thanks for your kind wish that I should go to Claydon tomorrow. But I have Indians coming tomorrow. And besides I could not get the Saloon Carriage now in time.

Could you be so very kind as to order the a Saloon Carriage for me to go from Euston by the 3 o’clock on THURSDAY: & a private Bus or easy Brougham to
come for me from Euston in time to go by that train?
I am sorry to trouble you.
You see there is a MOST URGENT WHIP for all M.P.'s at the Ho: of C. TO-DAY at 2.

Au revoir at 6
I have much to say & to ask
yrs
F.N.
I have the evidence from Natal just received
5/7/82

My dear Sir Harry

I was so very sorry to keep you last night & sorrier still not to see you

1. Yesterday I received the enclosed evidence from Natal regarding the Sir Evelyn Wood enquiry - Would you think well to send it to him? to be returned to me -
2. I also received the enclosed about Dr. Bell’s election at the Edinburgh University -

I have written to-day to Mrs. McLaren, as he wished it. You had already been so good as to write to Mr. McLaren -
Do you think anything can be done about “a Post Card from Mr. Gladstone? I should have thought it impossible -
I fear very much I shall not be able to see you to-day. I am so hard pressed. Thanks again about Euston Station. What time will the private Bus be here? tomorrow -
Is Sir Evelyn Wood going to Egypt?

Au revoir- I hope your wedding was satisfactory -- ever yours affly

F.N.

9009/64 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

“Lady Falmouth’s candidate” for Bucks Infirmary wrote me an imperious letter to vote for her which I took no notice of -

FN

5/7/82
Claydon House
   Bucks   July 13 1882
   10. South Street, {printed address, stroked out:}
   Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir Harry
   I hope they are making
   you pretty comfortable.
   Indeed we must think
   intensely of this Egyptian
   trouble - [What a good
   speech of Mr. Gladstone’s
   last night.]
   In answer to your
   question, I do not think
   the Nat. Aid Socy. could
   have a better trained person to send
   out than Mrs. Fellowes:
   if they do send out Nurses:
   but I suppose they will
   scarcely do so till something
   is known about the Expedition
   to be sent out. Not in all
   war=situations could women
   be useful.
I have been enjoying the
   quiet & silence of Claydon.
But I have not been out
   of the Garden. The showers
   have been violent & frequent
   constant every day but
   Sunday. The roses are
   lovely. The Library grand
   & harmonious
   We expect you on Saturday
   gladly -
Sir Evelyn Wood has
returned me the (Mrs.
Hawthorn’s) Natal evidence.
I wish we knew how his
Report is going: & whether
Genl. Leicester Smyth’s report
has come at last.[I hear
Genl. L.S. is not going to
do anything himself]
God bless you always
Auf wiederehen
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

9009/67 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

17/7/82
I am so sorry, my dear Pop, not to wait
& see you - but so glad to leave Sir Harry
to see you. [I do not think he is well. I am
sure he ought not to be in London much more.]
He was not well yesterday.]
As for me, he will tell you it was quite
necessary for me to be in London to-day -
most unwillingly - I have enjoyed the quiet
& silence so much, the lovely Roses, the
noble Library, (but do make its windows open
at top) the sweet smells, but the singing
birds are dead.
I have not looted -
Your letter asking for Maude’s
charming wedding letter went round by
Windsor & did not reach me till Sir H.
had left you. He has read it now -
I enclose them both with thanks.
ever my dear Pop your loving
F.
I hope Mr. Cunningham’s excellent book
reached you -
Thanks about the Return. But I/we should want one much more detailed than that. I will consult you about it tomorrow, please.

Sir Harry Verney M.P.

20/7/82

My dear Sir Harry

25/7/82

Would you not call on Lord Houghton who must be in London & ask him from me how Mrs. Fitzgerald is:

It is strange that, in these times, so lovely a flower should become an actor in scenes so terrible & important - But I dare say she hardly regrets if this apparently cruel change of drama -

If she is in London before I go I hope to be allowed to see her. What shall I do for Mrs. Fellowes?

My dear Sir Harry

25/7/82

Thank you: I think it is the best way that you should say to Mr. Childers to-day that Mrs. Fellowes has volunteered -

I would then write to Dr. Crawford, the new Director Genl.: qy to-day or tomorrow?

[Mrs. F.'s note is so unlike herself. so childish & silly for such a solemn duty - that I think I would not show it to Mr. Childers, but you will judge best how it would strike a man.

F.N.
26/7/82
My dear Sir Harry
Did anything pass between you & Mr. Childers last night in the Ho: about Mrs. Fellowes?
Please read & return me this letter of Mrs. F.
I have heard nothing from Mrs. Fitzgerald -
Do you think Albert had better go for an answer to your note? whether she can come
I think we ought not to press her to come

27/7 {arch:1882}
My dear Sir Harry
Altho’ it is unavoidable, I am sorry to think of our poor wounded, of whom there are sure to be many, many sick, being sent to Malta & Cyprus -
But they can’t be careening about after the troops in Egypt \textit{TILL} more is known.
Do you think I had better send this news off by hand to Mrs. Fellowes \textit{before} you write to Sir Garnet?
F.N.
{in another hand}
If I can be of use to you in the H of C pray let me have a line from you
Please send up the Director Genl.'s letter -
I do not think it possible that Mrs. Fellowes can have written to Sir Garnet Wolseley LAST NIGHT -
   Had we not better wait till we know whether she was is going to write before you write to Sir G.W.?
   She may not wish to go now -
   {arch 1881}

27/7/82
£1 to pay for the 3 books which you were so very good as to get for our dear children - God bless them -
   I have embezzled the 4th for another child -
   They-4 came to 17/ & something -
Please have the great kindness to buy some weapons with which Herr Baby (charming Herr Baby) may NOT be able to destroy himself or others with the rest -
My love to Herr Baby & all =
great love
   Aunt Florence
Letters 74 & 75 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

27/7. {arch: 1882}
My dear Sir Harry

Do you not think that you had better
tell Sir Garnet that you apply to him at
by Mr. Childers’ suggestion: & that the
Director Genl. HAS granted forwarded Mrs. Fellowes’
leave application to go out?

I am afraid if your letter & mine
to Sir Garnet are shown to the Director Genl.
without these additions, that it MAY injure

Mrs. Fellowes with the Army Med. Dept.
who are very jealous, & look as if
we were intriguing with the Genl. Officer
Commanding, at the same time as
& unbeknownst to the Medical Deptmt.
Nothing that Sir G. W. could do for
her would then be of use to her.

9009/76 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

27/57 1882
My dear Sir Harry

I think this very good -
If you were going home tonight, pray do
not stay on our account. All that can
be done has been done to forward Mrs. Fellowes’
going. Nothing more, except my seeing her,
can be done till next week - 1000 thanks
F.N.
28/7/82
My dear Sir Harry

I opened the 3 enclosed letters, according to your kind desire, tho' they only looked like Prospectuses - but closed them again in great haste, there being nothing from Sir G. Wolseley - I have heard nothing further from the D.G. as to Mrs. Fellowes & am rather uneasy.

I am in great want of the Crich Cliff sketch this afternoon - Did you take it?

Yrs
F.N.

29/8/82
My dear Sir Harry

I return the enclosed from Mrs. Douglas Galton which you sent me, as I fear I shall not now see you.

While quite agreeing in the nature of Capt. Galton’s services it is not for me to advise in the matter of obtaining (as you say) an “honour”. after you had been so kindly willing to ask for “employment “ for him - Nothing I should like better than to come to Claydon. (a thousand thanks) as you know - But I am expected at Lea Hurst - & I can only stay there this year - 6 or 7 weeks -

[Lea Hurst is so heavy a duty-task to me that I may not perhaps go another year.] But God knows -

A letter from Julie to Fanny - pretty good accts of Parthe ever yr affec
F.N.
31/7/82
My dear Sir Harry
Since 10 on Friday night when I received an order for more Nurses for Egypt, I have scarcely had an hour’s rest. This will go on for several days longer - On Saturday I worked from 4.30 am to 10 p.m -
As regards your “Question”, there is always now, provided everything for the health & comfort of the men - But these things stay at the base, & somehow never get up-country - especially not what pertains to the Hospls. [end]
How is Parthe? & where?
F.N.
I have seen Mrs. Fellowes -
1000 thanks for the welcome fruit

2/8/82
My dear Sir Harry
This letter rather appals me:
“Dr. Crawford has “utilized”/accepted the our women (6) & placed the whole matter in Mrs. Deeble’s hands who was with me yesterday - Nothing but harm can come of Sir G. Wolseley “communicating with Dr. Crawford “on the subject” What shall we do?
8/8/82
I am very anxious my dear Pop to hear about what Dr. Weber said: & what you propose - & what time I might hope to see you tomorrow
My head goes round & round:
ever your
F.

8/8/82
My dear Sir Harry
I am grieved indeed about Parthe - I hope we shall be able to make her comfortable this afternoon. She will have luncheon about 3. 315, I suppose - I am sorry that I am utterly unable to see her to-day. I think you & she hardly know how I am pressed. I can hardly breathe - And this will go on sometime longer.
I hope to see her tomorrow - & to hear Dr. Weber's verdict. I am grieved to be obliged to ask you where you sleep tonight?
F.N.
9/8/82
I am glad to hear your the, I hope, hopeful verdict of Dr. Weber.

If you are going away at 2, I am sure it will be too much for you to come here this morning - And I am so overwhelmed & worried ( & have Mrs Wardroper all the afternoon) that I can hardly lie down without the heart's action stopping -

Mrs. Fellowes & Miss Solly embarked yesterday - No one can realize what the pressure is just now & has been for the last fortnight - & perhaps a week or 10 days more - **pray** do not stay on their account.

ever my dear Pop yours
hoping to see you shortly
F.N.

I have a housemaid severely ill Doctor every day - a great anxiety & Fanny breaking into excitement.

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Friday
I should be very glad if you could see me for a few minutes. Small Pox is in the neighbourhood & we have had a very slight case & I want good advice

I am afraid you are very unwell

FPV

[in FN's handwriting]
I would gladly see you for a few minutes at 5 or at 6.

But the Sanitary authority of your "neighbourhood" is the person to ask:
If I gave "advice" contrary to the law of the land you could not follow it.
You say you will be in London again before going abroad -

You do not say that you wish to see me this morning.

You are so good as to say that you wish not to leave Claydon immediately on account of your kindly invite to our Nurses - Mrs. Wardroper has written to me about it. It is perfectly impossible for us to ‘man’ the Wards so as to admit of giving a day to so large a number this week or till the Eastern Nurses (Egypt) are gone - We are sending some of our best Sisters

9009/84 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

[2 letters returned] Aug 15/82
This is indeed a weighty & anxious matter, my dear Pop, about your (best) Watering-place. I conclude that your not being able to go abroad till Aug 19 or 21 instead of 10th entirely precludes your going to Royat now. I read Dr. Weber’s letter rather to mean that he deprecates your love of “bracing” places (& repudiation of hot baths), as every Dr. does because the one important thing in
Rheumatic gout is to determine the blood to the surface, to prevent the circulation & the perspiration from being thrown inwards, & to prevent any check to the excretions, especially the urine, or to the secretions from the skin.

Every Doctor would say the same. You see Sir James Paget (dear man!) warns you against “cold” or “severe” douches - or violent shampoo-ing -

I conclude that Wiesbaden will be your destination now - And I earnestly hope that much good will come of it. I think you said that Dr. Weber said he could correspond to effect with the WIESBADEN Dr. & said that you would come back much better than you went. Pray God it may be so -

Sir J. Paget’s opinion that the blow to the spine could have been the cause in no other way of the affection to the joints than by shaking up the Rheumatic gout, is satisfactory in this way: because a blow to the spine which could produce such effects as difficulty in raising the arms & in rising from the seat would be such a very serious matter - far less under control than Rheumatic gout.

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It is very kind of you to think of our Nurses - But I am very sorry you have troubled your dear self - I ought to have expressed to you even more strongly how absolutely impossible it is to make arrangements for them to come this week or next - or how terrible the “drive” of the preparations for the East - not to be relaxed till everybody is off. I have
never known anything like the contradictory orders - or the altering of destinations at the last moment -

This last however may be unavoidable
And I glean from the destination of the Hospital Ship Carthage which has greatly disgusted Mrs. Fellowes & Co who are on board that she is to take up wounded on the coast from an expected arranged landing of our troops somewhere towards Damietta - to be resisted by Arabi - Our authorities are however excessively 'close', as they ought to be. Everything gets telegraphed to Arabi thro’ the obliging kindness of our newspapers who publish all he wants to know -

God guide us - I have never known so anxious a business in my 29 years of serving my country -

What you tell me from Sir Harry exactly tallies with my own observation & with what I told you - he had no Diarrhoea while he stayed here - but when he had that lodging in Mount St -it was so severe that he was obliged to stay sit here in the Dining room in daytime for the use of the W.C. - next the Dining room

ever your
F.

9009/85 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [Mme W]

Aug 16/82
My dear Sir Harry

Thanks for your most kind note
Could you tell me whether you ever had any answer to that petition drawn up by Miss Whately in favour of Madame Werckner to the Crown Princess of Germany & forwarded to me by Mrs. Boyce for transmission which you kindly
signed & forwarded to the Cr. Pr.?
Mrs Boyce writes to me to ask its fate.

Mme Werckner is now in London -
Pray for our Nurses going or gone to Egypt -
ever yours affly
F.N.

9009/86 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [Mme W] [5:520]

Lea Hurst
Cromford
Sept 7/82
Indeed, dear Sir Harry,
I do feel for & with you about the last illness of
your 50 years’ friend, Sir George Grey. He was so honourable: such a true
gentleman of England.
Of such stuff English statesmen are made.
I could not but contrast the fatal collision between the soldiers & the Irish rioters on Saturday night in Dublin streets with Sir G. Grey’s management of April 10 1848

Sir G. Grey was Minister in attendance at Balmoral when I was there in 1856. And he showed me a letter from Lord Palmerston telling him to help me ( a letter unasked for by me)
Yes: I do indeed feel that such men as Sir G. Grey are few, & I am afraid more irreplaceable every day.
I should like to have been at Claydon to hang my forget-me-nots & white emblems of her rising again on dear Emily's grave on Sept 3 - I always think of her & feel for you & with you. She would have been a great servant of God here. We cannot doubt that she is so now - one far greater. I also think of your Father - how much he did for the Army.

I will thankfully return the letters you have so kindly sent. I have heard from Parthe since I have been here - gay & enjoying - but cannot say yet whether Royat is doing her good - I will send it you her letter. Mrs. Wass died yesterday morning: one of the best women who ever breathed. I have to write to you about many things - poor Mme Werckner - with whom I had a long talk - among [2]
others. But I have been too ill to write. Else I should have written to you about dear Emily & Sir G. Grey before
God bless you ever yours
F. Nightingale
Many thanks for your letters - for the partridges & grapes - I tried to write yesterday. but I have had so many business letters - More Nurses are being sent out - to Ismailia

9009/87 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Lea Hurst Sept 11/82
Cromford
My dear Sir Harry: My mind is filled for you with your loss: my mind is filled for him with his gain: when I think of the death of such as Sir George Grey - After a good work done, he is gone to greater works. he is gone into the immediate Presence of God to taste His love, to rejoice in His Wisdom, to trust His almighty Power. What can we ask more for him?
I would not but send a little word of what I can scarce call condolence for so good a man: God bless you ever yours affly F. Nightingale
Lea Hurst  
Cromford, Derby  
Sept 11 1882  
10, South Street, {printed address, stroked out}  
Park Lane. W.

Thank you very much, my very dear Pop, for your inspiring account of the interest of Royat  
I only hope that by this time (you find interests wherever you go) it has done something in return for your poor arms & knees.

We have had quite hot summer weather here: I hope you have had the same. Long ago I should have written: but I came here thoroughly exhausted & have been ill ever since; I don't know when I have been as bad.

Here the scribe was obliged to stop.

Dear Mrs. Wass died on the 6th. She had a very painful last illness - sickness & pain - could take nothing but a little water - But all doubts & fears which you know
had harassed her life had left her:
& she said herself how surprised
she was at her own "calm" & happiness.
   Her last conscious words
were of comfort & peace. Mrs.
Anstie, her daughter, says she
cannot think what the "tomorrow"
of life will be without her.
The prolongation of her life was quite
“mysterious” - a sort of “life in death”
Who can tell what the rapt communion
of the Soul of such a one as she
may be with God at such a time?
It may live upon Him. “Man
does not live by bread alone.”
   I am afraid this poor letter
never will get done: It should
be as long as my love -
   I must break off if this is to
reach you at all.
Our Five parties of Nurses
have reached Malta, Alexandria,
Cyprus, Ismailia, & one in
which were Mrs. Fellowes &
Miss Solly are in the Hospital
Ship Carthage off Ismailia.
There seems every prospect of a decisive engagement today - horrid sound.

A sixth party of Nurses starts for Ismailia on Friday

Miss Helen Norman, daughter of Sir Henry Norman, in it arrangements sadly unsatisfactory as far as Nurses are concerned.

Fare you very well at Royat.

ever your old Flo

Thanks to Julie for her letter to Fanny

Sir Harry seems alone with Ralph & Gwendolyne

He mourns Sir G. Grey. {map on page facing first page}
Lea Hurst
Cromford Sept 12/82

My dear Sir Harry

Very, very many thanks for the trouble you have taken about the Kittens -
But in the first place I have no money:
& in the second there are this year five little graves of my five beautiful little kittens, & a sixth of my dear old Pet, in your garden at South St. And I feel as if I had no heart to begin again - So I think I will not write for either Kitten, tho’ I felt strongly tempted, after you had kindly taken so much trouble.

I will keep the printed paper, for it is a good thing to know of such a Training School for Girls as Servants

I trust Parthe is really mending -
She seems very much interested -
I think she rather underrates the French peasant.

God bless you
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

Another party of Nurses, including our Miss Helen Norman, goes out to Ismailia on Friday - She is a daughter of Sir Henry Norman -
of the India Office.

F.N.
My dear Sir Harry,

I wish Parthe could give a better account of herself - And I wish I could answer your questions with any advice that was at all worth having: but I can only tell you what she said when I saw her the day before she left. & even that must be subject to the weather -

She said that she hoped you would come: & that she did not wish money to be saved in that way.

I understand that if you went to her & if the weather were fine (the weather here is like summer, with cold nights) - you & she would make a little tiny tour in the Mont D’or: but that you must go at once.

If you were to return as you say by Paris & if she were pretty well you might see a few people there, as you say. But pray take Morey with you.

1. Ask M. Barthélemy S. Hilaire, or any one there, how they have arranged the Paris Hospital Nursing: whether they have dismissed all the Augustines, the Soeurs de Ste Marthe (Jansenists) [illeg] from the Hospitals [a very great mistake, if they have] & also the Soeurs de Charité -not so great a mistake - & whether they have substituted Lay Nurses. A lady came over from Paris to learn from us at St. Thomas’ with this view.

My advice was “Don’t” “Keep your Sisters.” [They dismissed some Sisters. And the others resigned, I understood]
If I knew you were going to Paris, I would tell you more.

2. I would also tell you about *Mme Werckner.* not to induce you to apply again at Paris for her, as you have so kindly done so often: & as now appears to be useless, as you say: but because, by cross: questioning her in London, - poor, poor soul! - I for the first time have understood the real state of her affairs.

Their property is *gone!* - there is not a

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thaler left: not one. It has been sold sometime since to a gentleman who undertook it on these terms: viz. that he was to undertake to pay all the fees, due for years, all the mortgages &c &c - all the legal expenses incurred. And on these terms, considered very onerous for him, he took over the manufactory & all that was left of any kind, without paying a *sou*

It is vain to talk of getting them back anything
that is left of their property, for there is nothing left.

It is vain also to talk of getting him into a Poor-house at Berlin. For neither do the poor-houses at Berlin undertake to ascertain whether their inmates have property. Nor would there be any of his, to be had found if they did.

M. Werckner is now in Paris: he escaped from London where he had run up a debt of £10 at his lodgings, leaving behind him his portmanteau in payment - which however contained nothing worth that sum.

He & his wife have often been without bread to eat. [He has been so lately at Paris.]

She has paid his scores again & again: & has nothing left - Next,

He has a fixed delusion - not perhaps quite a delusion - that if

he returns to Berlin, Bismarck will get hold of him. And the Doctors say that if he were forced to return he would certainly become a raving lunatic.

She is still seeking a situation. But she is in that state, poor woman, that I cannot conceive any lady seeing her & taking her. I think as she says that it is like a miracle that she has not become insane.

Her state is deplorable 

What is to be done?

I should have more to tell you, if you wished it.  

[end 8:967]
Mrs. Hawthorn writes me, from Natal that the troops are not yet huttred:
that “in 3 weeks,” (that is, now,) the rains & the hot weather will begin: & that Typhoid will infallibly begin too - And she repeats her request that Mr. Childers will telegraph out orders to the Principal Medical Officer that she may be empowered, engaging 2 or 3 trained Nurses who can be had out there, to nurse the Sick, if any.

The P.M.O. will certainly do nothing without orders from home.
If you kindly see your way to doing anything, I would write more particulars.

Her letter is dated “August 11”
I thank God for our victory (Tel el Kebir)
It seems complete
The loss of Officers is large. But the total loss of killed & wounded very small. At Scutari we have taken in nearly that number of critical cases of sick AND wounded every day for 17 days - At that time about 70 of these died in each 24 hours
These are the cases may be called critical
Thank God a thousand times we are not to have a long war in Egypt

I have letters from all our Sisters in the Mediterranean. Continue your kind prayers for them, as I we do -

God bless you
ever yrs. affly
F. Nightingale
I shall be anxious to know what you & Parthe do: very
Lea Hurst  
Cromford; Derby  
Sept 17/82  
My dear Sir Harry  
I am sorry that Royat is so inhospitable - But no doubt it is better for Parthe to come home now. [The weather here is quite hot.] I earnestly hope the good effects will show themselves now - If I were she, I think I should show myself to Dr. Weber in London -

Thank you a thousand times for thinking of an “almshouse” for poor Mme Werckner - But please not to trouble yourself - For of that it is not at all the question - You know she is now living with her sister at Lymington - And while she is there, tho' far from comfortable, yet certainly there is no need to p canvass for an “Almshouse” for her -- Her care is: how to maintain her husband who has now literally nothing, who often lacks bread - (& she too when she is with him) -- & to whom she has now literally nothing to send, except what she makes by her poor little fancy work. Her sister will not let the husband live with her, nor give him anything: both things one cannot wonder at. I should feel more alarmed than even poor Mme Werckner lest he should commit suicide. She some=

=times shows me his letters. [end 8:967]
A very great many thanks for the grapes & partridges - very welcome.

Indeed we have cause for joy that the war in Egypt is so well over - What might it not have been? Every little bird seems to sing its praise for this great mercy -

I will write to morrow about the Nurses in Natal (Mrs. Hawthorn’s) as you are so good as to see Mr. Childers. I should like to have been with you, dear Sir Harry, all {2 upside down} this time: F.N.

9009/92 signed letter, 1f, pen

Lea Hurst
Cromford; Derby
Sept 20/82

My dear Sir Harry
I shall be anxious for tidings of Parthe.

No one can thank you enough for having obtained of Mr. Childers the telegraphic order for Nurses in Natal - & also for the huts. I have written to Mrs. Hawthorn.

Many thanks for your letters. Great love to Parthe.

ever yours & hers affly
F. Nightingale
Lea Hurst  
Cromford; Derby  
Sept 27/82

My dear Sir Harry - I am grieved indeed that Parthe appears to have endured Gembloux without the benefits we had so ardently wished - I was almost in hopes she would have spoken with Dr. Weber in London - Pray tell me how she goes on: Please God it may be better.

You must forgive me that I did not forward your kind £5 note to Madame Werckner - & I now return it to you by cheque. She has not been the loser by it.

I do not think she has the slightest claim for money upon you who have been so kind to her - And if you did this - I could not consult you upon the poor woman’s really overwhelming misfortunes, out of which I can see no way.

I will tell you more of what I with difficulty gathered from her when we meet.  

May God bless you both at Claydon her & yr ever affecte  
F. Nightingale

I have been so very much pressed - or I would have returned you the £5 note by return of post
Lea Hurst  
Cromford; Derby  
Oct 10/82

My dear Sir Harry

You may judge of my anxiety by your own - I thank you very much for writing to me so often -

I am almost glad P. is not gone to London, but glad, if she goes, it will be H. Weber or Quain she will consult.

Is a frequent change of Doctors good?

She has had, has she not, 8 since two in five years-months?  
["Guaincum & Sulphur “ are not “powerful medicines.”]  

I will only say now what I cannot say how truly I grieve for & with my dear Pop in the distressing want of success of what she has undergone - I hope to write this afternoon - but will not miss this morning’s post -

I have had inflammation in my eyes - not yet well - I missed the account of “the passage home of the sick & wounded in the Malabar” which you mention -

Could you direct me to the “Times” or other paper in which it is?

Mrs. Fellowes has been here!! & is gone out again in the Carthage to Alexandria
Wellcome Ms 9011

to fetch home more Sick - They came home with the Carthage crammed with wounded - dangerous cases all. Mrs. Fellowes working from 5 a.m. to 12 midnight or later - & Miss Solly as well - the Head Sister not doing much - I am still unable to read - & not much to write - therefore must stop -

God bless you both.

yrs & my dear Pop’s ever affly

F. Nightingale

9009/95 Letter 95 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Oct 22/82

My dear Sir Harry

I am extremely anxious to know the result of Dr. Ogle’s visiting Parthe. I hope she will give him a fair chance. A consulting Physician should recommend some lesser man always to carry out his treatment - & the consulting Phys: be summoned once a week or fortnight -

Natal - Mr. Childers’ order has come out
for hutting the troops both at Maritzburg & Ninetown: but the Huts will be only of Corrugated Iron so that the heat will be intense. Still the Huts will be dry.

*Bangor: Typhoid Fever:* I have been employed (privately on this - The case is a very bad one: the local Board having considered their whole system of drainage, sewerage, water supply &c as a self-acting machine which wanted no looking to, after it was paid for

   God bless you & my dear Pop:
   ever yrs affly
   F.N.

I return a most interesting letter from Mr. Fred. Many thanks for Col Philip Smith’s valuable letter -

   Many thanks for beautiful grapes & partridges.
Enteric Fever among the troops at Alexandria.

The Cyprus Nurses (including our Miss Airy) returning home were detained at Alexandria to help our Nurses there in the Hospitals - Miss Airy has a Hospital all to herself at Ramleh: - very severe Typhoid cases: but Doctors say have picked up wonderfully since she came - There has been a high mortality -

She desired me to thank you for your kind letter forwarded to her in Cyprus from Egypt. They do so value letters.

The troops are mostly young men at the Enteric fever ages.

Alexandria is in a wretched Sanitary state or was: & the water bad -

With regard to your question: you remember the Sidney Herbert’s R. Commission of 1857 advised completing the regimental Hosp. system for the field, giving it power over the supplies & over a part of the transport, while at the same time general Base Hospitals were provided for.

This was done by Sidney Herbert by the 1859 Regulations; and now we find that dependence has been placed solely on the possibility of having base Hospitals - And hence the result - Economy has had to be paid for not by the War Office people, who altered the whole work of a Royal Commission, but by the soldiers.

We may thank God the result has not been worse.
Oct 30/82
Dearest Pop I send you
(to look at) the photo of the
Titian’s Assumption in the
Accademia at Venice - I
never understood the picture
before - a miracle of
fore-shortening - & a parcel
of people worshipping a lady-
=God was all that I saw,
more stupid me. But
what an ideal this is -
the “pure in heart”, they shall
“see God”. She has so entirely
left the world behind her -
herself behind her, that is
“rapt” devotion -
I think it ranks with,
 tho’ unlike, the very finest
 heads of Christ, (of which
I still think Guido's
crowned with thorns one
 of the greatest) & M Angelo's
greatest Sistine prophets
 & Raphael's baby Christ
 in the Dresden -

 How unlike Murillo is
 this Virgin! & indeed how unlike Titian
 in general! It is an inspiration,
 like Mozart's Don Giovanni

Please let me have it
again tonight or tomorrow
 morning

I also send (for you)
a very different thing -
Whatstandwell Coffee room -
don’t despise it - 108
members already. Where
we were told we should
not have 40.

   My love to Maude -
 & tell her we regretted
not having her & children
two at Lea Hurst with Mr.
Fred. And I left the
Holloway Reading Room
wringing 200 hands at
not hearing her Violin this year
 & Mr. Fred's songs -
Lea Hurst was a sheet of gold when we left - how ugly London is - black leaves instead of golden - an oleograph instead of a sun -

we came away thro’ such a snow storm as I have not been out in since Crimea - All the country below Derby under water - men climbing up trees & not rescued till next morning.

- I don’t mean I saw the men in the trees but in the newspapers -

We had a disastrous foot trudge thro’ the slush & snow to Belper Station. I had been quite

[2]
knocked up, as you may suppose, before I left L.H. And since I came have been unable thro’ illness to see some any of the many men waiting to see me on account of this (more) disastrous enquiry into the Egypt Army Medical Service - But one is coming today who always stays till 9.30 p.m.

Also, about India (Bengal Land: Rent Law question) But, more disastrous than all, is your illness, my dear Pop -
30/10/82
My dear Sir Harry

I have a man coming this afternoon for 4 or 5 hours’ hard work on the A. Hospl. Corps enquiry, (for which I am very unfit).

Would it be troubling you too much to ask you to return me a note I wrote you which must have reached Claydon this day week, Oct 23. It was a note on two sheets like this, in pencil - and on the 2nd sheet was a short summary of Sidney Herbert’s views on Field Hospls -

It would save me a great deal of trouble if I could have this back -

I think it was headed thus: Egypt

Typhoid Fever

Could you ask Morey whether on Friday last about 6.p.m.- in Mount St. a girl (our “Lyddy “ from Mrs. Grey’s) did not say to him; “How do you do, Mr. Morey”?

She adheres to her story: [I did not like to let her see that we suspected that she had been mistaken as to Mr. Morey, & that some man had personated him for a bad purpose]

She says: she followed him back as he desired: that there were two men between him & her - but that she thinks he turned in at No. 4 -
1/11/82
My dear Sir Harry
You kindly ask: this is the substance of what I should say to Mr. Childers -
I have Sir Jas Caird: but if he is gone in time & I am not quite dead, I will gladly see you at 6.40 -as you propose
F.N.

1/11/82
My dear Sir Harry
How is Parthe?
I think you have done a great act in getting Loyd Lindsay on the Committee of enquiry - & that it will be the saving of the Comm:
I only wish you had got two -
Col. Philip Smith’s is an excellent letter - I hope all these men will be examined: Dr. Hanbury F.N: & all the Egypt men And
above all I hope they will not deny anything everything -
F.N.
Enquiry into Army Hospl. Corps &c Nov 1/82

1. Would not Mr. Childers let this Committee of "Enquiry" into "Army Hospital Corps" & "field & base Hospitals" sift the whole matter to the bottom? And would this not be quite impossible to do in time for the Estimates? Should not the enquiry last thro’ the whole winter 2 or 3 months at least?

[No harm can happen in War to Army Hospitals for the next year at least]

Therefore is it not a pity to hurry the solving the question - which will then have to be re-opened again & again?

Let these burning questions of Field & Base Hospitals, Army Medical, & Army Hospital Corps be solved now - so that for the next 10 or 20 years there may be satisfactory arrangements for our troops in sickness and wounded.

Mr. Childers has now the ball at his feet. He will set it rolling - And if the enquiry is not too much hurried it will ensure success -

E.g -

If Mr. Childers knew how the Field Hospitals were get "rushed" together, the men collected or rather pitchforked together from all parts of the United Kingdom - without previous knowledge
of each other or of their matériel - no habit of doing work together - want of system & method - how would a Captain command a company not one man of which nor the matériel he had ever seen before?  

if Mr. Childers will allow this & many other things to be brought before him, he will wonder - not that the things worked so badly but that they worked so well.

But then the Committee of enquiry [2] must have time to enquire into all these things: to take the evidence of Surgeon Genl. Hanbury & many others now in Egypt and at home - to examine, sift & report - 

It is earnestly to be hoped that they Doctors will not deny everything: but say what happened, what failed, why it failed, what they want - that they will ask, & it shall be given them

They will then come in on the wave: & the Army & War Hospitals will be set on a good foundation - not indeed for ever but for years - N.B. It will be seen how much & how well the Doctors do: & where they fail, from the present nature of things, to do well - not from their own fault.
Latest news I have had from Pietermaritzburg - Natal dated Oct 2, 1882
Mr. Childers was so good as to order the troops to be huttered. But the huts are to be only of Corrugated Iron which of course will be quite as hot as Tents, tho’ much drier quite dry.

Natal orderlies have been telegraphed for home, & five for Cape Town where there is Small Pox. This leaves P. Maritzburg with one Orderly only for each Ward: Enteric fever just appearing

Therefore the more need of Nurses.

When the rains, expected every day, begin the Wards will be full -

The 41st are under canvass - & their huts cannot be up for at least 2 months -

- Stretchers should be at once provided for the men in camp to take them off the damp ground.

men sleeping on wet blankets in deep mud with termr: over 90° in the shade by day when the sun is scorching - & falling above 30° by night - soon have Diarrhoea, Dysentery & Fever when other causes are added. There is a fever-panic among them after the scenes mortality of last year -

6th Dragoons at PineTown.
P.M.O. deplores the want of Orderlies - but says “I got the order & I had no alternative but to send the men”
2/11/82
I think from old experience that it would have been better if Mr. Childers had put on, as Sidney Herbert would have done, not Dr. Crawford, the head, but his immediate subordinate, Dr. Mackinnon or some active man: not at all out of want of sympathy with Dr. C. (for I said this to him himself) but to leave him more freedom to explain & suggest & enquire

I think it would have been better to ask Mr. Childers to return my papers - But I dare say it you judged best.
  If he shows the Natal paper to Dr. Crawford, they will know who furnished the information.
you will be at the Ho. of C. this afternoon - and I am afraid I shall be engaged - But when could you come? to tell me all
Thanks 1000
  God bless you

I must not keep you waiting -
  I am sure you will put my “paper” rather in questions than as implying blame, of which there is none to imply
  - still less as advising Mr. Childers.
  God bless you -
They examined one witness yesterday at the Commee
[note from HV to FN 2 Nov 82
Nov. 2 10 Alb
Childers says
The Enquiry will last
until Jan or Feb.
I am to see him at
10.30 at his own
house & shall read
your Paper to him.
H.V.
If you wish to see me
first I will come:
but I have nothing to
say to you.
2/11/82

Dear Pop

I am very sorry you want a night Nurse - And it is a very risky thing to recommend a Private Nurse.

But I should send to Miss Pyne
Westminster Hospital

who I know has several private Nurses at liberty now & who would be 'proud to serve' you. I should tell her exactly what I wanted - not a crack Surgical Nurse to

dress a man’s broken bones - but a nice, clever, quiet Nurse - as near a good domestic servant maid to a lady as possible - who will not talk & keep you awake but will do her work tenderly & silently -

You know Miss Pyne was trained by us -was years with Miss Pringle at Edinburgh - & is now Matron of Westm: Hosp.

She would take pains to send you what you asked for

I am afraid there should be no delay: for it is quite an accident that she has several Nurses at home now -

ever my dear Pop your F.
10 South St.
Park Lane
Nov 6/82
My dear Sir Harry

I share deeply your sorrow at Parthe’s suffering.
But, thank God, there is not, so far as I know one dangerous, much less “fatal” symptom.
The danger is exactly the reverse of what you fear & is as Dr. Acland told you that this might pass into a become chronic - or confirmed.

And As Parthe has herself written to me: “And I may have 20 years of this!”

There is no symptom of Rheumatic Fever, or of suppressed Gout or of anything dangerous.

Those would be doing all they could to induce or confirm this state into becoming Chronic - if they were to “suggest” “fresh remedies”, “further advice,” or be always “proposing” something else -
She has had 10 Doctors
in little more than 5
months! Nothing could be
worse hardly for her -
I will gladly see Dr. Ogle
or Dr. Acland if you
like if a time can
be found when I can
see him. & give him
a fee. He will certainly
tell me the truth -

yrs
F.N.

It is always cruel to say so
to a person in suffering
but else I should say that its
having come out is a
most fortunate thing -
And perhaps this is the
result of Royat & Droitwich

9009/105 initialed note, 1f, pencil

*Please NOT to ask Mr. Childers for
my “papers” back.
F.N.
2/11/82
14/11/82

I think it is better, thanks, that my name should not be written for the Crown Princess -
I hope Parthe sees Dr. Ogle at least every other day -
Mrs. Wardroper is coming to me this afternoon - If you should have any of your sons & their wives with you, to dinner, [yes, wives] would you ask her to dinner?

I was infinitely touched by the lean, shabby Guards, looking as if not one of them felt he had done anything to be proud of - tho' we were all proud of them

Thank you for making me see them
F.N.

14/11/82

Dearest Pop. I hope that you saw Dr. Ogle yesterday & asked him about the means of preventing cold after the perspirations.

We are often ordered to sponge the Patient all over either with hot vinegar and water or hot water - or any other wash preferred - after the perspiration.

This is done by a skilful nurse between blankets without the slightest exposure of the patient who is then replaced
in hot clean night-dress
and flannels in her
own bed (or better still
in an adjoining bed) -
made hot & dry -
& generally sleeps for
an hour or two -
Thus the perspiration
which is Nature’s way
of getting rid of naughty
matters is utilized
- instead of its making liable
to cold.
  There is nothing like a
profuse perspiration as
a medicinal agent.
  Pray don’t disappoint it

    I was very glad to see
my dear children yesterday
for the first time for
25 years - all the more
because they looked like
shabby skeletons half their
former size in worn
out clothes -
  Perhaps I had rather
have seen them in the
street welcomed by the
people.
  It was too dark to see
their faces.
  But I hope they knew
that Royalty was there
to bid them, tho' a silent welcome - Royalty was most exceedingly unobtrusive

That was nice, because the soldiers were to be all in all -

I heard one voice say:

"that’s Miss Nightingale,"

(tho' it is not possible that any one could have known me by sight).

Thank you oh so much for your kindly note of sympathy - in the carriage

ever dear Pop

your F.

I am so glad Sir Harry took no cold.

9009/108 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

15/11/82

My dear Sir Harry

Mrs. Pigott whom I do not know wrote to me before on the subject of this Memorial. I gave her my written leave to append my signature to this in which I most heartily concur - But as you send it me, I append it myself - Pray give my most hearty ‘God speed’ to Col. P. Smith & I shall esteem it a great favour if I may see him - [I am engaged every day this week]

unfortunately

I do hope Parthe is seeing Dr. Ogle every other day at least.

I am sorry I have two engagements today & cannot ask to see her.

ever yrs & hers

F.
17/11/82
My dear Sir Harry
You wished Col Balfour’s case enquired into by the (Army) Committee of Enquiry
I find he came home by the Carthage; was attended by Prescott Hewett: at his Sister’s Lady Downshire’s: his wound was a flesh wound, no bone injured: & he died of Pyaemia. I cannot find out that Prescott Hewitt said that “his case was so jeopardized “by deficient nourishment "on the voyage home “that he had no chance". I had one of the members with of the Committee of Enquiry with me yesterday - And without mentioning your name I told him what had been told you (by “one of the family") for the purpose of enquiry - He said that, if I could send it him in writing, the Chairman, Lord Morley, should enquire into it

I was very glad to see Genl. Gordon again
I saw yesterday an Examiner of the London University - He told me he had just examined Mrs. Scharlieb for her final Examination. Do you know her address? I should like to write to her. I hope, dear Sir Harry, you are taking care of your cold.

9009/110 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

17/11/82
It is very good of you, dearest Pop, to care about my seeing the Review. I do not feel that I COULD face the Münsters or Prussia House - And I should think it next to impossible. for the carriage to be allowed to stand anywhere to see it.
I need not say how grievous it is your being no better - I hope to catch sight of you to-day: But I have two (gentlemen) appointments I was so very grateful for you note, grievous as it was God bless you: dear Pop: ever your F.

How I think of the Bunsens with Prussia House Mrs. Scharlieb has gone thro’ her final Examination at London University.
18/11/82
My dear Sir Harry - I am so concerned about the men’s disappointment & for the crowds ready to welcome them on this day -

As for myself, I don’t think I could have gone any how - [I am so much obliged for your kindness & Mrs. Gladstone’s] I think I must give it up altogether

It is not the cold. I could wear a Bear=skin if that were all - But it is the amazing exertion to me of sitting or standing among people who know me or half know me - to me who for 25 years have only seen one person at a time - You cannot judge of it.

It quite unfit me for days & days for serious work - And I have so much, that cannot be put off

I hope your cold is better - And I do hope you are not going to an
uncovered out of
doors platform.
I hope trust to seeing Parthe
this afternoon.

I could not have gone
out at “11” today - at all
events -
   ever your & P.’s affly
   F.N.
Had not we better give
up my place at good kind
Mrs. Gladstone’s?

9009/112 initialed letter, 1f, pencil  [1:589]

21/11 1882
My dear Sir Harry   Please tell me
   how you are: & how Parthe is -
   & how the dinner was.
Whom do you mean to vote for at the
School Board Election next Friday?
I think I shall vote for Sydney Buxton
& Arthur Hobhouse - But I should
like to know who all the candidates are
& whether I can vote by Proxy.

The Polling Places are the Board Room,
Mount St. or 21 Old Bond St -
where Voting Papers & information
can be had.
   You have not told me what I
am to say to Lord Morley about
the information given you by the
family as to the supposed want
of food in poor Col Balfour’s case
   yrs & hers
   F.N.
Most Private 21/11 1882

My dear Sir Harry

I did speak with Genl. Gordon on to urge his “accepting a “high post in the Soudan”
And he replied that he was on such bad terms with the Khedive that such was impossible

[I had previously been told by a high officer in Egypt that Genl. Gordon, when his head was affected by his labours, had behaved in such a way to the Khedive as to make his Genl. G.’s return impossible]

Genl. Gordon further told me that he had recommended & should recommend to the Foreign Office Sir C. Wilson of Roumelia for his, Genl. G.’s, former post of Governor=Genl. of the Soudan
You may certainly “tell Genl. Gordon” that I wish him to be there, since I told him so myself - But is it possible that the post will be offered? or even that it would be desirable for him to be there under the circumstances?
About poor Col. Balfour's case, there is no question about the "mode of communication with Lord Morley", since I settled that with the Member of the Commission to whom I spoke.

All you have to do is to send me in writing what you believe to be the case, having heard it "from the family" - And I am to forward it to Ld. Morley thro' this Member - I am sure that you will agree with me that we could not pass him by now ever yr aff F.N.

9009/114 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

22/11/82 My dear Sir Harry

I am too happy to see Col. Smith a C.B. to wish to see him here on Friday- Would he give me the pleasure of seeing him on Saturday at 5 or any day next week at 5 after Monday - provided I might know soon? which day?
I am in fact rather glad to have my Friday - I am so overworked & harassed just now - And I do not like seeing Parthe so seldom as innumerable offers of interviews compel me to do - F.N.

ever yrs aff
F. Nightingale

9009/115 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

23/11/82
My dear Sir Harry
1. Dr. Acland was so good as to say, thro’ you, that he would come here to-day “at one “or half past” - I will be ready - & am most anxious to see him -
2. Did you have any conversation with the Indian Contingent - especially about the way things were
managed in Egypt?
    One of them tells how he, his men & his horses were 3 days without food on beginning their march - He makes not the least complaint.
3. Can Maude get from Lady Downshire the true story about poor Col. Balfour’s food?
4. I return a Lark which you were so good as to send me - Pray, pray forbid ALL killing of Larks -
    [I have enforced this on the Cookery School]
5. Who is "Alice Gladstone"? That is not Mrs. Gladstone’s Xtian name, is it?
    A lady of this name writes to me on the ground of having seen me on Saturday?
    Is it Miss Gladstone? Did you see her? at the Review?
    ever yrs aff
    F.N.
Dear Sir Harry

It is very kind of you to think of the carriage - I could not do more than “the Embankment” And I would have it at 3 - unless you think it will cloud over. When I would have it at what

{in another hand:} Miss Nightingale time you like -

Thanks: yes: I am very anxious to learn some thing from the “Indian Contingent” - But a mere complimentary visit with an interpreter would be no good - & an enormous fatigue to me - If somebody could ask them some confidential questions - -?

I do implore that no more “Doctors”, “Swedish” or other, should be “seen” by Parthe - But if there could be no harm in “mentioning “it to Dr. Ogle”. F.N.

24/11/82
27/11/82
My dear Sir Harry,
I suppose I must receive the Indian Officers. But I don’t see how any good can come of it - I wonder how many there will be - I will be ready by 12.
F.N.

30/11/82
For Parthe’s better night like you I say
Bless the Lord, O my soul
And all that is within me
Bless His holy name -
Mr. George Lefevre has sent us two tickets for the Law Courts Opening, in the very best compartment (near the Dais) - But alas! our numbers are not together - The Tickets

How am I to get out?
Mr. Lefevre says you have to cross the Dais

2/12/82
My letter returning the Tickets to Mr. Lefevre to go, please, directly - I return your own letter to him.
F.N.
Sir Harry
Wellcome Ms 9011 332

Dear Sir Harry
   What do you say to this?
Mr. Geo. Lefevre’s man
is waiting
   He is too kind

9009/120 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

   But, dear Sir Harry
how am I to go in
alone?
   A woman could hardly
do so in perfect health -
Suppose I should
tumble down? F.N.
4/12/82

9009/121 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

   Dec 3/82
My dear Sir Harry
   One Ticket is come
for me from Mr. Lefevre
& a pass for the
carriage
   but not two Tickets
What is to be done?
   F.N.
Dec 4/82
My dear Sir Harry
  Mr. Lefevre has sent me one single Ticket (Lady Constance’s) No. 24 - also an Order that your carriage is “to have all the “same privileges as H.M.’s “Judges”.
  What is to be done?
Have you had another Ticket?
I did not say what time the Carriage should come.

because I cannot possibly tell -
  You and Joseph must decide -
  I hear gentlemen are to go in Levee dress -
    I would send you my Ticket: but it is not Transferable.
  Say what am I to do?

How is Parthe?
   F.N.

8/12/82
Dearest Dr. Ogle will come to morrow, if wanted, to give you the Sub-cutaneous. He hopes you will have a better night to-night. God be with you - For so He giveth His beloved sleep -
  ever thy
    Flo
10/12
My dear Sir Harry
I send in a note for Dr. Ogle which perhaps he would read before he sees P.
At 5 I am expecting a lady from C.P. whom we have been training - But I almost hope she won’t come. Then I hope to see you or Dr. Ogle or some one from you.
ever yrs
F.N.

11/12/[82]
My dear Sir Harry
For several days the introduction of a [illeg] Day Nurse has been inevitable - Julie is overworked.
The Night Nurse ought always to be off duty by 10 a.m. Or she cannot go on.
On Friday I tried to persuade Parthe: but she only said: “I am not ill enough yet.” Nor is she: But still it is necessary.
Can you persuade her without frightening her?

If so, I would recommend another Nurse from Miss Pyne’s, & would write another note to her, Miss P., if you wish it, & will send it.

Dr. Ogle desires me to write to him before 4 an account of Parthe’s state - I am sure he does not realize the extent of her wandering -

I should avoid telling her that he thinks her better. It annoys her.

I should wish to have now the Night Nurse’s report: & later on a bulletin - with all particulars about one or two o’clock - before I write to Dr. Ogle -

God bless our dear Invalid yrs & hers
F.N.

I have a blister behind each ear, a mustard poultice on my chest - & have been so for several days - or I would come in & see her whatever the weather I need scarcely say

I hope you have no cold
Private 11/12/82
My dear Sir Harry
Will it do to have Mrs. “Ellis” “upstairs”? Is it not certain that it would not?

As for dear old unwieldy “Turnham”, what good would she be of as a Nurse? It seems preposterous in her to make the objection that “regular” Nurses “make work”, & that

if they will “knock up your maids” -
Your Night Nurse has sometimes not been in bed more than 3 hours out of the 24 - I spoke to her seriously -
As for her having her meals “up -stairs”, I suppose she has them with Julie - But whether or no it is most undesirable that she should be downstairs. Indeed she is always
helping Julie.

If there is another Nurse for the day, her meals will only go up with the others’ - Surely this will save, not “make work”.

To prevent Julie & the Day Night Nurse being quite knocked up I think a Day Nurse most desirable. But if this cannot be, then Phoebe seems the only alternative. But Parthe could not be

left alone with Phoebe.

(I see the Night Nurse daily & write to Dr. Ogle by his desire)

Would you be so kind as to put outside your notes, instead of inside, “a verbal answer” - “wait” - Your men do not “wait”:
& I have to send my becolded maids, 3 of whom are only just out of the Dr.’s hands, with my messages & notes.
My dear Sir Harry
I have had the Night Nurse’s written report, & I have had Julie for an hour.
And I have written the enclosed to Dr. Ogle to be sent by you, please.
If you wish Parthe to see Dr. Sir W. Gull again, please add a note to this to Dr. Ogle.
I cannot say that Parthe seems better -

Unless you have heard from Dr. Acland, I propose to write him an account of her state - [She did ask for this]

As to a Day Nurse, I did not find Julie so averse to it: but I agreed to put it off urging it for a day or two, provided Julie had the command of Phoebe for several hours in the day, (& a Charwoman was got in to do Phoebe’s work) - which I think she Julie mentioned to you.

I trust your grazed shin is better:
God bless you:
ever yours & Parthe’s
F.N.
10 South St.
Dec 12/82
My dear Sir Harry
Dr. Ogle will come
to see Parthe about
½ past 10 o’clock THIS
evening - & if it seems
desirable he will give
her the ‘sub-cutaneous
‘injection’ to give her
sleep -
Please tell Julie at
once: & also the Night
Nurse when she gets
up -
It would be desirable
that Parthe should
be ready in bed for
him in order that
she might not have any
undressing & washing
to do after the Sub-cutaneous
to make her restless -
May God speed the
remedy -
ever yours & hers
F.N.
13/12/82
My dear Sir Harry
Dear, dearest Margaret,
    how good of her to come -
Tell her I kissed her letter -
    I am glad the Doctors
are coming to-day & anxious to
hear their report.

    Unhappily I have an
appointment at 5 I cannot
put off. But Dr. Acland
would not have time to
come - Perhaps he would
write to me -
    F.N.

14/12 {arch: 82}
My dearest Margaret
    (if you will allow me
to call you so)
Thank God you are come!
    There is nobody in the
world who can do
half for her that you
do,
If it is not bad for
you to go out, I would
most thankfully see
you, as you kindly propose

Would half an hour
hence suit you?
as it would perhaps be
advisable that we
should consult before
the new Nurse comes?
ever yrs gratefully
    F. Nightingale
Dearest Margaret -
forgive me if I am
fidgetting your
kindness in putting
this down?
F.N.
14/12/82

15/12 1882
My dear Sir Harry
I will gladly accept
Your kind offer to send
“A brace of pheasants”
“in my name” --- to
Dr. Crawford
Director Genl.
Army Med. Dept.
6 Whitehall Yard
He can do much for us -
Let his temper be sweetened
by pheasants -
Many thanks

I think she is better -
Dr. Ogle comes to her
to-day at 6.15 -
But Margt. is her best
medicine -
She is very weak -
ever yours & hers
F.N.
I think an appointment
should be made every
day with Dr. Ogle at
what hour he should come
the next day
Dec 15/82

Dearest Margaret

My letter to Dr. Ogle yesterday afternoon was merely to introduce him to you as an angel from heaven who had come (unawares) to feed the Patient, as angels do, you know, sometimes now as they did in the O. Testament, & to soothe & calm & comfort
the sufferer, as also
is their calling -
    I told him that
exact records of the
sleep & food taken,
would be given to him
now by you: & that
you would take charge
of the carrying out of
his orders.
    I am sure you have
done a great deal
already to do her good.
    I did not post that my
old note -
    But I have now written
another - which perhaps
you would have kindly
(immediately) sent. And
he will be sure to
come this afternoon.
    I believe she is now
taking no day-medicine,
waiting for him.
    I return the record
of food (liquid & solid)
you so kindly sent - to
enable you to make
out the record for him
And would you kindly
add to it the brandy
taken?
I await with anxiety
the bulletin of the night.
I fear I shall not be
able to see you this
morning (& it is not fit
for you to come out)
- for linseed disputes my
possession -
    And I am obliged to

[2]
get up this afternoon
to see a W.O.
man,
on business -
But I hope to see the
Nurse or you or Julie
some part of the day,
if the weather improves
with love to Sir Harry
ever my dear Angel’s
grateful
F.N.
I have had 3 notes from Dr. Ogle since the consultation the day before yesterday - He is most kind & wishes to be most attentive - He rejoices at your presence.

He will be come to see my sister between 6 and half past this evening.
15/12/82 F.N.

Dearest Margaret
This is not a very good report.
How thankful we are you are here -
I dare say she will doze all the morning
It is unfortunate -
Could you see me any time to-day that is convenient to you?
If you ask me, any
time between 12.30 and 2 - or and between 4 and 5.30 - that you would kindly fix.
    but any time would do, except that I have an appointment at 6 -
    You have the Doctor I think at 4.30 -
    And I believe you are kind enough to take her at one
God bless you both

{written vertically on the facing page}
    I will restore
    the records

9009/136 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil

Dec 20/82
My dear Sir Harry
    The poor mother wrote to me yesterday that Parthe's god-son, Arthur Coltman, passed away that (yesterday) morning - (at Folkestone).
    She asked me to tell you - As Parthe does not see the newspapers, the right time may be taken delayed for telling her -
    He was a boy of splendid courage & patience,
always, & almost to the last, the most cheerful
in the company - always
the most excellent company
- interested in every thing -
when he knew he could share in nothing
-unselfish in these latter
times - unselfishness itself -
thoughtful for all - even for Yeomans

There was not much pain at last - he knew everybody till within 2 or 3 hours of the end -
he was down stairs on Sunday -& took notice gaily of a wood-cock at luncheon
[He was an excellent shot].
did well at Eton & was going to Cambridge

we must pray God to Support the poor father & mother whom his long illness has greatly tired - they gave up their homes both in London & Scotland for him - And they were wrapped up in him. But they ought to rejoice now in thinking of him: risen from the fire.

His father & brother were there - He was 21 -
The father was with us at Lea Hurst & looked as if he might have gone first
He was quite broken down

[end 3:207]
I trust we may be thankful for Sir W. Gull's opinion -

Julie came in last night to tell me she had made a better dinner. It was as much as, and a great deal more than a dinner to me.

Will you come & see me to-day? & at what hour?

I heard on Sunday the Arch-bishopric lies between Lightfoot & Benson: Queen for the former; Gladstone for the latter.

O how could he so fail India?

Thank God, O thank God that she is better & asleep -

And thank you too, dearest Margaret.

Might I see you after the Doctor has been?

And I have to consult you about X matters of the greatest importance, - Xmas cards -

ever your grateful - F.N.
22/12 {arch:1882}
My dear Sir Harry
I am ill in bed
& "carriage" & me will be long parted -
O thank God for Parthe’s much better night. Thank God.
What time will you come and see me this afternoon?
And would Margt. come and see me after Doctor has been? F.N.

23/12 {arch: 82}
Dearest Margaret: She is so often not Doctors’ ‘worse’ but Nurse’s ‘worse’. I think this is a little of Nurse’s better as well as Doctor’s better - God bless you - Will you come & show me your dear face & let me hear your dear voice this afternoon? You are good enough to undertake the weighty matters enclosed
Aunt Florence

Xmas Eve {arch 82}
Alas! dearest Margaret - this is a bad report - God bless you all the more - ever yrs gratefully F.N.
You are our Christmas blessing -
You are our “glad tidings of great joy”
dearest Margaret -
  God bless you
F.N.

Xmas Day
1882

Dearest Margaret
  If the weather clears up this afternoon, might I have a sight of you - a sight good for sair e'en -
  You have not been exercising up & down stairs, I trust - or sitting up at night - I shall be in a fury that ‘beggars’ description if we return you to Capt: Verney in a dilapidated state.

yrs ever gratefully  F. Nightingale

Thursday 28/12 {arch: '82}
Thank God O thank God & thank you dearest Margaret.
  F.N.
St. Thomas' Day  
{arch: ?82} [21 Dec.]  
Dearest Margaret  
This is indeed a severe disappointment - but still she is better since you came - We must not be like St. Thomas' on his day: 'be not faithless but believing', your dear face says to me each time I see it - I shall be very anxious to hear what the Doctor says - And he must change the ‘bhang’ pill, must he not?
As to Sant’s Xmas cards, they are lovely: each one is worth all the whole store I have - You so very kindly say: ‘I may keep any I fancy’ - I am like the child to whom it is said: Which will you have? - And it says: All - But I must not keep “All” - What will you do?

I meant to send some Xmas Cards, of course, to my dear little God-child, motherless for Xmas - & her sister - I must not send the same as you. Might I have 2 more sets of Sant’s beautiful angels? And what shall I do about all the other beauties?

I am afraid I ought to have written this before you went out God bless you ever, ever yours F.N.
Dec 29 {arch: 82}
She is better, dearest
Margaret, thanks to you,
who have the power of
making the crooked straight
& the rough places smooth
One cannot feel at all
content that you should
“take the afternoons” - And
I write this before Dr.
Acland comes - Might
we not try another Nurse?
I cannot forego my

privilege of seeing you
this evening, if you
will still give it me -
I will not ask to see
Dr. Acland because
he has you - And I
shall have him (& you
who are much better)
in him you if you kindly
will come this evening

I am so very sorry
about dear Ellin -
& penitent.
Messenger of peace,
God bless you
I shall not try to
see my sister to-day
because she will be
tired with Dr. Acland
F.N.
Dec 30/82

Dearest Margaret

Alas! that there is no better account - I am so unwilling to miss to-day when there is no Doctor to tire her. Would 4 suit her to-day for me to see her? Please tell me the best hour, 5 or 5.30, or any other, for her - ever yrs gratefully
F.N.

Please send Mr. Fred to me, if only for a few minutes.

I hope you are saving your 'grazed & have no cold shin
yrs & hers ever
F.N.

New Year’s Eve 1882

Dearest Margaret  I feel so loath to lose a single day of you -

I have the 2 Schoolmasters from 5 to 8 -

Could I see you for a minute at 4, if you are quite at liberty -

How is dear Ellin?

& poor Capt: Verney?

May God bless you - and He will bless you - in the New Year: ever yr grateful
F.N.
New Year’s Day
[1883]
My dear Sir Harry
Infinite blessings - for
God’s blessings are infinite - on your head for the New Year - And may it bring all that the Almighty Father can give of His own good to Parthe: & to your dear & blessed Margaret & all her children - & to all your children & grandchildren - May He whose gifts are without stint or measure, save
that of His own goodness bless them all.
I trust you have good accounts of Parthe this morning

I wish that I had letters of introduction to give Dr. Acland for Paris in order to help him to "make enquiries "into the working of the “Contagious Diseases Laws” &c - that terrible “working” which is at once the outcome & the ruin of French society - & morals - For such introductions
would show him the real state of things, as no three days’ visit could do -
But alas! I am the survivor of all my French friends - Doctors, Medical Directors, male & female heads of Hospitals with whom since the Crimean War I have been so intimate - Pasteurs &c all are dead. Many died during the Siege [end 8:496]

[2] May he Dr. Acland be guided to the truth!
I dare say you have been so good as to write to Mr. Noble of Derby on MacCarthy’s account.
What time would you like to see me today? What time will you see Haywood, the Schoolmaster who is here from Lea? F.N.
New Year’s Day 1883
All God’s choicest blessings
rain upon you, dearest
Margaret, on this day,
the beginning of His New
year, & every day - on
you & yours -
   No greeting that I
have received pleases
me like yours, my Dearest Hope,
& your 3 daughters” (!!!)
little letters are charming.
   I would gladly in
penitence make myself

into a holocaust for
Capt. Verney to kill
& roast & eat, if it
would do him any
kindness - But I am
afraid I should ‘eat’
‘tough’ -
I enclose a 10/ bit for
all your little ones -
the only part I can pay
- but for all your
trouble with them & with

us, who can repay
but God?
Does Dr. Ogle come to
day? And if not
shall I come? & when?
I am afraid I should
not be able to come
to-morrow -
   -God bless you
   ever yr grateful
   F.N.
Jan 2/83
Dearest Margaret
   I think we are getting on pretty well, thanks to you - She was chatty yesterday tho' restless - It seemed as if the Scotch Nurse got on better than the Oxford one - But I rather very much dread your being left with only one Nurse Perhaps we can talk this over tomorrow -
   Thanks very much for the tickets to the Zoo - I

   Dinner as little as possible after 7 - put up for the night as little as possible after 10 - nothing to be done in her room after night - pill at 10 -
   Such, I believe, should be her régime -
   Records returned with thanks many -
   O dear Margaret, how can we thank you?
   F.N.
Jan 3/83
A disaster has befallen me, dearest Margaret: - I have not seen you for 2 days - worse luck for me!
Could you fix a time for this afternoon to see me?
Shall I come in & see poor Parthe about 4? if Dr. Ogle is not coming - I fear our night was a failure -
So thankful dear Ellin is better -
As for Capt Verney, the next time he is in my vicinity, I shall retire to the dust-hole, for the day & night, cover myself with dust & ashes, & implore his pardon in a loud voice to the terrors of the papers - by yr grateful
F.N.

4/1/83
Dearest Margaret
Might I have the pleasure & the blessing of seeing you today after the Doctor has been?
yr grateful
F.N.
Jan 5/83
Shall I come in & see Parthe now?
And might I see you this evening - it is my last
day of you - if weather
not too bad?
F.N.

9009/151 initialed letter, 4ff, pen.

Jan 7/83
Dearest Margaret How are you?
I am afraid I shall not see you before you see Dr. Ogle: & therefore I inclose the 4 mema. -
[I have not copied them out: as you desired me not - but will do better another time]
I hope the bowels have acted to-day - but do not know -
It would be better if the quantities eaten at luncheon & dinner were put down, as you did.

Would it be well to ask Dr. Ogle what the thermometer should be at in her room?
It must vary a little according to her feelings -
And the utmost care must be taken against draughts -
Still I thought the room oppressively hot for her
(& she lying close to
the fire without a
screen & complaining
of a hot fit) both
yesterday & the day before
   [The whole house is
hot - owing to the stove
in the hall - & the
top window outside
Julie’s day-room door
never being opened -
   I creep quietly, quietly,
& open it a little at the
top. But no one else does]

   In this N.E. wind one
must be careful too -
2. Could it be urged
that she should always
go for 2 hours in the
afternoon into Julie’s
day room?
   & both rooms be
thoroughly aired from the
[illeg] outer air while she is
not in them?
   She is much better, but
complains she does not
“get on”.
   It must be bad for her
[2]

to be for the 24 hours
in one hot room -

I trust to have the
blessing of a good talk
with you before our
Angel leaves us -
My penitential regards
to Capt. Verney

Have you had the

opportunity of talking with
him about what we
were talking of?

God bless your ever

Does Julie go out
every afternoon

9009/152 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Jan
8/82 {arch: ? 83}

Dearest Margaret What
good news that she may
be thinking of Claydon -
But she will require
even more care there than
here-
I enclose the Records

Dearest - since this, your
news is rather dismal -
Might I see you this
afternoon, our blessing?
& when?

ever yr grateful

F.N.
Jan 10/83
Dearest Margaret

Once more God bless & reward you 100 fold -
Once more Au revoir, au revoir -

Has it ever been thought of to move
her in her own carriage on a truck
(with one maid Julie & conveniences for Invalid in it) - Dr. Acland, Sir
Harry, Morey & Nurse in train?

[The shifting at an open Station at Claydon seems so perilous] -
Capt. Verney must make the Train arrangements, as he kindly offered, if they are to be done

May you not be too tired with your journey, may Ellin prosper in all things -
God bless you - God bless you -

Is your address
Great Western Hotel
Liverpool

your grateful
F. Nightingale
Jan 16/83
I am extremely anxious as to what you propose doing, my very dear Sir Harry -
Please tell me -
I have had the Nurses’ reports of the day & night -
ever yours & hers
most tenderly & anxiously
F.

9009/155 initialed letter, 1f, pen

I thank God who has done all things well -
He has kept her “as the apple of His eye.”
I was so thankful for your & Dr. Acland’s kind Telegrams & letters
God bless you:
ever yours
F.N.
10 South St.
Jan 17/83
10 South St
Jan 18/83
My dear Sir Harry - Indeed
    I am distressed beyond
measure about what you
tell me as to Julie - &
all the more so because
I was afraid, - as soon as
Parthe was without the
company of Margaret or
Maude or me - this would
happen - We have all of
us heard Parthe’s complaints
of Julie & have all tried
to keep the peace - Julie
has only stayed because
you have been so kind
to her, soothing her outraged
feelings & showing your
confidence in her -
    I trust that you will
be able to do so again:
reminding Julie, as you
say, that all this is only
the consequence - & a by
no means, alas!, unusual
consequence - of so suffering
a state of illness & nerves -
    You may say, if you
please, anything you like
from me to Julie - But it is *your* kindness which has hitherto enabled Julie to stop - I trust that your difficulties will presently, tho' not directly, be diminished by dear Margaret’s coming to you - with all her children. She told me that you had asked her. It is particularly trying to Parthe now having no lady with her, & that has made the difficulty with Julie blaze out again -

When Parthe used to speak to me against Julie, I either tried to divert her attention, or if she persisted, in a manifestly unjust imputation, I said: “oh no my dear” - & tried to show her that Julie meant something quite different from what she supposed.
I pray God to diminish your difficulty -

Parthe spoke to me on the day you started, as well she might, almost with ecstasy of your love: “It is he,” she said, “who keeps me “as the apple of his eye”.

I hope that you will not be long without some one with you.

I was very, very sorry to see you looking so tired the day you started -

But I trust you are better & riding about, & will soon have some one to share your nursing of Parthe -

She spoke to me more like herself on Tuesday than I have heard her do speak for months -

God bless you both ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

Many thanks for the beautiful grapes & pheasants.
10 South St
Jan 19/83
My dear Sir Harry
  Thank you a thousand
times for your note of this
morning - a very great
relief to me -
  Cedar Room - thank
you - as she can get into
you -
  If Maude cannot
come, will not “Morfy”
come?
  Dr. Acland’s coming
tomorrow is a great
thing -

All the best blessings
on you both:
  yours & hers ever
F.N.
I hope you are riding -

I sent up to enquire
after Bertha Coltman
yesterday who is at
Hyde Park Gardens:
  tho’ she is better, she is
still almost unable
to move in bed -
  I have had Sir R. Loyd
Lindsay & Sir James Caird
- To-day I have one of
the Egyptian Nurses -
  F.N.
Never was so happy as when I received your dear little note in pencil, my dearest Pop -
   I am glad you are at Claydon = tho' I wish I were with you, or some one of yours -
   God bless you both ever thy old Flo

So many thanks for your kind invitation to your most valuable Lecture. But those who are worthy of it are compelled to decline from business, I am sorry to say.
   Might I see you before you go out of London? I could see you at 4 or at 5 or at 6 tomorrow (Tuesday)- but that would be inconvenient to you - or Wednesday afternoon, if you would fix
   10 South St.
   F.N.

[verso] Capt. E.H. Verney R.N.
   Travellers Club
22/1/83    Pall Mall
   S.W.
10 South St.
Jan 24/83

Dearest, very dearest Margaret

I wrote a letter to you on Sunday (which I have never had time to finish) saying *with all my heart* how I thank you for your dear letters - How Aunt Florence hopes that Ellin has recovered her cough - & that her knee is better - & that the joyful three - joyful in having their blessed mother - not excluding Herr Baby - are succeeding in all ways - that the "governess" will prove & do all that she ought to be & do for the sake of the dear mother - & that the friendly Court Martial, over the cook has resulted favourably for peace.

I am infinitely touched by the brooches - & my old hair shall accompany the return, with Aunt Florence’s best blessing - as soon as she has time.
Private

I had begun a sort of Medical History, which I must postpone -

The trouble had returned about Julie at Claydon, as we must both have expected - And Julie gave warning to Sir Harry That is all patched up again by Sir Harry but for how long?

I think we two are agreed both about the necessity that Sir Harry & Parthe should never be left alone as little as possible - & about the extreme difficulty attending any arrangement to provide for this.

She has declined to have “Morfy” -

About having dear Maude, there was a mistake on Sir Harry’s part, (which as Maudie was unhappily not well & could not go,) I should not otherwise have mentioned Parthe did not say she would not be too happy to have Maude - but only (in which I think she was right) not in the carriage with her on the rail-road journey -
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Private
My Medical History was to have included:
how Parthe spoke of you - almost rising to the height of the subject - which warmed my old heart - how I never liked a man so much as I did Dr. Ogle when he looked at me with unspeakable disgust - & asked in a sepulchral voice - “is she really gone”? - meaning you -

I am afraid my Medical History is not really very good tho’ not bad

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The last 5 days in South St she was making no progress - & tho’, if any bodyies had seen her as I did On Monday & Tuesday before starting, they would have pronounced it madness to move her, I am sure the Doctors were right.

She cried very much, & I do think it was my reading her your letter, that encouraged her - She dwelt so on you -

Sir Harry looked almost worse than she did - Had
I known that he was to be alone, I should have telegraphed for Shore Smith to come to him on that Tuesday morning -

He knelt down by her sefa bedside & said to her: “We have been very happy together” - She asked me whether He thought she was dying - I could not tell her - what I was am sure was the case - that he thought he was.

The sons do not see him when they are not there as I do.
He spoke to me of his money-matters - said that he wished to make Morey housekeeper!! & the kitchenmaid cook! =parting with Ellis - which I am sure you will agree with me would not do on any account & would drive P. frantic.  

[Had there been 10 minutes more, I should have entered with him on
Private
what you were so good
as to mention to me:
that Capt. Verney would
help him in selling outlying
land.]

Sir H. told me that
Buxton, the carpenter’s
bill at Pleasley was
£1000 - over how many
years does this extend?
- of which £500 have
been paid. [My father &
I have known Buxton’s
sterling-ness for 50 years
- I fear? his Bill is correct
& cannot be beaten down]

There are many other
things - over which
would we could talk
for their sakes!

To continue the Medical
History:
there have been great
difficulties with the
bowels at Claydon -
- no medl. orders obeyed
- injection resorted to
at last.

[I hear from Julie, Sir
Harry, & Dr. Acland - the
first tells most]
Now I must leave off.
O dearest Margaret - how can I bless you enough?
May God, the infinite Love, bless you & your children!
I feel like a criminal in putting all these difficulties before you -
And yet how can I help it? And I think you would wish it -
not Good -bye: Au revoir

ever your loving & grateful
Aunt Florence
The account to-night
(Wednesday night)
not very good - knee very painful - Dr. Denton (by for Dr. Acland) painted it with Iodine - redness & inflamed -ness followed - & they were obliged to poultice -
I should not omit to say that Dr. Ogle told me, - very decidedly - that
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it would be quite “3 months” before she should attend to business. In this you/I concur -

Parthe without knowing this told me that the reason she shrank from Claydon was *not* that she feared the journey - but she knew “business would come” to her there, -that it “killed” her before.

Which that she dreaded the “Verney papers” also

She said this afterwards to Dr. Ogle. Dr. Ogle wisely said: “she must do nothing for 3 months but what she does here (South St) under Mrs. Verney.”

But *to whom will Sir Harry talk* during that time?

N.B. I do not at all think Sir H. has 10 years before him, or the half, or the quarter - I think too there are deeper things at stake than money matters - viz. his life & her mind

N.B. I have the most private answers to make to his letters - And I think of the *housemaids*! As far as I know, at South St., all his papers were left out in the Dining room
for Morey to pack up
the next day -

Now I must really
leave off -
not too soon, you will
say -
God bless you again
& again
You kindly ask after my
"Indian papers" - I have
not even begun & am
much driven by this W.O.
Committee - How good of you
to remember me - F.N.

9009/161 signed letter 4ff, pen

Private 10 South St. W
Jan 27/83
Dearest Margaret

Dr. Acland very kindly
called in upon me a day
or two ago. He said that
he was quite sure my
sister was materially better.
thank God for it - that
he thought very badly of
her 3 months ago - believing
that she was 'in for' having
every joint a stiff one, &
being quite helpless -
-that now he did not
think this would be her fate
or at all events not yet - that he thought the effusion in the knee was disappearing - but that there was a "thickening", not implicating the joint, which was very troublesome to her - He thought all this would disappear, but everything would depend on "nutrition" - she was however now being 'nourished' which she was not. He very much wished that she would take enemas - they were so much better for her than medicine.

He did not think she would be able to come to London for the Session, but could not say till nearer the time: thought Sir Harry must come backwards & forwards - was very glad she was at Claydon -

Would you tell this to Capt. Verney who asked the question?

But I now come to what is my real reason for writing Dr. Acland's opinion.

He went on, without my asking the questions, or in any way leading to it, to say
that he was much grieved

to see a great alteration

in Sir Harry in the

last 3 months.

that whereas he should

have described him

as a hale active old

man - he must now

tell me that he (Sir Harry)

was a very feeble old

man - that there was

a great loss of force -

a great diminution of

vitality -

that a very slight illness,

a chill would carry

him off, if it came now

- that a chill might

prove fatal. some

slight imprudence as

to clothing - as to
delay in taking his

food - or irregularity

of meals -

This was the substance

of what he Dr. Acland said - And

I write it out for you

kindly to communicate

it to Capt. Verney &

Mr. Fred, if you think

well -

I had no idea of

asking Dr. Acland

about Sir Harry: and

it was quite a volunteer

on his part
I think that when he Sir Harry is alone, & without his wife to look after him, as now, there is a good deal of slight imprudence.

Dr. Acland thought Fare you very well, my dear, dear Margaret God bless you ever your loving & grateful F. Nightingale

9009/162 signed letter, 2ff, pen.

Feb. 3 1883
{printed address:} 10, South Street, Park Lane. W. Dearest Margaret How can I thank you for your letters, full of intense interest - But I must not dwell upon them now: I am infinitely touched by the brooches wishing for my poor old hair. And I humbly & gratefully send 2 wisps to my dear little 3 lovers: very precious to me are my little lovers, & more precious still their dear mother. 2 wisps: not that I have forgotten my God daughter. No indeed: but I have a much better idea than yours.
It is that their mother's hair should occupy the 3 brooches - & then you might put in a straw into each (of that now sent) into each.

If ever you have time, I should so very much like to know what Mr. Bickersteth said more particularly about Ellin's knee, because I expect his opinion is always a candid one.

About Julie's holiday, I had heard & thought something about it. I thought if it possibly could be managed some time when you or Maude were with her - Julie first installing the 2nd nurse, as you say. I think it would greatly increase Julie's value. (i.e. the holiday) I must not write more now:

I have not yet begun my India papers.

God bless you all.

Love to dear Ellin & "dear everybody else."

How is Maude? My dearest Margaret ever yours gratefully F. Nightingale & how is the governess? & how is the cook? & the garden fair? God bless its mistress. You know the
wonderful relief from
that terrible restlessness
which was by far the
most dreadful part of her
suffering - we cannot thank
God enough for the relief - was
entirely begun by you - the
blessed woman - F.N.

9009/163 initialed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

Feb. 5 1883
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
                        Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir Harry
    I give you joy of your Jubilee
It was completely successful.
    Not so of your windows in
South St. I go out every day
that is fine to see whether
Parthe’s windows are open -
They are always shut: & the
blinds generally down - And the
drawing room windows also
always shut. When I we think
how many weeks Parthe’s room
was necessarily kept shut, we must
see that the windows ought
now to be always open: open
at the top (as far as they will
go) every fine day - and a chink
open at the top every other bad day
& all night
The blinds *always* ought to be up.
- drawing room windows open
  as much as possible.
It will take weeks of summer
air to do away with the
moulderiness & mustiness
which the woman has been
preparing for Parthe’s return

[I have been on to the
point of sending in many
times: but I thought *she*
might send in to tell *her*
my maids to *shut my*
windows.]

*Will you* write your
*orders to her? You may add
that you authorize me to
throw stones & break the
upper paines every time
I see the windows shut -
but as the Bill will be a large one, she must pay it. It breaks one’s heart to see all sun & air excluded from Parthe’s rooms.

Miss Pringle of Edinburgh is now at Bournemouth. I believe she will come to me on Friday the 9th. Would you like to ask her to Claydon? She is such a Nurse & such good company. I have had constant accounts from one & another of Parthe whose & yours I am ever

F.N.

I trust we may think that as much Progress has been made as could be

{written vertically I pencil}

I hope that Mrs. G. Verney & her little girl are with you -

Pray give my kind regards to Mr. Greene -

I think of our dear Parthe by the Cedar room fire with sun shining in
8/2/83
My dear Sir Harry
I am afraid you have not a very good account of our dear Parthe to give.
Not one chink in your house at No. 4 is open - nor this only, but not all the shutters even are open, nor the blinds pulled up. To-day is as mild as May, & the park is full of open carriages - Not one breath of air admitted-
The day after I wrote to you was a glorious day.

One window in P.'s room was open a little at the bottom. Now it is a rule without any exception never to open a window at the bottom, unless one is also opened at the top.
There ought to be a fire once a week in the room with all the windows opened. A window opened at top every day of course.
Not a chink has been open in your Drawing-room since you left - And
with the small exceptions mentioned not a chink all over your house, back or front -

Pray thank Parthe for the lovely twin roses, the exquisite snow-drops, which the finger of God has traced with green, & the other flowers - & Rhododendrons -

I saw Mary Baring & her mother the other day asking most anxiously after Parthe -

Miss Airy is fighting terrible odds at Cairo - The Fever cases that come in are worse than ever -

The Supt. & one Sister are ill in the same room: & another Sister told off to nurse them -

Miss Airy & one Sister are alone at work -

Pray for her & her work.
God bless you both ever yours & P.s F.N.
I feel anxious to hear about P.
9/2/83
My dear Sir Harry I would indeed we could hear a better account of our dear Parthe as far as the limbs are concerned. But I trust the restlessness has not returned - That is an improvement. And I believe she can read a little to herself - That marks betterness. Your South St. windows are open today - ever yours & hers
F.

Feb 11/83
Dearest Pop
I am with you in the weary nights - And what is more the Loving Father is with you: 'Come unto me, all ye that are weary & heavy laden': as dear Mrs. Wass had in her bed hanging up - This is the bad time of year for you; when
drier weather comes, you will find the good. Dr. Acland does not say there will be a “stiff knee”.

They missed you so at Buckingham - All the people did - And Margaret said the house at Claydon seemed like an empty frame without your presence - She said she could not bear the rooms without you - I must find the letter: her letters are not empty frames: & send it you -

God bless you, my dear Pop
ever your F.

Do the thrushes sing before it is light in your trees?
Feb 11/83
My dear Sir Harry, Alas!
it is not a good account -
But I trust, altho’ I am
sure she should come up
if she wishes it, that, about
the time of her coming up,
she will consult Dr. Acland.
- also; about her having
Sidney Bennett - I think
Sidney Bennett’s great
value is in enabling
people to walk about by
his sprain bandages -
But unhappily there is no

chance of that with our
dear Parthe- And I have
known Sid: Bennett do
great harm -
Surely she will consult
Dr. Acland.
If she is not fit to
come up just yet, it
would be almost better
to have the Dentist down
to Claydon, if the teeth
are urgent - would it not?
than to come up at an
untoward time of the knee
in stormy weather. Surely
Dr. Acland should
decide this -
    I hope you are riding
- & that Mrs G. Verney
is with you still
Your P.'s windows here were
open to-day. But in
your room on Ground
Floor the street=dust
was merrily entering by
chink at the bottom
of window
    ever yrs
    affly
    F. Nightingale

9009/168 initialed letter & post card, 3ff, pencil & pen. {postmarked London Mr.5 83}

March 7/83
My dear Pop  I am very, very
    sorry that you are so bad
    It was Julie's own desire
entirely to go to Wirksworth
And when I said: 'it will
be very cold,' she answered
- 'Not to one who comes
from Switzerland:' and
last night when you
desired me to tell her
"to make her own arrange=
"ments," she wrote to Mrs.
Grace, offering herself for
Friday or Saturday.
But as you are so kind as to be afraid of the cold for her, there is no difficulty in her going to Rhianva first - [Margaret has always asked her when you proposed it] And she can take Grace & Mary Bratby on her way back when it will be warmer. I think it will save the life of M. Bratby from whom I have a dismal letter this morning to see her

Or I am sure she will give up going altogether, if you wish it, for the present, till she goes for good. One thing she has never swerved from: she will not go to Switzerland at all to return - If she goes to Switzerland, “it will be for good” - I have never been able to move her from this - This in answer to what you say

God bless you, my poor Pop:

ever your

F.
postcard
   Capt. Verney R.N.
   9 Bridge Street
   Westminster
5/3/83 S.W.

10 S. St. March 5/83
Thank you very much for your
most wise suggestion.
We have at once decided to apply
it in the form of cocoa -
Perhaps when you go to No. 4
again, you will see whether it
"functions" efficiently.
   F.N.

9009/169 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil {arch: Ap 1883}

On Sunday Parthe consented at
my instance that you should
kindly write to Westminster (Miss
Pyne) that day - & that
Nurse Macleod would
return on Monday - & that
on Monday Nurse Macleod
was to have left you -
to-day is Wednesday &
nothing has been done -
And yesterday P poor Parthe
was as loud against Nurse
Macleod as ever -
   I hold that, unless Parthe
wishes to take Macleod
into attendance to-day at
once, she cannot be
detained any longer - &
should be allowed to
depart to-day -
   Julie & Nurse Anderson
taking day duty - & Phebe
night duty till Parthe
can find a Nurse she
likes.
It is impossible to continue
Nurse Anderson on night
duty.
Do you know how Phebe
did last night?
I am so sorry for you,
dear Sir Harry, in all
this. But indeed, I thought
Parthe considerably better
yesterday: looking quite herself.
    I hope you are well
My best love    F.N.

9009/170 initialed letter written on another letter, 1f, pen.

Dear Sir Harry        Ap 16/83
    We should consider this note as the
strongest proof that the man does not
even know his duty as a doctor.
    I wish I could say otherwise.
    With regard to “Parthe seeing Andrew Clark
“before leaving London,” the thing is: not to
add an 18th Doctor to her 17, but to see him
not “before leaving London,” that is in time
to put her on some considered system to be
pursued by Dr. Denton in the country:
is it not?

Burn                  PRIVATE
    I am deeply sorry: that Julie has
again given notice to leave (to Parthe)
    I do not see how it can be otherwise
unless she could have some holiday.
    I can scarcely write
    or sit up -
I shall take care to be back on Wednesday at latest - so as not to interfere with the preparations for Parthe.

I trust she is better. Thanks for this beautiful place.

God bless you

ever yrs aff

F. Nightingale

Claydon {arch: 83} Saturday April 21

My dear Sir Harry

Very many thanks for your & Parthe’s telegram, asking me to stay on. But I am sorry to say the only choice appears for me to lie in getting back as soon as possible so as not to be laid up here - I had intended to go back today to avoid the risk of being unable to move -

It is not only a cough but constant attacks on the
heart -
May God prepare us all for the higher life -
& forgive us - no one needs that forgiveness & that blessing so much as I.
At the same time I know you would kindly wish me to stay here - I am afraid Parthe is not much better.

God bless you both
ever yrs aff
F.N.

9009/173 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Claydon
April 23/83
My dear Sir Harry
Thanks for your kind letter - But the only question, as you will see by my Saturday’s letter note, is how to get me back as soon as possible - Dr. Denton, whom I see daily saw yesterday & to-day, says: the sooner the better - & wished I was me to have gone to-day, but it is snowing hard!! Tomorrow, they say, may not be much better - so I am obliged to delay till Wednesday - when I shall come, please God, by the train from Verney Stat Junction: 12.37

[3:400]
But I have a much more important thing to be done to write about: and I trust that it is already done - for if not it will be difficult to do before Parthe leaves London. And that is: the Splint.

Parthe is aware that the theory & practice of splint-making is just as much developed as that of shoe-making -

That Sir James Paget & Mr. Pratt should not be able to make & alter a splint so as to be suitable for her case & that will fit her so as to be the greatest relief is impossible. That a Surgeon, country or other, should have nothing but the ordinary splint which would not fit her - is a matter of course.

The relief from the effect of the perpetual movement of her joint both in pain & in even worse evil is incalculable.

And she would find sure relief from pain in a proper splint - such as Paget & Pratt would elaborate.
I trust she will allow me
to give her this splint
as my birth-day present
- it is a sad & melancholy
birthday present - but
she may expect relief from
pain from it. And - it
is indispensable.

ever yours & hers
F. Nightingale

I am so sorry that I cannot
have the joy of having you at
South St. But alas! I can scarcely
take care of myself - And I am glad
you are to be “little in London”

9009/174 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Ap 26/83
Dearest Margaret

I am afraid I shall not
be able to come in & see
my sister to-day.

But might I have a
look at you? either this
afternoon or tomorrow?

And if so at what
hour will suit you?

[I did not know till an
hour ago that you were
in London -]

ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale
9009/175 initialed letter, 1f, pencil []

I am just going in to Parthe -
   Thank you for your note
How are you?
You see M. Werckner [8:968]
is at the Hotel - which
is just what we always
thought - (not in the
Colony)
   I suppose the money
must be sent nevertheless?
yrs most affly
F.N.
16/5

9009/176 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

16/5
{printed address;} 4, South Street,
   Park Lane.
My dear Sir Harry
   Parthe does not wish for
the carriage. And you
will remember what Sir
Andrew said: plenty of
sun & air but no
   carriage -
   I am sure she will
not hear of Dr. Newham
- Sir Andrew Clark comes
to see her to-morrow -
That is all right.

I think you can hardly
say what you propose
to M. Lewis, because I
distinctly promised
two more quarters of
£10, can you?
   But what might be [8:968]
said, to Madame
Werckner, if you think well is: that
you were entrusted
with two £5 by Mrs.
Boyce, expressly on
condition (as was all my £30) that he, M. W., was to be in the Colony & not in the Hotel - that you must therefore return those two £5 to Mrs. Boyce, that I will make it good - but that I cannot give any more - can I? What do you think? [That will be my giving £20 out of the £30 promised on condition]

with very best love ever yours
F.N.

Mme Werckner will be sure to declare that it is not an Hotel. [end 8:968]
Very many thanks for your letters. But I am eager to hear more. In London the weather has been January instead of May. And I fear our dear P. has been suffering And your shin has been troublesome. Does the Day Nurse do well? And is the knee-cap of use? And whose instructions are is Dr. Denton carrying out? Dr. A. Clark’s or others’? I am always thinking of you - God bless you both from the bottom of my heart is all that I can say. And may all Whitsuntide blessing be ours May 10 83 yours F.N.

Parthe will have heard of Mr. Empson’s death, quite peaceful, of serous apoplexy, on Thursday 17 - And, on the same day, Sir John McNeill went to that other world for which a long life of such usefulness had prepared him - I have scarcely one of my Crimean friends left - Emily Cunningham’s approaching marriage is good to hear of. with all her good deeds, she always needed a home. I hope Sir H. Egerton, late of the Punjab, is worthy of [3:207]

her. How very much I hope that your shin is better: & that Parthe is getting out a little & sleeping better. In London we have East wind fogs - I am afraid the knee-cap could be of no use, unless it had been altered more than once in London to suit the case. -as always is done - God bless you both - ever yours & hers [end 3:207] F.N.

Thanks for flowers May 20/83
Sir Harry Verney Bt MP
My very dear friends

Here is my love with all my heart. I hope to make the acquaintance of every one of you. And that will be better even than being one of you to day in body. I am with you in spirit. That is nothing new. That is always, always - the old, old story.

And it is the old, old question too: Are we all of us on our mettle in our life’s work? - Joy to us if we are. If not, there can only be disappointment

[1]

To Those of us, in earnest in our desire to be thorough workers - thorough women - thorough Nurses - [and no woman can be a Good Nurse unless she is a good woman.] we say watch & persevere to do well your appointed work to fill thoroughly your present place: don’t give in to the prevailing spirit of the day hurry, bustle, change.

To those of us who are half hearted - [I do not know any - but there may be such.] we say. pause

[2]
either turn over a new leaf-
or give up the work altogether
For if we remain half-hearted,
[& no one can do the work, unless she put her whole heart in it.] we are taking up the room of better women, better workers.
The eyes of England & perhaps of a still farther & larger world are upon us to pick out our inconsistencies & short-comings Many sneering remarks are made unworthy of notice But (let this old woman whisper, just between ourselves: I have got my profit all my life out of sneering remarks). - is there not some

[3] foundation for the epithets; ‘conceited Nightingales’, &c &c &c?

2. What is training? We can’t put into you what is not there. We want to bring out what is there Training is enabling you to use the means you have in yourselves. Training is drawing out what you know yourselves. Learn your work thoroughly in your year of training. Store it up & practise it in your brain, eyes & hands, so that you may always know where to find it, & these - brain, eyes & hands - may always be your ready servants.  

[4]
But don't depend on - don't stop at your year's training. If you don't go on, you will fall back. Aim higher. In the second year & the third year & all your lives, you will have to train yourselves on the foundation you have had in your first. And - you will find, if you are a true Nurse, you have only just begun.

But- when you have put your hand to the plough, don't look back.

3. We here below cannot judge the motives which bring you into the work let us all have the benefit of the opinion that some high resolve or pure motive actuated us. But how when we become Nurses do we keep that high resolve, that pure motive ever in view? - are we proud to be Nurses? - not simply to take pride in dressings & work which will bring us notice & praise? Remember, the Nurse is wanted most by the helpless & often most disagreeable cases, - in one sense there is no credit in nursing pleasant patients.

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And don’t despise what some of you call ‘housemaid’s work’ if you thought of its extreme importance, you would not mind doing it. As you know, without thorough housemaid’s work, everything in the Ward or Sick room becomes permeated with organic matter.

The greatest compliment I ever thought I, as a Hospital nurse, received was: that I was put to clean & “do” the Special Ward, with the severest Medical or Surgical case which I was nursing, every day: because I did it thoroughly & without disturbing the Patient. That was the first Hospital I ever served in. [I think I could give a lesson in Hospital housemaid’s work now]

We Nurses should remember - to help our suffering fellow-creatures is our calling - not to amuse ourselves. Let us make our ‘calling’ ‘sure’.

Sisters, Nurses, Probationers Shall we start afresh? Shall we all renew - as we every morning need to do - our resolve? As a friend, a Nurse, abroad, said to me, one must be converted not once but every day. Shall it be our aim to be more thorough workers, more thorough women, more thorough Nurses every day, till we become most thorough, & so
live down any spiteful sneers & epithets?

4. One word more: Year by year our numbers increase. We are becoming a large band. See that we are banded together by mutual good will: And remember the conduct of each member reflects credit or discredit on the whole. We cannot isolate ourselves if we would.

Thank God there are numerous other Training Schools now in existence. Let us give them the right hand of fellowship. Wherever we see thorough work, let us feel - those are our Sisters. Let us run the race where all may win: rejoicing in their successes, as our own, & mourning their failures, wherever they are, as our own. We are all one Nurse. But see that we fall not off. We must fight the good fight steadily, with all our heart & all our mind & all our strength. Or they may beat us. And that they will do if we do not hold to our colours to be true workers, true women, true Nurses -
5. We are volunteers
Don’t let us forget that. We
have chosen our path Don’t
let us be worse soldiers in God’s
army, than those who are enlisted
or compulsory conscripts.

For the first time for 25 years
I went out last winter to see
the return of a Regiment of
foot from Egypt.

[And we have Nurses too
who volunteered for Egypt
& two of them still are there,
working hard. They all
worked hard & well.]

Any body might have been
proud of these men’s appearance
-shabby skeletons they were -
campaigning uniform worn out
but well cleaned - not spruce

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or smart or showy: but
alert, silent, steady in discipline
and not a man of them all,
I am sure, but thought he had
nothing to be proud of in
what he had done, tho’ we
might well be proud of them

Now, we don’t say: Volunteer
take example by this. Assuredly
we will be their true
comrades in faithfulness to
reality & duty. It is the
same spirit: the spirit
of the nation. Let us
stick to it The great
Duke of Wellington said:
-‘all for duty, & nothing
for reward.’

[12]
So may all we volunteers & Nurses, tho’ different in many things, be fellows in duty so we may raise the standard, higher & higher, of thoroughness - (& with thoroughness always goes humility) - of steady, patient, silent, cheerful work. so may we all be on the alert - always on our mettle. Let us be always in the van of wise & noiseless high training & progress.

God bless you all.
Florence Nightingale
May 23/83

9009/179 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

May 23/83
You will like to see this letter, dear Pop - It is very touching & delightful to see the old friends (to whom she has been dead these 3 7 years) clustering round the grave I think Paris memories are longer than London ones - Please return the letter, when read, to Alice at Ravensbourne

Aunt Julia says: “we “are very sorry: (no need to say so) to hear Parthe is so
'suffering & wish we could hear she is better" - Alas! alas! but the hot weather is come - & I hope ("no need to say so") will bring some help - Has Sir Harry's shin released him yet? It was a pity - O the pity of it. Miss Airy is ill with Dysentery at Cairo - Shore writes a pathetic account of Mr. Empson's funeral. He was there & nearly the whole parish - I shall always remember M. Empson's extreme & touching attachment to my Mother I wish I could hear more about you, tho' he Sir Harry is very good in writing God bless you both ever your F. 

My dear Sir Harry: I think of you both, day & night. I am so thankful that Margaret is coming. I send you a little box with your letters & circulars: 2 books returned with thanks: and at the top some Calendula (marsh marigold) for your shin, if Dr. Denton approves. Pray ask him: [I have such a horror of mixing up different treatments.] Lint is sprinkled with one part calendula to two of pure water: & something waterproof put over the Lint
9009/181 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Dear Pop I think of you day & night. I am going to send you 2 letters (to me) about Madame Mohl. Alice asks whether you have kindly sent her back the letter to her about Mme Mohl: the one I sent you Lady Derby wants to see it. God bless you both.

thy F.
May 30/83 [I send you back Browning]

9009/182 initialed postcard, 1f, pen

My dear Sir Harry Many thanks for all your bulletins, so eagerly waited for. Would they could be better ones of Parthe. Margaret must be an Angel in the House You kindly ask me when I can come. Not, I fear, till the House is up. I have been 9 years at the Bengal Rent Bill, and 9 months at the Egypt Hospitals enquiry. And yet both these wretches must go & condense themselves on this same time. You know how I want to be with Parthe. But she would not like me to give up these things at this crisis. I am glad you liked Douglas Galton’s letter in the “Times”. Just at this time too I am scarcely able to get out of bed. God bless you & Parthe is the unceasing fervent prayer of yours & hers F.N.

I seem to have so much to write to you: yet no strength to say it.

June 18 1883
June 25/83

My dearest Pop

God bless your Silver Wedding: And He has blessed it - tho' there is a sad, sad time now, yet I know you would not have it otherwise: the 25 years have been blessed.

I fear to say more: for fear I should not be sufficiently patient of your suffering: you are more patient of it than I am of what dear Pop, you suffer.

May God bless you very much: bless you infinitely, according to Himself -

ever your & Sir Harry's loving

F.

June 22/83

My dear Sir Harry

For your bulletins & letters always the deepest thanks - I hope the new Nurse will do well for P. I pray that God's every support may be hers & yours - I believe her patience is wonderful.

As for the "servants' savings", I am afraid I have no new mode of "investment" to recommend. I think what I said was that we were always considering the best modes of investment for the Nurses' savings.
but that hitherto we had found nothing so good as the P.O. Savings Bank. What I do with my small household (you ask) is: when I pay the wages, I ask everybody, ‘Now, how much of this can you put by?’ - If it is a young new girl, she probably says ‘Nothing’ - [N.B. I have never once found a young maid who either kept accounts or had anything in the Savings Bank] Then I give her 10/ or £1., provided she will put 5/ into the P.O.S.B. with it & afterwards I go on adding to what she puts in. [In this way I have now at Lea Hurst numerous families who put in to the P.O. Savgs. Bank.] With regard to the older maids, Fanny has now a good sum in the P.O. Savgs. Bank & I make up the interest to her to 5 p.c., that is, I double the interest, provided she lets it stay in & shows me her ‘book’ - But, of course if they show me their ‘book’, I keep it a secret - I only wish I had done this more regularly & generally - May all blessings be yours is the constant prayer of ever hers & yours F.N. That letter of Mrs. Green’s is most interesting - I will return it
My very dear Pop Thank you so much for the Telegram on your wedding day which was so charming.

The loss of Mr. Spottiswoode is unspeakable. But how little the news-papers understand the true nobleness of his gallant life.

He wrote to me 2 or 3 months ago a beautiful letter. I had not heard from him for years. I answered about a month ago - too late. What he did for his printers is T.O unknown except at the Printing Office.

The Probationers are so much obliged to you for asking them. I hope you will not try to overdo yourself -

God bless you & Sir Harry & all the children & grandchildren.

ever your
F.
June 28/83
July 3/83
10, South Street, Park Lane. W.

Dearest Margaret

My heartfelt thanks for your letter. I was grieved & glad to have your Report. Yesterday Dr. Acland was here. & today I have sent him your report. He will see her again before he leaves England. God grant that something may be devised to give her ease.

Yes, surely: if you will be so very good as to come here on "Tuesday afternoon," every other appointment shall be excluded, if only you will kindly tell me about what hour.

I have seen Sir Harry again today. [He will stay till Saturday at Maude’s: & I have written to Dr. Acland by his Sir H’s desire to sk him to sleep at Claydon on Saturday] I am sure you were so wise to
get Sir Harry away. He looks better than I expected. You know what his anxiety is: when she has severe pain, he thinks she is dying: when she has sleep, he thinks she is recovering.

‘Bless the Lord, O my ‘Soul,’ that you are there. Your reports, alas! I trust implicitly - you wisest & best of nurses unprofessional

The Probationers cannot “tell you what a “delightful happy successful “day we all had at “Claydon.” only one drawback “that Lady Verney” -then follows what they truly feel else “the greatest of enjoyment “The children were a great source of pleasure - quite little pictures each in their own way & so anxious to wait on us all.”

Then comes what they did each hour:
“most happy”
“nice little service in the Church
‘lovely bouquets” “tea on lawn”
“lovely flowers in a basket
with Lady Verney’s love “to
Miss Crossland.
How much pleasure
was given. And she not there
Dearest Margaret,
May God bless you - and
He will bless you as
we do - for all you are doing.
ever yours lovingly
F. Nightingale
Love to Ellin & all the
children
Sir Harry does so delight in
the children -

9009/187 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

July 18/83
My dear Sir Harry
Do not hurry home back
from St. Thomas’ from for me
I have too an unexpected
engagement early in the
afternoon with a person
from Egypt to talk about
Cholera which I cannot
put off.
I send you poor Madame
Werckner’s sad, sad letter -
What can we do for her?
But the idea of putting a
poor would-be suicide
into the Homoeopathic Hospital, where they neither would nor ought to take him, & where they could do him no good!

Dalston Hospital would not be a bad place - if only that it is now a case which must be under constraint - And they would probably pass him on to Bethlehem -

ever yrs affly

F.N.

9009/188 signed post card, 1f, pen

Dearest Margaret Thanks for your letter. God speed your journey. And may it be all health & enjoyment for you & Capt Verney: a (too brief) holiday. Shall you be away for about 3 weeks?

I will go to Claydon, please God, in the second week in August, when Mrs. George Verney’s stay is near its end.

Is Maude staying on at Claydon?
Could Capt. Verney kindly send me the address again of that Capt. - Pigot? who is marrying his nurse, Miss Lloyd -whom he thought I had better see -

I am afraid I have mislaid the address -

I am seeing Sir Harry -

Success to you always. God bless you, our Angel. ever your loving

Aunt Florence

July 25/83
Sir Hy Ponsonby has answered your letter very nicely. I opened it, as you kindly desired. As you are coming on Saturday, I will not forward it.

P. Turn over

Could I give you luncheon, or dinner, or both on Saturday? and if so what time?

With very much love
ever yours & my dear Pop’s
F.N.

2/8/83 My very best good wishes & joy givings to Miss Cuningham on her marriage

10, South Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Aug 4/83
My dear Sir Harry
How I grieve at the cause of my not seeing you: our dear Pop’s sufferings: & not talking over when I shall come.
Shall I come, Tuesday week, the 14th., when I suppose Mrs.
George Verney will no longer be able to stay?
I should not be able to do anything but be with my dear P., for whom I pray hourly. I trust Dr. Denton attends frequently & gives her
God bless you both sleeping Draughts
ever yours & hers
F. Nightingale

Aug 6/83
{printed address;} 10, South Street. Park Lane. W.
How I mourn, dearest Pop, for your great sufferings - To the Father whose love is tenderer even than ours I commend you almost hourly. I shall hope to be with you soon, dearest. ever your F
7/83 Aug
{printed address:} 10, South Street.
    Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir Harry
    Could you kindly tell me
how long Capt. George Verney’s nice
party stay with you?
    I will write tomorrow about
the Buckingham Doctor - But what
Dr. Acland said to me was: not that
he knew him or had any “opinion”
about him: but that he understood
that there was a “high opinion” of Dr.
Cheeseman in the neighbourhood: that

[2]
if Dr. Denton left the Claydons, it
seemed as if you could have a good
*substitute* for Dr. Denton in this Dr.
Cheeseman: & that by Telegram &
rail, you could have Dr. Cheeseman
almost as soon as Dr. Denton.
[This is not quite true, because
there are so few trains fro Buckingham]
That you could have no one better
than Dr. Denton *while* he stayed:
that if you & he wanted a consulting
opinion like Dr. Acland’s, you should
telegraph for Dr. Acland’s *locum tenens*
at the Oxford Hospital, who was a capital man, & to whom he, Dr. Acland, had explained the whole of Parthe's case, in case you should send for him. This is what Dr. Acland took great pains to impress, upon having as having given it as his considered opinion.

I venture to deprecate having Dr. Cheeseman while Dr. Denton is there. I wish Parthe would take her sleeping draught. Dr. Acland did

I am sure I need not mention that this should not be shown to Parthe.

God bless you both is the constant prayer of yours & hers ever

F.N.

{written vertically} Aug 7. 83.
Aug 8/83

My dear Sir Harry,

I did not know till yesterday that Mrs. George Verney was not with you. If I had known that Parthe was without any lady of the family, I would have broken thro' & come yesterday - But now every day of mine is filled up. I may even not be able to come till Wednesday 15th.: but hope to come on Tuesday 14th., as settled.

I am so thankful that Maude can go to you on Friday.

A better report I trust to hear.

God bless you both:

ever yours & hers

F. Nightingale

Aug 11/83

My dear Sir Harry

One of my India Office Masters wishes to see me on Tuesday afternoon - I can hardly refuse.

I hope to be with you, please God, on Wednesday, by the train of 3.0 from Euston Square.
I trust Dr. Acland’s visit was useful & not disagreeable to Parthe. He has written to me. He does not think her worse. Miss Airy is in charge of a Cholera Hospital at Cairo. She asks for prayers for Nurses & Patients. I am sure you do pray for her: as I do for you, with all your heart

God bless you both

ever yours & P.’s

F. Nightingale

Aug 13/83
10, South Street. Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir Harry
It is not an “Indian Doctor” but the Permanent Revenue Secretary of the India Office. I am sure he would like to come to Claydon But I suppose he is in the same position as I about being able to do as he likes: & that is: Never. Thank you all the same.

I have ordered the Invalid Carriage on Wednesday by 3.0 train from Euston.
No “footman”, thank you, to “help” me “to pack”

Au revoir
dear souls
F.N.

Please let me go straight up to my own room to lie down & be silent. And I shall hope to see Parthe later on in the day
Aug 13/83

10, South Street. Park Lane. W.

Dearest Pop I trust to see you on Wednesday - I often think of what you said that God was working out in you that the patience might have her perfect work: I think you must have written what is on the other side:

Dr. Payson, when racked with pain & illness

"God has used a strange method to make me happy. I could not have believed a little while ago that in order to make me happy, he would deprive me of the use of my limbs, & fill my body with pain. But he has taken away everything else, that he might give me Himself."

So too says St. Paul:

"As the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounded by Christ."

Shall we see whether God can make us happy?

ever your F.
The water-mattrass will, we hope, come from London to-day - it may not be till to-morrow.

It is not to be less than 4 feet wide -

Parthe says there is a ‘bois de lit’ (bed-stead) which will fit it -

The best thing under a water-mattrass is a straw mattrass - not too thick - (a palliasse)

I looked at Parthe’s own bed to yesterday. And it appeared as high as this would be. It would not do of course to dismantle Parthe’s bed till the Water Mattrass has actually come.

God grant it may give her ease

F.N.

Aug 20/83
My dear Sir Harry

If you are so good as to give me those 3 Wild Ducks, would Mr. Fred have the kindness to take two to London & put them in the Parcel Del. Co. (& if not too much trouble pay them) for Madame Werckner who I really fear has not enough to eat -

Mrs. Wardroper might have the other bird, but as I sent the to her 3 grouse Sir James Caird gave me

I think if you liked to give all 3 Wild Ducks to Madame Werckner (altering the number on my label) it would be a good deed.

F.N.

Tuesday. {arch: Aug.28. 83.}
I am so very sorry that I was unable yesterday to do this & other letters -
I have been up since 5 this morning, trying to correct, as you kindly desired, & writing other letters -
I know I have scarcely improved it -
I should like to find another word for "destitution": 2nd. line - She is not "entirely destitute" - (see her sister)
Aug 30
My dear Sir Harry

We must try means to keep our Night Nurse in health -
After much conversation with her, I propose that she should dine at 12
Would you be kind enough to tell Mrs. Ellis? 12?

[She has indigestion from going to bed after dinner at 1 -]
You have not told me whether Parthe will assent to her changing night & to day duty with the other Nurse

{printed address:} Claydon House, Bucks.
My dear Sir Harry
You were so very kind as to ask me to criticize this to Mrs. Boyce. Let me entreat you not to put on paper anything about “weakened mind” of poor Mme. W. or anything that I have ventured to scratch out.
To save you the trouble I wrote my 3 little sheets -
And I have gone to the very verge of what one ought to put on paper, I think.
Aug 31/83  [8:969-70]
I thank God every day for having given poor Madame Werckner such a friend as Mrs. Boyce.

As she asks the question, I will briefly say to you what I did offer Madame W. x viz that if M. Werckner would go to Gheel, for a year, for which I hold his written consent, & for which she has the necessary Medical certificates, & information, I would be responsible for £25 - £5 to be paid

x a month ago - repeated sometimes 3 times a day since. She again sometimes writes to me twice a day
to make up the first or second Quarter: the remaining £20 not to be paid till the end of the year of M. Werckner’s residence at Gheel, & then to be refunded to the persons whom Mme. W. told me would kindly refund advance the money, on condition of being repaid by her, which she conscientiously said she could not promise. So I engaged for her.

[I made this condition of making the end of year the time of payment, of £20, in order to protect Madame W., against what has happened so often more than once: viz. that M. Werckner has had passage journey & pension paid or advanced for him & in consequence of his mental alienation has got out of the train before he reached his destination, has lived on any money he had had advanced to him as long as it lasted, & then has run up debts for her to pay-]

To return, M. Werckner has made so many difficulties about the small amount of the pension at Gheel
that I have advised Madame W. to fix the 'pension' at Gheel at £32 per annum (800 fr:) or £8 per Qu - Mrs. Boyce has had the great kindness "to collect £10" - I would make the £5 I promised into £6. That is £16: half a quarter the year. I have repeatedly counselled nay entreated Mme Werckner to set off at once for Gheel with her husband -[N.B. it is perfectly useless her sending him alone even even if he reached the place, he would leave at once on some delusion or other]

[2] Their two passages to Antwerp shall be paid, I told her (towards which I have already received 30/)
There is nothing to wait for to set off but to set off. I doubt the advisability of paying more than a quarter in advance. (which is all that is required at Gheel) for the reasons above stated
As to this, I would do of course exactly as Mrs Boyce thinks best. If she likes to give £5 out of her £10 now, I will give the £3 to make up the Quarter at £8. Or - as she likes -
[It would be better, if possible, to pay the £8 by an order on Gheel, as M. Werckner can always make his wife give him any money she has. She is not proof against him.] small blame to her!

Florence Nightingale

[3] With regard to the second part of Mrs. Boyce’s most kind letter—viz—about Madame Werckner administering her poor husband’s property, (as to which you have tried to do so much,)—in the long conversation I had with Madame W. on the subject some time ago, I ascertained from her that there was no property left. He had had out the last remnant there was some time before I wish somebody better than I could ascertain if this is correct from her. [end 8:970]

31/8/83
F.N.
Sept 6 {arch: '?’83}
My dear Sir Harry
All our prayer is that M. & Mme. Werckner, as she well knows, should start immediately for Gheel.

PRAY TELEGRAPH AT ONCE, AS YOU KINDLY PROPOSE.
It is a God send to get them off - to Gheel - & in such good company -
I don’t know what she means by my “decision” - At all events I have sent them, as you know, ample money for both -
And it appears that this lady gives them a ticket besides -
I thank God. [end 8:970]
F.N.

What do you intend to do with the shirts & drawers you so kindly offered her?

Sept 14/83
I do not quite understand Mme. Werckner’s letter:
I appears that she could place M. Werckner at the Colony of Gheel at a pension of 1000 fr. per ann: = £40 -
Now, in my last letter to her, I showed her how she had actually money in hand to place him for one quarter at £32 or even £36 (800 -900 fr.) a year -that is £8 or £9 (200 -225 fr) for the quarter
She had from
  Mrs. Boyce £6
“ Miss Wilson 5
“ F.N. ______ 6 10
£17 10
A lady, Miss Grey,
paid besides, she Mme W.
told me, for Mme
Werckner’s own
passage (a return
passage: 2nd class)
Part of the money I sent her
was for travelling expenses.]
  Out of this money,

Could not she have
paid 1 Qu. (at 1000 fr. a year)
i.e. £10 for M.
Werckner, £8. H. V. (instead of
putting him at 120 fr. =
e£ nearly £5, at a Hotel.
without any supervision -)
  If there were any prospect
for Mr. Werckner at all to
compare with that of the Colony of Gheel
--- But there is not -
We must then try to place
him at Gheel Colony after all.
  Mme. W. wrote to me that
she should return Mrs. Boyce’s
money, unless it were spent
at Gheel Colony -
I would now advocate 3
months at Gheel Colony at 1000 fr.
a year at all events.
If Mrs Boyce would
give Mme W. her other £6,
I promised her £3, which
I would gladly make £4 -
That is £10 for a quarter -
But it must be strictly for
this purpose:
And what Mme. W. can
still command of the £17 10
must be applied to pay
1 or 2 months more at the Colony.
[At present M. Werckner appears
to be under no Medical or other
supervision whatever at the Hotel]

[2]
What would Mrs. Boyce
recommend afterwards the 4 or 5 months?
I would still give the £20
I promised at the end
of the year at Gheel Colony -
[If I were to give it now,
it would most certainly
go for a month’s hotel expenses
for M. Werckner!]
More I cannot do -
If Mme Werckner is sure of this
£20 at the end of the year,
surely her sister at Lymington
would advance the money -
And it would have this
advantage that the sister
Wellcome Ms 9011

would watch over the spending of it *at Gheel Colony.* & nowhere else. But if Mrs. Boyce would kindly propose any thing else, very likely that might be better still.

F. Nightingale

Mme. Werckner states that 11 p.c. is charged for Medical & other expences at Gheel. & 11 p.c. on £10 is 22/-

I would gladly advance this 22/ per Quarter, if that be all. But I regret to say that is must be deducted from the £20 at the end of the quarter year, as I am wholly unable to do more.

9009/205 initialed letter, 5ff, pencil

10 South St
Sept. 22/85
My dearest Pop

I think of you always, always.

May things go well!
God bless you.

The cutting enclosed is out of the “Daily News”: I don’t know whether you have seen it.

I cannot find in my September’s “Good Words” the article on George Eliot you spoke of.
In the ‘Times’ outer-sheet yesterday were some interesting letters on Peasant Properties - & one in to-day’s ‘Times’ -

The world in general & Miss Irby in particular will be all ‘agog’ about Bulgaria & E. Roumelia - You never got Bulgaria’s Peasant Properties by Consul Dalziel - did you?

We had a curious journey -

The Hamper of Quiz, the kitten, was ill-secured - And on your side Watford, she jumped sheer out of window on to the rail out of Lizzie’s compartment - I would not stop the train - but fortunately it stopped (against Bradshaw) at Watford - where I summoned all the Station Masters in England to my assistance - the same at Willesden - & all the Station Masters speaking the English language at Euston - Every body was most kind.

He of Watford sent back along the Rail to find it. I telegraphed to him in the evening - And the answer
was: “Cat found: will send it on to-night.” But no cat appeared - And I gave it up, for I had promised heaven to every man Jack who would deliver it at my door. But no one at the Station would believe but what it was killed by leap. However next day it appeared. It had been in the Parcels Office at Euston all night - & cramped by its basket, & injured by its leap, but could hardly move or speak - But it is alive & begins to kick & sing -

[2]
Thanks for your Gordon, many -forwarded to Mrs. Hawthorn Love to Margaret & the childer ever dearest thine F. You know I brought Zoroaster with me - Shall I send it back? Don’t forget the Revues - Deluged with Acrostics on Gordon & begging letters because a letter of mine on Gordon has been the round of the papers - I have not seen it.
I am so very sorry to make a bother about my eggs - If Mr. Robertson would be so very good as to give his packer a hint of care. The tin in which the eggs are put wants a bit of stick put in the fastening. All the saw-dust escapes - 2 of the 30 eggs which came last Saturday every one was cracked & only fit for cooking - & 9 were smashed into what poets call 'a gory mass'. In the next Hamper there were more that could be used - but 11 constituted a 'gory mass' - see Campbell on the Egg -

F.N.
Thanks for the flowers -
A few more Tritomas, please,
before they leave this world
for a worse -

9009/206 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [from Claydon]

Sept 23/83
My dear Sir Harry
   It was absolutely necessary
that this letter should be
delivered in London by
the first post to-morrow
morning -
   They took it to Winslow (Bucks)
-& because it could not be
telegraph registered, they have
brought it back again!!!
& I have only just heard of it.
   Could somebody, not one
of your servants, take it
up to Ludgate Hill by the
very first train tomorrow morning - (I will gladly pay for it all) - & deliver it - is it possible? - as near 9 o’clock in the morning as can be - What is the first train in the morning? I am so sorry to trouble you - F.N.

Thank you very much -
I am so sorry to give so much trouble -
I think some one should go to deliver the parcel -
I meant to telegraph from Steeple Claydon: but I suppose that can only be done tomorrow morning -
Thank you -
F.N.

9009/207 signed letter, 2ff, pen.

Claydon Sept. 26/83
How very, very good of you, dearest Margaret, to send the beautiful Bed-bath so quickly & so well, & to take it yourself to Euston. It was here with as much “urgency”, care & speed as if it had been a baby instead of a bath. I do hope now we shall get on better. But one cannot but feel alarmed that, while her health has certainly improved in the last 4 or 5 weeks most remarkably, the pain does not diminish. I have a long
story to write to you about Dr. Acland.

I do hope & trust that Mr. Bickersteth ‘commanding’ Ellin’s presence for some days means Good, & that he sees improvement needing re-adjustment. I should be so thankful if you would tell us his opinion. Sept. 27.

Not one minute yesterday to finish this poor little card: for my maid Fanny is ill in bed as well as my sister.

Ralph & Gwendolyne were at the Harvest Home yesterday with their Grandpapa & Uncle George: very ‘jolly’

Dr. Acland has written to Sir James Paget about what he calls the ‘nerve affection of the cord” in my sister. But he does not separate it from the rest of the Arthritis, as Dr. Denton does. He says the Arthritis is so much more on the nerves than it is “rheumatic”. I will write more.

We had a dreadful time of it, about his visit & Dr. Benson’s - And yet she is better in health I don’t think Sir Harry is well. Dr. Acland says there is no dropsy (ankles) in my sister
I am quite ashamed of all the trouble you had about the Bath. But I know you think trouble a gain where doing good is concerned. I know you will not think me ungrateful for not having written yesterday. I will so thankfully send the £1.1 as soon as I can seize a registered envelope.

Our best love to dear Ellin & kindest regards to Capt. Verney. May I have news of both & of your dear self - your ever loving & grateful God bless you & all F. Nightingale you love

Sept. 28/83
My dear Sir Harry

Dr. Acland writes to me that he will appear "to-morrow" (to-day) at 5 o'clock.
Has he written to you?
He really must not do this again: viz. announce himself for the same day - that is, just 3 hours beforehand. He must think we are made of iron - I am so tired now I can hardly speak - F.N. And Parthe!!
During at least ten weeks of the past winter, the whole of England, of Europe & America & one may almost say of the whole world was riveted on the thrilling drama which was enacting in the centre of Africa - On the one side was the single white man ruling alone in the great city of 20000 blacks, contending against a nation, urged on by religious fanaticism headed by their False Prophet telling them that the death of an infidel was a pious act & that their own deaths would carry them straight into a Paradise of fruits, honey & Houris. On the other side was the little English force hurrying up against time, dragging the boats up the Nile rapids among rocks & shoots of water where a false step plunged them in the river & more men were drowned than was realized in England -then crossing the waterless desert.

Every two or three days came the record of the Sufferings so patiently & simply borne - of dangers so bravely fought & every day the whole nation watched & watched cried: Will they be in time?

The march from At Korti, the last Station where the river makes takes an enormous bend to the West was obliged to to keep open their communication with the river & a body of 500 men was sent across the bare & waterless desert [faint, not FN] At length they reached their when they were across without food without drink & weary with.
Oct. 2/83

My dear Sir Harry

Good morning - & a good morning it is - for Parthe has had a good night - & a bright ‘lucky’ morning day for your expdn. Louisa Shore Smith writes to thank you for your kind letter to Mlle de Broen for Miss Mochler very heartily

If you had time to give a kind glance to the letter enclosed -- these are the sort of people it is so difficult to help - too old to learn to nurse - no chance from Patriotic Fund. But do no trouble only just return it.

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

Au revoir
Oct. 2/83
My dear Sir Harry

I have thought now for years that Mme Werckner’s mind was too much broken to give a connected account of her affair: as e.g. I only elicited from her 2 years ago that the property at Breslau was gone!!

I have written (from her old accounts) a totally different story to Charity Organn. Socy. from what she herself has given them. This is awkward

Still, I think this gentleman mistaken -

She did not say: “came to England but came to London:

I am still entirely believe that she is no impostor - but simply from mental & bodily exhaustion unable to tell give her st own account correctly -

And other people too have bad memories -
When you come back, I will, if you like, go thro’ this letter with you, if it requires an answer.

Fare you very well & Au revoir

F.N.

Oct 2/83

Mme. Werckner never touched a franc “from the French Govt.” The 1000 fr. you so kindly procured her was taken by her husband - And B. St. Hilaire gave him 500 fr. out of his own pocket - These are the “two payments.”

Very Glad you are going to Rhianva - Sorry we shall not have you back so soon

I consider dear P. a trust, # a precious trust, till you come back. We shall miss you, I need not say.

F.N.

Very best love -

God bless you ever.
Oct. 4/83
My dear Capt. Verney
so sorry not to see you -
Would you give this letter to Margaret?
you must not give a bad account of my sister to Sir Harry.
Could you kindly say whether anything could be done for the poor seaman enclosed? Only say 'No' & return the letter - if not yrs ever truly
F. Nightingale
Dearest Margaret

I send the only portion I can pay of our immense debt to you. (the £1.1 for the Bed-bath.) How good, very good, you have been about it & all!

You must not give Sir Harry a bad account of Parthe - two very fair nights & two days of much less pain, - notwithstanding that she over-fatigued herself yesterday - And we had some very comfortable reading together, besides Job I & John XVII, & a good deal of poetry - But, dear Margaret, you would laugh if you were to see what a state of dismay I am in. Parthe has received a letter about Homoeopathic Doctors from Miss Frere upon which you would not engage a servant. And
P. declares that she will go back to Homœopathy upon this.

Pray, pray that we may be guided, - to the almighty Father I only mention it now in case Sir Harry who, I believe, saw it, mentions it to you -

And it is good little Fra. Spring Rice who has done this - tho’ I think she was very sorry afterwards.

O for the smallest amount of reason!

Love to Ellin & Lettice & my god-daughter & Harry - Good speed to your Lpool expedition next week -

God bless & reward you ever - ever your grateful & loving F.N.

(in greatest haste): I will if I possibly can write you the contents of the Homœopathic letter to-day. You will see that you would not engage a scullery maid, much less a Doctor, upon it.
Dearest Margaret,

The account of dear Ellin is not so good as old Aunt Florence would wish - But I still hope from next week at Liverpool -

Pray thank Capt. Verney for his great kindness about the “disabled seaman” -

I am sure it is doing Sir Harry good being with you.

We had a bad afternoon yesterday from pain in the back & a night below fair from the same pain -

Monday & Friday were bad days with us. & a good deal of weeping intermediate days good-

I should sum up the last 6 weeks with: general health, nights & even restlessness much improved: but pain in back decidedly worse. Still more power of enjoyment & attention -

Dearest Margaret: I am so sorry to trouble you with all this just now. But I feel almost certain that Sir Harry means to speak to you about Homaeopathy. And I want you to be fore-armed. You did wonders last time when you were here.
Yesterday my sister told me quite decidedly that the "Morphia Lotion had never done her the least good". That next week "she would begin Homaeopathy" (on the faith of the letter whose abstract I enclose) which was "the only thing that had ever done her the least good".

From my personal observation I can state that the exact reverse is the case -

But alas! from the way every Morphia & other application is put on I only wonder, poor soul! she is not worse. We are trying to remedy this.

I send you an Abstract of the Frere letter, which please return to me, as the Frere letter will be quoted against us, again & again - & I shall have forgotten what it is, which is to cure us -

I never understood, alas! till I came here how the stories grow up which tell one of things as impossible as if they told said
[2]

how Homaeopaths do tell
how to make “men’s
“heads to grow beneath
“their shoulders”.

I am writing against
time: & you will wish
I had no time.

Dr. Acland says that
there I enclose my old
letter to you - returned to
me - not worth sending -
like an bad shilling -

God bless you all -
ever yrs affly & gratefully

Aunt Florence

9009/215 initialed letter, 2ff, pen.

Dearest Margaret Parthe is
sincerely anxious that Sir Harry
should stay with you at Rhianva
till Wednesday, then go with you to
Liverpool, & not return home till
Friday or at (ever) least Thursday She has set
her heart upon it. I think she would
be really distressed if he did not.

We had a better night last night
- the first time since I have been here
that she has slept 2 hours at a time.
- the consequence (between ourselves) of
the compress on the back having been put
eff on properly for the first time.
[2]
Dr. Acland walked in yesterday evening just after the letters were gone -
He spoke to her about Galvanism & to my surprise she accepted it the idea eagerly
[I told him how very bad the pain in the back had been. If we can but get the compresses properly applied, I do not despair at all, however.]
He says, what we all agree in, that she is materially better since this time last year. He thinks this state will go on a long time.
He is going to write to Sir Harry:

[3]
He wants her to have a carriage with c. springs. I would gladly hire one for them. But I hope she will not go out much more. She went out yesterday for the first time for a week. I am interrupted. She was delighted at the theatrical performance at the Royal Rhianva Theatre.
God bless you all
F.N.
Claydon Oct. 7/83
Claydon: Oct 8/83
10. South Street, {printed address stroked out:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry
Parthe is earnestly anxious that you should stay away till Friday at least - She would like you even to put Mr. Calvert off, that you may not hurry away from Mr. Rathbone’s - She is pretty well.

I am rather anxious about [8:970-71] Madame Werckner, because her husband’s month at the Gheel Hotel expires this week. She must make the fresh arrangements at Gheel in the Colony for him at once for a quarter. I promised £4 if to make up Mrs. Boyce’s contribution for a quarter, besides the £20 at the end of the Year. (& besides what I gave her before.) I did not see the last letter you were so very kind as to write to Mme. Werckner: but I am extremely anxious to know that she is arranging for him for the coming quarter as Gheel. And I have not been asked for my contribution. Forgive my troubling you God bless you all: as I am sure you say for us F. Nightingale

[5]
Again, if I have promised too much for Mrs. Boyce, I will pay the money, of course.

I also suggested to Madme. W. that her sister might advance the money, on the certainty of repayment, as M. W. has now come to his senses. [end 8:971]

{printed address, upside down:} 10, South Street, Park Lane. W.
Again, I can scarcely understand poor Madame Werckner’s letters: poor, poor woman! God bless her! In answer to a Telegram of enquiry from me: she answered that he was going to leave Gheel the next day, viz. Oct 10 - I immediately telegraphed again: that I would “guarantee an annual sum” of £50 or even £60”, provided he would “remain in a family “at Gheel one year”: & begged her “to telegraph this to Gheel “at once”.

I had a strange letter from her in answer, dated Oct. 10: treating Gheel as a fancy of ours: saying “rest assured any wish “dictated by you is if “possible always fulfilled “with great pleasure” but that she had not telegraphed my “request”!! to Gheel. that her husband had left Gheel a day before she intended him to leave & that she was “quite “ignorant of his present abode”
If this is true, I am more anxious about the poor man than she is.
   As for her “obtaining a “position of trust”, she is scarcely less unfit for one than her husband is -
   As for any further advances that I might be induced to make to her, I would promise that, if m. Werckner remains a year in the

Gheel colony, or other such place approved by us, I would pay £20 into the hands of some Banker or trustworthy person at the end of the year - not into hers, & not before
   But with M. Werckner’s written (& broken) promise “to remain a year at Gheel” at this moment before me, - & with Mrs. Boyce’s, alas! too true words that she Mme. Werckner is as unable to manage her husband’s affairs as he is, I should not, as at present advised, think it right to do more. [end 8:971]

F.N.
Agnes Barker, our Lea School- mistress, is engaged to be married to a Missionary of the British & Foreign Bible Society, acting as Superintendent of the Shantung Province, North China - his permanent home is at Chefoo. Could Professor Legge Baptist kindly give any information [in pencil] 30 years at Hong Kong that may be useful to her? Florence Nightingale
Oct 17/83

Sir Harry Verney
[not FN: The only thing I can say is that Chefoo is a very healthy place]
J.L. [?]

My dear Sir Harry I think your light stick which you were so good as to lend me was left in the Blue Room, suspended by somebody to the book shelves near the door. Pray embezzle your own stick.
My very best love to both. I left Claydon with the deepest regret, I never wish goodbye. God bless you - Mind you have Margaret - too tired to write more: ever yours F.N.
I had the Doctor to meet poor Fanny.
10 South St. Oct. 25 {arch: 1883}
Oct 26/83
A poor woman at Lea Hurst, Mrs. Holmes, the wife of an under over-looker at the Mill, writes of Parthe:
‘dear Lady Verney being so ill -
“we do hope she is better by this
“- and I do pray that God may
“sanctify every twig of His
“afflicting rod to her: How hard
“we find it suffering the will
“of God to doing it” -
    she means: ‘how much harder’
Some of the very best women
I know are among the poorest
This is one: her young daughter
is almost helpless with her
    hands-
Yet this Mrs. Holmes does as much good among her
neighbours as 20 District Visitors.
Sir Harry -

Sir Harry Verney
Enclosed is the fate of all evil-doers & intruders -
[HCV small writing] Cheque for £40.7.4.from
    Sir H.V. torn up by F.N.
    F.N.
26/10/83
Oct 27/83
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
My dear Sir Harry     Park Lane. W.

Parthe & I used to talk of this
little book together -
I think it gives more simply
first: the inheritance: a gift **now**
at this moment; we have only to
put out our hand & take it.
secondly: the being *made fit* for
this inheritance: this is not done
in a day: p.p. 47,51, 55, 60-5: 78-9
{cut off: 84?}

[2]
I should like to read the marked bits to her
(leaving out formulae which she
dislikes): but it will be sweeter
to her from your lips than
mine.

I preached forcibly on the
text: ‘accept Margaret’:
which text will be found in
the Gospels, tho’ not, I believe,
in Cruden’s Concordance -

God bless you both: ever yours & hers
F.N.
My dear Sir Harry: How good you are about Bournemouth & Fanny. But she is Shut up in one room, & kept lying down, scarcely allowed to speak or to move, in the hope, well-founded, that the lung will heal: Doctor every day.

I thought that Adml. Grey was to say whether there were a Hospital at Bournemouth where she could have Medical treatment and Hospl. Nursing.

I shall get her to Bournemouth as soon as I can: for, truth to tell, I am perfectly unequal to the anxiety & care.

But at present she cannot be moved at all: much less be moved to a Convalescent Institn.: still less to a Homoeopathic Convalescent Instn., where she would have none of the necessary treatment.

With 1000 thanks, I return the papers - & must decline the vacancy so kindly offered to be kept open.

Oct 29/83

God bless you both

ever yours affy F. Nightingale
Oct 29/83

10, South Street, Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Here is poor Madame Werckner again. I have answered that “if M. Werckner returns to Gheel, & remains in the Colony there one year, I will pay £20 at the end of the year into some Banker’s hands at Gheel or Antwerp. Or I will pay £10 at the end of 6 months, & £10 at the end of a year. Mrs. Boyce has £6 collected, to which she would add £4 of her own. There would then have be

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“at the end of 6 months £20.
“The ladies positively refuse giving this “except to repay a completed “residence of M. Werckner’s in Gheel “Colony. & on the understanding that “he remains a year”

I did not say that you had the £6, nor that Mrs. Boyce suggested that the £6 might be given to Madame in some form she could not give to Monsieur.

I need not say that if I have promised too much for Mrs Boyce, I will give the money myself.
I take for granted that Madame Werckner has written by the same post to Mrs. Boyce. And I am earnestly anxious that we should be in the same story.

[It is difficult to me to think with calmness of our having thrown away £22.10 in keeping M. Werckner in a lodging in London & a Hotel at Gheel. Any other way than the one I suggest would be simply throwing £30 after it.]

I added words of sympathy to Mme. Werckner & hopes that now that her husband wishes to go to Gheel, it may be done.

I added that “the only modification I could advise would be that I should pay to the Gheel or Antwerp Bankers, & induce Mrs. Boyce to do the same, at the end of 3 months (of M. Werckner being in Gheel Colony) £5 each = £10 but only on the express understanding {printed address, upside down:}

10. South Street that he remains one year Park Lane. W. “at least."

I often think that Madam W. does not know what she does, as I am quite sure She does not know what she writes.

May we succeed at last!

God bless you: ever yrs affy

F. Nightingale

Excuse these short these cards: you know my thoughts are with you: but I am unfit to write or speak one unnecessary line.
Nov 1/83
What I wrote to Mme Werckner in answer to her letter which I sent to Sir Harry on Oct. 30, was this:
that I would give £20
at the end of a year
of M Werckner remaining in Gheel Colony:
or - - - - - - - - - - £10
at the end of each 6 months
or - - - - - - - - - - - £5
at the end of each 3 months
all on condition of his remaining in Gheel Colony a full year.
I added that Mrs. Boyce had collected £6
to which she would add £4
£10
which she would pay
at the end of 6 months
of his remaining at Gheel
or at the end of each 3 months £5
If then the Mrs. Boyce’s £6 is paid for M. Werckner’s Hotel expenses at Paris & his journey back to Gheel, not only is it stultifying the agreement - but it puts an end to our securing £20 for the first 6 months of M. Werckner’s stay at Gheel - And Mme Werckner will fall back upon me and make me pay the whole £40 for the year: or take him away -

The Werckners are bound in honour to bring M. Werckner back to Gheel at their own expense - I do not mean to pay more than the £20; & none of that till he has been there 3 months.

Mrs. Boyce’s £10 will enable him with my £10 to stay at Gheel 6 months. After that, there will be only my £10: but we must think of that when the time comes.

I told Madme. Werckner
that they would not have one penny anything from me or Mrs. Boyce or the ladies till M. Werckner had been at Gheel Colony 3 months.

& that it would be paid into the Bankers’ hands at Gheel or Antwerp.

I did all this by Sir Harry’s advice -

I wrote to Sir Harry what I had written to Mme. Werckner, enclosing her letter, on Oct 29 (on 3 foolish cards). This was the substance. Would he send these cards to Mrs. Boyce at Eastbourne?
A Thorny Path
This is the book of Hesba Stretton’s which we were talking about. I suppose it is an attempt to show Christ’s life living & dying for another in Don dying for little Dot - And how superior to “Joshua Davidson”! I think it must be true, because the natural as well as the poetical justice end would have been to make the child always recoil from the mother who had deserted her & always yearn after Don who died for her -

I never feel as if these waifs & strays like Don were deserted God forsaken.

On the contrary.
Both in India & England we find the most heroic self-devotion among them - far more than among the educated & prosperous
Another thing that strikes one as so true in this true story is: the uses to which the cruel mistake under which Don suffered were put in calling forth heroism & goodness like Christ’s - Mistakes have been most potent levers to righteousness

3/11/83

Talking of heroes
Monday is Inkermann Day
29 years ago.
10, South Street,  
Nov 3/83  
Dearest Pop  
A basket-table, of  
the most princely demeanour,  
black & gold, has just  
arrived - This is, I  
am sure, de de ta façon -  
Accept my earnest thanks -  
It is worthy of thee & Claydon.  
You speak about Nurse  
Dare & whether it is wise  
to let her come back -  
I think if these two good  
women, Sisters Wright &  
Blurton, can & will stay on,  

& you still continue to like  
them, it would be  
a pity to put disturbing  
thoughts in either of their  
minds.  
Nurse Dare, I understand,  
comes back from her holiday  
on the 18th. a fortnight  
hence. & suggests that  
her Superintdt. should be  
written to 4 days before,  
in order that no other  
engagement should be  
formed for her:
How would it do for Maudie to feel the pulse of these two good women the Sunday after this - or rather the backs & see? if either has to go?

The possibility of Nurse Dare not being able to come so soon, as Nov 18, on account of health, is still on the cards, it is said -

May it all be as well as it can be done is the most earnest prayer of thine ever

F.
Thy 2 notes were delightful to me.

9009/227 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10, South Street, Nov 3/83
My dear Sir Harry
You were so very good as to say that, as one of the Vice-Presidents of the “British & Foreign Bible Socy.”, you would make any enquiry or get an introduction for Agnes Barker our late Lea Schoolmistress, about to marry “Fred: “Brown”, one of their Missionaries in China.
You will see by the enclosed that she cannot go out for at least a twelvemonth - And she wishes to know in what line of study she could most usefully employ the time till then for her future work - [To learn Chinese is scarcely possible]

Would you be so very kind as to ask the secretary what she had better learn as a Missionary's wife - I should have thought something to teach little Chinese girls - But she was not a first-rate needle-woman at our School - And I am sometimes afraid Chinese women will beat her: as Hindoos sometimes beat our lady missionaries to India.

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

Might I venture to ask if you have sent my 3 little foolish cards with Mme Werck

I am so sorry to trouble you
Nov 12/83
Madame Werckner
My dear Sir Harry
I think this letter is capital but will she understand -
she has made so many blunders of this kind -
that the "£10" given paid by Mrs. Boyce is the £6 collected by her & her £4 additional from her £10 & not anything new & or besides that? Will she not think it something additional? F.N.

Without re-writing a word, you could, if you please, add this word of explanation?

Nov 14/83
My dear Sir Harry
I hear that you stay till the 5 o'clock train -
Mr. Glyn writes me word that he will come to see her Fanny soon after 12 to-day -
Could you see her in the afternoon? It seems to me that what she needs, poor girl, is to understand the truth - Dr. Armitage says (what I think should
be told to her) that

  says she will be well

enough to resume her

service with me - And I think,

she ought to know this -

  It is I who cannot

undertake her.

  With my ruined health

I cannot rightly take a

responsibility which

entirely unfit me for

work: she being what she is.

  She has, poor soul,

been wronging herself,

wronging me, & what is

worse, wronging God -

  ever yrs gratefully

F.N.

I do not see how I can

write a hint to Mr.

Glyn. I wish I could

9009/230 initialed letter, written on an envelope, 1f, pencil

I send my dear Pop the dusaristo tokeia

- the 'unhappy' 'author' of the greatest

man of our age -

the unworthy record of one of the

Few 'best' souls -

I also send another copy of Daniel

  Quorn's 2 vols: for 'lending', as

you wished - Don't 'lend' this one we

read together - 14/11/83

  F.
My dear Sir Harry

Success to the ceremony of to-day
or rather to the “idea” of
the ceremony which
is that of good to Siam
& its connection with us
& civilization, (& Mr. Fred)
more than in most
ceremonies -
Would 5 o’clock suit
you?
26/11/83 F.N.

Nov 29/83
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir Harry

Miss Ehrenborg, the Swedish lady,
came to London yesterday - tomorrow
afternoon she spends with me -
sails for Sweden on Monday
She knows Count Piper, thank you

Hunyadi Water: do your business.
I trust my dearest Pop is more
comfortable. And I hope you are
less tired - I thought you very tired.
Will dear Margaret when she is so
good as to write again mention Ellin?

God bless you all.
F.N.
Dec 4/83
10, South Street, Park Lane, W.
Dearest Margaret

Thank you so very much for your letters, & for all you are doing.

Now I am writing merely on a small piece of business, because I do not like to trouble my sister. She kindly offered me the third housemaid, one of the Lizzies, at Claydon - I spoke to her & I spoke to Mrs. Ellis about it. and it was agreed that I should write when I was ready, & that she should come on trial as my under housemaid. [And privately between you & me I think she might rise to be something else, if London agrees with her health. But this is only private] I should now be glad if she could come with the least possible delay. if you will be so very kind as to arrange it. (I mean to speak to Mrs. Ellis, & of course to my Sister,) if it is not inconvenient to them - -I will write to Mrs. Ellis later.
Poor Fanny’s removal to St. Thomas' Hospl. was safely effected yesterday at her own eager desire.
And to day - - - she is equally eager to come.

out, as the Senior Physician has just come to tell me.

Please tell Sir Harry -God bless you
in great haste
ever yours gratefully
F. Nightingale

Love, dear love to all.

9009/233 signed letter, 1f, pen

Dec 7/83

My dear Capt. Verney

How very, very kind you have been about this poor man, A. Crooks, & Miss Robertson too - I think as you have given so much time, I must send the £6 for the year’s rent, & hope, rather than expect, that the poor fellow will make a good start of it. If the rent is only £5, then he will have £1 to start with.
I have been rather hard put to fatigue
Or I would have answered your
most kind note before -
With very much thanks &
heart=felt love to all, & most of all
thanks to ev dearest Margaret
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Little birds used to visit me thro’ the
balcony window in Margaret’s bed
room, hoping to find her - wrens & robins.
I did not dare to coax them to stay,
because of a kitten.

9009/234 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.
Dec 14/83
Dearest Margaret
How good you are to write
to me about the little
hand-maiden, Lizzie. You say
her remplaçante comes on
Tuesday 18th. & that she
may come to me (as under
housemaid) “two or three
“days afterwards”
Thursday the 20th. will
be most convenient for me
because I shall be more able
to see her on that day than on
Friday - But if Friday is
more convenient to them, by all means Friday -
If some one will be so good as to send me a post-card, naming train & day, I will send to meet her at Euston.

And if Mrs. Ellis would kindly send me a note saying what her wages are now: & what is done about the momentous question of beer: I shall be glad -

[I did ask her, but I find - I fear I did not make a note of it.]

I am so sorry to trouble you about this.
Yes, indeed, those have been most trying nights. I feel it in all my bones & heart, how cruel they are to her & all. But I cling to the hope & almost conviction that she is a great deal better in herself - She can dictate a story to you for a good time together. She could not have dictated for two minutes in August.
Yes, indeed, dearest Margaret,
I am sure you have done a great deal for her -
   God bless you -
And now you are returning to Rhianva - all
Christmas joys be yours -
And I hope dear Ellin will be better
   Could you tell me where was the place for Xmas cards where you were so kind as to get me those angelic little faces? (Sant’s) to give away - miserable, blessed Xmas of last year - ever yours gratefully & affly
F. Nightingale

9009/235 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

   10 South St.
   Dec 19/83
Dearest Margaret
   I know that you will be in the hurry & anxiety of parting when you receive this.
   and I am so sorry to trouble you - But It requires no answer. Because I know you have done all things well.
   Dr. Acland whom I saw after he had seen Parthe told me then that it was settled he should see her every fortnight - And now he writes to me that he has heard nothing of her since he saw me.
I did not tell him that her nights had been so bad this last week, because I thought, if she has refused to have him, that is merely grieving & almost insulting - Do not answer, for I know whatever you have done has been right.

I will ask Maude whether Nurse Richards is from Devonshire Sq -

God bless you, dearest Margaret - And thank you

And a blessed Christmas to you all & all the childer four

ever yours gratefully

F. Nightingale

Aunt Julia is a trifle better & more conscious

9009/236 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.
Dec 22/83

My dear Sir Harry: Parthe knows how ill Aunt Julia has been. The end came, I would rather say the beginning of her new life, last night at half past eight. It is not grievous but joyous - She died quite peacefully - She had so prayed that she might not have to lead long an useless life And also she longed not to
survive her keen sympathy
- I don’t mean that she
used that word -
From Sunday last till
Wednesday she was so
much better that they
thought she might live for
months - On Wednesday
night the temperature
rose again: there was,
I believe, some rather
distressing delirium. And
last night she died
quite quietly -
the last of the generation

who loved Lea Hurst so
passionately - for Aunt
Mai will never go there
again. Lea Hurst
will know them to more -
And I shall not know
Lea Hurst, if indeed I ever
going there again, without
them -
She was the last too
of those 10 vigorous
brothers & sisters who all
lived to great old age -
For Aunt Joanna, Mrs. Bonham
Carter, scarcely takes notice of anything - Ravensbourne was her home & we rather regret that she did not die there -
   But as Mrs. Fremantle said: one can go to heaven as well from a journey as from home
   O how glorious it is for her now -
   God bless you both ever yrs affly
   F. Nightingale
She died as you know at Hastings -Beatrice, Miss Burnett & her maid with her -

9009/237 1 signed letter, 1f, I initialed letter, 2ff, pencil & pen [3:402]

   10 South St.
   Dec 28/83
No warmer good wishes, no deeper prayers for the highest blessings would have reached you, dear Sir Harry, on your birth-day, but that I always thought it was on the same day as Mr. Gladstone’s -
   Now these must be my Christmas & New Year's wishes - that many of your New Years may be granted us - that happiness,
the highest blessedness may be yours in this world & the next - that God may grant to her who is your help-meet ease & peace - Accept the fervent prayers I offer up for you both.

ever yours & hers affly
F. Nightingale

[2]
You sent me Mme Werckner's 'satisfaction' that I should not open any more of her husband's letters. But she, poor woman, does not tell you what she has done.
1. She has placed M. Werckner at Gheel at 4 fr. a day - which is, as you will see, as nearly as possible £14.14 per qu. or £59 per annum nearly whereas we have only promised her £10 a quarter or £40 a year.
And of that, £30 will be given by me.
2. What makes me almost more uneasy is that she writes to me!! she is going to tell them at Gheel that they will not be paid anything till the end of the first Quarter Feb 15 - I thought I must REPEAT to her that the money is only expressly promised them only on condition of her, or her sister, advancing it - But I have not. She wraps up all her doings, 

She says in a casual sort of way that she hopes to earn enough to pay the difference herself & also to repay us the £22.10 which was spent in London-- I believe, poor soul, she might as well say she hopes to pay the National Debt.

poor, poor soul in such a maze that I feared getting into another endless, useless correspondence with her. Thirdly: I do not yet know where he is at Gheel: tho' she professes to tell me - I have taken no notice of this last letter - F.N. 28/12/83
your bulletins are beyond price.
   I am afraid the poor knee is suffering.
   So very glad Dr. Acland sleeps at Claydon tomorrow. I
may see him here to-day.
   So very thankful that dear Margaret is coming to Claydon on Monday.
   God bless your Jubilee -
My warmest greetings to my dearest Pop
ever her & your loving sister
F.N.
Jan 12/84
Your bad nights & severe pains, dearest Pop, grieve me to the core, body & heart. But I see you are wonderful in yourself - the more wonderful it is as these bad nights continue.

About your eye-Patient, whom may God recover, there was a little difficulty, mainly because there was no certificate from Dr. Newham saying not only the disease but that she would be “benefited by Hospital”

The famed Dr. Nettleship, now ophthalmic Surgeon to St. Thomas’, said however that if she could be sent up, he would see her & admit her if he found it a case to be benefited by Hospital treatment.

Since then, (I lost no time) it has been found that Patients will be leaving vacancies on Monday or Tuesday. And if Mrs. Wardroper receives a Post Card on Tuesday
morning, saying the girl can come, a bed will be reserved for her in the Ophthalmic Ward:

- St. Thomas’ Hospital, provided she is at the Hospital by 2 o’clock on Tuesday.
- She will have the best of treatment. The Sister of Ophthalmic Ward is a sister of Temperance.
- And I earnestly hope her poor eye will be saved.
- I telegraphed this to you this morning. I hope I was not wrong. I worded myTelegram as cautiously as I could.
- God speed, my dearest Pop.
- ever your loving F.
- I do not know the poor girl’s name

9010/2 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:589-90]

10 South St.
Jan 19/84
My dear Sir Harry
Pray let me hear on Monday if you come up on Tuesday - & by what train?
- or if on any future day -
- I mourn that our dear P.’s nights are still so bad -
- You will be glad to hear that our old friend, Mrs. Cox, is better -
- I thank God that Genl. Gordon
is gone to the Soudan -
    Thanks for the rabbits
 & all favours - Let me
 have some snow-drops -
 I wish I could hear your
 thrushes sing -
    That was a charming
 letter of Lord Chichester's -
 And Lady Amelia Jebb
 was one of the salt of the
 earth.

    ever yours affly
     F.N.

9010/3 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St.
    Jan 22/84
My dearest Pop
    I hope it will not hurry
you this last day to write
 & tell you that I have
the best accounts from
the Hospital of Rosa

Reah who is gone
home to-day - They have
thoroughly examined the
remaining eye - & find
its powers quite sound
She is to return in a
month for the glass eye
    May God bless your
journey up -dear Pop
    ever your
     F.
Dearest Pop I am afraid you have had a very suffering night. Will you not try Sir J. Paget’s ‘Black Drop’ to-night? I wish I could come in to you, but hope to do so tomorrow. But I am with you in spirit always - dear Pop ever your F. Jan 28/84

Dearest Pop Thank God that you had a somewhat better night - and without the sleeping Draught! I wish I could come & see you to-day - Your F. Jan 29/84

16/2/84
Dearest Pop I am so very sorry about this impending change of Nurses Could you send me one word: ‘I wish Sister ‘Wright to stay, if possible’: or ‘I do not care for ‘Sister Wright to stay:’ & I will see her to-day at any time she can come, if you will give me my cue -
“A tall, strong &
“pleasant woman” does
not exactly make a
Nurse. (see returned
letter) as proposed to you.
I was so very sorry
that you expected me
yesterday. I have had
violent sickness, Diarrhoea
& some Erysipelas since
I last saw you -
But I said to Sir
Harry who knew how ill

I was Harry (I could not
say even this to-day)
‘I would come, if I
possibly could’ - But
no message came -
I am so very sorry.
ever, dear Pop
your loving
F.

9010/7 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry 16/2/84
It is very good of Mrs.
George Verney
I am sorry that I am
quite unable to see any one
more to-day - Nor am I to
decide the gardener points.
If she would be so very
good as just to write down
a few particulars, I will
forward them to Shore, who
leaves England on Monday.
will you give her my kind
regards, & I hope she is better.
F.N.
I am so sorry, but I am afraid I am engaged all this afternoon till quite late. F.N.
To-day my Mother has been dead 4 years - rather has she been born again these 4 years
Feb 2/84

9010/8 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

19/2/84 [16:474]
My dear Sir Harry
I was in hope that you & Dr. Evatt would have settled it together -
Here is the question which for various reasons I will tell you when I see you he wishes put, if you approve so sorry not to see you to-day
ever yrs
F.N.

To ask if in the field Hospitals detailed for service in the approaching campaign any increase of the Army Hospital Corps staff would be made for the purpose of providing for washermen, Sanitary police, watermen & other subsidiary services of the Hospital of which the want was so much found in the Egyptian campaign -
10 South St. W.
March 2/84
We are all thinking of you very dear Margaret, who have seen Mr. Owen Stanley go home. I hope he had time to know you & to feel your comfort before he went. But now he is above all our comfort & has the true joy.
Sir Harry has felt Joseph’s loss very much: 43 years of faithfulness gone - I am so more than glad that your dear presence is coming to them.
The last fortnight I have thought my sister looking better than she has these two years, quite herself in fact. I am sure that she has the use of her right hand much more - much more than she knows herself. She sees many people. too many: she has the use of her mind: & she is often without pain, thank God, for hours together. But I do not like people to say to her she is better: it seems to her unfeeling. She was not at all better when she first came to London - Then she had the quack, Now she is recovering from the quack. how thankful we must be
Will your dear kindness think me very troublesome if I ask whether, if the Penrhos family is to be dispersed, there might be a housemaid for me - Mine is such a very dull place - no men servants - only me - so quiet & small. I want an upper housemaid who will take charge of house, linen & furniture - & above all, “mother” the under housemaid, (who is at present Lizzie from Claydon). She must not be a girl. She must take charge of this house when I am away. She must be a very trustworthy person.

It is an easy place, but I have always two or three girls, (now three), & “mothering” seems gone out of fashion, such as I remember it in my young days. She must feel some sort of responsibility towards me for “training” her under housemaids: & not be a gadder herself: a clean woman, with a head on her shoulders. Dear Margaret, forgive my troubling you. My love to Ellin who I trust is better & all your dear flock. Maude’s children thrive -

Au revoir, I hope. God bless you always -
ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale
March 7/84
Dearest Pop If it is Mrs. Dugdale who is coming to see you to-day, I should like to offer & present my love & reverence to her on my heart-knees. Her hero is ever present to my thoughts, I wish some sketch of what he was & what he did could be written to make him present to a nation's gratitude/thoughts. For 'sure such a gallant deed of arms might 'Was never done before' - Our deepest sympathy is hers - your F.
Miss Pringle saw her at the Ho: of Commons.

When the 1200, including the Royal Sussex, left their dying commander, Herbert Stewart, & the camp of dead & wounded, - to fight their way inch by inch to the Nile against 10,000 Arabs, as the only, tho' forlorn hope, for the camp they left behind, for Gordon & for themselves - fighting their way inch by inch without food or water- the wounds without guns
caking on the wounded -
90 wounded of their
own were made on the way
& mounted on camels
where they were hit two
and three times again more -
When they a small but strong party returned the
next day to fetch the
camp up, thus left,
to the Nile, the exhausted
camp saluted them with
a cheer -- & an Irish Private,
in the R. Sussex, of the return party - said answered
quietly: “yes: it was
tastefully done.” or: “we did it tastefully,” meaning
the succour & return. How pretty that is!
a campaign fatal to so many!

9010/11 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [5:407-08]

March 20/84
Dearest Pop I have put
in a modest signature. If
you sign, you must put
yours above.

[I suppose I sign about
40 20 of these petitions every
year, besides requests to
“write a letter” which “can
be published” - which I refuse.
They are like the rats of
Ehrenbreitstein. They get
in at one’s windows. And
my windows are always
open.]

I honestly hope that the
Women’s Franchise will
succeed & do good. But
- - - I ask myself: in
those countries where the
franchise is most extended,,
are the right & the good
& the true most in power?'

Does a larger ‘representation’
secure the highest objects?
That depends, I suppose,
upon what is ‘represented’.
When the Women’s Franchise
Societies published the
‘opinions of representative
‘Women,’ on the subject: I
thought: if anything could
convince one that Women
ought not to be ‘represented’,
these would -

But now women do so
much for themselves,
instead of writing & talking
about their ‘rights’ ‘the same
as men’s’, ‘their wrongs
& that they should ‘do the
same as men’, they are
showing what they can
do. And God speed them
- & doing it.
And certainly it is now
ludicrous not to give
them the franchise, -when
‘agricultural labourers’ too
have it tee

Only let them women look to
what they want to be
‘represented in.’
As for righteous Laws
in favour of women, e.g.
Married Women’s earnings
& the like, I don’t think
they will be won sooner
by women than by men for
them. While entirely agreeing
in the Women’s Franchise
question, I fear more is
expected from its results
than will be gained - looking
to analogous extensions
of Franchise. F.N.
Will women voters contribute
to noise or quiet at Elections?

9010/12 unsigned note, 1f, pencil

March 20/84
I have just seen Margaret
like a lovely picture -
I was shocked at her
going out for me: so
tired. But it was a
darling pleasure to see
her. I quite concerned that she
should walk to No. 4.
I have just seen Rosalind
off to Fontainebleau with
a sick friend -, the Mathematical
Mistress at Girton, age 25,.
And Rosalind none so
well herself - just thro’ her
Examn.
I hope to be able to come in to you
myself tomorrow
9010/13 initialed letter, 1f, pen

My dearest Pop Would you like me to send any word to Sister Blurton by my [Bluston?] Messenger who is here now? May God bless you both. ever your F.

Sunday March 30/84

9010/14 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:648]

April 10/84
Dearest blessed Margaret Many many thanks. “Now is our soul troubled” but we know what Our Father does is right. I will come in with your leave between one and two - Or could I be of any use earlier? Has the Dr. been this morning - do not trouble to answer this. Thank God you are here. F.N.

9010/15 initialed note, 1f, pencil

Do not “send me dinner” “to-day” (1000 thanks). But -, as my cook is going to her dying father tomorrow or Wed Thursday, I may very likely send in to trouble you: for my dinner - Don’t till then - F.N. 11/4
Dearest blessed Margaret

I am so sorry not to have seen you to-day, & so afraid that I shall not see you before you start.

Our best love & blessings go with you.

When I went in to see the dear Patients, I was in hopes of seeing you - Our house will miss you & feel its dearest inmate gone.

How serene & joyful the message from Capt. Verney last night - I had hoped to have asked you to spend the small sum of £1 for the children 4. for Aunt Florence [Has Joseph’s widow been paid?]

God bless you again & again -

F.N.
10 South St. W.
May 10/84
My dear blessed Margaret
Capt. Verney looks much better.
The funeral yesterday is well over. Mr. Calvert came this morning to see Sir Harry & was quite calm & at peace. He was very much overcome at the funeral, but seemed to have had great satisfaction in all the things which were there to show sympathy in his great trial - the attendance of the tenants, the pleasant order & beauty, the shower of wreaths & flowers, the beautiful reading of that beautiful Service, (which I was reading to Sir Harry at the same time,) by Mr. Greene in the little Church & by Dean Fremantle at the grave. Mr. Calvert has always come to Sir H. with a smile on his face & has never agitated him.
The Dean’s holy gentle manner is delightful.
Sir H. is quite steadily convalescing - is dressed in clothes - & is carried down into the drawing room to-day for the first time. Yet I would he were out of the house, at Onslow Gardens for a few days as they so kindly press - Capt. Verney does not agree with me,
& he is so admirable a Nurse that I am bound to tell you so - Yet nobody sees Sir H. as I do: he sobs so hysterically with me at my sister’s appearance, - & I have never seen her look so ill since Christmas before last - she looks sometimes as if she were dying - Nurse Dare who has been away for a few days is struck with the change - her cough distresses him so, & that will be more now he will spend the afternoons in the Drawing room with her, instead of the change refreshing him -

- he is so tempted to get up in the night to ‘rub her’, when he hears her crying - that I am quite alarmed as to the effect this may have on the his brain - My sister is certainly much worse - she has a Bronchial Cough which shakes her fearfully - - the nights are worse than they have been for months - there is an aggravation of Arthritis - I wish she could have the house to herself for a few days - she does not know how she distresses him, tho’ she
[2] makes every effort to be merry - he does not know how bad he is for her just now - the heat of their two bed-rooms is such now - her bed-room being never empty - for she goes down into the Drawingroom when she ought not, to leave her bedroom for him. that I wonder they are not worse than they are. He is so parboiled that he finds the nights cold! & has twice had a return of cough - Maude is most anxious that he should come to

9010/18 initialed note, 1f, pen [1:362]

Dearest May my strawberries find favour in your mouth. I heard you had none - I could almost wish you were not going in this East wind - how grieved not to see thee - I will write your loving F

May 27/84
June 3/84
My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

I think & pray for you hourly -

At this dear season God grants His holy Spirit to those who “draw back” the “bolts” which keep it out.

I trust that Claydon is on the whole doing you good

You kindly allude to a washerwoman at Claydon

I have asked Mrs. Ellis to ask you whether I might send my things to Mrs. Harding or to another she mentioned, at least for a time.

Yes, Dear Sir Bartle Frere -

I will write by post

ever dear people your affecte

F.N.

Could you send me back Vol. V of Prince Consort’s Life given me by Queen When you have quite done with it?
My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

I had been hoping that
fine weather would bring
relief to both: & that
Sir Harry would not
write too much -
I am so glad that
Maude is with you -
would that I could be,
but it is quite, quite
impossible. I have
scarcely been out of
bed since Thursday
fortnight. Quiet in my
own room is what is
ordered. Even were I
able to come, I should
not be able to leave my
room. I should be of
no use to Parthe - & only
an anxiety - & scarcely
able to see you more
than once a day & only
you - dear Sir Harry.
You must believe indeed
that it is impossible if
I cannot come to Claydon
when Parthe presses -
At present I am unable
to do anything - I can
hardly stand or write
& it will in all probability be 8 or 10 weeks before I can do so well - And as soon as I can, I *must* see people. I have done none of my usual work this year - And June & July will be my last months to do it in, if indeed it should please God that I do it at all. Pray believe me - & with what regret I tell you this at all about myself - It is when you are quite alone that I wish to be with you, as you know

God speed you both, I cannot tell you how sorry I am that Margaret cannot come this month. I have not written to the Freres yet! How solemn & tragic, after the way of thinking of this world, his death - how glorious after the fashion of another Martirio in terra appellari Gloria si appella in cielo.
I am sorry I have nothing to do with the Ophthalmic Hospl nor with any other Special Hospl. I stick to St. Thomas’ & its special branches - I cannot tell you how much I think of you

God bless you again & again ever dearest people yours F.N.

9010/21 signed letter, 1f, pencil

June 14.84

My dear Sir Harry
I earnestly hope that you will not run the risk of coming to London for the Harrow dinner
Pray do not.

God bless you: yours ever affly

F. Nightingale

I am afraid I shall hardly have time to see you on Wednesday OR Thursday.
My dear Sir Harry

I do so earnestly hope that Parthe & you are profiting by the fine weather & then the envious wind gets round again to the East.

I hope you prance & go about, but do not write much

Margaret, I trust, will be with you next week.

I hope you do not think I am so very bad, But I

must see people now -

Matrons & trained ladies going out for the higher posts at Midsummer schoolmasters for Lea Hurst.

And people on Indian business. Alas! alas! that more is not done.

Pray thank the Buckingham gentleman for his offer of a kitten. Till I know its sex, I could not say. He would not like to have poor Jo on
a visit, would he? to marry the lady cat I gave him? Jo says “I should so like some country air - And I would not hunt the rabbits.”

When you are beginning to shoot your rabbits, we put in a plea for some. Don’t think this humble request pressing or owdacious.

I think of you with the [3:403] prayers & the Gospels - & of you both always - God bless you both, ever yours

F.N.

June 18/84
{printed address;} 10 South Street, Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Harry

May ‘God speed’ light on you both. God save the Queen, we say. I should like people to say to me. God save you. Thank you. I will write to Mr. Langdon of Buckingham

I am glad you are not here. It is not like June.
With loving love to Parthe, yr

F.N.
June 17/84
{printed address:} 10 South Street, Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir Harry
I am almost glad that you are not coming to London to-morrow. The wind is East & cold.
Success to you. Are you & Parthe getting on? Is Margaret coming to you?
My prayers are with you.
God bless you - F.N.

9010/24 initialed letter, 4ff, pen

10 South St. W.
June 27/84
My dear Sir Harry You did most extremely right in not coming up to London.
I look forward to Margaret being with you
That was a nice little visit of Maude's.
Many thanks for rabbits. The cat Persian is come, I sent for it to Euston; it is an ugly little animal with a beautiful little face - except its face, not much like its Grandmama who was a beautiful cat. It is extremely affectionate & playful - a glutton at play - it would rather play
than eat if it were starving.
And till it found out that
we could play, it cried
loudly.

Morey’s sweet briar is
delightful - And so are your
flowers & Portugal laurels.

I had Your Lydia Norman was [3:403]
confirmed to-day at St.
Margaret’s. Canon Farrar
prepared her - & I did
her lessons with her. she
was very nice & serious
about this joyful day
in her life.

Daniel Quorm I am glad
you like. Do you remember

(either in Daniel Q. or in a
book called Mister Horn
written by Daniel Q.),
a suffering old rheumatic Invalid
says: ‘They are only growing
pains.’ And some one
asks: ‘What do you mean?’
Oh, he says, when I was a
boy & had some anything the
matter with me, my Mother
used always to say: They
be only growing pains.
And don’t you think that
now when I am growing
up for another world, a
better than this, we well
may say of all our pains:
These be only growing pains.
I hear you have been so very good as to ask our Probationers to fix a day in July for their delightful visit to Claydon. They propose to fix Tuesday, July 1, as being the almost only day they could come. But I tell them that that would be impossible & only troubling you, if Margaret & party do not come till July 4.

Miss Crossland is going on her extremely needed holiday on July 8. Every day is occupied.

[2]
till then - I have written to ask them whether they could go to you on Saturday July 5, if convenient to you. They do so look forward to their day at Claydon. But I will write again. Our annual field day at the Nightingale Home is on Thursday next to July 3. Could you be so very good as to order
hampers of greeneries
& large flowers,
flowering boughs,
to be sent up to
Mrs. Wardroper
St. Thomas' Hospital
by Wednesday next,
according to your kind
annual custom.
We seem to be always
begging.
They all ask anxiously
after you & Parthe.

God bless you both:
ever yours
F.N.

9010/25 signed letter, 2ff, pen

10 South St. W.
June 28/84
My dearest Pop
Thanks for thy letter.
I am so very sorry, but I fear
that the day at Claydon,
so kindly granted & so
rapturously enjoyed to & by
our Probationers, cannot
come off in July. It is
after this wise. I told
them that you could not
possibly have them before
Saturday, July 5, because
of the absence of sons &
daughters till July 4.
Miss Crossland has had her
sadly = needed holiday
put off till July 8. & it
cannot be put off any longer.
She could not take the party to Claydon _the day before_
There remains only Saturday July 5, when you so kindly say they may come - But this is almost impossible
Next week is a furiously busy week: Examinations &c - winding up. On Thursday is the Annual Meeting at the Nightingale Home.

I am so very much disappointed for them when you are so kind. But I am afraid it will have to be put off till the end of August, when Miss Crossland comes back from her holiday, if indeed it is still possible to you to have them then -

They date their lives from the Claydon day.

Of course Mrs. Wardroper will write to you herself.

Would you show this letter to Sir Harry to whom I promised in my yesterday letter to write - and will you tell him that we hold good for your charming green & flowering things _by Wednesday_ at _St. Thomas_ for the Annual Meeting on Thursday

ever your old Flo

The weather in London is fabulously disagreeable
Mrs. Hawthorn, please tell Sir Harry, will be in London (from Natal) on July 3.
10 South St.
July 5/84
My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

“Once more the great day
“at St. Thomas’ is over”:
this is the account I hear:
“The room looked lovely,
thanks to all the
contributions of greeneries,
flowers & plants -
especially to the
beautiful things from
Claydon”.
  [I sent to Euston for
them: & they arrived in
capital condition]

“But we missed dear
kind Sir Harry much.
all seemed prosy &
flat without him -
The Claydon things did not
make up for his absence.
  x  x  x
“The Probationers all enjoyed
themselves thoroughly, and
all old children present.”
    Lord Houghton presided.

I send a letter from
poor May Frere, because
there is an appeal to you
in it.
  I am so thankful to
think of Margaret &
Maude with you -
    Claydon is so
delightful in the heat -
I do hope it may be
doing something for Parthe
    ever my dear two -
& all
    your loving
F.N.
Dearest blessed Margaret

It is an inestimable blessing to think of you there - & I trust you are well & all the chicks - & Ellin improving.

To-day Dr. Acland called here - alas! I could not see him, tho', had I known what he came for, I think I should. It was to say that he had been at Claydon & that my sister had "a very nasty cough which he did not like at all." [he did not see Sir Harry.]

Were you there?

I am writing to Dr. Acland to know more particulars of & what he would do practically. But it is in Dr. Margaret that I have faith.

What does she think?
She knows that those were the very words Sir Andrew Clark used, adding that he did not mind the cough but the want of power to expectorate, the want of "resiliency" he called it in the chest - & that if she were to "take" what he called a regular "Bronchial" cold, it would be very serious.
Then the blessed Margaret told me that the Nurses said the cough was better - And then one hoped from lying in the open air in the heat.

What should you wish if we had full liberty of action? Is she following any treatment? or, as she did in London, Sir Andrew Clark’s & the Homoeopath’s combined? Does she see any Doctor?

Dearest Margaret, I don't want to worry you: you know so much better than I do: rather to tell you (if you did not see Dr. Acland), what he said.

God bless you ever, your affecte & grateful F. Nightingale

Thank you so much for your last letter. {pencil} about Sir Harry so beautiful & solemn your account of him - as well as of my sister - she writes to me, in her own hand, of the dear little 6 voices on the lawn & how she is going out" to tea - with their tea party, I suppose.
10 South St. W.
July 22/84
My dear Sir Harry & Parthe

Yesterday was the Franchise
v, Lords “Demonstration”. and
of course we saw the whole
passing up from Hyde Pk Corner
to Marble Arch. about
30000 of them, besides people
at large, perhaps 100,000
more.

It is always a touching,
inspiring sight to see men
walking in serried ranks,
shoulder to shoulder, in
silent steady strength,
possessed with their object -
& gives one more the idea

of moral strength than

a Battery of Artillery -

From this point of view,
the Procession was a sorry
sight - I was quite
mortified - If it was to
be done at all, it should
have been done well - I
don't like the Lords to
make a mock of us -

There was no formation
at all - at least not in
the Park - the men did
not march at all - scurried
& stopped - great gaps -
then a rush - no walking
abreast - nothing impressive
- quite as many dirty little boys in the Procession, if Procession it could be called, & even women with smart babies, and men in dirty shirt-sleeves, as proper men -

I was in hopes that the proper men had turned aside to their respective Platforms - but am told this was not the case - they looked like weary tramps -

The Bands would have disgraced a child's penny trumpeting - One big drum kept time - & round it a few men did march.

The Procession was just an hour passing this house, with a good deal of running.

The flags & banners would have been impressive floating above the dark green foliage, had there been the least order kept. But they might just as well have been in donkey carts. There were a good many open vans, drawn by one skeleton of a horse. As a Procession indeed, it was beneath contempt.
[2]

But now comes the pathetic, the admirable part of it - Not a policeman was in sight: not a policeman was wanted - Tho' the people poured in & spoilt the so-called March, if ever March there was, there was not a bit of horse-play, or even of pushing - babies walked about unmolested, in pink frocks, on their black pins. There was the most extreme order in disorder, the utmost good humour throughout this long, weary afternoon of crowds - & no drink.

The head of the Procession did not enter the Park till the hour mentioned for the speaking to begin (5) - the tail of the Procession had not entered when the hour struck for the speaking to close - (6) There was not a struggle or a push during the whole Demonstration. They did 'demonstrate': but it was their own good humour - & though there was strong language used against the Peers on
the platforms, a Peer
would have been as safe
as a baby among the
130000 we saw -

Some of the emblems
were of the Trades were good,
and the Compositors, as they
went by,
were printing off the
Resolutions in their van
& throwing them among
the people, as the march passed.

One thing was conspicuous:
- is the standard of English
height lowered? The
Procession was of the most
undersized men I ever saw.

[3]
Conspicuous by its absence
was order on the other
side - the streets - Opposite
your public-house was
drunken singing & dancing
the whole afternoon -
the drinking was simply
disgusting, the row, the
uproar. Then a mock
sermon was delivered by
one of them & applauded
to the echo.

This went on for hours -
The police did not interfere.
Perhaps they were right -
I was glad you were not
at home, for I certainly should have asked you to inform against the Public house. I wondered the gentle-folks could keep quiet. Indeed I often wonder. But at last they drinkers moved off, where I know not - not to the Park. But nothing of drinking was visible or audible just across the Lane (Park Lane) in the Park - It was as if the Park & the Demonstration were sacred to the highest feelings -

I scrambled out of bed upstairs to see all I could - All the maids were on the Drawing-room balcony. All the leads cats ran shrieking into the your garden [That was the effect of the (cat-call) bands] Only one little bull-dog pup with a tail curled so tight as to lift him off his legs stood his ground manfully on the leads My cats disappeared under the bed - whether
from dislike of the Demonstration, or the Lords, or because they disapprove of household suffrage I don't know - We had hardly a drop of rain - Do you remember 19 or 18 years ago the pulling down the Park railings? This is the march of Education, tho' it was not the march of Demonstration -

ever dear people

yrs affly

F.N.

9010/29 initialed letter, 1f, pen

I am going to write to you July 22/84.

about yesterday's Procession

{printed address:} 10 South Street,

Has Miss Pirry Park Lane. W.

written to Parthe that she will go to Claydon, according to your kind invite, for Thursday afternoon?

I have heard of your charming School fête & Margt.'s "speech" from my Lydia Norman who was at it!

You are both better, I trust.

I have been in bed for 3 weeks with cough & sore throat, & am
in bed still which has
prevented my writing as I
could wish. The Procession was fabulous
with loving love to both
ever yrs affly
F.N.
Mrs. Hawthorn hopes to pay
you a quiet visit soon,
as you were so good as to ask
her. Lydia Norman was in
eccstasies at being at Capt. Verney’s table so"lively."

9010/30 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Sir Harry
so glad that you are
going to the Anti-Slavery
commemoration of your
great deed - the greatest
in history - God speed -
Yes, at “2.30” to-day, please
as you say - if it will not tire you
F. Nightingale
Aug.1/84

9010/31 initialed letter, 1f, pen

10 South St.
Aug 3/84
Dearest Pop
I think I will come to you
at Claydon as you kindly
ask on Wednesday
when you will be alone.
If I cannot get off then
on Thursday; but I will
write of course -
I pray God that you may
be better -
I thought Sir Harry
looking well but rather
frail.
My very best of loves to
Margaret - a better companion
than I Au revoir
ever your F.
August 5/84.

My dear Sir Harry

I hope to be with you, please God, tomorrow (Wednesday) by the train leaving Euston at 5 3 p.m.

I shall be very, very tired & will ask leave to see no one that night. I bring only Lizzie Coleman & a kitten. [Do you know poor 'Joseph' cat has disappeared?]

I am afraid there will be a good bit of luggage.

I shall bring some fish for your dinner.

Hoping to find my dear Pop in better case, ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

I send the List.

You know of course that 14 out of the 33 Nurses are ladies.

F.N.

23/8
Oct 10/84
My dear Sir Harry
If Mr. Watson is coming this morning, (I do not know what time), would any other hour this morning suit you better than 12? I would make any hour do.

God bless you & your meeting with Mr. Watson. I am so sorry not to be at your lovely dinner, as you kindly wish it - You should not give me the pain of refusing you - For it is quite impossible - When I leave Parthe, I could not sit up for 2 minutes together at a table nor talk - And I often do not dine at all, unless there is something very easy to eat.

Doctors have always told me that I should not speak a word nor even open a letter after 6 p.m. It is needless to say I cannot adhere to this - But if I were to attempt such a thing as dining downstairs, I could not be with Parthe the next day.

But we must “take pleasure in our infirmities & necessities”, great & small, because when we are “weak, then are we strong” - May it be so with us all.

God bless you again & again.

ever yrs affly
F.N.
Claydon. Thursday: Oct 16/84
My dear Sir Harry

Sir R. Loyd Lindsay writes to me
‘May I have “the pleasure
‘of seeing Sir Harry on
“Thursday” - but I think
this is to-day - “at our
“Aid’ Society Meeting
“I sent him a note
“begging him to attend -
“The question being Aid
“which it proposed to
“send from the N.A. Society
“to Egypt - I have been
“in correspondence with
“Lord Wolseley as to the
“nature of the assistance
“which he wishes for -
“and I have his views
ready to submit to the
Council”.
I am afraid it is too late-
Sir R.L.L. rejoices
over your restored
health -

May God bless you &
Parthe is the
earnest prayer of
yours & hers ever affte
F.N.
10 South St. W.
Oct 19/84
Dearest Pop
   I miss the singing birds,
the pomp of autumn tints.
   [the trees fade away in
London like eternal death,
in the country they put on all
their most glorious show like
eternal life]
   I miss the clouds & blue sky,
the beautiful scenery of the
heavens -
   But more than all I miss
what eye doth not see,
nor ear, hear, but only the
heart of man conceives &
understands -

   I cannot but think & believe
that there might be a future
of much ease & some bodily
activity before you, to utilize
the mental activity which
there is sure to be - if a
multitude of small details,
-small in themselves, but
of untold importance for
your the future which we
do so desire & pray for, -
were carefully attended to
e.g. 1. - never to get tired, for
nervous capital when
trenched upon cannot be
replaced at our age -
2. - to keep strictly from
exposure to damp & cold -
in carriage drive -
& within stated hours -
when out - not more than 1¼ hours
out.
3. Never to talk when it has
brought on the cough.
4. to see no one except Sir
Harry but by appointment
or at least to have your
‘pleasure’ taken first
whether you will see any
one him, her or it - or not
5. in short, to avoid all fatigue
6. An open fire & a window
open at the top is always
the safest atmosphere -
In fair weather in London
to have the windows always
open at the top till you
occupy the room - but
to keep the room warm
by open fire -
I could multiply these, but
I fear there is a chance
not only of your not
observing, but of your
not even reading them -
May the Heavenly Father
grant what the earthly
friends would give their
lives to secure - that is,
that everything may be
done which He has
appointed as the means
of recovery - of my
dearest Pop - ever your old
Flo -
7. If I might, I would fain add:
- never read anything which simply makes you angry:
or tell a story which makes you simply angry - The Italians, wiser than we, used to avoid anger or have themselves bled after being unavoidably angry, because it made “sangue nero” - a literal fact - always read what inspires you enough to make you overlook Byron’s ‘thumb’.

F.N.
P. Turn over

I have found Ly C. Long which you lent me here. I am so distressed that I did not find it before - But I hope it will be in time to occupy its old place in your room. I return 3 delightful letters.

9010/37 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Miss Williams Oct 25/84
Charge of Balclava
My dear Sir Harry
We carried the day yesterday (as I was informed last night), for Miss Williams - that is, a “handsome compromise” in her favour has been effected Lord Carlingford seems to have done exactly the right thing - He sent for Dr. Meadows [He apparently showed him our letters - which perhaps was not quite wise, but Dr. Meadows in a very
strong speech he made at the Meeting said he had seen the letters, but rightly did not mention from whom]. Ld Carlingford, Dr. Meadows added, disapproved of the reduction as an injustice, & recommended, if the whole could not be given, “certainly a handsome compromise” -

A Q.C. followed, showing the illegality of the procedure, of which the enemy’s party had been guilty.

Miss Williams begs to thank you for your great kindness -

F.N.

It is the greatest possible relief to me - And I beg to thank you too - as for all your kindness - It is not alone or so much on Miss Williams’ acct. as on St. Mary’s - that it is a relief.
Barnes Oct 25 {arch: '84}
I have read Barnes’ letter, & scarcely think what he asks is unreasonable.

It seems you merely asked for him a “Porter’s” place, (which I did not know you meant to do, for when you were so very kind as to write you agreed with me that you should simply ask for a suitable place) - At your recommendation they have been so good as to desire him to attend at Euston again on Wednesday next to see if they can find him a suitable place - “which will suit him” - I think if you had the great kindness to write a note to the N.W. Ry, thanking them for their having entertained your recommendation, & expressing a hope that they will be able to find “a place that will suit him”, as you understand they have been so good as to offer, it would look not like an encroachment but like a recognition of their kindness.

F.N. [end 1:590]
Oct 27/84
Sidney Armitage - [15:557]
age 13 -
wishes for a Cadetship
for the Navy -
has been at Harrow -
- is now reading with a
Clergyman for the Examn
at the end of November -
strong & healthy
His father, Dr. Armitage,
will pay for him on the
Britannia
F.N.
[end]

Oct. 29/84
My dear Sir Harry
I presume that Barnes is
going to-day to Euston Station
- I think if you would be so
very kind as to write at once for
him that letter you said,
saying that you were very
much obliged to them at
Euston for entertaining his
application - that you again
understood he had been
desired to attend to see if they could find
something more suitable for him
(as he was not found eligible
for the situation of Porter
the other day)
- & that you hoped they kindly
would be able to find
something suitable for him
- or words to that effect
as you said - This would not be
asking a new favour -
And This would be most kind -
But I should give Barnes
to understand that you
could do nothing for him
more than this -

Barnes is an idiot
His wife is an idiot.
He has thrown Lady Hatherton’s
kindness back in her face.
And he has disgraced my
recommendation of him to her.

Wives is the devil -
I cannot see what this poor
woman has done worse
than Mrs. Scott & a
thousand others - She is
a poor ignorant woman -
Mrs. Evatt is a highly
educated one - She is
Mrs. Evatt is a woman
of good family - (a Ker) -
The other is - a mulatto -

But both use precisely
the same argument
F.N.
My dear Sir Harry

I want very much to know how you are -

Yesterday I had not one minute all day. Or I would have come in to see after you both.

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at yesterday’s Meeting Lord Carlingford’s decision was reversed. And things are worse than ever -

I was asked to get Lord Carlingford to attend - But he had a Cabinet & after that went to Balmoral -

What is to be done? One can hardly write to Lord C. to Balmoral?

2. Have you any answer from Sir Thomas Brassey about a Naval Cadet ship (for young Armitage) to whom you so kindly wrote.

Do not you think I had better tell Dr. Armitage that you were so very kind as to write to Sir T. Brassey but have no answer? because the Examn. is close at hand -

God bless you both

ever yours & hers affly

F.N.
Nov. 5/84

My dear Sir Harry
I am sure you must not walk.
I am afraid I cannot come or see you to-day - I am so very busy & tired out - but I will try in the evening -
Lovely November -
It is 30 years to-day since Inkermann - & 30 years yesterday since we landed at Scutari -
F.N.

Nov. 6/84

My dear Sir Harry
Would you kindly write a letter to the Committee for electing a Mistress to Girton College - for their Friday’s (to-morrow’s) Meeting - stating what you think of Mrs. Green for that post? & send your letter ‘to the care of Miss Shirreff 3A St. George’s Terrace Gloucester Road’
Mrs. Green asks you to be so kind as to do this: & you see there is not an hour to be lost.
The election takes place to-morrow Nov. 7 -
I was so sorry not to be able to come in yesterday - ever yr aff
F.N.
9010/44 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Nov 6/84
My dear Sir Harry
I hear that you are so very kind as to send us a load of wood -
We are filled up here:
- if you could have the goodness to delay it sending it for 3 or 4 weeks, it would then be most acceptable to
yours ever affly
F.N.
Many thanks for pheasant

9010/45 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Nov 17/84
Dearest Pop: Mr. Gardiner will be here to-day at 3.20 - I suppose at your door first: but I do not know - Shall I leave it so that he sees you first, which would it not be better for you?
Or what do you wish?
ever your loving
F.

9010/46 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 10/84
My dear Sir Harry
I was so very sorry not to be able to come in yesterday afternoon - But I was not able to lift my head from the pillow.
_ I am afraid I shall not be able to come in to-day
Could you be so kind, if you go out in the carriage, as to ascertain for me when Lord Dufferin goes?
If it is not till Thursday,
I would not send in my papers till *Tuesday afternoon*
-which would be the greatest possible relief to me -
Do not, please, ask when I shall send in my papers, which is attaching too much importance to them
-But when he is he going? -
[It would be dreadful to send in the papers he asked for, too late.]
He must be so pressed - poor man.

F.N.

Lord Carlingford has left Balmoral.

Nov 11/84
My dear Sir Harry
I thank God that you are so well, but I am sure that Mr. Savory would not let you walk a step. Be good, for once.
You are so good as to propose writing to Lord Dufferin’s Private Secy. to ask at what hour, I and if to-morrow, I might send in my little ‘notes’. It seems to me attaching too much importance to them - I dare say Ld. Dufferin has not mentioned them yet to his Pr. Secy. -
But it is undeniable it would be a great relief to me to have till to-morrow say at 2 p.m. before I send them in - Perhaps I might have this any how -
Please give my tender love to Miss Frere - How long is she staying with you? I should hope to see her
after to-morrow, if she stays.
I will bring them my "notes" in to you if I have time - but they are not what you think. They are not at all a 'paper' -
They are excessively condensed notes with printed papers attached (marked) on 4 or 5 different subjects - Sanitary - Rent Law - Debt - Civil Service - &c &c by Lord Dufferin's leave orders.

ever yrs gratefully

F.N.

9010/48 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 25/84
My dear Sir Harry
I am afraid I shall not be down-stairs to-day - otherwise I would have asked you to come in at one: but I could not think of asking you to come up 2 pairs of stairs -
Thank you for Mr. Ghose's speech - but I had it already - It is the very speech which betrayed the cloven foot - It is such a pity that Englishmen will
not take the trouble to
learn the names &
characters & politics of the
best known native politicians
- as also of the Governors
& Lt. Governors (European) of
India -

Ghose’s attack on Rivers
Thompson, the best Lt. Govnor.
since Sir G. Campbell, is
the more unwarrantable,
because it simply springs
from R. Thompson’s
magnificent defence of the
Bengal Rent Bill -

His praise of Kristo Das
Pal is exactly what made
Mr. Gladstone say to me in
this very room; These things
break the heart in one
to do anything hope for Liberal Institutions
ever in India -

I was going to say: it
is just as if he were to
praise Ashmead Bartlett
as a Liberal patriot:
but K.D.P. was an
excessively able man - And
if you could find the last

of the Protectionist landlords
who was an able man
[the race does not exist
now in England] that
would be K.D.P.

You/ I know these Hindoos
whose souls are not in
their words but their words
are their souls.
11/12/84
My dear Sir Harry
   How are you? & how is Parthe?
& are you going to-day?
   My beautiful Cat died in the
night - & her kitten is dying - the
results of a Veterinary Surgeon’s ‘wash’
!! May I bury them in your
garden?
Miss Pringle is ordered abroad for the
winter. F.N.

10 South St. W.
Dec.15/84
My dear Sir Harry
   Many thanks for your
letters. I am writing
down what you ask.
   Will you ask Maude
kindly to give you 6/
for my Pleasley Ticket?
& I will take care to pay
her.
   You do not enclose
any “letter from the Duke
“of Westminster” in yours -
But I gather from yours

that there is an intention
of naming this street
“Florence Nightingale St.”
   Whenever that is done,
I must, of course, remove
at once & go to quite
another street.
   If it is too late to
avert it, I shall begin
to move directly, let
my house for the whole
Parliamentary season,
for which I have always
half- a - dozen offers) &
not return to it except to pack up. You will find me gone when you come up again here. Surely our dear P. must know this - Or she must strangely have forgotten me.

I have several things to write about, but not now.

Miss Crossland is, I am sorry to say, come back to St. Thomas', but quite unfit, in my opinion & that of others, to work.

Miss Williams leaves for Torquay to-day -

If you were kindly to invite Miss Crossland (in her place) to Claydon, it would be a great boon. But I shall not say a word of this to her or any body, of course.

God bless you both - ever yours affly

F.N.

9010/51 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil & pen [3:404]

10 South St.
Dec 16/84
My dear Sir Harry

Enclosed are as nearly as I can remember the texts I said that day.

Pray that I may believe them -

Thanks for the D. of Westminster’s beautiful letter - I will reply to the first part - The second (about the name of the street) I have already replied to. your ever affte.

God bless you both [3:404-05]
[1]
Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out
I am come to seek & to save that which was lost
I will never leave thee nor forsake thee -
And when x x men’s hearts failing them for fear, x x
then look up & lift up your heads; for your
redemption draweth nigh.
For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth
no good thing: for to will is present with me:
but how to perform that which is good I find not.
For the good that I would I do not: but the evil
which I would not, that I do - x x x O wretched
man that I am! who shall deliver me from the
body of this death? I thank God thro’ Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Nay, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through Him that loved us.
But thanks be to God which giveth us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

[2]
And there was given to me a thorn in the flesh,
the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I
should be exalted above measure -
For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it
might depart from me -
And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient
for thee: for my strength is made perfect in
weakness - Most gladly therefore will I rather
glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ
may rest upon me - Therefore I take
pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities
in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake:
for when I am weak, then am I strong. -
Not what I am, O Lord, but what Thou art;
Just as I am -without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee -
    O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am - and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
    O Lamb of God, I come -

Just as I am - Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, and Thine alone -
    O Lamb of God, I come.

Dec. 1884

{pencil}
He that is not with Me is against
Me, and he that gathereth not
with Me, scattereth.
    The word which I have spoken
the same shall judge in the last day
    He that rejecteth Me, and doeth
not My Words, hath one that judgeth
him -
One who then, as now, was actively
busy to catch away that which is
sown in the heart of any one, lest
it should spring up and be fruitful
    We feel, we know, that He is with
us Who is stronger than the strong
man - God in Heaven, Who is
over all, and blessed for ever.
Private Jan 3/85
{printed address:} 10, South Street, Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir Harry

You are so good as to “consult” me on the “choice of “a successor” to Mr. Greene, should he unhappily be invalidated-

As you ask me, I must answer candidly:

The Claydon Rector must have very great influence over the villages; if he is worth his salt, over every individual in them. If he is not in accord with the possessors of Claydon House at the time, does it not make but a miserable life for them? If the quiver of life going forth from the Rector of Claydon is in opposition to or even not answering to that of the occupier of Claydon & his wife, it must be a perpetual ‘thorn’ in the side of the latter couple.

You have often been so good as to tell me that you wished to consult in
every thing the wishes of
your successor & his admirable
wife. I am as sure as
you are of this: that it
would take away half the
enjoyment & much more
than half the interest of
Claydon to them, if they
were not in perfect
conformity with their Rector
-might it not even make
a difference in their wish
to reside at all at Claydon?

Would you not give your
successor a veto on the
appointment of the successor
to Mr. Greene, even before
any mention was made
at all to any possible
Rector of Claydon of such
a prospect?

Or would it not be even
better to ask your successor
to submit to you names
for you to make a selection
from?{in pencil} I will submit names to him
1. Harvey Grey 2. Pelham
B. of Norwich’s son 3. Maitland
{pen} This, as it appears to me,
is the answer to your kind
‘consultation’. May the day
be long distant when your
successor succeeds, as none
wish more than himself
& his wife. except one who is
ever yours affly
F.N.
Private 10 South St. Jan 3/85

My dear Sir Harry

I have considered long & closely the letter of the Duke of Westminster which you were so good as to send me, & which I now return.

It is impossible to say in words how kind & more than kind we must feel his letter to be.

It is also quite impossible to say how very, very difficult I feel my decision to be.

The letter of course changes the whole 'venue' of the question of my (& your) residence in London. You were so good as to tell me that you had been invited to stand for ? North Bucks, but had declined - that you would therefore be out of Parliament by the close of this year - that you & Parthe proposed to take on No. 4 "for one year". & then"see" -

But the Duke’s letter speaks of his being

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[2]
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“quite prepared to let it (your lease) run
“for the term of your own and of Lady
“Verney’s life” &c &c

Look at a Table of the value of Life Annuities:
& you will see that the cost of an annuity of £250 a year (the reduction of rent offered me from Lady Day 1886) would be, for a life aged 67, £2362.10/

My life being 66 then - a little more -

You can scarcely wish me to accept £2360 from the Duke -

But I am prepared, in consequence of Parthe’s strongly expressed wish when I saw her last, & entirely for her sake & for yours, to keep on my house till Lady Day 1887;

And I hope to find myself able to do this, because I know how strongly you & Parthe
[3] wish to remain in South St., & this delay, for a considerable time on my part in leaving my house, would keep you where you want to be - I cannot consent to pay the Duke less than the £400 for the extra year. This sum I will beg, borrow or steal. I feel the difficulty of decision to be great indeed. The Duke’s conduct is quite charming: so full of delicate feeling as well as of generosity. As to declining the proposed new name of the street, of course I must do this, if I am to live here - ever yours affly F. Nightingale

N.B. If all the leases of this street are falling in,

[4] we must trust that the Duke will refuse to renew the lease of the public-house opposite - At this time of the year, the scenes are disgraceful & after hours, - drunken bad women rolling in the mud in the street at night - drunken singing - & never a policeman to be seen - - one day 3 drunken women & a man got into a cab at the public-house door & upset it at the door. Every night there is drunken screaming of bad women & men at in Park Lane about midnight - No police God bless you both:
ever dear Sir Harry yours & hers affly
F. Nightingale
Thanks for lovely flowers, rabbits & books - Shared with our Probationers all are going on well, thank God.
My dear Sir Harry

I send some Cerate
for your hands - It must
be softened at the fire
before use - Did the
last agree? Would you do
me the honour to try this?

I am going to send you
some other sort of Cerate, too,
for chapped hands also -
I have been engaged in a
manufactory of night=
stockings at Lea Hurst
for you - The first were
too hard - Would you do
me the favour to try the
present pair - tho' I
think they are so long
as to be troublesome -

And so I am having some
night socks knitted
for you to try - - -

I choose the wool in
London myself, & send
it down to Lea Hurst
to knit - so you must
be so kind as just to
try them -

If you like these, I
will have a second pair
made.

If not, two pairs
of the night=socks -

I think these should
undergo a little lavigation
first before trying them
on. I commend that
to Mr. Morey -

A thousand thanks for
the game; but ten
thousand for the lovely
flowers & grapes -
[I am so beset with
thirst that I kept
one of these always in
my mouth - as long as
they lasted.]
God for ever bless you &
my dear Sister -
Tell her how I enjoyed
the flowers - beautiful
flowers.
	ever yours & hers
	F.N.

9010/55 signed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St.
Jan 25/85
Conversion of St. Paul

“Lord, what wilt Thou have me to
do?”
My dear Sir Harry & Parthe
Best thanks for lovely
flowers & grapes -
We have had a terrible [6:569]
fright at St. Thomas’ -
18 of our Probationers
ill at once with a
sort of Epidemic
in the “Home” - occasioned

as I am certain by
the drainage -
We have removed two
thirds of the Probationers
out of the Home: 5
are very ill & in two
Special Wards: 13
are ill in the Home -
4 we hope to send
into the country to -morrow
I am buying flowering
plants & things to enliven
the sick -
If you would be so very good as to send me a hamper of flowers - I will say they come from you - to arrive as soon as possible -

Don’t send your best - I only want to make them lively -

The worst is over, I hope & trust - We are going to empty the Home as soon as all the Probationers can be moved - & then thorough inspection - thorough revision of cisterns, drains, waste-pipes, & water supply.

I believe I know exactly what has caused it -

thorough white washing & cleansing -
Miss Williams has been compelled to resign at St. Mary’s Hospital !!!

[2]
Miss Pringle is at Pau -
Horrid weather here: black & orange fogs -
2 days perfectly dark -

+de with high barometer & perfectly still days. I dare say in the country it is lovely - & bright sun-shine -

God bless you both ever yours & hers
F. Nightingale
Dearest Pop Mrs. Wardroper & Miss Crossland & I are all so grateful for your kindness & so delighted with the invitation to Claydon. But yesterday two Lady Convalescents were safely landed in their own homes & 2 Nurse Convalescents in Convalescent country “homes”. Only 8 remain in our “Home” - & these will all, we trust, be drafted off by Friday. And then we begin vigorously the re-cleansing, re-draining, &c &c &c. Of the 8 two go home to-day - please God - and 4 to-morrow - All desire the warmest thanks for the two hampers of beautiful flowers - last just arrived, just despatched. The Police must think we live on the road between here & St. Thomas’. Your rabbits came in for Convalescents’ dinners - Florence & Mary Wards have received the well ones - & Miss Crossland on Friday Her Assistant gone into the country to recruit. I have just received a fresh message of thanks to you for lovely flowers - & oh how I buried my face in the Evergreens - their sweetest scent reminding me of dark winter afternoon walks.
by myself in the American Garden at Embley.
with sweet sounds of the Starlings settling to rest.
- or running home from the Romsey Lodges
  ever thine
  F.
I am almost sorry you are coming to London so soon
Miss Crossland again thanks for Probrs’ invitation to Claydon

9010/57 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil [5:500-01]

10 South St.
Feb 7/85
My dear Pop
  It is difficult to think of anything but Khartoum & Genl. Gordon - But when I think of him, I always hear him say: ‘And yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me’ - If he thought his death would save the Soudan, it must have been welcome - If he thought it would be ruin,

it must have been bitter indeed to see the people he died to save betraying him to the Mahdi. His was the most Christ-like life I know -
  “I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name’s sake” - God said to him as to St. Paul.
  He would have died 20 times for one of those slaves.
  I can scarcely wish him to be alive. [end 5:501]
2. I have often wished to ask you, but did not like to trouble you, whether you would not let me have the *Buhl writing box*, which stood in the Embley drawing-room & now stands in your North hall, *while only* you are away from Claydon.

[I could of course restore it to you any day, any hour]

These are sacred relics to me - I see them in the North Hall where nobody ever writes, mixed up with French comfit-box. I should of course like the *portfolio & envelope case & the Bow-room Buhl ink stand too*, while you are away from Claydon, only then - but I do not like to trouble for all four at once.

Success to your move -

You know that dear old Mrs. Wildgoose died yesterday week at Catley, aged 84 -

ever yours my dear Pop
10 South St.
Feb. 15/85

My dear Pop

With regard to Lea Hurst furniture, I understood from Sir Harry that you had consented to leave your half of the furniture till Lady Day twelvemonth (1886) - then to make a fresh departure -

This seemed a your most reasonable & kind conclusion
You kindly ask: ‘What are my wishes?’ - I have done the same -
It was never proposed to let the house on furnished to Sir Joseph & Lady Leigh or to any one after a year. There was then to be a new start - Shore may go back to the house. Or I may. Or both of us - after the year -

It is most desirable that Shore & his party should go abroad as soon as possible - May he consider this as settled?
I am afraid this damp weather is no good for you ever dear Pop
Your loving
F.
Feb 18/85
My dear Sir Harry
    I think that, if you would
be so good, in the course of
your investigation, as to see
the room where the Stopping
of Teeth is conducted
[-they will be flattered at
your inspecting the Institution]
-you would be able to form
a better idea as to the decent
management & superintendence
of the place -
    I am sure you will wisely
begin 1. as wishing to inspect so useful an Institution 2. as wishing to thank the young Dentist for his attendance & care - & then proceed to details. God guide you on your quest for His sake.

Secretary House Surgeon or Superintending Dentist

Lydia Norman: age 18 (ticket from Florence Nightingale) went to Dental Hospital

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nearly 17 hours, she says, (for stopping 5 teeth) at the Hospital was kept waiting the first day but not never afterwards always had the same gentleman to attend her - & all the time Please thank him for his care - The Hospital used to close by one o'clock. What time does it close now? [end]
My dear Sir Harry

Your most kind note came last night (an hour too late) with the Director Genl.'s appointment of Miss Williams to Egypt - Miss Williams, urged by Miss Pringle has written to the Director- Genl. taking her name off the Volunteer Nurses' List!! Had it been 10 instead of 11 last night, I should have sent to her at once.

This is an appointment she must not refuse - It is a magnificent mission, - instead of giving it to one of their own half-trained, ill-conducted creatures, they give it to one who deserves & will exercise the great trust & opportunity - God grant it be not too late -

I sent a maid up (in
a cab) to her as soon as it was light, with the Director-Genl.’s note, this morning
Could you write her a note & send it to her at once? urging her to take the appointment, if not too late
   God guide us - ever yours gratefully
   F. Nightingale
Please return me Miss Williams’ note.

9010/61 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.
March 15/85
My dearest Pop
   You will know without words how grieved I am not to be able to come & see thee - And I am afraid it will continue a long time -
   Sir Harry is always saying that you would be so good as to come & see me - But I think the being carried along from door to door in this weather quite wrong & impossible -
   God bless you both ever thy
   F.
To-day I am unable to see Sir Harry or any one, besides those I must see on business which will not wait.
   I have had to give up so much -
   But God can take care of His great empire - His great souls & His
little ones.
10 South St.
   Feb 24/85
My dear Sir Harry

   Miss Williams has
received no marching orders,
no grant of outfit money, from
Dr. Crawford - And I
heard last night from
Lady Rosebery (who was here)
that the "Ganges" Hospital
ship in which she was
to embark sails
to-morrow!!
   I have sent up to her Miss Williams
this morning - If she
answers - 'no orders yet' -
would you be so very
kind as to go down
yourself to Dr. Crawford
(as soon as you think
he will be in his Office)
& say that
   Miss Williams has as
yet received no direction,
no grant of money for outfit.
Until orders & money come,
she does not like to
run into debt for the
Sisters, for fear they
might after all be
countermanded -
   Any how it will be a
hopeless scramble if orders & money
come only a day or two
before embarkation -
   [it is true that we at
St. Thomas’ in 1882
made our preparations
the moment we had our
names accepted. &
did not receive our
grant of money till
afterwards - But then we had been asked for Sisters & we had a Fund to fall back upon]
Pray advise us. [end]
ever yours affly
F.N.

9010/63 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry
Thank you so much for going to Dr. Crawford for me -
I think you said that he was at his Office about 11.
I hope it will not hinder your ride -
[Miss Williams has had no orders whatever]
Shall I see you? & at what time?
24/2/85 F.N.

9010/64 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 S. St.
Feb 27/85
My dear Sir Harry
Miss Williams & her Sisters have sailing orders for Wednesday morning March 4. by S.S. “Navarino” -
She & one friend will most gratefully accept your & Parthe’s most kind invitation to Claydon to-morrow (Saturday) by one of the mid-day trains - till Tuesday morning.

[You said you kindly wished to telegraph.] to Claydon -]
ever yrs affly
F.N.
10 South St.
March 3/85
My dear Sir Harry
Thank you very much for your offer of a servant to meet Miss Williams at Euston to-day at 12.30. But I think a Hansom will be her choice for speed to come here - They start to-morrow - Miss Williams writes in great thankfulness to Parthe & you for her rest at Claydon - so delightful. I am afraid I have appointments ALL day to-day - to see people.
F.N.

Gordon Memorial Hospital
March 18/85
My dear Sir Harry You see that the proposed Hospital is to be for 100 beds: that the site is given by the Suez Canal Co: - & confirmed in perpetuity by the Egyptian Govt. - that the building is to cost £11,000!!! & to be erected in 4 months!!! [possible, but not at all right.] I only remind you of these things, as you are now on the Committee - ever yrs affly F. Nightingale
proposed “Gordon Memorial” Hosp. at Port Said. very much honoured by the Lord Mayor’s request for my “opinion” & any “suggestion” “in regard to it.”

To give any “opinion” at all worth the Lord Mayor’s having, I should see the sketch plans, if the Lord Mayor will be so very good as to let me see them -

And if possible a sketch plan of the site,
giving the points of the compass also - & perhaps the prevailing winds. P. Turn over

Also: if I might ask what kind of estimate? & what the time for the building?

To have a real Hospital on a good plan built there “on the great “Highway between two “worlds” is truly a national object & worthy of a National Memorial by England -

I should be truly glad to contribute my little best in the way indicated by the Lord Mayor

Florence Nightingale
March 18/85
March 27/85

Dearest Pop

You know how I long to see you - I had not the least idea that you could or ever did go out at 1 or at 1.30 which is Sir Harry’s hour & so “take turns with him.” Any day, every day that you could would be happiness to me -

You know how my afternoons have been filled - & I have been obliged to give ‘carte blanche’ to people to come without appointment -

And I am done for, trying for the last many months, to lead two lives.

Major Young is now gone - The ladies must take their chance.

Would you, dear, mention begin now coming at one or at one thirty? Or would you name any hour, except between two and three when I must rest, to-day for me to have the joy of seeing
you?
  I do not know who could have thought that I saw Sir Harry instead of other people. I have always seen him over & above my work, as I would gladly see you.
  But I have had to see any one, in the afternoon morning or afternoon, in connection with the war work - or, what is infinitely more trying to me, give them 'carte blanche' to come or not -
  The war would admit no delay. And in the morning

I have also had to write up for them - [My head & eyes are now nothing but shooting pains:]
I have refused Mr. Jowett & all friends on other business because the war admitted no excuse -
  Hoping to see you to-day,
- a verbal answer, please -
  ever thy
  F.

Sir Harry has often seen me in bed
That is when I have had one or even two people as early as nine or ten o'clock.
My dearest Pop

I shall not go to-day,
of course, Sir Harry being poorly
If you are going out
& would like to come in
here, say at 5.15,
please do
  I hope he is better
    F.N.
Good Friday

April 4/85
10 South St.
Farewell and a rivederla
  my dearest
What a blessing Sir Harry is
  better -
I go unwillingly -
  I hope soon to hear you are
better -
  Would Morey write to me?
God bless you -
  ever thy
    F.
If your Lizzie could be the one
to sleep here, it would be
acceptable. But this would
probably be inconvenient to you
-whichever you are so good as to
permit, let it be -
9010/70 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St.  April 4/85
My dearest
I am quite puzzled.
My 3 girls (including my Lizzie)
are just starting with me -
[The sweetheart is quite gone]
I leave the “fat woman”
Mrs. Cordery, alone in this house.
And it was proposed by
me & kindly promised by
you (thro' Sir Harry) that
you would grant one of your
maids to sleep in this house
with Mrs. Cordery while
I was away - every night -
That is all.
I foolishly asked for your Lizzie
to be the one to sleep
in this house - But
pray send whichever is
least inconvenient to you.
ever yours
F.

9010/71 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil [1:365]

Easter Day [April 13]
If you are good enough to send the Carriage
after you are gone to W. Abbey - & let it take me
by the Abbey, along the Embankment & back by the
Abbey home for ¾ hour, as Sir H. proposes, I shd.
be very much obliged.
Do your maids go to the Crystal Palace tomorrow?
Could I see you at 6.45? (You kindly ask.)
I see Sir H. at 6.
with best Easter blessings.
Wellcome (Claydon copy) 9010/72 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [3:406]

Ravensbourne  [1:593]
April 6/85
My dear Sir Harry
   How thankful to know
you better - Many thanks
for your letter & all your &
Parthe's lovely strawberries,
lilacs, & goodies.
   I send the signature as
directed -
   John XX & the journey to
Emmaeus Luke XXIV.13 & all that happened
on that glorious day took
place on our Sunday.
consequently the Jews' Monday
- supposed to be April 9 -

& what took place
on the day week after
would be April 16.
   God bless you
   ever yours & hers [end 3:406]
   F.N.

9010/73 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:365-66]

Ravensbourne
   Keston: Beckenham
   April 9/85
I am afraid, my dearest Pop,
that you have been more
suffering this bitter North Easter -
& even fear that Sir Harry
may be giving you more
uneasiness - But I hope not.
   I hear that Sir Harry has
a spirited letter in the 'Times'
about the Volunteers -
   Pray tell Mr. Morey to look
out for you in the mass of
papers in your Dining-room
my copy of the Oxford
Magazine which I lent Sir
Harry for you with Mr. Jowett’s Sermon on Gordon in it - [You said you would like to see it] before you sent it. It is in small 4th shape, this Oxford Magazine, light yellow cover, my name in pencil on it - And when you have done with it, please tell Morey to send it on to me.

Miss Becker died quite suddenly at Stuttgart - on Thursday - found dead in her bed - a great shock to poor Alice - Lady Belper writes to me that she, Miss Becker, was “the best friend” she ever had. That is a tribute -

Col. Primrose is dead on the Nile.

I shall not be able to return on Monday -

God bless you -

The Bonham Carters have been so kind ever yours

F.
Ravensbourne
Ap 15/85
My dear Sir Harry
I am most thankful that you are taking care of yourself.
_as well as you know how -_
Miss Williams is coming home by the Iberia in nursing charge of 102 bad cases, too bad to be left at Suez. They land at Portsmouth - And she will come straight to me's - I therefore come home on Friday - And I will write, if you will allow me, to announce my train, in case you are good enough to send carriage & Mr. Morey to meet me at Victoria -
I have written to my vast-sized old lady at No. 10 to make ready for Miss Williams & entertain her in case she should arrive before me. But I did not like to tell her to let you know - tho' I have no doubt you will welcome her - when you hear she is come -
And perhaps Parthe would be so very good as to send in some flowers for her room at me’s -

I was so very sorry that Mr. Fred should have had that gallant walk here - & especially that we gave him such a wretched tea - But I really have been only fit for darkness, silence & bed

I am taking the utmost care of your little book of Prayers.

Pray take care of yourself.

God bless you both
ever yours & hers
affly F.N.

9010/75 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

April 17 {arch: ?1885}
My dear Sir Harry

I am very much obliged to you about Mr. Bright, but am rather aghast - I have a long & difficult interview this afternoon - which I cannot put off -

I must get up to see Mr. Bright “at one” - I hope he will come to me very soon “after one” - let him rather return to y could he not come to me first? - at one?

Of course, and alas! it
April 19/85

My dearest Pop

This is thy birth-day -
Dost know I often think
that God wishes thee many
happy returns of the day,
both in this world & the
future ones, now more
than ever?

And so do I, thou well
mayst know - God bless thee.

If it is wise for you to
go out, & if Miss Williams
does not come, would you
come & see me to-day?

ever thy F.

10 South St.
May 6/85

My dear Sir Harry

I am very sorry that you
have not seen Sir Andrew Clark,
but hope that you will do so
next week.

You are so very good as to
see Lydia Norman's father
& mother - And will you
please tell them that Lydia's
message to them is that she
means to turn over a
new leaf - & mine that,
still trusting in this, I will
try to keep her -
Will you also ask whether
Mrs. Norman likes the
meat, as I now send it her,
from Winslow, cooking it
herself? Or whether it is
not better for me to do as
I did before, namely give
her a meal at Johnny
Co-op’s ready prepared?
- the advantage of the latter
being that the her whole family
does not partake of her meat,
& that it is better cooked?

[I know not how to
tell Lydia’s parents this: viz.
that her message was
preceded by 1¼ hour’s
insolence; that she has
been making herself
intolerable in the house,
both as a woman & a cook;
& that I cling to trying her
again, only because I have
reason to know that she
does not mean to go into
service again - To be a
bar-maid (er& then worse) appears
to be otherwise her future]

Tell her mother I pray for
her Lydia as she asks - & as I
am sure she does - Let us
all pray for her & for all
erring lambs.
Lydia does not now go out
late - she cannot, without
our knowledge. Please
tell her mother this.
I return your spectacles
with many thanks - I regret
that I cannot use them.
Good speed to Claydon.
ever yours & hers
F.N.
PRIVATE 10 South St.
May 9/85
My dear Sir Harry
Many thanks for your letters about Parthe -
But I wish you had mentioned yourself -
Thanks for seeing Lydia [1:797]
Norman’s parents - But there must be some great mistake - My Her message to them was that she “meant to turn over a new leaf.” & mine that I was willing to try her.

Any unsettling of her now would be disastrous.
Her younger sister is going to her parents on Wednesday to stay - And leaving her place - And it was high time she did - Lydia wisely declines going home now -
As for getting her a place in the country; She would not take it & she would not keep it - Your own remark was: “She would run away”.

I have therefore written to Mrs. Randall that there is no question of looking for a place for her now - I have also written to Mrs. Norman, & sent it thro' Morey, fearing the Sunday post would not reach her - & fearing that she might meanwhile write to Lydia, unsettling her -

As I shall have the great pleasure of seeing you on Tuesday, I will not explain more now -

What we all want is to prevent “Lydia becoming a barmaid” - As far as can be seen, the only way to prevent that is to keep her here. She will not take another service -

God bless you both ever yours & hers
affly
F. Nightingale

9010/79 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [5:347]

10 South St.
May 13/85
My dear Sir Harry
Enclosed is the Cheque for £25 which you were so good as to allow me to send you for the North Bucks Assocn., of which you are President -
I know you will write one of your gracious letters with it, (for all
these little people are,
as you say, subscribing
their shillings & half-
crowns, - the magnates
being all in South Bucks
- to meet the expences
of the Meetings &c)
& tell them that you
contributed £55 last
year to the General
Bucks Liberal Asscfn.,
that they may get
some of it if they can.

God bless you
ever yr affte
F. Nightingale

9010/80 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil [1:366-67]

June 7/85 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
My dearest Pop. How gladly would I
have obeyed your kind summons to
come to Claydon. Has. But alas! it is
impossible. How lovely the place must
be looking. how the birds must be
whispering at dawn their prayers to God.
You seem vigorous - thank God - but
your pain I fear at times is great. I
hope if you do not do too much, & if
you admit sun into the Library to prepare
the room for you when you are not there, that
as the steady summer increases, the
pain will decrease -
I send you an Article on "peasant Propric
="torship" in France by Roth (Statistical
Journal) & also on Dairy Farming - Franco
Swiss - (Agricultural Journal) - He is
a growing authority. I will get you any
others by him I can. Please return
them to me when quite done with - also
the vol: of 'Port Royal' when quite done
with. God bless you, my dear Pop/
ever yours

The Sutherlands were so delighted with your Article in Contemp

9010/81 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [5:348]

10 South St. June 10/85
Oh bad, bad, bad, supporters
of a Liberal Govt. to let
them fall through in this
way - But now they have
resigned it is to be hoped
that they will not be
forced to stay in - But
I am appalled at the
idea of that little beast
Randolph at the India
Office -
It was too provoking

that by such a catastrophe
as this we should a
second time have lost the
bringing forward of Mr. Slagg's
motion to enquire into the
Govt. of India which
means the India Council,
(which I have urged indeed)
But I write now on business: [1:593-94]
You know you were so
good as to take back -
my Draft Lease for this
house (for another year
at £400 per ann:) to have
it made out properly.
It has now been returned to me - ready for signature for a year at £150 per annum -

I wrote to you just before you came to London in January, as you will remember, asking you kindly to decline the D. of Westminster’s munificent offer of letting me have the house at £150 year by year - but promising you that

I would keep on this house for one more year (from next Lady Day) at £400.

May I ask you kindly to let me know by return of post, (as they are urging me to sign,) what came of your reply to D. of Westminster’s offer, - how it now stands, & what you wrote to him - I was quite taken by surprise by this lease at £150, after what I had said -

God bless you
ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale
June 24/85
Col. Hawthorn R.E. was a few months ago appointed to Woolwich on the understanding that he would succeed Col. Smith as Commg. R.E. when col S. retired, which is now -

He was on the point of succeeding - [he (Col. Hawthorn) becomes full Colonel on July 1 -] when he receives an intimation that Sir Andrew Clark is not likely to appointing some one else him.

Sir John Stokes, Adjutant R.E., is in favour of Col. Hawthorn’s appointment.

Col. Hawthorn who has only lately returned from Natal where he was Commander of the Troops in the Colony - and Commr. Royal Engineers, has a letter showing Sir Leicester Smyth’s Cs. in S. Africa {inserted} opinion of the way in which he performed his duties there, a copy of which is subjoined.

He also has a letter written by desire of the Governor of Natal, Sir Henry Bulwer, thanking him for his services.
An Extract is here enclosed from the Parly. Blue Book, in which he mentions briefly his Col Hawthorn’s work in Zululand - [Col. Hawthorn has only been a few months in Woolwich, during which time he has been doing duty as a Division Officer, & has had scarcely any direct official communication with General Henry Smyth, of Woolwich.]

Could the Inspector-Genl. of Fortifications, Sir Andrew Clark, be induced to confirm Col. Hawthorn’s appointment as C.R.E. at Woolwich?

9010/83 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St.
June 30/85

My dearest Pop

I am so very, very sorry that you are obliged to change your maid; but it is grievous but more grievous than surprising - since she had never been a Nurse nor even in service; had she?

I think “the Crossland recommendation” is a good one - (you ask) - But of course Miss Crossland, capital woman tho’ she be, cannot know what Arnison? is in is that the woman?.
private service
I will try to find out her
referees &c &c.
The Richmond maid who
was with us at St. T.’s for
a month whom you
kindly wrote to me about,
I wrote to Mrs. Richmond for -
But she was “almost engaged”
Would it be worth while for
you to ascertain whether
she is “engaged”, & if not to
see her for yourself?

   The nurses & Miss Crossland
spent the most delightful
day in all their lives with
you - And tho’ I was very
sorry so much was thrown
on you & Sir Harry yet
they lacked for nothing.
They “never had had such
a pleasant day” &c &c -
“Sir Harry & Lady Verney
“were so kind” &c &c
All was delightful:
About my coming: you are so good as to ask: it is alas! impossible for me to come now - You speak of the “advent of ‘babies in September”’ - And besides you will have shooting parties then - Shall I come one month before the “babies”? that will be for the month of August - I could come back here for September - & then come to you later on in the year, if you ask me, when you are again alone - I yearn

[2]
If I have time to write again before post, I will write a second letter, But I am afraid I shan’t. my dearest ever your F.
I will write about Arneson to-morrow - I have to day my annual visit from our Lpool Workhouse Matron
Thank God! Col: Hawthorn is appointed C.R.E. at CHATHAM - !! They say it is all your doing - going to the Duke - F.N.

1/7/85

Maids 10 South St
July 1/85

My dearest Pop
Miss Crossland has sent me the enclosed letters, (crossing my letter to her about the Nurse she showed you at Claydon)
I will gladly have over Nurse Whitfield to look at, if you like it, & send her on to you at Claydon, if she is not objectionable, to look at the same day, if you will name the day & train during the
next “fortnight”, while she is to be “at Woking”. I fear I do not expect to be of much use in looking at her, & I fear I could hardly take the responsibility of *not* sending her on for your inspection, unless for some obvious defect of manner, temper or conceit, which is hardly likely as Miss Crossland recommends her -

But I will do willingly whatever you like, I need not say; & whatever is of use Please return me the whole boutique of letters enclosed (2 letters & a card) -

God bless you ever your F.

May the search be successful.
If you wish me to see Nurse Whit-field, shall I see her at one-thirty dine her & send her on by 3.0 train?

Were those Articles on Franco-Swiss peasant proprietor=ship I sent you of any use? There is an Official Report out on Bulgarian peasant proprietors, said to be very good.
No 2 10 South St
July 1/85

My dearest Pop

Miss Crossland says that Nurse Whitfield
(about whom I wrote today
to you a letter which you
will get by the same morning's post as this) "is far superior to
"Arnison" - the Nurse you saw. [This is in answer to
my letter to her, (Miss Crossland)
Do you wish the enquiry
about Nurse Whitfield

July 6/85

I have just had 1½ hours with
Nurse Whitfield - dined her,
& sent her back to Woking.
She will come back from
Woking to-morrow (Tuesday) -
be at 38 Upper Grosvenor St
to see Sir Harry, as he desires,
by 10 a.m. go on to you,
as you desire, by the 11. train
[Please have her met at
Claydon Station] - & return
by the 3. train from Claydon,
according to your wish - to Woking -
I am sure she has a true love of her work - she had the best of characters at St. Thomas’, which she left with the deepest regret. I think her particularly modest, refined, unaffected, yet respectful, with a heart & mind in the right place - I am quite sure that she earnestly wishes to be told when she does not do a thing to the Patient’s liking: or when she hurts a Patient in lifting &c - As far as I could judge, she has a very competent knowledge of Nursing - but is not a ‘professionally’ ‘professed’ Nurse. She was obliged to leave us, from St. Thomas’ not agreeing with her - (not because it was too hard work) - after 9 months, in Sept. ’83 - since when, after an interval of 3 months, she has been attached to Winchester Hospl. in private Nursing. Her
manners are to me very pleasing - She is anxious to try whether she can suit you - I do not like to say more, altho' I like her very much, because I don’t think I can judge for you.

I am writing this in haste, for fear I should have no more time before post. If I have, I will write a second. She is diffident.

She is properly accustomed to rubbing, lifting, washing a Patient, giving the slipper &c, of course, - but *not* ever thy F. wedded to her own ways.

9010/88 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

July 6/85
Nurse Whitfield from Woking has been with me - & had dinner, & gone back I have arranged with her, by Parthe’s desire, to go to Claydon to-morrow (Tuesday) by the 11.0 train - to return from Claydon by the 3.0 train: & go back to Woking - And I have arranged with her, by your desire, to be with you by 10 o’clock at 38 Upper Grosvenor St. [you know she has to come from Woking.]

Please see that she leaves
you in time for the **11.0 train** from Euston.
I hope Parthe will give her dinner.
I gave her 10/ for to-day’s fares - Perhaps you will give her her expenses for to-morrow, in case Parthe forgets - It is 8/
from Woking here & back-
I think her a very superior & refined Nurse & woman

F.N.

9010/89 incomplete letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St
July 8/85
I have sent to Mrs. Wardroper for Nurse Arnison to come & see me to-morrow.
Miss Crossland went on her holiday yesterday - & I am rather sorry - For we ought to have had her to refer to -
And Mrs. Wardroper may possibly refuse Arnison
*I think*, as you know, that you must take the Nurse you have a fancy for -
Therefore what follows is only an answer to you remarks - [your?]
1. For one year I will gladly pay the difference between what you intended to give Nurse
Whitfield and “£30”, if you like to try her. But I do not think that you would get the woman you ought to have for less than £30.

2. When you say you “fear she is too much of a Nurse,” I think you mean “too much of the ‘pretensions’ of a Nurse.” Now I can’t say that Nurse Whitfield is the least pretension-y Nurse I ever saw, for she has absolutely no pretensions - Her one desire is to come back to St. Thomas’ re-commence her training de novo there -

3. Sir Harry is extremely anxious that you should have Nurse Whitfield, & would hardly hear of my seeing Nurse Arnison.

4. Miss Crossland said to me that Nurse Arnison was not half the woman that Nurse Whitfield is - In fact, I thought she thought Arnison rather a poor creature.

5. If Nurse Whitfield leaves Winchester (which I do not think she is wedded to) & you try her & do not like her, yet without any fault, -we
should have not difficulty in recommending her elsewhere - In fact, she is the sort of woman who would rather be snapped up.

6. If you were doubtful about keeping your present woman, this would make a great & different element. But I understand there is no doubt that you will not keep her. And Whitfield told me she would like you to try her. She was quite modest about it.

She does not consider herself a professed Nurse - Nor do we.

9010/90 initialed letter, 5ff, pencil

10 South St
July 9/85
I have seen Nurse Arnison -
[I was just in time, for she leaves St. Thomas’ this evening & returns to her old place in Essex]
She is, as you know, extremely pleasing - even graceful - not without some little affectation, probably the result of nervousness -
Nothing could be nicer than all she said about St. Thomas’ - her former mistress &c -

Apparently she is not intelligent -
Apparently she is easily worried & gets head-tired & head-achy with what she calls being worried or anxious, about her work -

She is refined & modest & I think puts her heart in her work: but am not sure.

During the 8 months she has been with us at St. T.’s, she was laid up with Rheumatism, absent 3 months from illness, & lately has had returns of Rheumatism, tho’ not enough to lay her up - she was better to-day.

She is 30, tho’ she looks 23; was a housemaid, then a Nurse to her master who died - then took another place with Mrs. Clark in Essex - from whom we had her & nursed her bedridden Master during the whole 4 years she was there - He still lives - Mrs. Clark thought it for Arnison’s advantage to send her to us to be trained. When it was found that Arnison could not remain at St. T.’s tho’ most anxious to do so, liking Hospital life, - she wrote to Mrs. Clark, asking her to take her back into her place with the sick- master And Mrs Clark immediately consented in the kindest manner - Arnison herself thinks, tho’ she wishes for
Wellcome Ms 9011 592

your place, that it would be
dishonourable to draw back
now from Mrs Clark - But
she said: 'May I ask Mrs.
Clark what she would think
of my taking Lady Verney's
place?'

I could not say, "Yes": because
that would be committing
you to take her, if Mrs. Clark
consented -

I could not say 'No': because
if you have a fancy for Arnison,
by all means try for her -

I therefore took her address.

[2]
& said that I was writing to
you to-day, & you would
write to her -

Miss Arnison
Mr. Clark's
The Rookery
Mucking
Horndon-on-the Hill
by Romford Essex

I would not say: she was
the reverse of intelligent,
but wanting in intelligence.
She delivered (quite modestly)
to me an address on how
nice punctuality was with
patients, from which I
opined that she was exceedingly
unpunctual - & other little
pedantic saws of the same
kind - In fact she reminded
me so much of my own
Lizzie Coleman that I
should have taken Lizzie
for her younger sister, who,
ten years hence, & after
nursing an old gentleman
under the directions of his
active & kind young wife,
_

might develop into an
Arnison - The likeness was
comical: both are as nice
& good as gold: modest
& pedantic - When Lizzie
holds forth on punctuality
I know that I must make

her breakfast over night,
& pack up all my night things
over night, to give us a
chance of getting off to
Claydon by afternoon train.
And so with all her little
discourses.
Mr. Clark appears to be a
farmer - They must be
very nice people

†We think Arnison very delicate

P. Turn Over
With regard to your last night’s letter about Nurse Whitfield:
I saw all the letters about that “Fever Hospital” - She took it à contre cœur to “oblige” ‘Matron’ - it was a Convalescent Home for Scarlet Fever - And it broke up after 7 weeks to her great satisfaction. She only had it 7 weeks.

I think that & the poor Insane Patient are not at all likely to put her in love with those sorts of things - or out of love with your place. But I cannot at all wish you to take her, if disinclined - I should feel like a criminal, were I to meet her at Claydon - in great haste.

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July 11/85

a thousand thanks for your book - could not help reading much as soon as it came most anxious about the two things you told me of, my dearest - the boy & the other thing

God bless you ever your F.

I send the Diary of a Nurse - giving the delightful day at Claydon - perhaps it may amuse - Please return it.
10 South St
July 13/85

My dearest Pop
I have just seen Sir Harry. He showed me Miss Crossland’s letter about Arnison. I had communicated with Miss Crossland both by letter & word of mouth about Arnison. My letter simply asked her: ‘do you recommend ‘us to go on about Arnison ‘as an attendant for my ‘Sister’? & asking questions about her, to which she answered:‘ You will by ‘this time have had my

‘letter about Whitfield -
‘she is so superior that ‘I can hardly recommend ‘you to go on about ‘Arnison’. This she reiterated when she came to me, adding of course, what we all think that Arnison is a very nice woman: but “not half the woman ‘that Whitfield is.”

Her letter to you seems simply to say that, tho’ Whitfield is superior, if you prefer Arnison, you had better
take her.

   Is it too late now?
I sent you Arnison’s
address. You possibly
have not written yet to
put her off -
I was just going to write
to you to give Whitfield’s
references:
   Mrs. Suckling
       Matron
       Winchester Hospital
       Winchester

[Mrs. Suckling is a most
objectionable woman: we
were training her for Miss
Lees, but could not allow
her to finish her training.
Still] I think one should
always write to the last
place for a woman’s
character.
Miss Moberly
   16 Kingsgate St.
   Winchester
whose sister Whitfield
nursed till she died
Dr. Earle
of the Fever Convalescent Home
to see you - I have
scarcely seen anything
of you this year - & I am
so unable to see more
than a person at a time.
Au revoir, dear Sister.

Have you read, by “Jackanapes” [1:367]
(you know she is dead)
“The Story of a Short Life” -
Jackanapes is a gem - unap-
proachable: but I think
I like this almost better.
The V.C singing; with 300

“men at his back”, to the
child at the moment of
death Heber’s Hymn
seems to me unapproachable
too in its pathos - of a
different kind. ‘Laetus sorte mea.’ [Happy is my sort]
[O why did she die?]
I also send another book
of hers - “Brothers of Pity”
at the beginning is so lovely -
And a very different
little book: Runciman’s
“School Board Idylls” -
heart-rending but stirring -

Also: a Gordon - not
worth much perhaps - I
have not read it.

Fare you very well -
I trust you will have some
fine hot weather soon
without East wind
to do you good, my Pop
ever your

F.
I hope you like the P.C.
July 16/85

My dear

I am glad that you have got rid of Whitfield as you did not wish for her. If you wish for Arnison, it would be better for you or Sir Harry to write to her, (I sent you her address) - of course mentioning that you understood that the first step was for her to ask if Mrs. Clark would release her - I hope she may serve you well.

[Every day that Arnison gets settled at Mrs. Clark’s of course makes it more difficult for her to ask release - She should be written to at once]

-should not she?

God bless you ever yours

F.N.

Sir Harry is so good that he is asking people right & left to come to Claydon in August; & telling them I shall be there - He will not believe that I want the extremest quiet & to see you only. Of course it would make me miserable if you were to make any one difference because I was there - but only if I might be only allowed to lie hidden!! My work for which I live is all halting, because I so need rest. I see a Doctor to-day
July 20/85
My dear Sir Harry

About the Gordon Boys’ Home: I have written, but my answer is that Genl. Higginson will have his own “way about placing it at “Bagshot”. But that it seems absurd to begin a scheme “with only £800 a year “certain” with a Commandt. (to whom it was proposed to give £200 a year & “a house” - perhaps it is not now)

for only 50 boys - & not to begin it “with a “Govt. cottage or two, a “Serjeant & his wife, & “a few boys” - under some Commandg. Officer of a District who would with his wife watch over (for nothing) a beginning on a very small scale which would cost almost nothing & might be transferred to Bagshot or elsewhere as it grew & money came in

But as nobody follows up with any definite proposal, † And Genl. Higginson is definite & strong-willed, his proposal will & must probably be carried - for Bagshot.

F.N.
9010/95 initialed letter 1f, pencil

July 21st/85
My dear Sir Harry
   My afternoon is tremendously
taken up with Dr. Evatt -
He generally stays 5 hours
but gets thro’ an amazing
amount of business - I have
to prepare for him by looking
out papers. I cannot bear
to decline you, but am afraid
that I have no strength for
both; unless you would
kindly just come at 3 for
¼ of an hour to tell me
about the Gordon Boys’ Home
Meeting
   ever yrs affly
   F.N.

9010/96 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St
July 22/85
My dearest Pop
   Mrs. Richmond writes
to me that her maid, Nurse
Bryant, about whom you
wrote to me, is at liberty -
hers present engagement having
fallen through -
   I have written to her,
Nurse Bryant, to tell her
to call on me tomorrow
(Thursday) at one -
There is no harm done by
my seeing her - But if
you could telegraph to me
either that you wish or
don't wish to think of
her, I should know whether
to explain or not explain
your place to her -
    I doubt whether I
could change my maid just
now - tho' poor Lizzie Coleman
never could do as a human
being -

Sir Harry is indulging in
balls & parties, meetings,
Ho: of Commons, & every
kind of dancing & gaiety -
without check -
Do you think it would be
agreeable to you if I came
to you on Tuesday or
Wednesday - 28th or 29th.
But I must tell you, my
dear Pop, that my Doctor
tells me I am suffering
more than usual from
Anaemia & Excessive
Nervous Exhaustion, -& that I ought to be quite quiet?
God bless you
ever yours
F.

9010/97 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:367-68]

July 23/85
I have seen Bryant, Mrs. Richmond’s maid, & think her a very nice woman indeed, but talk-y-
She did not however gabble but talked because she was so interested - I think feel, however, if you were to think of her, we must ask Mrs. Richmond whether she can give “silent service” or talks all the year round. She is 34 but looks 24 - is not, I should be afraid, very strong in the back - & perhaps lifting may be a difficulty - She went out at 18 as Nursery Governess & stayed 6 years - then 3 years at ladies’, whom she nursed till they died - then home- then 2 years at Mrs. Richmond’s, whom she left to come to St. Thomas’ - then with us 7 weeks. We liked her exceedingly, but her back was quite unequal to a heavy Male Surgical Ward We were sorry to part with her. - then she took a Nurse’s place
with a poor young burnt lady,
Sir G. Eliot's grand daughter,
where the work was much harder,
for, whereas our women are
only 12 hours on, with including Recreation, She is 24 hours
on, & only "bed" for 2 or 3 hours.

In consequence of strong
remonstrance, they have
given her several hours 'off'
to-day & yesterday - I
advised her to try staying on
(till end of week, & then to
let me know her decision) -
I told her that, if her decision
then was to leave, you must see
her before any thing could
be decided on your part -
And so it stands - I will
let you know as soon as
she lets me know-

I think she would be
attentive, careful & sensible
& kind - & conscientious
& not conceited -
in gt haste
ever thy

F.

She is nice looking & pleasing -
She can't be very delicate; or she
could not stand her present
place a week -

God guide us
10 South St
July 28/85
My dearest Pop: Bryant has been with me. I am glad to tell you that Nurse Bryant has decided to leave her present place which she does on Tuesday - After Sir James Paget’s visit to her Patient on Monday, she will come to Claydon to see you, - by the 11.0 train do I hope she will get off - Will you have her met at Claydon Station by that train - & send her back the same evening? She will have to sit up that night

Mrs. Richmond has kindly asked her to stay with her to rest till Saturday next. And she then meant to go for a week’s rest to some friends at Hitchin, which it is obvious she sorely needs - I told her that you might want her on the Saturday - that your maid was leaving on the Friday -
God grant that this woman may succeed -

The lifting must be a difficulty, as Mrs. Richmond told her, from her weak back, I told her that as a Patient you were, alas! comparatively easy to lift - & that she would have the help of another person -

She appears to me nervous & excited from want of sleep, & no wonder.

I of course asked her when I first saw her to go down to see you at once - She said she could not without deciding to leave her place - which I could not say you would replace -

Their unhandsome-ness has now released her - I find from her that you have telegraphed to Mrs. Richmond -

Good speed:
    ever your F.
Aug 10/85

How are your?
I am so distressed, my dearest P.,
that I have not seen you for
so long - Since Thursday I
have been so poorly that I
have not been able to leave
these two rooms - tho' yesterday
I was just coming down to you
when I descried you at tea
on the Lawn - Success to your Teas.

It has been as much as I
could do to see Miss Hicks
& Sir Harry -

Tomorrow I hope to see you
continuously.

And I trust childer don't go
till Saturday - for I have hardly
seen them at all -

And I have scarcely been
out at all -
I am growing so old -
have you had a character
from Mrs. Richmond -
& has Mrs. Pyle answered -
about M. Bryant?

Your present woman
extracted a splinter from
my finger beautifully -

Please thank her & wish
her goodbye for me

ever your F.

I have been busily
writing almost since
day light.

My dear Sir Harry

I dare say you have prayed at Morning Prayers for the Nurses, Patients & soldiers, & returned thanks for Miss Hicks & those who have come back? [end 3:406]

Return showing the (approximate) distribution & organization of Medical Staff Corps (during recent campaign in Egypt & Soudan) in each Stationary Hospital

" Field "
" Base "
" General "
" Hospital Ship "
" Bearer Company "

in their ranks & duties as
Serjeants Major (Ward master - ? Quarter Master
Serjeants (Wardmaster, Stewards, Compounder, Cook, Clerk &c
Corporals (Steward, Cook

Where & how trained

promotions advancements for good conduct Nursing degradation reductions for bad

Regimental Orderlies

{written diagonally}

How shall we prevent the answer that they were changed so often no return can be given? [end 15:1010]

Aug. 11/85
Private

My dearest Margaret
My sister will be so distressed
if you & Capt. Verney do not
sleep here the two nights at
least before & after the
Archaeological - [She thought
you were coming for a week now.]
And I shall not see
you, if you do not, till after
you are a M.P. in London,
& after the General Election, which
is an epoch that will make
the next ten years perhaps
the most interesting in English
history to those who are young

enough like yourselves to
throw yourselves into the
great progress - (more
impressive than the ‘Progresses’
of Q. Elizabeth) -
But, what is more important,
my sister so hopes & believes that you
are coming, you & yours &
Capt. Verney, as long as you
can before the General election
- to stay of course over the
Genl Elecn. and this is an
matter of business - G.E. & preliminaries must
be conducted from this house -
[I told my sister that I
would companionize her, if
she were alone, but she never]
has been alone) during August -
& till you came with your far
better company - & then, if
she wanted me, after the
Genl. Election till their Xmas
party - I merely mention
this to facilitate matters; I
see some little failure of
memory in them both, dear
people about future dates - And therefore I wanted
- you will not betray me to her
- to tell you how the land really
lies]

I can report well of both -
No one could believe my
sister to be the same person
whom you picked out of that
terrible state now nearly 3 years

ago - thanks be to God. She
sits out on the lawn till 7 p.m.
remains up till 10 p.m.
And if the most ordinary care
were taken, such as not
sitting out in the chill before
sunset, &c &c, She might, I think,
recover to do much more of
work, & to run much less of
risk. But often she gets
a bad cough - And the poor
joints of course get worse -
Still she really enjoys -

God bless you all - & with
kindest regards to Capt. Verney
& love to childer 4, (in haste)
ever your loving & grateful

F. Nightingale
Aug 23/85
My dearest Pop

Lydia Norman is coming here this afternoon for orders, to go home tomorrow to South St. Can she be of any use to help under Mrs. Broadhurst in Kitchen tomorrow & Tuesday?

There is no difficulty in putting off her going till Wednesday - but I must write to-day to South St. to arrange about the other’s holiday.

ever thy F.

If there are little things (not English) to be bought at Dieppe, would you allow Ellin to expend £1 for sale for self & Compagnie for their loving Aunt Florence

25/8/85
Claydon Ho:
Aug 31/85

Private 7 a.m.
My dearest Margaret

How glad we should be
if you were not quite knocked
up on the Archaeological day -
And I am afraid I contributed
to your fatigues on that day -
Pardon me if I worry you -
interference is so seldom successful
but you will remember that
you kindly told me what
my sister had said about
Capt. Verney’s (supposed) electioneering
speeches - & that you thought
“somebody had been making
“mischief” - Also, of the speeches

of Sir Harry in the Villages -
It is therefore no news to you,
& it may possibly be some help
in contradicting it what
I now write & enclose.

That Capt. Verney tells promises the
people that every man is to
have 20 (or 40) acres apiece
[It does not signify which
figure is right, as it is all
a lie] that there are to
be no more labourers - & that
if he does not fulfil his
promises they will not
return him again -

At this my sister stood up
like a man, & said: "Perhaps
as she tells me:
“he won’t wish to be returned again if you “ - - - so & so -

I said: “but Capt. Verney has been so particularly careful to make no promises”. And I asked: Who has actually heard him say these things?
I cannot quite make out: but & I have no doubt that there is a good deal mixed up in her head - from Greig & Ager (the Schoolmaster) she says - with what the haymakers said to her in the carriage - which I told you &, perhaps, some confusion with Mr. Chamberlain’s speeches.

‘But, said they, we hear it from other parts of the county - We can show you a clergyman’s letter’ - And last night Sir H. sent me up the enclosed - Nothing was said to me about privacy - And I really think I ought to send it you - Pardon me if I am wrong - & return it me

[You will say that a - clergyman who thinks “feudalism tempered with Xtianity” a proper from of govt. (“une tyrannie tempérée par une chanson”) not worth attending to
But I am not worth attending to by these dear people because I have not heard Capt. Verney's speeches - Are there no reports of them? no notes? Has he no First Lieutenant who could give a reliable account?

Indeed think it is very important that we should be able to contradict these lies authoritatively - is it not?

*Has* Mr. Chamberlain made this sort of programme?

Capt. Verney's seems to be confused with his - Please forgive me - & give - not me but - these dear people the means of contradicting this - You well know them - & what impression this clergyman's letter wd. make upon them, with all the rest that has been told them.

[ I shall not tell them that I have sent it you.]

in greatest haste

With dear love to the children - & kindest regards to Capt. Verney ever yours affly

F. Nightingale
Claydon
Sept 1/85
7 A.M.

Private
Dearest Margaret

Last night Sir Harry seemed to be beginning again to say that he would, if called upon to speak, warn the Labourers again against believing in “promises” - So I said that that had been taken & alleged - as directed against Capt. Verney - that it had done much harm &c &c - He said at once that he had “not meant it for Capt. Verney, “of course” - that he wished it, the allegation, had appeared in some newspaper, in order that he might answer it - I said: could he not recommend warmly

Capt. Verney as his successor at once? He said: Yes, he meant to do so at his (Buckingham) dinner - I said: “but at once”. And I think now I could ask him to send that £25 at once to the Lib. Ass. & write a warm letter -
[I don’t ask your leave for this.]

I asked: but what is Mr. Chamberlain’s programme that all this has been hung upon it? (partition of land &c) And they said: we don’t know that Mr. Chamberlain has made any such programme -
Then I asked: but whom was it that you did mean when you said to the labourers - 'Don’t believe their promises'? He said: I meant nobody in particular [But afterwards, in the course of conversation, he said: I think am afraid some of the Radicals have been making “promises” - Let those whom the cap fits &c &c”]

However, he is quite warm now that he never thought of Capt. Verney as having made “promises” of this kind. And my sister disclaimed it too - And the thing is: how can he undo any harm that has unwittingly been done?

Could he, not only speak & write warmly of Capt. V. as his successor - but refer to the true nature of his, Capt. V.’s Meetings & addresses? & speeches? What has their true nature been?

Can you read this pencil without bothering yourself? God speed the truth - And He will speed it. I trust that you are not bothered & am ever your loving

F, Nightingale

He asked: has this allegation appeared in print, that I may answer it?
Claydon Sept 16/85

Private

My dear Capt. Verney

A good canvass to you -
And God speed your Election -
The enlightenment of a number of men by your Meetings is surely a thing worth doing -
I have been so sorry not to be able to see you -
My love to Margaret, dear Margaret, & the children -
Pardon me for making an enquiry - We have no active Magistrate - no active police near Lea Hurst - You are an active Chairman of Sessions. What would you do in such a case?

At Whatstandwell Bridge (& Station) 2 miles from Lea Hurst but not on the Estate, - there is 1. a respectable public-house, 2. our Coffee-rooms, & 3. a public-house notorious for nearly every kind of iniquity - the Wheatsheaf - within 200 yards all 3 of them. Our Coffee-rooms at first nearly closed the Wheatsheaf,
but afterwards he beat us at
ever kind of weapon -
I have just heard this:
"the owner of the Wheatsheaf
"who lived on the premises,
"has been in treaty for sale
"with a Brewery Co. and he
"has been giving some ale
"to the Quarrymen & others
"to induce them to stay at
"his house, so that the
"Brewery Co. might see the
"house was doing a good
"business -
"He has sold the house
"this week, - [you see it is done] & as a rule

"public houses belonging
"to a Brewery Co. do not
"do the business, as other
"houses, on account of
"the tenant, being what
"is called tied to have
"the ale, spirits, &c from
"the Brewing Co., whether
"good or bad"

What would you advise? Is there anything possible to be done in such a case?
God bless you & yours -
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale
10 South St
Sept 18/85
My dear Sir Harry
   I am always thinking
of you both - So sorry I
was to leave you both -
The terrible Accounts
I hope are nearly done:
& I trust Parthe is no less
worried & overtired now -
   I am going to ask you
to do me the great favour
of writing to Capt. Loftus
to make the enquiry specified

in the enclosed.
   The girl of course is
Lydia Norman - It
was good of her to tell
me: but I am bound
to make every enquiry
I can as to the character
of this young man - I have
such a dread of London
footmen - What can a girl
know about one?
   I am always so sorry
to ask you to write one
additional line. But I
know you are anxious too, & I
know you will forgive me.
   The difficulty is that
Capt. Loftus' intellects are
said to be somewhat
impaired. Still there is
no one else to ask - He
is said to be a very
good man. He is
unmarried.
   in haste
Pray give my love to
   Margaret & the children
   ever yours & P's
   F.N.

9010/108 unsigned enclosure, 3ff, pencil [1:798-99]

| Sir Harry Verney
Capt. Loftus MP
Saybridge__________
   Blackmoor    Sept 18/85
Essex
(and of 8 South St.)
A young man,
   Charles Goodfellow,
age about 21,
   was formerly a page in
the service of Mrs. Loftus,
the mother who is dead,
at 8 South St.
   He is now footman in the
service of Mrs. Bell
   32 Grosvenor Place.
The family appears to be well known to Capt. Loftus - Goodfellow, the father, was his coachman, & now keeps his Lodge, (Saybridge Lodge) - the mother is also employed about the house. The aunt is still housekeeper at 8 South St. The younger brother is now in Capt. Loftus' service as page or footman.

All this sounds well, if it is all true, being as what a girl in my service tells me who asks me to allow Charles Goodfellow to visit at my house & 'keep company' with her - Would Capt. Loftus be so very good as to take the trouble to tell you whether this young man [21 and 20, the girl's age, are so very young to be making marriage engagements] is perfectly steady; or if he has any reason to think that the young man is not 'well-living' -
What is his principal fault?
- & did he leave Mrs.
Loftus' service for any fault?
- has he thought of saving
anything so as to be have a
little beforehand?
or is he asking a girl to
'keep company' merely for
his amusement?
What about his sobriety?
What sort of son to his parents?
If Capt. Loftus would be
so very kind as to tell you
what he knows about this
Charles Goodfellow - - -?
Anything he pleases) to

[2]
tell you would be
'confidential' with us -
Capt. Loftus
is supposed to be now
at his brother's
Crawley
Newport Pagnell
[do you know such a place?]
or a letter addressed to
8 South St.
I suppose would find him
Please put on envelope wherever you
address: Immediate
Please forward
My dearest Pop

I was going to answer the enclosed from Mrs. Hawthorn by saying that it was really impossible for you to write the ‘Life of Gordon’ as she entreats - that you had done all in it that you could do &c &c &c &c But I thought perhaps you would just like to see her letter. And then, if you return me the Envelope with: ‘Blow me if I do’ or any other graceful literary refusal, I shall write as I said, & know what to so as you say!

She has sent me a large illustrated cahier published by Vizetelly, price 1/- called ‘Gordon & the Mahdi’ - I mean to get a good many to give away. But I will not send you a copy unless you wish it.

Many thanks for your letter.

I trust your canvass is prospering -

Besides Miss Williams, I have had a very interesting Miss Lennox who came over from Belfast to see me, staying - You may possibly remember her - She was with Livingstone & Bp Mackenzie in C. Africa - Sir James Clark sent her to us to be trained, & now she has kept an
Wellcome Ms 9011 623

appointment - we gave her
to the Belfast Children's Hospital for 12 years.
She makes it truly a life work - a calling - She was drest in her uniform here - a good deal quieter than any of my maids. She was full of all her patients - a boy, aged 12, had had his leg amputated (with her) - his parents & 4 brothers & sisters lived on 6/ a week. When he went home, money was given him to buy an artificial leg. With this money he bought a baby pig - the pig grew up - & with the proceeds he bought two
All, you understand, for his parents & family -
She disapproves of the great Training Ship with 300 boys & no mothers - as against God's laws - The Patients who come to her from it die - so depressed - She got a lady to go & live in the hold for 3 months to nurse them up a bit. To one of the boys who seemed terribly depressed she the lady said, 'Come: I don't think there's much the matter with you' & gave him a pat - She was passing out when a boy moaned up:'Oh Mam if you would but gie me one pat like his'n - This was not a Patient - a rough cabin boy -
Miss Lennox says: 'don't 'let the Gordon Schools have 'no mothers: the boys don't
'grow up good men' -
Ask Margaret to 'gie me a pat' in the form of news of you & Ellin & all of you
And with best love to all
- & especially I hope my god-daughter will prosper,
ever, dear Pop,
Your loving,
F.

In the outside sheet of the 'Times' one day, there was a letter signed “A Liberal and a Landlord” which had some of your ideas -
But it said in “this county of Surrey” - I was rather glad it was not yours, because it is so very important to unite the Liberal Landlords & the Liberal Manufacturers - not to sound a note of defiance against the latter, - is it not?

My dear Sir Harry
I think of you so much in our loss of Lord Shaftesbury
The notice of him in the “Times” was very nicely done
But the key-stone of all the wonderful work he did lay in the one line:
“Thine was the cause: it was Thy work I did” - That was the strength of his indomitable courage & perseverance & hope - that & his
own humility - Parthe will remember how our oldest friend, Parker John, told with tender reverence how Lord Shaftesbury left his bed & paced up & down at night, saying he was a "sinner".

What a life's work he leaves behind him! the life's work of "faith & love" -

A Mr. Curtis, "organizing Secy. of Ragged School Union", came here this morning, asking if you would be Chairman to-day!! of a Meeting on his death - I said how great was your affection, for Ld. Shaftesbury, how great your interest in Ragged Schools - but that you could not come up - & it was quite impossible at Short notice

The funeral is to be at S. Grieve on Thursday they say

God bless you ever yours affly F.N.
10 South St. Oct 3/85
Dearest Pop

The eggs &c have come, to perfection, - since the new tin with divisions - Would Mr. Robertson get a second beautiful tin like that, charging the two to me?

The smashed eggs were, as I think I mentioned, (you ask) those which arrived on the Saturday (19 Sept.) & the Wednesday (23 “) after I left Claydon -

I have now to make a most humiliating confession. After some enquiry, I find that Lydia actually put the smashed eggs & soiled saw-dust back into the tin - & sent them so - She is really very sorry; but the excuse she makes is that Mrs. Greig told her (this last time at Claydon) that she did not believe the eggs were ever smashed: (there had been a controversy about it:) & she, Lydia,
sent them back to show
her. [She, Lydia, knew
nothing of the change from Greig.]
I was very severe -
& told her she must write
an apology. When it
came up, it was inadequate,
but as I was just sending
them off for a long day
at the "Inventories", I
had not the heart to
keep her - & she is now
writing another, which
I shall enclose -

Pray be so good as to
make my abject apologies
to Mrs. Robertson -

9010/112 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:594-95]

10 South St.
Oct 6/85
My dear Sir Harry
I am almost sorry that
you are coming to London
for Lord Shaftesbury’s funeral
It is cold standing in the
Abbey - I don’t think he
would like you to come -
But I hope, if you do, you are sleeping
in London - I wish I
could offer you a bed -
But I am full of Matrons.
Will you lunch here

after the Abbey?
Or are you lunching at
Maudie’s?
Anyhow I hope to see you -
-but after 4 I am engaged unluckily -
ever affectly yours
F.N.
10 South St
Oct 18/85

My dearest Pop

You spoke of writing an Article for Macmillan on the relief march from Korti to the Nile (below Khartoum). And I ought to have written long ago (you asked) to say that Mrs. Hawthorn looks forward to this, as excellent. I returned & you kept, your scrap for the purpose.

Sir Harry wrote me a deplorable imploring letter not to ask you to write a Life of Gordon. This was quite unnecessary. You probably did not show him my letter, exhorting you merely to answer & offering to convey the answer: “Blow me if I do!”

I cannot help sending you for Ellin: tho’ I think it is more for a boy above 12: because the pictures of “The Roman Sentinel at Pompeii” & that of “Casabianca standing at his post to his father’s orders & burning
with his father's burning
ship, are so very serious:
Mrs. Ewing's "Convalescence":
it is so very pretty: the
old Captain: "when you are
my age, little chap, you won't
think what you would like
to have, but what you ought
to do: what you have to do
or to bear, & how you can
do or bear it best, that
is the point to make for."
And
"if a man is confined to his
bed & wants to be in battle,
"he is as much a coward
as a man who is in battle
& wants to be in bed."
I heard to-day of Dr. Acland being
"summoned to Claydon"
I hope this does not mean
that you or Sir Harry
are worse -
ever my dearest Pop
yours
F.
Thanks for lovely flowers -

[2]
Are you so good as to
remember to write to
Mrs. Trevelyan in favour
of Robert Robinson, who
has now taken Reddings
Farm on the estate of
her father, Mr. Phillips,
at Claverdon in
Warwickshire?
F.N.
10 South St
Oct 25/85

My dear Sir Harry

I bade you & Parthe
‘God speed’ from the bottom
of my heart on your Farewell
dinner-day - and I bid
you ‘God speed’ now your
Farewell is over - It is a
great thing to be able to
feel that for 53 years
you have obeyed the command
“Stand up: stand up for Jesus
Ye warriors of the Cross” -
from a day when it was a
no small - ‘stand up’ fight

when for religious freedom &
civil freedom were at stake
- when men thought they did
‘God service’ in opposing &
decrying you - when this was
to fight for ‘the Cross’ - to
obtain ‘freedom to worship God’
for every one in his own way
- & freedom for the right to
make progress -
“Onward, Christian Soldiers, go”
this was the Crusade then: & a
glorious victory has been
won - in progress & freedom -
May this General Election
show the fruits!
I should like to see the
Bucks paper of the speeches,
if Mr. Morey will send it me

To your successor in North
Bucks, Capt. Verney, I am
sure you gave a good word,
a very good word - tho' it is
not reported in the ‘Times’ -
I hope your shin is not
the worse:
“But when my legs were cuttit off
I fought upon my stumps” -
O gran bontà de’ Cavaliere
Antichi!
God bless you & her
Your F.N. [end 3:407]

Army Chaplains [2]
No Chaplain is yet gone to
Suez -
Miss Williams is very anxious,
as you were so good as to
speak to Mr. W.H. Smith,
& then to ask a question
in the House about it,
that you should, if you
think well, put a letter
into the “Times” from her
to you about it -

After a good deal of
revision by Hy. B.C. & me,
the enclosed has been
produced. But as Hy. B.C.

and I say: “if it is not
“too much trouble for you,
“which it may well be” -
F.N.
10 South St
Oct 19/85

My dear Sir Harry

It is grievous indeed that Parthe is so suffering - & that you have broken you shin again - and it is good that Sir H. Acland has been summoned -

I send you some Calendula for your leg - not because but in spite of its being a Homoeopathic remedy -
-P. said it cured you before -
- But please ask Dr. Acland whether & when you shall use it - &
don’t use it without - I am all for the ‘faculty’ -

God bless you both -
I am sorry Margaret is going so soon - I thought they were going to stay over the Election - which may God prosper -
ever yours affly
F.N.

Thanks for your letter -
I was very much relieved to get it - & know it was to worse for Parthe & for you than it is - Glad you are in the sunny room -
10 South St.
Oct 26/85
My dearest Pop I hope you were pleased with the tribute in the “Times” of this morning - - I am sending copies about to some old friends & retainers - It is ‘tastefully’ done - Sir Harry says he will be so good as to lunch here on Wednesday - I really fear his going to this Mansion House Meeting, on account of the shin - But should he do it, would you ask Mr. Morey to send me a post-card to say when the luncheon should be ready, one or two o’clock? or when?  

God speed:
ever your

F.
10 South St. 
Nov 12/85

My dear Sir Harry
   It makes me miserable
to see you unhappy.
   And I cannot help
thinking that the confusion
in both parties whether
‘Disestablishment’ includes
‘Disendowment’ &c is so great
that, were mistakes cleared
up, much less agitation
would be felt.
   As to the letter of Lord
Grey in Monday’s “Times”,
I cannot recognize the
clear-headed, kind,
careful man who,
many years ago, used to
give me such invaluable
advice.
   The more than hopeless
confusion in it - between
“Disestablishment” & “overthrow”
of the Church - including
“overthrow” of all “religion” (sic)
does not show the intellectual
sceptic he always indeed was,
but is unworthy of him
altogether.

Pray do not let your
‘old Whig-ism’ be guided
by Tory-ism -
   Lady Trevelyan used to
say that one of the greatest
trials of her life was her
son George Trevelyan’s
advancing in politics
so far beyond her. “But
“then”, like a wise woman,
she said, “I reflect that
his sons will go as
much beyond him as
he goes beyond me” - Don’t
you think we must “reflect” like Lady Trevelyan? Of Mr. Fred’s address, I think, he you, like Warren Hastings, must be “astonished at his own moderation” And so, I hope, are you satisfied. Some of the best friends of the Church, & I think I am one, consider that her real power would be increased by ‘Disestablishment’! She

[2] must have a poor opinion of herself to be so frightened. But all must wish that this agitation had not come now - They have been preaching two Sundays ( to the kind of servant & poor people = congregations there are at this time of year) anti-Disestablishment Sermons at our Church, which I should certainly have left, but that I find it is the same in all the Churches round - If that is not giving stones instead of bread, I scarcely know what is - My maids come back, saying they could understand nothing - & bringing back from the pew, anti-disestablishment leaflets, from the Archbp of Canterbury, (with the same, truly awful confusion as Lord Grey’s) and my big woman, Mrs. Cordery, added: “I thought,
“ma’am, it had to do with
the Salvation Army, & that
“you would know” -!
So much for these (guilty) pulpit
efforts.

Loyalty to “the Church” is one
‘thing, & a very high thing,
‘but loyalty to the loaves &
‘fishes, & to the “Episcopal
“Bench”, ‘the Bishops, Deans
’& a’ that, is another thing &
‘a considerably lower thing’ -

A man whom you would
recognize as occupying one
of the most important

places in the Church in
England, commented to me
on the absurd nature of
Lord Grey’s letter - He said:
“Ld. Grey speaks as if
‘morality’ were dependent
on the Church being an
Established Church - &
even as if the Dissenters
owed their morality to
the Church being an
Established Church - This
is nonsense - The Americans
are not behind us in
morality - some would say
“they are before us, Yet they have no established Church.”
You yourself would recognize, as all Liberal thinking men do, the Irish Church Disestablishment as on the whole having worked well and being a good thing - not a bad - Surely the Church Reform Assocn., & not the Church Defence Ass. is the one you would “wish to join”

For my part, I say: “Onward comes the great Commander
“Cheer, my comrades, cheer,” And I wish to ‘cheer’, however much of a Deserter I have been, however unworthy to ‘cheer’ Him, & however strange His ways may seem to poor me at times - I wish Him to have His way; and in this General Election, of which I feel an awe sometimes amounting to terror, - however it turns
out - & in the new Parlt.
there are certain to be
mistakes - I wish to
speak of it in as cheerful a
voice whether we think

*His way a bad way* -
(for however we dress it
up, that is what we
really mean when we
speak in the complaining way we do
of the rising new order of
things - for but is it not all
in the order of His providence?)
or whether we think His
way a good way -

I think we are assisting
at the birth of a new
nationality - in the oldest
civilization in the world
- in India - and we do not see it - and this is in the
order of His providence -

And I think something
of the same sort is doing here -
both will make grievous
mistakes - but both,
mistakes & all, are in
the order of His providence
And we can no more
put it back than we can
make put ourselves live in
back to the 14th century -
Then, for
“Onward comes the great Commander
- “Cheer, my comrades, cheer” -
I will write you ‘mes petites
‘idées’ on Church
Disestablishment., if you like
But this letter is too long
already -
People seem to be conjuring
up a spectral fear of this
gigantic & solemn practical
question operation which certainly
will not come in our time

as if it were a fire
or a mad dog in our street..
I hope you are able
to walk & ride now -
Margt. will be coming
back to you now, I hope -
I think you may well be
proud of Capt. Verney
(& of Mr. Fred too) -
Success to the North Bucks
candidates - He has always
‘got on’ remarkably well with
his Bishop & assisted
in Church things -

May God bless you &
Parthe -
ever affectely yours &
hers F.N.
10 South St.
Nov 13/85
My dearest Pop

I hailed the arrival of the XIX Century with delight, your Article is very weighty, and the extracts from foreign sources telling - Sometimes there is rather an abrupt transition from these to your own experience, as if the Editor had been piecing it. “The maimed women X X X whom we saw “ - where?

But this is only a hyper-criticism - I think [illeg] the Arte. says a great deal - Mr. Jowett who was at Lord Rosebery’s with Sir Harry told me that he, Sir H., had addressed “wise words” to the party ”which came “very well from him” - especially impressive words on the subject of racing to Ld. Rosebery, which he took very well’ -
We have had nearly a week of almost darkness in London - I hope you have had better weather; but I fear you have been suffering. Is Sir Harry able to ride & walk?
Miss Georgiana Hurt writes to me of the "very beautiful daughter" of Sir Jos. Lee "at Lea Hurst" "I hope she has a mind to receive the beauties of that dear place".

She adds

She also writes about you -

Lord Edward Cavendish has been staying at Lea Hurst - He held a Meeting in Lea School - They say he will win.
I hope that the Greigs are gone - poor woman, she wrote to me of your kindness in her last letter - And so did he - and I hope that Mr. Robertson does well -
Your short "Peasant Proprs.' will doubtless soon be out -
I return Margt's charming letter - ever your F
Wellcome (Claydon copy) 9010/119 initialed letter, 4ff, pencil [3:410]

10 South St.
Nov 14/85
My dear Sir Harry - As yesterday
“Onward comes the Great Commander”
& instead of treading out
the deserters, like me, He
seeks them, He finds them
& carries them home - in answer [5:349]
to yours, Yesterday I said that I
felt an awe, sometimes
amounting to fear, about
the Genl. Election - but this is
a fear lest we, the Liberals,
should not win - not and of
what the new Parliamt. will
do, if we lose -

This, I am sure, is your
fear. You wish the present
Liberal Generation, & your
own sons, to think for
themselves - as you thought
for yourself - not to follow
blindly their fathers, as you
did not follow blindly your
Father - This is the very
essence of your Liberalism -
God bless you & it -
You cannot think it
would be for the nation’s
good if the other side,
Conservatives & Parnellites,
were now to win.

No one would be more unhappy than you if from any inertia in Claydon House, which is so loved & respected, your son were to lose his election in North Bucks - We dread to think of it.

Would not you go to one or two of his Meetings & say with your own peculiar power what you have so often said to me: that you do not agree on all points but that you & your son trust in those to whom the power is now given - not to legislate which requires ‘experts’ - but to choose honest & capable & careful men - & that your son may be so trusted -

Surely anything like this would do immense good -

May God bless you all -

And may He in His infinite wisdom & love guide this momentous
General Election aright - 
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Church Disestablishment talk
shall wait your orders -
No one would like as much
as you, te excepting me, to
see these grand & lovely
Cathedrals & Churches
nationalized - the
Nonconformists having
their rightful share in
them, as Dean Stanley
wd. have let them -
& the heroes of hard-
working Church clergy in the
large towns having
their due pay, (which is
now prevented by the
Establishment) -
Unless the Church reforms
herself, she will
certainly bring disestablishment.
upon herself - But the
day is distant - And I
reserve 'mes petites idées' -

One thing is certain - that
it is because of their "loyalty"
to the Church that some wish
for her Disestablishment - The

[insert here]
Peers have made a most
unhappy use of that word
"loyalty" to the Church -

end 3:410

ever my dear Sir Harry
yours & P.s affly
F.N.
10 South St.
Nov 21/85
My dear Sir Harry

You said to me how much you would like to see Mrs. Ghose, an educated native lady, the wife of Man Mohun Ghose, the most able man - whom Mr. Primrose spoke to you about.

I told her so: & she said if you liked to fix a day for them to come over to Claydon, & her husband could possibly come, they would gladly do so.

Their address is:
Man Mohun Ghose Eq
(or Mrs. Ghose)
14 St. George’s Square
Regents Park
N.W.

Her husband is excessively occupied, as you know - To-day he addresses a meeting at Birmingham - & does not return till Monday He has Meetings almost every day - Both have been staying a week at Lord Ripon’s -

She is like one of the best sort of English ladies - knowing all about the poor people - yet attending to her own house & baby - & boy & girl - He is a barrister at Calcutta making about £12000 a year -

Both leave England on Dec. 4 -
2. You asked me about Dr. Hewlett - He is the Sanitary Commissioner for Bombay - I had not time to tell you that he is here on short leave, & gives me much extra work - But I thought you would remember him, because you were so kind as to give a letter from me to Lord Hartington asking for the C.S.I. for him for his splendid work during the Famine - And tho’ it was unsuccessful, he is none the less obliged to you - *He* goes back on Dec. 4 to India

[2]

3 - I had not time to tell you either about Sir Fred: Roberts who came here, thanks - We had, I hope, a successful interview - He is entirely on our side - And as to the spirit issue, nobody wishes to abolish it so much as he - he has a plan for doing so - He says the Recreation Rooms are good but too small. He looked keenly over my Fever returns which I had ready for him

4. I had not time either to ask you whether the Greigs were gone. I should like much to have heard how Mrs. Abel Smith was - Often when people seem unconscious, a word of prayer reaches them - And that I have no doubt she had from you.- Thank you for the prayer
I had.
You asked me kindly about our Nurses - And I had not time to answer - I have always, thank God, much to do with them - with those coming & going, going to fresh posts, or going back to their posts - Miss Styring who has been with us for 8 years goes to undertake the new Paddington Workhouse Infy. I had her here for some days. Miss Anderson too who goes back to Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary, 1700 beds - Miss Scott to Brighton Hospl., Our ‘Sisters’ are terribly raw at St. Thomas’ now - And these are all coming to me, one by one -

I must not speak to you about what interests me most deeply now, our Elections - It is a new era. God bless you all - I have felt very uneasy about you since I saw you.

10 South St.      Nov 28/85

My dearest Pop

Thank you for your jolly little Vol. At this moment the tide of copies which is coming in & up-stairs & the tide of copies which is going out & downstairs forbid the ingress or egress of any other persons or goods.

I ordered them for our divers reading-rooms, for which I also order Green’s Short History of England, Gordon in Central Africa & the like as standard books - I send back the lines on Sir Harry, which are charming, pathetic & true - [I did not receive them till after the day Sir Harry desired me to send them back]

I hope, if you put them into “Aylesbury News”, you will send me a copy.

Sir Harry said, looking at my kitten: ‘he has his life before him’ - as if he, Sir Harry, had not; I feel, for him, he has his life before him: this the mere episode of an early morning hour. But, as Zoroaster takes care to remind us - “one part of eternity is of as much importance as any other part - & no part can we have again; if we have not got its good out of it, that good
is gone for ever. But this life, as a part of eternity, is fully as interesting and important as what we generally call eternity.
Yes: the Elections have gone cruelly against us: against me especially, for all the representative men pledged to support India’s interests & Lord Ripon, except Mr. Bright, are unseated - And our greatest loss is Sir Roper Lethbridge, - a man “whom I would not touch “with a pair of tongs-” who has won his seat, & is now our representative for India knighted by the “Boy with the Drum” [An Indian Conservative is to an English one as a mad dog to a gentlemanly race-horse -]
[2]
   But I still look to the Counties to redeem us - and “Onward comes the Great Commander”, who we know is on the Liberal side -
   When is Capt. Verney’s Polling day? I hope, with you, Margaret will not kill herself - but she is too grounded on the Rock to do that - Tell her to give me a Telegram on the polling day.
Thanks many for your most kind invitation -
I am afraid I cannot stir till the week after next
-I am so busy - And then I shall have to work up the Nurses before Christmas
- But it is most tempting -
And I will see & write -
Thanks again - & thanks for beautiful flowers -
ever your
F.

Did you see in Friday’s “Times”
a short letter from Sir Louis
Mallet on “fair rents” &
allotments? Sir L.M. is my “Economical” ‘priest’ & authority, especially on Land questions -
What a tragedy, what a Greek drama, the King of Spain’s death & life!
Aristotle’s Politics are out -
Mr. Jowett’s - & he has sent them me: 2 Vols.

[3] But if you had such a thing about you as a foolish book or a rabbit in the pocket of your best gown, the smallest would be thankfully received.

Do you know that Gordon, when he saved China in the great Tae-ping rebellion, always said it was Sir James Hope ‘as done it’ - & ṭ wrote it at the end of his Diary -
Tell Sir Harry this -
I think I shall go in
for *patronage* - The
elective principle is faulty.
And the Paddington
Board of Guardians have
*elected* the wrong Medical
Officer for our Nursing
Staff!

9010/122 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil [1:595]

Dec 2/85
My dear Sir Harry

I return you Lord
Iddesleigh’s most kind
letter with many thanks -
I often wish he were at
the India Office again.

I also return Miss
Buckley’s letter - & am
thankful to say that she
has been successful in
getting an annuity of £20
from the Incurables Hospital
She is so grateful.

Dec 7/85
It was a glorious victory:
glorious in the highest
sense of the word -

And there should now be
some lines on the father
riding in to Buckingham on
his white horse at the
head of his sons -

& the good fellows, 6 5400
of them, who had worked
so hard & so well - “& all
“for love & nothing for reward

as Spencer says -

& Parthe, like another Bess
of Hardwicke, getting the
church bells rung -
Yes: it was a glorious
day -

Do you know, the charming
little note you sent me on Saturday,
was sent to the National
Liberal Club - & tho’ it had
a stamp on, an old soldier,
a Messenger there, but whose
hours were over, said: “No,
it shan’t go by post. Miss
Nightingale shan’t wait for
it till Monday morn-” &
walked here with it at night
in a deluge - & stood at the

[2]
door, dripping & leaving a
pool even on the swimming
pavement - & would not
come in, because he was
“too wet” -
There is glory in small
sacrifices as well as in
great.

9010/123 signed letter, 3ff, pencil [1:653-54]

10 South St. Dec 2/85
PRIVATE
My dearest Margaret
I think I feel almost as
anxious as you do about
this Election - But then
you see you are working
for Eternity - to raise &
ground the Liberal cause
- that is the “saving” of
men’s minds, bodies & souls.
- that is being fellow-
workers with God - And
will He let one of these
efforts be lost? Not He.
You are not working for
petty party issues which can be won by canvassing & primrose
leaguers - tho'
none feel more than I do
the tremendous issues
now at stake - the
enormous difficulties of
the nation for the next
two few years. win who may -
But God is a 'Liberal' -
we may say that without
irreverence - And how
can He be beaten?
We must win in His
cause, whatever happens -

Mr. Fred was so good
as to come in last night
on his way from the
Station home - I could
not help a tear or two
before he came - But he
was so full of valiance.
He had won, tho’ he had
lost - The victory was his
He had "saved" 4000
people’s minds - &
without one influence
except the highest -
just like you - without
asking for one vote -
I could only sing for joy -
tho’ deeply disappointed for
ourselves - & for the new
Ho: of C.
Dearest Margaret,
God bless you, God bless you both - I can only ease my old heart by giving you both to the Everlasting Arms which are under you -
   Can you sleep?
Success & joy & peace!
   If you are in London on Sunday, I will keep all my Sunday open,

but can scarcely expect you to have a minute to spare for me -
   ever your loving
F. Nightingale
God speed - And He will speed.

9010/124 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:373]

10 South St. Dec 9/85
My dearest Pop: Many thanks but I am afraid there is not the slightest chance of my being able to get to Claydon before you come to London. I have more than one engagement next week which I cannot possibly put off - people coming up from the country on purpose & from the India Office -
   Ld. Salisbury seems determined to stick - And if he can reform the procedure
of the Ho: of C., which he certainly will not let us do, & settle the Irish affair, which ditto ditto, perhaps it is the best for us. Randolph is the real terror of the situation -

There is a beautiful hymn:

The Devil & me
We can’t agree -
altered to
Lord Randolph & me
We can’t agree -
by F.N.

2. People say you should never give 2 good reasons where one will do:
my other good reason is:
I am quite unfit for the journey - short as it is -
I have scarcely been out of bed, except to see people, since I left Claydon -
I wish I could hear a better report of you -
But you seem, as dear Papa used to say, spry & active.

Do you remember Sophie Voidel? She writes the enclosed -
I hope Sir Harry is riding the white horse ever yours & his F.
Dearest Margaret

Most charming & delightful was your kind account of the reception - how deserved - at Bangor, Menai Bridge & Rhianva - & the successful M.P.’s address to his constituents which he was so good as to send me - A million thanks -

You seem to me to have been working hard ever since - And could you be so very good as to tell me where or rather whether a “grant of books” is to be had for Working Men’s Libraries by the “deserving poor”, like me, who have to supply more than one - Or is that only a Welsh munificence? or only attainable by a M.P.? Do not trouble about telling me, if, as I suppose, it is not attainable for Working Men’s Libraries,
in general - [You speak of Capt. Verney having taught the working men to open a Library of their own - & then having procured them a "grant of books".]
Yes: Romeike is not only a "private" but a public nuisance - He used to be always sending things to me, but as pecunia never came in return, he left off.
All Christmas & New Year’s blessings be yours -
I like to think of you all together

in that delightful atmosphere.
At this moment we are in a dense fog -
My kindest regards to the M.P.

Information poured in upon me at the touch of your Ithuriel’s spear about the needle-drill &c -
Mrs. Grenfell was most kind.
Would you kindly send a card for me to Miss Gwendolen Hughes? I trust her Nursing career will yet come to fruit.
God bless you, ever yours
F.N.
10 South St Dec 31/85
My dearest Pop

On this last day of the Old New Year I pray, oh with all my heart & strength, for all the highest blessings of a good New Year on you & Sir Harry & all yours.
And if it may please God to give less pain & more comfort - but still a good New Year in any case - how wonderful is the

[illeg] power & strength & activity of mind He gives you On you & all yours, including not excepting Nurse & Morey, I pray for all blessings to be poured, including wisdom & understanding, & the power spirit of love & of power & of a sound mind - and for the body may God keep you dry & warm & well interested but not bustled.

I hope it will be a good New year to all. How terribly interesting the next two months - indeed, the next two years I grieve for your pain - I trust it may be better - in dry & warm rooms in London -& for your crippled -ness - oh so much - I trust the Nurse question will be comfortably settled - It is very trying - God bless you - ever your F.
10 South St Dec 31/85
My dearest Pop

The last time we shall write 1885
Good morning. Good morning
Bid me a good morning
- a good day - a good Year
- tomorrow 1886 - as I shall you -
- I wrote in such a hurry to-day that I omitted to ask: where can I

order 2 photographs of Sir Harry, touched up like that you gave me, & framed like that for 2 New Year's presents to worthy people?

Please tell me - or tell Morey to tell me -

God bless you -

ever thy

F.
Rural Italy &c Article  {arch: Dec 1885} (proof)

I think this is very effective & very interesting, as everything you write is - Probably a great deal of the want of sequence is corrected in the “corrected Proof” - Otherwise it will be said that there is a great deal of “fine confused “feeding” in it. This is particularly remarkable at the “Radical Programme” pp 4 & 5 - which is probably to be the key-stone of the Article, but comes in like an “unattached Student” - one does not quite know of what country

2. Also, such words as “magniloquent nonsense” must surely be erased. p. 5. The Article will probably be answered - you wish for nothing more: then retaliation will be made - And what ought to be a discussion of vital interests will become a “calling” each other “names”

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3. It is doubtful in many places whether “Sardinia” means the island or the kingdom of “Sardinia” p. 6 & passim
4. p. 2. “fertile soil” - is this not contradicted in another page?
5. But above all it wants the life & reality given to your other productions by the living experience - The “apples” anecdote is charming for this very reason - But these anecdotes of living experience are wanting for Italy - It is in fact the report of a report - [We have a cousin “once “removed” who is administering & residing on a large landed property of her dead husband - I had much conversation with her in the summer - her father lives in London - few have such an opportunity of knowing the peasants’ ways of that part]
Also - I have had much conversation with
3
an Italian S. of Charity who was out
with me in the Krim.]
6. Does not the end want winding up?
"reason to be glad" is rather flat - & looks
as if some intended to be sorry.
The extract from the Report, p. 12, is
a fine & telling winding up.
7. p. 2. Should not “different agrarian
   crimes” (Extract) be various “agrarian crimes?
8. p. 7 “disafforesting” - curious similarity
   with Indian problems - But the Govt. of
   India is now dealing with these - Indebtedness
   also same problem -
9. In the Campagna of Rome the remains
   of Papal misrule must be taken surely
   into consideration - as indeed of the
   priesthood in-about Perugia & everywhere -
10. p. 8 Extract 2. (M. Lafargue) What does
   “25000” mean? “hands” “used”? - then in what
   is the comparison? is it between “20 000 000” &
   “6 000 000”? This sentence is obscure.

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11. p. 10 - 1st extract: What are “the following
    results”? That the “peasants roll on the
    ground” - &c
12. p. 11 - “Health & morality” - should not this
    be put as a quotation from p. 10?

The coming down upon Gubot on the river
near Metammeh
& the men halted in such good order
without food without drink
yet they would not break the ranks
or go down to the river to drink
till the word was given

Ms 9010/129 note not in FN hand with FN notes at bottom:

refer to
“Regulations” for the “Medical Department
   of Her Majesty’s Army”
   1888
Jan 23/86
My dear Sir Harry

We thank God that your cold is better this morning - & we pray God that with prudence it may entirely pass away. That prudence will of course include remaining in bed till at least Sir A. Clark has been to-day - & following his advice - to keep up the action of the skin. In this extraordinary treacherous weather we cannot yet by any means lay aside anxiety about you. For "the last "State of that man may be "worse than the first", if he exposes the skin to cold - Beware of relapses - So, pray, bed & thanksgiving: - be a good man.

ever yours affly

F.N.
9011/4 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Jan 26/86  (Gordon’s Day)
My dear Sir Harry
Certainly not -
You must not expose yourself
to going in & out to-day;
but only just, as you say,
“5 minutes in sun”, if not
sloppy underfoot - No draughts -
Perhaps I may come in to you.
Thank God you are better - And
Remember Gordon -
I hope P. will improve -
ever yrs & hers affly
F.N.

9011/5 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Jan 27/86
The Master Of Balliol telegraphs
to ask if he may come
tomorrow at six - I am so
very sorry that I have
an appointment at 5 which I
might just as well have
put off. But I put her
off once before - And she
was very angry - I must
not do it again -
I promised to tell you
when he came to London.
If you do not wish to
say anything, I think I
will ask telegraph him (to come (at
6.30) - tomorrow morning  F.N.
It is too late to telegraph tonight

9011/6 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Jan 29/86
My dear P.
I am so sorry not to be able
to see you to-day or Sir Harry.
I enclose specimen for
print of my Annual letter
to Probationers in a new
shape which they think
to be more convenient than
the large sized sheet -
  Just return the print
(2 colours) if approved
& say which colour; please
  ever your
 F.
Please: I did send back to you the December No. of “XIX Centry.” with “Our Insular Ignorance” - It cannot have been sent up to you. [I find my (new) copy No: which I bought on purpose to send back yours] ever your F. with love to your young ladies 6/2/86

Feb 12/ 86 I am afraid I cannot have the pleasure of seeing you to-day. (Indian mail day.) I earnestly hope that you will not stir out this raw day but give your cold a chance - F.N.

10 South St Feb 22/86 My dearest Pop I do so grieve for your suffering, & that I am not able to see you - Yesterday I saw Miss Williams (as was), & she recommends, if you are still in want of a Nurse = permanent, Nurse Jenkins - She has been a lady’s maid is a very nice woman, respectful, in manner; a little affected, knows what a lady’s room
ought to be,
    quiet,
    excellent Nurse,
was trained by Miss Williams,
    at St. Mary's,
remained with her as
Ward Nurse 3 or 4 years,
left at the same time as
Miss Williams did St. Mary's
& only because she did -
    has set up for herself
as Private Nurse -
    a her little affection in manner
only -

address
    27 Tichborne St -
        Edgware Road
we may use Miss Williams
    name, if you like to
write to her -
[Miss Williams would not
    have recommended Clare
Brown, as a Nurse to you]
    - Nurse Jenkins she can -]
    God bless you
    ever your F.

9011/10 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Feb 23/86
My dear Sir Harry
    I am thankful that you
are in bed under Mr. Morey's
    charge - And you will
of course accede to our
prayers & stay in bed all
day & take your medicine
& cut this cold short -
    God bless you & her -
    ever yours & hers -
    F.
I thought you so poorly
    yesterday.
March 12/86

I grieve so very much, my dearest Pop, over your suffering & that I am not able to see you for such a long time.

Have you read the book I send of G. Sand’s? Le “Château de Pictordu” and “Les Ailes de Courage” are such gems -

Do you know Mrs. Gatty’s “Parables from Nature”? I think them exquisite - & know nothing else which teaches after the fashion of Christ -
There are 3 on the Resurrection

- the loveliest things I know, tho’ about grubs. Some of them are most profound - Some, like the Robin singing what it believes to be its last song of thanksgiving for the last holly berries in the snow most pathetic -
Some have all the subtle fun wit of her daughter, Mrs. Ewing, like the Meeting of the Rooks, who determine that man is an “elongated” Rook, & that the object of all his mines, his collieries, his black chimneys is to get himself back black
again like a Rook -
but he only succeeds in
being black by day - &
comes white again at night -
It is a charming burlesque
(dusaristotokeia)
You are so good as to
send me a pudding many
a night - Might I ask
for, instead, a little
bit of meat from Sir
Harry's dinner? Anything
that will do for him will
do for me - so it be tender -

They the Doctors tell me to eat meat
And oh for not to
know what is coming -
ever thy
F.

9011/12 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Ap 8/86
My dear Sir Harry You did
not tell me yesterday what
you had been so good as to do
in writing the letter for Barnes
to the Army & Navy Stores -
Barnes will wait call upon you
to-day with your kind leave
in order to show you his
Testimonials & to take the
letter if you are good enough
to write it for him -
He will come about 11 to see
if you can see him or to fetch the letter

Did Catherine wish for “Princess
“Alice” book?
ever yrs affly F.N.
April 121/86
Dearest Margaret
   Might I send some books
by you to your children
tomorrow? Would Ellin like
   Darwin’s Voyage Round World
or    “ Earth Worms
or    Gordon’s Central Africa
or what?
Lettice    Mrs. Ewing’s Six to Sixteen
or    “ The Brownies
or    “ Great Emergency
or what?
Ruth     “ Oldfashioned
         Fairy Tale
Harry     “ Discontented Lobster
ever yours    F. Nightingale

10 South St. April 12/86
Dearest Margaret
   I did not like to take up
your time by asking to see
you again. Else it is a
sight for sair e’en to see you.
   Here come the books for
dear childer four: which you
kindly accepted - I have
sent “Parables from Nature”
for Ruth, but will get
the book you mention for
her (to come by Capt. Verney) -
   Do you know that I should
be so glad to try that girl you mentioned - because you know her - (And that is everything) - the little housemaid at Rhoscolyn - Would you be so very good as to send me a few more particulars?

[If she does not suit, she will not of course be turned adrift - she will be put into the train carefully & paid for home]
But from your hand she will be very welcome here -

She is to be half housemaid & half kitchen maid under Maude’s Mrs. Neild who I hope will "do" after all - altho’ I cannot give them readings & dancings, as you & Maude do so wisely & so well.

God bless you all ever yours affly dearest Margaret
F. Nightingale

10 South St. April 16/86
Dearest Margaret

I am so very sorry that whooping cough has saluted your going home - Fortunately we have summer before us & not winter - And I trust nobody has it badly -

Very glad am I of the prospect of having Nelly Owen I have written to your good Mrs. Thomas to send her up, if possible, on Tuesday or Wednesday - for later on the Easter trains are so crowded, let alone
Easter Excursion trains - She shall be met of course in London -
You must be so full of interests on your return home:
do not answer this, about which I am ashamed to trouble you, unless you see occasion - the momentous questions of beer: what was done about Nelly Owen's beer?
had she either beer or beer-money?
is she Church of England?
as to wages: I propose to give whatever you gave for the first month: then to raise

& to raise rapidly if she suits
I hope she will be happy. [end 1:799]

Aunt Florence's best love & thanks to Ellin & Lettice for their letters. Poor little maidens - I hope they will soon be better -
ever, dearest Margaret,
yours F. Nightingale

9011/15 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [1:374]

April 19/86
Again, my dearest Pop, we thank God for this day, & for the wonderful, most wonderful mental activity, above all, - with which He conquers pain & so severe, & illness, - such as would conquer, & many a hero too
How much we have to thank Him for, while we pray Him to soothe & to soften & to bless body & mind.
Fare you very well, very, very well. and He does make you fare well, in spite of pain - Bless God & God
bless you
ever thy F.
Here comes the unsentimental
bit of paper
  & Fauriel's posthumous
    book
10 South St. April 23/86
Good Friday
My dearest Pop
Would you be so very
good as to send me the
photograph of Sir Harry
you so kindly promised,
price £1.1 for me to frame
enclosed
[Don’t send me the one
framed you intended for
Capt. Verney - I hope he has it -
Also: to send me the
address of the photographer
that I may procure another
from him - ever thy F. P.T.O.

I sent a wreath & cross,
of Immortelles & corn, -
to Wellow Church-yard
for Easter Sunday
as always
in your name & mine
F.

Freddie Morey
With Florence Nightingales love, and her kindest
regards to his excellent father & mother -
And may the Angle (English) or Angel
children of 1300 years ago remind our
Freddie, whenever he thinks he is
an English boy, of what he is to be, here
and hereafter -
Easter. 1886

Written in pencil by Miss Nightingale in
Aunt Charlotte’s Bible History

Edie Morey
with Florence Nightingale’s love
And may our Edie remember how Christ
blesses and loves little children, and how
He said of good little ones “of such is the
Kingdom of heaven"

Easter, 1886.
My dear Sir Harry

I hope, please God, to be with you on Saturday (to-morrow) by train 3.0 p.m. from Euston

And as you are so very good as to press it, it will be a great relief to me to have Mr. Morey to get me off from here, if not inconvenient to Parthé - Au revoir

God bless you both ever her & your affte

F.N.

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Sunday May 9/86

Dear Sir Harry

I anticipate your kind request by saying how glad I shall be to see you after church -

Could you ask Mr. Calvert, who has been so very kind as to undertake to speak to Dr. Deane about the Hindoo lady's case if he had a few lines in pencil, you told me, upon it, whether the poor little Memo. I sent him last night is what he wanted - Or, if of his great kindness he wants more (or less) I would write to London to-day for it  F.N.

[10:776]

Address

Honble.

Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji

35 Hogarth Road

S. Kensington

Could you kindly give me Ruckmabai's papers?  

[Rukhmabai]

I am writing the Memo. for Mr. Calvert - the case
which wants to go before
the Privy Council -
F.N.
Sir Harry Verney
May 8/86
Claydon May 1/86

My dearest Pop

When I found you were alone in the Library, & we might have had such a nice talk (for me), it required all my promise to my Doctor, who came this morning to give leave or veto, & who would only let me go on parole that I would not put my feet to the ground or sit or stand for some days - not to break all bounds & come straight in to Library - So praise my self-denial.

Poor Shore has been very bad again with pleurisy To-day is his birth-day.

I have had such a nice letter from Ellen Tollet - very pathetic

Carlo will, I think, come ing to grief. He was barking after two of those white faced cows or bullocks, each of which tried to toss him. **But**, he said, I **will** drive. The park is my own.
The thrushes sang a little evening prayer to God - And I even thought I heard a young Nightingale, but faint. Then there was the murderous Cuckoo, & only inability prevented my rushing out & murdering him, as he will murder the innocent young Hedge sparrows, & toss them out on the ground. What does Darwin say to that?

God bless thee - Au revoir ever thy F.

9011/21 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Please, Sir Harry, let me have the Proof of the "Nightingale" School, when you are not using it, this afternoon, that I may write the remarks H.B.C. asks for.

F.N.

11/5/86

9011/22 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

May 19 {archivist: '86} My dear Sir Harry - How are you? Success to your day & God bless you! Don’t tire yourself too much - Lady Wedderburn has found a friend to consult Mr. Jeune about poor Rukhmabai, the young Hindoo lady - Mr. Jeune is said to practise before the Privy Council.

ever affly yrs F.N.
I hope Dr. Acland is pretty well.

MS 9011/23 note, not FN’s hand
Claydon May 29/86

Dearest Margaret

We are thinking so much about you - & trusting that your anxieties about “poor little Ellin”, as Ruth magnificently calls her, are abating - She has had a hard time of it - And you!

Mr. Fred tells me that they are all coming to London May they all prosper, God bless them

I was so much obliged to you for the note from my dear little God-daughter - & shall trust to see her this time & them all -

God save little Kathleen & her dear mother - what a mercy you are there -

I say nothing about this terrible time of Parliamentary moment -

Sir Harry says: I love Edmund best of all, except her (my wife)

We don’t think he is well -

(Sir H.)

God bless you ever yours

devotedly F. Nightingale

You will guess that my note to you yesterday was written in the greatest haste -

while I was writing for my sister
My dear Sir

I take the liberty of writing, at the request of Lady Verney, to say that, finding that the poor woman in an advanced stage of Cancer, Mrs. Thorpe, had only a girl of 14 to attend upon her, Lady Verney sent her own (Hospital Trained) Nurse to dress the wound: which she has now done for several days. But Lady Verney would of course like the Nurse to be acting under your instructions & hopes that you will be able kindly to make an appointment to see her at Mrs. Thorpe’s. If you are so good as to ask what time, the Nurse, who is of course a good deal engaged here, would meet you there to-day at 5.30 p.m., if you could make it convenient to come go at such short notice -
Or at the same time
tomorrow. But Lady
Verney feels that in so
very severe a case which
is, she understands,
under your care, the
sooner the Nurse has
your sanction & your
orders, the better - You
might wish to order
Crystallized Iodoform Powder
or the like - &c &c &c

Pray believe me, with
kind regards, dear Sir
Yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale

Dr. Benson

9011/26 Copy of an unsigned letter by FN for Grand Duchess of Baden, 4ff, pen
overlaps with 45750 ff54-61 to crown princess of Prussia, in 8:828-31

Copy

District & Hospital Nurses & Training  [13:466-68]
May I take this opportunity of offering Your Royal Highness
my heartfelt thanks for the beautiful Report so kindly sent
me last year & for the gracious letter which accompanied it.
Alas! would that I could answer satisfactorily.

The difficulties stated as to the finding & selecting good & suitable
candidates for training as nurses are also ours. And the causes
are hard to find, & harder still to remedy.

While the number of applications increases immensely every
year, the calibre of applicants diminishes. [We have not such
women as we used to have 12 & 15 years ago, from among whom
to promote our Nursing heads of Wards & of Hospitals] - It is
not intellectually that the lack of calibre appears - of women
who can pass Examinations in theory & science - & prepare others
to pass Examinations. Of these probably we have more, as
might be expected from the universal uprising in female
Education - Nor are we thinking so much of physical strength
- Altho' it is true that some years more Probationers fail to
complete their years training from lack of physical fitness.
[Unhappily we are told by Doctors that the standard of robust
female health is lower, including that of young married
women]. It is rather in the apparent deterioration of high
personal character, - of the qualities of high 'Christian citizenship,'
of women to whom one would confide the government of 50
to 100 Nurses, or their training - of ‘home’, not professional qualities. If we would hazard the reasons, should we not say perhaps for one reason, as far as England goes: the increasing want of religion in education. In the best women we used to know, God was everything. Their earthly duties were thoroughly well done, but (or rather because) God still was all. It was truly as Christ washed the disciples’ feet, “knowing that He came out from God & was returning to God.
And so the interval, the pathway to the other world was magnanimously & humbly filled with the service of God & man. But they did not stop to dabble in the “puddles” by the way. and they talked very little religion. The loved God.

[It is strange how, for the time being, men who are most in earnest seem to turn what used to be interest in God into interest in man - all the promising young University Graduates who go to work in the East End of London. And this too is good. But the highest, the most persevering motive, the highest grace is wanting. What would St. Paul have been without the Divine “constraining” love as the mainspring of all? However the lack of it does not seem to work so ill in earnest men as in earnest women]

The second reason may be, which hardly differs from the first, of the diminishing calibre in Hospital workers: - there is perhaps less regard to personal, so to speak domestic character than there was in Education. Now it is all the “ologies”.

It is delightful how nearly every considerable Hospital here now has its Training School for Nurses. But many of these Hospitals give their certificates at the end of 6 or even 3 months training - at the end of 2 years all, I believe - and then probably lose sight of the Probationer altogether. Some of these Hospitals have as many as 100 Probationers. This system would not so much matter, if the public knew what value to attach to these certificates. But it does not. The certificate signifies a certain degree of skilled professional training. It has nothing to do with personal or ‘home’ character. But the public know nothing of this. And many Institutions engage their nurses & Supts. upon certificates alone (which have thus a high pecuniary value, without any personal reference to the matrons &c, who besides have probably lost their Probationers out of view, & knew little of them while there. All this tends to destroy in the public mind the perception
of the real qualities which stamp a woman as fit for responsible Hospital life.

The entrance to these Training Schools is besides so easy - vacancies occurring perhaps every week - obligations so little binding, a 3 months perhaps - no more - that Hospitals which will not admit for less than a years training & a 2 or 3 years obligation, & keep in sight their trained Nurses always, or as long as desired - tho’ obligations are, as above said, more overwhelming in number, nevertheless have fewer acceptable Probationers. The extraordinary moral power which a real ‘Christian citizen’ (I know not a better word) exerts over say a Mens ward - far above that of Teachers over pupils - for she is ‘always with them’ - illustrates the qualities wanted for responsible Hospital life - e.g. a boy of 5 years old is admitted, knowing no words but oaths & curses. Without much talking good, she controls & raises him till she can teach him his little prayers - & by & bye he becomes an unconscious little missionary in the Ward - The men will not speak a word he ought not to hear. As Christ might well say. ‘the little child is the best preacher of you all.’

On the other hand, the men patients are so sharp -witted. All are now primed by infidel or vicious books & orators. If a sister (Head Nurse) does not act up to her profession, their eyes are lynx eyes to see it.

A Head Nurse who is not a ‘Christian citizen’, or who talks common Scripture phrase without acting it out is the best recruiting serjeant for the ranks of indifference to everything noble & decent. The men are well up in the arguments. Among more material reasons for not finding so high a class of women for Hospital life as heretofore, may be: 1. the rapid rise everywhere in England of High Schools, Colleges, & professions for women - the pay afforded to these by their heads, higher than that afforded by Hospitals. Though the qualities needed for a Hospital Matron are perhaps the
highest of all, yet less book-learning is required. Those who come
to Hospitals from the profession of Education are generally the failures,
(2) the greater independence of School Life over Hospital life which
takes up the whole time & being.

Perhaps the Medical Staff of a Hospital do not yet admit
the Matron as one of themselves, but rather oppose her - tho’
we have not found them at St. Thomas’ Hospital.

These are perhaps some of the reasons which may in
England account for the present - we will hope only temporary -
lack of the highest calibre of women entering Hospital life.

How gladly would I rather submit the remedies to
Your Royal Highness - I could write more; but I perceive
I have already trespassed too long on Your Royal Highness’
precious time - I know not which to ask pardon for first:
my long silence, caused by illness & overwork, or my long letter.

May God bless and He does bless Your Royal Highness’
great work among her subjects & elsewhere. [end]

My dear Sir Harry

I do beg & pray of you
- and you owe me a good
turn - to stay in bed this one
day. Or at least not to get
up before the afternoon -
not till after luncheon -
And let the “one room” you
go into be the Cedar-room -
- not down-stairs -

This is not too much to ask
It is giving yourself a good
chance. F.N.
Claydon June 4/86
Dear Sir Harry
How are you? The wind is North East. The birds did not sing their morning prayers - Pray, pray do not get up. How treacherous you are - At one yesterday you promised that if you did not go to Buckingham you would go to bed & take Sir A. Clark’s medicine every 2 hours IN BED. At 6 I found you up & doing no such thing - and as Nurse said I was quite annihilated.
At 10 you were still up Where is your faith? Now faith has a right to require that you stay in bed at least till one or two - Pray do - I reproach you severely & say God bless you - F.N.

Claydon June 8/86
Most Private
Dearest Margaret Grievous indeed to us is the letter which appears to have been sent you - & without the knowledge of Sir Harry, or, I need not say, of me. She is so very suffering - worse than when you saw her - no sleep & consequently very irritable - We have been obliged to get a third Nurse - She really has no idea of what she writes - & less than none of what effect she produces.
When your dear beautiful letter arrived, she said to me:
"I have had such a beautiful letter from dear Margaret: I did not know that she would care so much (or some word to that effect) for what I wrote" -

Since then, Sir Harry has shown me your letter to her: saying: “Oh how different it might have been, if Margaret had not been the woman she is: a pearl of great price”.

I was going to write to you with Parthe’s concurrence when I received a scratch from her: “I find Harry has written to Edmund”.

That letter, written before he had seen yours, seems to have been almost as unfortunate as hers -

[Sir H. showed me your two notes to him]

As far as I can make out, they are now entirely reconciled by what you have told explained to them with such kindness - & wish: viz - to have the “formal official” Committee meeting in the North Hall, with Sir H. as

President:
the dinner in the “Tent” which Sir H. would not attend. [I am thankful to say he declines all dinners]

And if Capt. Verney wishes for any reason, such as last night’s division, to put off this Annual Meeting of the Liberal Assn. it should be because he wishes it (not they) - as he judges best “for the interests
“of the Liberal cause” is all their wish. They are quite pacific - Sir H. tender -
- I don't know whether you & Capt. Verney are greatly disappointed with last night’s division -
  My feeling is that if, as appears, to be in the plan of Providence that Ireland is within 10 years to manage her own affairs -but with Parliament supreme at Westminster - Providence probably knows how best to manage it - & that this is the most direct course, tho’ it seems to us an uncanny one -

Poor Parthe is so very bad to-day. If I were to tell you the bodily condition, which however is I trust, being removed, you would wonder at nothing - forgive all you always do -
We do so grieve about little Kathleen - & the separation from you of Maude -
  May your own children be all bright, all well!
- Ralph -not a very good night - but thriving to-day -
  God bless you again & again,

dearest Margaret & with kindest love to childer & kindest regards to Capt. Verney in gt. haste - believe me - ever & ever yours in reverence & love F.N.
Excuse this scrawl.
Miss Shalders gone to bed in another room but quite well.

9011/30 initialed letter, 1f, pencil
Claydon  June 15/86
My dear Sir
  Might I ask for the great
  favour of just hearing your
  account of the Invalids
  for a minute?
  Yrs affly
  F. Nightingale
Dr. Benson
At Bletchley (Fenny Stratford) Meeting June 17/86
Sir Harry Verney has done his part here admirably. Nothing could be better than his short speech; quite manly & outspoken in maintaining his own position; quite affectionate towards his son, conciliatory towards the whole meeting. They were obliged to him for coming; he did an infinite amount of good by his kindly presence - He was most warmly welcomed & appreciated; and it is to be hoped he was conscious how welcome he was - He ought to be at the head of the Liberal party in North Bucks: his acceptance of the office of President of the Association will give pleasure to all Liberals & spread dismay among the Conservatives.

10 South St. June 21/86
Dearest Pop I am always thinking of you & longing to hear how you are - & longing still more to think that you are somewhat better & taking care of your dear self - I left my heart behind me - and oh how I pray Our Father, the God of the "refiner's's fire", to make us His children -
I send the paper you wished for - the beautiful testimony to Sir Harry, as you said -
It is, as you will guess, by Capt. Verney -
I send also £10.10 for Dr. Acland - which I meant to have put into your hand.
Fare you very well - fare well, fare well - and Au revoir,
I hope: ever, dearest Pop,
Your loving F.
The weather here
is more like March
than June- a bitter
N.E. wind.
10 South St.  June 26/86
My dear Sir Harry
   At Bath Mr. Fred seems
to be making a noble, impartial
fight of it, speaking up for
Ld. Hartington & Chamberlain,
as he always does; rousing
the Meetings to feeling
responsibility as well as
enthusiasm - dwelling on the
broad principles to be remembered
in the fight, keeping clear
alike of local squabbles, as
he fortunately can, & of what
is even worse, abusive election
gossip - & bringing out that

which you would say in principle
constitutes true liberalism
   This is not what even
the greatest men of the party
have done - And we may
give you joy that your sons
have been among the freshmen
who have kept a higher
tradition - not truckling to
meanner feelings among the
constituents.

Kathleen sends me word
that she is much better, &
feels more like herself
since she moved into the
next room.
   Ralph says he takes long
walks with Grandpa -
both he & Gw. seem in
good plight - thank God -
& please thank Miss Shalders
for her welcome letter.
   I pray that our dearest P.
may be prudent & improve -
with improved settled weather
   ever affly yours & hers F.N.
My dear Sir Harry

First of all let me thank you for introducing Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji to the Senior Whip - I suppose its result has been that Mr. Naoroji as you see stands for Holborn - He had his first Public Meeting on Thursday, (to which he invited me - & of course only the number of Balls on my List prevented my going.)

It was a very crowded & enthusiastic one. Mr. Naoroji spoke exceedingly well - in beautiful English - “it was a wise, great speech” - “a fine expression & intellectual head”

This I hear from the persons to whom I gave my platform Tickets -

I do not know in the least what his chances of success are. It is most important for India: he is the father of the reformers.

2. I have seen Miss Pringle (of Edinburgh) She came from Belfast where she was during the Belfast riots. She says there is infinitely greater danger of the Protestants massacring the R. Catholics than of the R. Catholics “massacring the Protestant women & children.” The aggressors were all Protestants, I am sorry to say - And the cultivated Protestants of Belfast are
thoroughly alarmed & ashamed of them. Miss Pringle is not Gladstonian - but she refused to go to the “burial” of the Bill by the Protestants which, she said, was disgusting.

She asks to send her best love to Parthe - & to say that she could not have gone even for one night, as she would so much have liked, to Claydon - She sympathizes so much with Parthe’s sufferings - She returned to Edinbro’ to-day -

Parthe desired me to send for the letters from No. 4.

I enclose your Income Tax return which you will see ought to have been filled up & sent in yesterday.

A Dieu, A Dieu, A Dieu, & Au revoir - I grieve indeed for my dearest Pop, who, I was in hopes, would have been better for the hotter weather -

I am glad Dr. Acland has been
3. Again, I thank you for writing to the Army & Navy Stores for Barnes - He was made a porter there last week - And his wife has now plenty of new dress. making work.
4. Mrs. Hawthorn is delighted to be started on the (small) Subn. for the Gordon Boys’ Home by your kind contribution which I sent with mine - It was Col. Beaty-Pownall & Col. Hamilton, two of the Executive Commee.

who gave her leave
Thank you so much for Col Philip Smith’s letter.
But for him to forsake his 2000 sons, (daughters-in-law, & grandchildren,) to be made a Major-General
It is maddening
5. F. Arkwright is supporting Ld. E. Cavendish in Derbyshire; and T.W. Evans is going to oppose Sir W. Harcourt.

Fare you both very well ever affly yours & hers
F.N.

[3] I am afraid that I cannot see you on Tuesday as you kindly propose. Miss Crossland is coming to me for a long afternoon, previously to her holiday - But I will keep all Wednesday open for you & Thursday morning, if you will only say the time -
F.N.
10 South St June 27/86
My dearest Pop Thanks exceedingly for your most kind letter. I do trust & pray that you are a little bit better - Has Nurse Taylor been able to resume her Night duty comfortably to yourself - & to have her time entirely off from the time you are dressed till your bed-time, as I know you wished her to have? And how does our excellent Mrs. Davidson do?

2. The butler at No. 4 sent made me his apologies for sending me such a “small” (very large) packet of letters & papers for you & Sir Harry, saying that he “had had a great many more”, but that Sir Harry told him to “send them back to the P.O.” - Another hour, & I suppose Mr. Knowles’ cheque would have been “sent back” to the P.O.

There was also Sir Harry’s Income Tax Return (which I
have sent him) which ought to have been filled up & sent in by the very day it came to me -
I shall send you all I have by Sir Harry, fearing that many things are lost in this way -
I never gave any orders to my maids but that they should forward every thing to me. They thought they knew better, & among the things they had retained as “Circulars”, I found two letters & packets from Mr. Grant Duff, with a book of speeches by Mrs. Grant Duff at Madras - the very best I ever read by a woman - &c &c &c
a letter from Lady Dufferin - at least I think it was among them - &c &c &c
Many Bills I had been looking for - now, tho’ I hate the Platybus (“beast “With a Bill”) it does not quite do to ignore all one’s Bills as “Circulars”!!
My “Parochial Rates” notice &c &c &c &c
&c &c &c &c

Farewell, my dearest, fare you well - I write again ever thy 
F.
Most July 7/86
Private 10, South Street, {printed address:}
             Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir Harry
    You were so good as to speak to me here & at Claydon more than once about your going to Norwich next week - & taking Morey for a “holiday” & also about Capt. Verney’s election
    Would it not be, far from a “holiday”, a most terrible vexation to Morey to take him away on Capt. Verney’s polling day? [He remained for the day of Capt. Verney’s Meeting at Steeple Claydon tho’ you kindly pressed my taking him with me to London on that day. There could scarcely be a greater hurt to Morey’s feelings than to prevent him from voting; or a thing that your own feelings would more disapprove] But this is a small thing in comparison with yourself. O forgive me for feeling strongly, & perhaps writing more strongly than I have any right; where an inconsistency with your honoured position both
as head of the family & as head of the Liberal Association seems involved if you go away on the polling day.

We cannot tell what the future will be: Is it not of great importance that you should not be one to open wider the splits in the Liberal party?

[You said, dear Sir Harry, that you agreed with almost every word about Ireland in Capt. Verney’s speeches.]

How painful a thing it would be for Capt Verney’s feelings to look back upon, if such, now needless, division takes place - making a breach in the family or in the party.

Will you not vote for your son, whom the other Unionist Liberals of North Bucks intend, it would appear, to vote for?

Will you not lend your carriages - an Article which no other Liberal in North Bucks seems to have?
[2] And what they will care for far more, will you - or must this be given up? - not give your presence at Buckingham, your honoured presence, at the declaration of the Poll?

Nothing but your extreme & constant kindness to me, my dear brother, would make me venture on a subject so painful to me, or ask whether, in these times when public opinion runs so high, the Presidency of the Liberal Association could be retained against the majority of the Liberal Association?

Would it not be trying them too much to go contrary to them - & retain the position? [I can conceive nothing so painful to Parthe or indeed to yourself than that you should be President without an unanimous wish of your members.]

Do not the other Unionist Liberals of the Division, having made their protest against Mr. Gladstone’s bills, feel so satisfied of Capt. Verney’s moderation
& honesty that they are going to vote for him? After all, there is much more certainty that your son is a “good fellow” than there is certainty about the future of any political questions.

The show lasts all the week at Norwich, I believe, does it not? And could not you & Morey go there after Wednesday?

It is something like kidnapping a voter - is it not? to take away Morey.

God bless you & my sister. God guide us all.

I need not say that this letter is for yourself alone - as it comes from myself alone.

Forgive me, & believe me ever yours affly
F. Nightingale

Strictly Private

please

{printed address: upside down}
10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
10 South St. July 9/86
My dearest Pop

I would fain hope that with this steady dry weather, you are somewhat less suffering.

Miss Octavia Hill’s letter, so full of sense & conviction, I now return - - I have had a charming letter (M.S.) from her. I did not know she was so genial -

I also return with thanks your letter from Bonjean - the worthy son of a great father - & a number of others, lent me kindly by you -

I hope my friends Ralph & Gwendolyn are now quite flourishing -

General Chamberlain has been here (Sir Neville) - delightful as ever - He says he goes about in his “small way”, as he hopes others are doing, & talks to the people, & when they have grievances, he says, trying to educate them,
if they are new voters:

“Now, you have to send good members to Parliament, who will redress your make good laws - Your grievances are will be now, more or less, your own fault. And, mind you, they will always fall on the poorest - I & others who have a little money at the Bank. But I shall button up my trousers pocket - and money will not fructify, if you don’t send good men to Parlt.

‘Now, let’s talk about what are good men & laws’. I have had the Vice Chancellor of Oxford here twice - & taken the Sacrament - I asked him, of course without mentioning names your question: Had he said that Mr. Gladstone was “crazy with vanity”? He said, so far from having said it, he could never have said anything like it, as, tho’ he was not a Gladstonian, his opinion of him was quite the reverse.
I meant to write you an account of your 'young man' being so tired on the Wednesday & going to a long hot big banquet, so that I sent to enquire after him at peep o' dawn on Thursday - And your 'young man' was gone!! gone to Esher - & came back like a lark.

But I was so angry with his taking up my time with the photos, when there was so much to do

& to say that I won't.

I have had a Mr. Baring here, first cousin of Lord Northbrook, (when I heard Francis Baring announced, I did so think of old Sir Francis) who is going out to India with his newly married wife “for 20 or “30 years”, to arrange for cheap good literature (not Xtian only) a sort of Penny Library or rather Anna Library - an Anna is
half a farthing - in all the Vernaculars for the people, comprising Sanitary agriculture little stories, &c &c &c &c
The Hindoo vernacular literature is, as you know, generally stories of successful cheats [as Macaulay said of Italians, they would all be on the side of Iago]
He came that we might talk over their Sanitary &c wants - so different from those of the English poor.

Thanks many for the splendid little rug - & for the berries & flowers -
I am going to have a man just come from Russia - He writes & says - how deplorable now the state of the peasants - how unlike 1863, when he was there - just what you say.

Your “painters five”, by Lady Eastlake, was left by cruel mistake the morning we started on the drawers under the book=shelves in Capt. Verney’s dressing-room - I was so afraid it, (the two

[3] Vols) would lodge itself there- I made Lizzie write to housemaid - Pray, if it has not returned to you, send Mr. Morey for it.
I am so glad Mr. Ager is better.
A Dieu, A Dieu, A Dieu & au revoir ever thy F.
10 South St July 12/86
Dearest Margaret  God speed you - All good be yours -
And it will be yours -
I hope you slept last night. Here comes a small bottle of Eye Lotion & Eye-glass. Might I have the pleasure of having another small supply ready for you on Wednesday when you go abroad? My very best love to dear Ellin & Lettice who must be in a state of rapture; & to Capt. Verney, if I may -

The good cause will triumph. We never seem to think that God cares for the good cause - But we can trust Him.
I wish I could have heard more from you last night.
God speed. God speed.
I hope you are a little rested.
ever yours
F. Nightingale
I am afraid I shall not see you again for a long, long, time
10 South St. July 14/86

PRIVATE My dear Sir Harry

I will not say anything about your being away from home on your son’s two days, because that would be impertinent - you & poor Morey whose heart & mind must be at Buckingham in North Bucks.

But I know you wish me to & most kindly press me to say all I can about Parthe - And that is best done now when you are away.

You say she “pressed” you “continually” to go to Norwich.

You told me when you were in London & afterwards when you most kindly wrote to me about that most anxious subject: her & her Nurses: that you should take advantage of this “pressing” to tell her that the only condition on which you could leave her would be that you she should relieve your “anxiety” by doing what you asked her about her Nurses -
Nothing has been done -
Or rather, something has been done - And it is much worse than when I was at Claydon - It is impossible to feel too "anxious" about her nursing -

Housemaid Emma has not been employed at all about her, instead of being employed regularly & systematically to relieve the Nurses -

And she, (Parthe - my dearest Pop - oh fatal blindness)
runs the risk of losing the one,

Davidson, she calls the best nurse she ever had,
& justly so - & Nurse Taylor -
-both being thoroughly worn out - nothing having been done to help them I know you kindly wish me to recapitulate:
1. Davidson on night duty -when it is called a better night, Davidson gets up, that is, is called 30 times in one night!! This is the count.
2. The one who is on night duty ought to have at least from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., for sleep, exercise &c, to herself -
3. Housemaid Emma, whom my poor Pop likes, & who is an excellent little Nurse, ought to be, we should say, the whole day in attendance, to help with the needlework, (which was became entirely out of order in Phebe’s time - & which Davidson now does in the afternoon when she ought to be in bed) - to help in lifting, & turning Parthe, to give her her meals in the afternoon, & the thousand & one things which keep the Nurses jumping up every 2 minutes.

4. My dearest Pop thinks that Davidson has time to do the needlework - She never has an uninterrupted two minutes - Nay, neither she nor Nurse Taylor scarcely ever have a meal in peace -

4 5. When Nurse Taylor is on night duty, mutatis mutandis; the same thing is to be said, the same rule laid down.

6. Day duty - It is impossible to keep a woman the whole day on duty - it is done neither with Private nor Hospital Patients - & keep
her contented, efficient & healthy.

7. Both these women are on the eve of going, if no difference is made - Yet both would like to stay with her.

I am merely recapitulating, you will observe, what you have had the kindness to discuss with me:

(8) My dear Parthe, like most other private Patients, who have never nursed private Patients themselves, cannot understand that, though 3 Nurses could nurse in a Hospital many Patients, yet less than three cannot nurse a Patient who, like herself alas!, requires attendance night & day - - much of this attendance by day requiring 2 together -

(9.) You have kindly encouraged, nay pressed me, to discuss these matters with you - the only person who can carry them with Parthe - & I merely put on paper what you have said or written - & assure you that there is nothing more pressing than to carry this out.
I pray God that you may be enabled to do so - No more “anxious” crisis can possibly exist.

[Tho’ it is of importance that Emma should give the whole day to Parthe, yet rather than lose all we ask, as we are doing now, we might compromise the matter by her giving say half the day. But these must be fixed hours, when she should sit within call of Parthe & help in the needlework while waiting a call [She won’t wait many minutes - She will be called about every two or three]

In either case, some one must be had in from the village to do her work. It is impossible to keep that great house clean without at least 3 housemaids, even when you are alone -

Now God grant the power to bring this about -

I would willingly, gladly pay, without Parthe knowing it, Emma’s wages & keep - & you have another housemaid.

I see Parthe’s nursing rushing down to destruction, & wish to help you to save it. No one else can save it.

May God give the power.
Yes: every one must be glad Lord Hartington is in, & sorry Trevelyan & many another is out - even Goschen. We had always better have the Chiefs of every party in than Tom, Dick & Harry.
I am sorry Arch is out - Dadabhai Nowrajee is a great loss - And so is Evatt - But I am not here to talk politics -

God speed you -
ever affly yours - F.N.

Most Private

[4]
You see, of course, that Capt. Verney lost by only 71 in 8800 votes -
I have no one to share my grief & disappointment -
F.N.

9011/40 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:656]

10 South St. July 14/86
Such a grief & disappointment - we don't know how to express it - but no defeat - such a gallant fight - this new method of conducting a canvass how many have been instructed, how many have been raised from sordid life by it - how much of the higher life has been given them - No defeat but a victory - against all odds, a minority of only 71 in 8800 votes!
I predict a long life in
Parliament to Capt. Verney still
I would strew flowers in your way as ‘conquering heroes’ if there were time - as bridegroom & bride, going forth to run your course -
  God speed you both - & give you a beautiful journey.
Love to Ellin & Lettice & Capt. Verney.
  I venture to send you a little Eye Lotion -
  & a few roses - all I can get, to strew in your path -

Now, good cheer to the Hubb Heroes & not to the Hubbards -
  All hail, tho’ with tears:
& fare you very well.
  And take a little rest.
There is joy in it yet.
  ever & ever
  Your loving
  Aunt Florence

10 South St. July 15/86
My dear Sir Harry
  Yes: it is a terrible distress -
But, for all that, Margaret & Capt. Verney are they that have obtained the victory: & not their successful competitor -
  Covent Garden should have sent all his - its roses to strew in her path, had I but had time after the Telegram came - For Margaret is she “that overcometh” & Capt. Verney too.
  I sent more than once to 37 Cornwall Gardens yesterday afternoon.
but only got one message, after they were gone. 
(from a maid) that “Mrs Verney was very well but 
very much upset” - I am 
afraid that means, very tired. 
They did not dine at Cornwall 
Gardens, & Capt. Verney was 
not there at all. They 
were to arrive at Amiens 
in the middle of the night 
& stay there till this 
afternoon, as you know 
- perhaps the best thing for 
them to go abroad - 

“Be strong & of a good courage” 
ever yours affly
F. Nightingale

9011/42 initialed letter, 4ff, pen.  [5:352-53]

MOST PRIVATE  July 28/86
{printed address:} 10, South Street, 
Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir Harry
You were so good as to talk to 
me about the N. Bucks 
Election & of your deep 
distress at its result - a 
distress which is shared 
more bitterly than can be 
conceived by the Liberal party 
- manly men shedding tears. 
You also, as I understood, 
desired more keenly than 
anything else to use your 
great influence to re-unite 
the party - & thus that the
sorrow should bear fruit, as you were as much surprised as distressed that the seat should have been transferred from Liberal to Tory - & that your words letters should have been so misunderstood as to have been freely used by the Tories against your son, read by the Chairman of a Tory Meeting amid “rounds of cheering”, & one was actually printed by them & distributed - as against Capt. Verney -

Your great kindness to me makes me think - & indeed you have assured me over & over again - that you do not consider it impertinent in me to reciprocate your sorrow & even to make suggestions to carry out your wishes. It would be easy & natural for you to state, in a letter to the Liberal paper of North Bucks, something of this kind: would it not? - that ‘there has been so much ‘misconception in North ‘Bucks as to my attitude
during the recent election
that I ask you to find
space for the following
statement: it is well
known that I could not
conscientiously accept
Mr. Gladstone’s proposals
as regards Ireland. The
Irish Govt. Bill in my
opinion contained serious
defects which, had I been in Parliament, would have prevented my supporting it. But, on the other hand, there was, and is, no Conservative policy for Ireland before the country

which appears to me a desirable alternative; and, altho' the Irish question was the question of the day during the elections, it is by no means the only question which the new House of Commons will have to deal with. I am as heartily & as strongly in favour of the Liberal cause as ever I was in my life, and, as, in North Bucks, the issue was a clear one between Liberalism & Conservatism, I voted for the Liberal side candidate
‘and lent my carriages
to take voters to the
poll. I deeply regret
that some of our Liberal
friends should have,
on this occasion, supported
the Conservative candidate,
and I regret still more
that this constituency
should have swerved,
only, I hope, for the
moment, from Liberal
principles. There is
now but one course
to take, to close our
ranks again, and to
do our utmost to make
a second defeat

‘impossible. Whatever
help towards this end
I can give will be given
gladly.’

I sympathize so deeply in
your disappointment & distress,
my dear brother, that I know
you will accept this as a
token of sympathy, even if
you differ as to its
practicability.

   God bless you - God speed the
right.
   
   ever yrs affly
   F.N.

9011/43 telegram, 1f, pencil [5:351]

{not FN.’s writing; on Post Office printed form, stamped Steeple Claydon, Jy 3, 86}
Sir Harry Verney
    Steeple Claydon Bucks
Oh no it is not
lost at Bath defeat in
Battle so nobly waged is
victory
    Nightingale
10 South St. July 21/86  
My dearest Pop  
   How good of you to be thinking of Miss Crossland & our Probationers - But if Miss Crossland comes back by the time you mention, I should beat her - She is distressingly tho’ not dangerously out of health. If she fails altogether, we fail altogether - She is travelling on the coast of Ireland with the lady from whom we had her - may God bless her!

I do not even write to her, in hopes that she may forget us for the time being & hope not to hear of her till August 10 or 11. The earliest day on which she will return is [illeg] August 11th. [It ought to be but will not be the 18th.] I should say the earliest day she could come to the lovely day at Claydon, so much longed for, is any day that will suit you after say the 14th.

2. Am I to return you Dr. Acland’s sketch of the Sofa & Water Mattress?  
   You do not say - All I can say is that I know the relief of it - the ease of moving it - & that the sooner you have it, & the Acct. is sent to me, the better - I wish I could think you were materially better - ever your F.
9011/45 initialed letter and envelope, 1f, pen

envelope:
{printed address:} 10, South Street.
   Park Lane. W.
   The Honble
      Dadabhai Naoroji
        35 Hogarth Road
           S.W.
letter:
Florence Nightingale
28/7/86

July 28 {archivist: 1886}
{printed address:} 10, South Street.
Park Lane. W.
I shall not be able to come
tomorrow, I am sorry to say -
I hope on Thursday, but will
write. Bryant tells me that
she is engaged (to come in a
fortnight) - I hope Parthe thinks
well of her -

ever yours, & hers affly
F.N.

9011/46 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St Aug 3/86
My dear Sir Harry
You are so good as to
require my criticisms on
your draft -
The only questions I will
venture to ask are
p.2 A1 - does it not contradict
the earlier part of your
letter? Would you not
put something of this kind
in?
“Although &c
A1 down to “Liberals”

A2
I think you meant to say
something different from
what the word “settled”
implies.
I have ventured to alter suggest
a few words, being altered:
see A 2

God bless you & my sister
ever yours & hers affly
F.N.
I write in haste, for you
will doubtless wish to get the letter printed in this week’s Liberal paper
A1  p.2
Instead of “To the late Govt. to “opponents” would you not insert:

“Although it was impossible for me to support [5:354]
“the Irish Policy of the late Government, yet as a thorough Liberal it would have been a violation of my life-long convictions to have in any way assisted the return of a Conservative - my vote was therefore given in favour of a Liberal as against a Conservative; and every horse & carriage in my possession was put at my son’s disposal on the polling day - the conveyances on the Conservative side being in North Bucks, as in so many other constituencies, far more numerous than those of the Liberals”

A2  p.2
Instead of “My hope now is” to end - would you not put

“My hope now is that, when the next election comes, it will be made clear that the constituency of N. Bucks has not swerved from Liberal principles, that [omit “then”] we may close our ranks again - and do our utmost to make another defeat impossible - What ever help I can give towards this object will be given gladly”

[You do not really wish - I know you do not, to defer the triumph of liberalism in No. Bucks to some distant & uncertain date, after the ‘settlement’ of the Irish question? I think that was probably some mistake in the word “settled”] would be made]

9011/47 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St.
Private  Aug 16/86
& Confidential

My dear Sir Harry

It was very good of you to leave at my door the printed slip of your letter “written” for Capt. Verney’s “nomination” of which “Mr. Perkins read only
“a Paragraph.”

[Unluckily I had a Matron with me, & could not see you again then]

I concur that it would “not do to publish”. It

2. You were so good as to speak to me about the case.
   I understand that the so-called
“Gladstonian” Liberals holding themselves now, for the most part, open to consider any proposal Bill which will unite the Party on the lines of a large measure of local self-government - i.e. open to consider any proposal the they Hartingtonians make that is in accordance with the main principle of local self government for Ireland - you now wish to show that, as between a Tory & Capt Verney, you would warmly go in for Capt. Verney -

I can suggest nothing but the letter you were so kind as to approve, & of which you sent me afterwards a Pencil Draft - which I returned with some suggested corrections.

If you will say that, or something like it, the sooner it is published, the better: is it not?

I would again suggest, what however you have already approved, that nothing should be published without the approval of the best men on Capt. Verney’s Commee., of whom I suppose know from you Mr. Perkins is thought by you one of the best - And
d

3. You were so good as to mention to me the necessity of a “compromise” to unite “the Party”. That “compromise” must be as above: must it not?

God bless you

& reunite the Liberals

[2]
is the earnest prayer of
   yours ever affly
       F.N.
With regard to the “picture”
for “Wolverton”, I thought
it was the engraving of Gordon
(“The Last Watch”) in my
drawing-room you wished for -
It is much at your service.
   Surely the “Balaclava Charge”
is too old & not ancient
   enough.
   Fare you very well -
       F.
My dearest Pop

You were so good as to say that you would wish me to come any time, as soon as possible - I wish it could be immediately - But I am so crowded with work, I am afraid it cannot be before Tuesday week, Aug 31, or the day after, Sept 1, - for 3 or 4 weeks, if I am afraid convenient to you - I am afraid that I must be back here for October for business - And possibly your children may be coming to you even sooner than October, in which case I would leave you even sooner, if inconvenient to keep me - But we need not talk of that yet - I hope you have had some good out of the weather which, I am told, had been beautiful in the country.

God bless you - ever, my dear Pop, your loving F.
as soon as I can.

    But, dearest, it is as much out of the possibility of human things as anything I know of that I shall ever be able to sit in the Saloon & listen to “the music” - And Sir Harry must not come, offering me his dear arm, & saying: “You
must come down, because
‘I ask you’, into the Saloon -'
I shall probably never be
able to come down-stairs
at all, except to doddle
out quite alone & unseen
into the garden occasionally -
But it is almost as impossible
to get out & in of Claydon House
unseen, as in & out of Windsor
Castle]
I am very sorry that I could
not come this week -
I shall hope that you will
be able to spend part of
your afternoons in the Blue
Room, if I am there, as
we did before -
Lady Dufferin’s work is
very heavy in hand -
I do trust that this weather
is at all events doing you
some good - It must be
charming in the country -
You are very good about
the Nurses: Probationers: Mrs. Wardroper
is ill & gone away - And I
hope her letters do not follow
her. And the Miss
Crossland is so busy - & the
Probationers doing so much
extra work in the Hospital
that I fear their longed for
jaunt cannot come off
just now -
I shall see Miss Crossland
to-day -
ever your loving
F.
“Qly Review: London Library: Russia”
If it was that one you kindly lent
me in the Blue Room, I sent or carried
down all the books you lent me the day
before I left - June 18 -
I certainly have not got it.
F.N.
Sept 8/86
My dearest Pop
I am so very sorry to trouble you; but you see this young man is gone off to London without telling me he was going.
I had not the faintest idea that the Nurses were kindly invited for to-morrow.
I understood you to say that they were not to come till the Georges came;
& that this would "only "necessitate a change of "decorations
Pray just send me whichever Telegram I am to send
It ought to go this minute
thy
F.

[in FN hand]
Telegram to Miss Copeland to put off coming till after 18th
that you, F.N. will write.
Sept 8/86 F.P.V.

Claydon Sept. 28/86
Dearest Margaret I fain would say what I cannot say how deeply we grieve for you & with you. We trust, indeed we know that all will go well, & we know how brave you are - but oh it is a grievous end or interruption to your journey - May God renew the bright young little life, so precious.
My love to Capt. Verney, if I may
& to dear Ellin, & oh for yourself
unceasing fervent prayer -
And do not quite overdo
yourself -
   You may have written here:
but Mr. Fred left it to me what
I should say here - I have only
to Sir Harry said that you
were detained at Leipzig
because Lettice was not well,
& nothing to my sister.
I do not write about other things,
engrossing as they are
For what can they be like this?
We shall hang on tidings.
    God loves you well - God bless
you -
    ever yours
    Aunt Florence

9011/52 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10/9/86
My dear Sir Harry
    I told your kindness
yesterday that it is
really impossible for me
to have Mr. Richmond
before the 18th.
    If you were to see
the crises of work
which come to me every
morning, necessitating,
to me almost prostrate,
10 & 12 hours of what
ought to be work every
day, my "consenting"
would "make" you not
"happy" but unhappy -
- I told Parthe this
    F.N.
I will gladly see you
as you propose at 12.

    This morning has come
to me work regarding
the maintenance or
abolition of a whole
Dept. besides
much else -
    I must have the whole
of next week, if anything
is to be done -
And you would not
wish 'nothing' to be done,
? I know you would
not.
May I say that I am sure it will make Parthe very uneasy if you take a long ride to-day - Could you not put these gentlemen on their way - & you come home with the groom? Pray do.

F.N.

11/9/86

Lady Verney

Would you be so good as to let some flowers go to poor Mrs. Wardroper to-day?

I am sending her eggs & a chicken - And the flowers, if kindly granted by you, might go in the same box, if ordered now, early -

The Nurses were so more than delighted with their day on Saturday -

F.N.

28/9/86

Dearest Margaret

We hope the news of dear Lettice, to whom our best love, was a little better yesterday. Sir Harry's heart & my sister's are full of you. They hope, when you send Capt. Verney & Ellin away, that some one will go to you - if it is Maude, they hope she will send the children here - It seems impertinent of me to suggest, when you must have turned all these
things over in your own heart, but while Capt. Verney is there - he is such a good nurse - could not you go & lie down in his lodging for a few hours while he sits by Lettice - You say she wishes only to lie quiet in a dark room. It may be a long affair - you must save yourself for her & them - You cannot be always with her day & night, without knocking yourself up, dear

Margaret - No one could. Have you a room in the Hospital adjoining hers? Our best love - God bless you ever yours

F.N.

Major & Mrs. George Verney, James, Catherine, Baby & Hector the dog, left here on Tuesday - Major, & James for Carriden.

9011/56 initialed note, 1 f., pencil

Sir Edward Buck’s address is

30 Craven Street
Strand
London

if Sir Harry wishes to telegraph

F.N.

2/10/86

9011/57 signed letter, 3ff, pen & pencil [1:657-58]

Claydon Oct 9/86

Dear, dear Margaret It wrings one’s heart - how it must wring yours! your account
of the darling child. Yet how deeply pathetic & beautiful & touching - May God bless you is our cry every moment of the day and He will bless you. But for her wise mother & admirable Nurse - what a Nurse you are, God speed you - & for all the Medical care & appliances so close at hand & so wisely seized upon, it might have been so much
worse - I have never known a similar case - it must be a very uncommon one, I should think - But I have known cases of apparently less severity where there was raving delirium. And from this agonizing state you have saved her, I believe.

The Father Almighty says: “I will take her in charge, so you 'abide in my love.'” And you do 'abide in His love', dearest Margaret. & so we cannot doubt He has her in charge.{pencil}

He is very near you in the little Leipzig room - consecrated now to His love.

Darling Lettice, I live in mother’s beautiful rooms at Claydon & think of her & you. And I keep her East window open at night, & hear the birds whispering their morning prayers to God before the dawn: then comes the dawn of another day - & I think of mother. Then the cock begins in the court-yard with his loud impertinent cry - & all the hens, white, black & Oxford mixture, come out on the lawn to my indignation, for they grab about & feed on the lawn - And if a solitary thrush comes
modestly in the corner under the trees for his worm, they run at him, & say: "That worm is ours". And the thrush retires discomfited - And I think of getting a pea-shooter & shooting peas at the hens. But I know they would only stop & pick them up. But, If I do but shake my window, they run away, for they know their conduct is greatly to be disapproved. Then, at 8 o’clock, as I have observed at Lea Hurst & wherever I have been, the singing birds stop their songs & twittering & go away somewhere - to breakfast for half an hour.

Thank you so very, very much for writing so fully. We hang upon your news - How occupied you must be, beloved Nurse - But it is very good of you, indispensably so, to keep diligently to your little walks & runs - {pencil}
When you write of Lettice singing like a “little bird” to herself, then I think of the morning singing birds under your E. window here - & God’s carol in their voices - Grandpapa & Grandmama shed tears over your letter.
Fare you very well, sweet Saint, much tried one - God’s daughter of wisdom ever your 
F. Nightingale
9011/58 initialed note, 1f, pencil

Do you like this letter to Lady Belper to go?

*Shall I see Mr. Jowett first? & he have his tea up in the Blue Room? as I cannot see him late.*

your F.

Oct 9

(archivist: 1886}

9011/59 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 S. St. Oct 21/86

My very dear Pop

Had you not better see the Photographs Sir Harry brought from Esher to-day before they are printed off? I am like a jackass to choose between them.

No time to write to-day - Medical Officer from Burma just arriving -

ever thy

F.

9011/60 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Oct 21/86

My dear Sir Harry

I was afraid you were so very much tired yesterday. And - this horrible weather. Pray let me hope you are not worse -

I wanted to have seen Frank about his Wesleyan prospects, if you wished it - But it was impossible for me yesterday or to-day - And you will do it much better than I - Gordon said
the first results of our
religion ought to be
to make us do our daily
work well.
How do you like the maid?
But don’t trouble to write
to me now.
God bless you - And He
    will bless you -
ever affty yours & Parthe’s
    F.N.

9011/61 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St. Oct 25/86
My dearest Pop
    I am so thankful that
you have decided about the
photo. As you observe, the
Nurses are the Nurses - And
it would be the play of Hamlet
with the part of Hamlet, i.e.
the part of the Nurses, left out.
The faces of the Nurses are
better in some of the photos
than in others. And they
are Hamlet -
    I do not know quite
which two photos you mean,

when you kindly say: Shall
we command 25 of the one
& 25 of the other? But
yours is the judgment - & I
wish ye the top’ o’ the morning
Only I think I would
“command”, if it is not too
much, 40 or 50 of the one
& and 40 or 50 of the other -
Some of the Doctors want
copies - (Heaven knows how
they heard of it) - And I like
them so much to care about
the Probationers -
    And of course each Probationer
in the Home must have a copy - & all the matrons who have sent me their views in tiers (not tears) of their Nursing Staffs - & some others but no one out of Hospital -

Thanks many.

You see Mr. Gladstone has been stung in the eye lid by a wasp - Was that Lord Randolph?

Sunday

My dearest Pop. I am afraid I shall not see you to-day. But this is not my fault. I did not call for him.”

Au revoir demain - thy

F.

9011/62 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W.

Nov 2/86

My dear Capt. Verney

I should be so extremely sorry not to see you before you go to Margaret at Leipzig - that I cannot help trying, tho' you must be so busy, & I can hardly mention a time, (because I am seeing people going to India & am almost laid up with a cough) -

Sir Harry thinks you are going on Thursday evening - Would it be possible for you to see me on Thursday at 3 -

God speed you: ever yours affly.

F. Nightingale
9011/63 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Nov 4/86
My dear Capt. Verney
If you are not gone, might
I have the great pleasure
of seeing you any time
before 3.30 to-day, if only
for 10 minutes?
I am laid up in bed - I
should be so sorry not to see
you - that I ask this great
favour -
Tomorrow is Inkermann Day:
to-day is the day we landed at
Scutari 32 years ago. so you
ought to grant it:
ever yours
F. Nightingale

9011/64 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Nov 25/86
My dear Sir Harry
Princess Narès desires
me to say that you must
come & lunch with her
on Wednesday.
She goes in the afternoon
to Oxford (with Fred & Maude)
by Mr. Jowett’s invitation
& sleeps there - returning
on Thursday morning,
when if you cannot lunch
with her on Wednesday, she
would like to see you on
Thursday - She leaves England on
Monday - F. N.

9011/65 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. Nov 9/86
Thank God, my dearest Pop,
that it was no worse -
It might have been such a
frightful accident -
And thank you so much for
remembering Inkermann, 
& sending me the little book - 
On the same day, perhaps 
by accident, your woodman 
sent me some beautiful 
Chrysanthemums - Please tell 
Mr. Morey to thank him.
But I do think of you so much
I am afraid there is no chance of my coming, as you so kindly wish -

I get up to-day, I hope, for the first time for some days. But I don’t think there is any chance of my going out this winter - And, you see, I can do a good deal here - indeed I must do a good deal - tho’ not what I should wish -

Our things don’t prosper -
I saw Mrs. Wardroper, looking so feeble -
God bless you, my dearest Pop ever your F.

Have you seen a translation from the Mahabharata, called the Song Spiritual -
It reminds me so of what M. Mohl used to say - It is beautiful - Mr. Jowett sent it me -
I have been seeing Indians by the bushel

[4:503]

9011/66 signed letter, 4ff, pen

10 South St. Nov 27/86
Indeed, dearest Margaret, we are always thinking & feeling with you. How trying it is that the darling child makes so little progress - But one always hopes on. Still one feels that provision must be made for a long illness - Would not you who are wise with the wisdom of the Saints consider that no one can go on night after night with such close Nursing as you give
her - Nursing which she could have from no one else, [how she would miss you, body & soul, when you are not able
to go on with it?] without feeling it afterwards - I do not mean when she gets well - but while such Nursing as yours is still essential to her. It might make all the difference between recovery & not, if she could not have it.

Is it not the nights when you indulge too much in the luxury of Night Duty Nursing? The dear little Patient goes to sleep, does she not? at dusk. But you do not. And in the small hours you are always called up. Without waiting till you are quite exhausted to take a night in another room,

would you not make it a conscientious duty to take at least one night a week, but rather two, in another room? Will you not do it in the prospect that, if you do not in time, you may at last be obliged to give up Night duty altogether? I am sure Lettice would press it, if she knew - She was always a remarkable child. The most pathetic thing I ever saw was a letter of yo hers, dictated, to Claydon in which she said she thought the mother of the little German girl cried too much over her - "My mother is gay" - - the heroism of the mother,

the sympathy & understanding of the child seeing the mother’s love in her gaiety

Lettice once sent me a Xmas Card with a picture of the Nativity - & a verse about the little baby Christ - & who
could have foreseen such results from the untoward cradle? It should give us faith in God’s plans - It was a remarkable choice Pardon an old woman preaching about Night Nursing.

I do feel so grieved for the poor little scarlet cheek under the ice -
I was delighted with Capt. Verney’s kindness in bringing me that picture- Idyll of the wooing of the cats: the lady seated on the top of the highest chimney-pot receiving the tender but respectful addresses of the lover. Alas! later on they quarrel and - scratch. I hope, my Lettice, you will never scratch Aunt Florence or let Aunt Florence scratch you - oh woeful warning of the pernicious result of an uncertain temper: the bride scratches the bridegroom!! & then actually drives him down the stairs.

“It is all very well to dissemble your love
“But why should you kick me downstairs?
However, they make it up.
& let us hope, live happy for ever after.

Nelly Owen who is doing so well is quite concerned about Lettice - I asked her whether she would send a message - & she said, quite simply, her round pretty bright face all tearful: Tell her I am so sorry for them both.
Ah dearest Margaret, life
Hospital life has such a charm
for me - I prefer it so infinitely
to a ‘genteel residence’ in
May Fair. I wish I were with
you. But I know how you
must yearn after the party
at Rhianva - & Harry - at
his age 6 months makes a
difference, a growth, of years
so interesting to watch.

I have not written since
I left Claydon. But I
greedily see all the letters
to Claydon - & Maude is
so good as to translate
short hand for me -
I do not ask you to write,

tho' you know it is the
greatest pleasure I have
when you do.

I have been very much
immersed in anxious
business - It seems as
if Sanitary Commissions,
both in India & England,
our work of 30 years,
were to be overthrown -
But we are trying to save
them.

Capt. Verney was looking
Very well when he returned
from Leipzig - May God’s
blessing rest upon you
(in haste) ever yours
F. Nightingale
My dear Sir Harry

I have been so pressed to see Lord Cross that I have consented to let him be asked to give me an interview - I said that I had a letter of introduction from you. Would you kindly send me one?

The subject for which I have to see him is: the Sanitary Commissioners in India whose reports are sent, by the together with other printed Minutes, to the India Office to the Army Sanitary Committee here for criticism - And both Committee & Commissioners, & the work of 30 years, Sidney Herbert’s & Lord Lawrence’s work, appear to be now in peril.

Thank you for sending me dear Margaret’s letter. How very sad the account of Lettice -

I think of my dearest Pop hourly. I wish you could send me the account I long to hear.

I trust you have had no more giddiness -

God bless you both ever affly yrs

F.N.
Xmas Day  
1886
{printed address:} 10. South Street,  
Park Lane. W.
Ah dearest Margaret. God  
has sent us the most  
beautiful Christmas loving  
gift through you -  
der Lettice better.  
Thank God - God bless you.  
We read with tears of joy  
your lovely account of the  
Christmas tree.  
ever yours  
Aunt Florence  
May I send the twelve months  
of the New Year to Lettice?

10. South Street. Dec 30/86
My dearest Pop - My heart  
is always with you - If  
I have not written, it is  
because I really have not been  
able. The arranging of Xmas  
distributions, besides my  
other work - - I think I shall  
do no more Xmassing es -  
Margaret's dear letter  
has been a Xmas gift  
indeed - but don't you  
think there is a vein of  
sadness about her now.
as if we had made too much of it, & there was not really such an improvement in Lettice, It was the most beautiful letter - It shall be returned to you next week -

I wish you, oh such a good New Year, in spite of all For in many an effort for good, you can still find happiness. But still I hope for diminished pain, & believe in it & to Sir Harry the same good New Year -

Abominable Randolph’s prank is disastrous - just as we have got the Secretaries of State to do something for us. The only thing for us now is for Goschen (who is a Conservative) to take Randolph’s place - & let the Cabinet members stay as they are - Administration is now utterly sacrificed to party politics.

They chop & change the Offices among the Ministers (Cabinet) as if we were at a pantomime
The life, terrestrial & eternal,
of 250 millions,
or of the whole Forces,
of course signifies nothing
- a mere Xmas Card to
play.
If they are going to do that
chopping & changing now,
as they chop & change poor Ryots’
land in India), why God
save us, for He alone can -
My best Xmas & New Year's love
to Sir Harry - And remember
me kindly to Mrs. Davidson

[2]
I enclose a little note from
Ellen Tollet - but a little
scrap, a few feeling lines in
pencil, asking us to pray
for her, I liked much better.
You know perhaps that Lady
Belper has moved poor Freddy
to her own house - near Kingston.
But the account is very bad
No real recovery of
consciousness - Sometimes,
she says," I can scarcely
bear it"
ever dearest Pop your old Flo

9011/70 unsigned note, 1f, pencil {archivist: ?1886} {responding to a brief not on the
same folio}

Don’t send me the “Chaplain
of the Fleet”, please -
How is Ellen Tollet?
I possess Henry Fawcett,
one of the very best biographies
- don’t you think? - & have also
given him to Working Men’s
Libraries
New Year’s Day
{archivist: 1883}

Dearest Margaret It would be quite impossible for me to go to Col Philip Smith’s “party” any how - much more to see Parthe too - Will you not go - & take my compliments to his (grand) =children?

I will be with my sister from 4 to 5 - so that to pass the time of your absence for her a little

I must be back here at 5 - or I would come to her at 5, in order that she might miss you less.

The 10/ was repayment for your cards - which I stole from you -

Sir Harry has appointed the Schoolmaster at 6 - But I think he will not be back by 6 - I will put off the pedagogue -

F.N.
10 South St Jan 12/87
My dear Sir Harry
  I thought you had a New Year’s present for me; but it has not come -
  You did quite right to stay in the country. There was nothing but fog to bring you to London.
  I have been so busy that I have been unable to write
- Many, many thanks for dear Margaret’s letters

“Do not be thinking of how little you have to bring God but of how much He wants to give you “
  That is at p. 19 of “With Christ”- I am sure you will be pleased with p.p. 18, 19 - & indeed the whole section III

The trifling & frivolity with which people treat a shuffling of Ministers in the same Cabinet - a change of administration tho’ not of Ministry - is so wicked that I can care nothing about parties -
  There is an end of all good administration - If Secretaries of State change every 4 months, it is absurd to expect that they can resist lead the permanent officials - the India Council -or the many departments of the War Office
  One party is just as bad
as the other in this respect.
And the language of the
Times & indeed all the papers
is disgusting: “Ld. Salisbury
“has now two Offices to
dispose of” as if they
were ‘good service’ pensions
or [illeg] sacks of flour -
On us the calamity falls
with a crushing weight -
Just as W.H. Smith was
Jan 13

Just as I was writing this
last night, we heard of Lord
Iddesleigh’s sudden death:
one of the best men, & the best
S. of S. for India we have had

[2]
He said to Miss Pringle when,
as ?Rector of Edinburgh Univy.,
he visited the R. Infirmary:
“I never see Miss Nightingale
now: she only cared for me
as S. of S. for India”.
I am sorry now
I did not
write & ask him to come -
But I had not the brass.
His death makes the world
the poorer

Mr. Goschen is in his right
place now - If only he had
taken Ld. Randolph’s Office

& none of the other shufflings
had taken place, it would
have done very well to put him
in that Office. Let him
keep it. [end 5:527]

Fare you both very well -
ever yours & hers
F.N.
My dear Capt. Verney

I only heard late last night that you were in London & going to Leipzig to-day.

Or I should have petitioned for a little visit before you see those dearest ones -

All peace & even joy attend you, for we know what love you bring them & they you -

The Winslow meeting seems to have been successful - May you have many more such!

I need scarcely ask you to give Aunt Florence’s dearest & anxious love to the darling child & the beloved Mother - & to take this picture book to Lettice -

Fare you all very well -

I do not like to ask you to write a word in English to tell me how you really find them - for I know you write in short-hand to

Maude & Mr. Fred. And they often kindly give me news. You will know how painfully I have been occupied in consequence of the sinful frivolity of this shuffling of Cabinet Offices, as if they were a pack of cards. Administration is almost at an end, when Secretaries of State are changed every 4 months.

Farewell farewell. I hope you are well & will have
a good passage-
Fond love again & again to
the dear ones at 88 -
   ever yours affly
   F. Nightingale
How Maudie misses her
   Mervyn!
My dear Capt. Verney

I received your note last evening - I feel with you more than you can imagine. It is indeed the greatest difficulty that I remember in political life since 1832. I am so sorry, so infinitely sorry for both sides. Fathers & sons are set against each other, brothers against brothers, & husbands against wives. It is hard beyond measure for them to diminish in any one particular the hearty & loyal support they always gave him.

Will you not kindly think that a personal trust may sometimes fill up a gap created by unavoidable political differences - & is it not an essential part of the liberal creed to honour a divergence in political conviction when it is the result of careful & honest study?

I think many of my Father’s old friends for my Father’s sake feel that personal trust in his son which enables them to [see] support him heartily, even where not agreeing with him entirely.

I would fain hope that you & my father may perhaps do the same -

You know or perhaps you hardly know how painful it is to me to pain you.

or half past or at three?

My dear Sir Harry

It was a relief to me to hear from you this morning,
because I had heard not a very good account of you - I send you another bit:

“We understand then that our true aim must not be to work much, & have prayer enough to keep the work right, but to pray much & then to work enough for the power & blessing obtained in prayer to find its way through us to men” p. 252
of "With Christ'. You will like the whole Section 31st. [end 3:411]

I am so pressed & harassed that I cannot take time to write. Miss Crossland too is staying here -

It is wonderful that Parthe is able to go out this weather. I fear she suffers from the great cold -

Here the fog - this is my 30th winter in London & I have never seen anything like it.

I hope Mr. Ager, tho' better, will take a 3 months' holiday, & try what that will do for him, before finally determining against the School.

God bless you both -

ever hers & yours

F.N.

9011/76 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St Jan 18/87

I am perplexed, my brother Jonathan

You sent me copies of letters about the £400 to S.C. Hall in 1857 dated in 1857. but nothing else was in the Envelope but some verses by a Serjt. on Balaclava - & your letter dictated to Morey, with a P.S. in your own hand, that you would give £5, if I would, apparently to S.C. Hall Good old gentleman! I am sure I will if you wish it. But what is the appeal that

ever, dearest Pop, your F.
10 South St. Jan 22/87

Welcome both, to London dear people

"When we feel how impossible it is for us to apprehend God’s readiness to hear us, then He would have us come & open our heart for the Holy Spirit to shed abroad God’s Father-love there. Let us do this not only when we want to pray, but let us yield heart & life to dwell in that love. The child who only wants to know the love of the father when he

'has something to ask will be disappointed - But he who lets God be Father always & in every thing, who would fain live his whole life in the Father’s presence & love, who allows God in all the greatness of His love to be a Father to him, he will experience most gloriously that a life in God’s infinite Fatherliness & continual answers to prayer are inseparable"...

p. 43 "With Christ"

My dear Sir Harry I sent to Rivingtons for this book which I thought would do for your poor bereaved woman - My mother was so fond of it -
But I sent to him also for another book: where each hymn is founded on a part of the Burial Service, as this is on a part of the Visitation Service. But he says he never published such an one. And perhaps I may have dreamt it. Parthe will know
If she says yes, I will try & get it I think it was either edited by Moultrie or had hymns in it by him. & was called Hymns for Mourners

Major George wrote to me very kindly to ask if he might bring the photographs to-day for me to see. But it was quite impossible in my state - Will you kindly tell him so?

I thought he would come up & show them to Parthe & you - & then I might come in for the tail end - He has been so very kind about it all -

ever yours & hers

F.

How is Parthe tonight?

Feb 7/87
My dear Sir Harry
Will 12 suit you?
I am very sorry indeed about Mr. Morey. I do request that he will see some accredited Doctor - And I will gladly pay the guinea Dr. Ord of St. Thomas is such an one: 7 Brook St. If he likes to mention my name, he may. But let him take the guinea in his hand - (not as if I wished for advice free) Or Mr. Fred's Dr.

Townsend is a good man, but not a great physician like Dr. Ord - If I knew what the case was, I could recommend better a choice of names -
May God renew Mr. Morey's health. I always feared he was doing too much

F.N.

9011/80 initialed note, 1f, pencil

Please say: shall I write to Dr. Fyfe?
Yes or No
11/2/87 F.N.
9011/81 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

11/2/87
Would you kindly desire Dr. Fyfe’s answer to be brought to me, if you will permit me to open it?

[I will communicate directly with Parthe.]
As Morey has written to Dr. Fyfe, asking him to send his orders to me, it would be perhaps saving some confusion to Parthe, if I it were to come to me - Any how would it not be better? Shall I see you this afternoon after Kensington? F.N.

9011/82 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil

Feb 11/87
My dear Sir Harry
Yours is a difficult question to answer
I have a letter from Morey in which he describes himself as very poorly - "very far from well" - He has written to Dr. Fyfe & asked him to send his orders to me -

I should be inclined to ask Dr. Fyfe himself: 'do you think you should see Mr. Morey again before he leaves for so far as Devonshire? or is writing enough?'

If Dr. Fyfe says: ‘see him again', I should ask Mr. Morey to come up here from to-morrow (Saturday) till Monday, sleeping in my spare room.
But it is of the utmost consequence - not to disturb Morey’s mind with uncertainties & questions, & making up his mind at the moment, but to make it all plain sailing for him - [I know
what all that dreadful
to-ing & fro-ing is to a
man in his state]
I am afraid that I could
hardly see you, having
much more to do than I can
manage, this morning -
but would this afternoon
if you wish it to settle
this most important matter
à nous trois.

But Dr. Fyfe should be
written to at once -
I would do it, (sending
him a fee), if you like it.
& send my ne letter, which
requires some thought,
as soon as I can.

I conclude that

you expect Maude not
to go till Monday

9011/83 signed letter, 4ff, pen & pencil [1:660-61]

10 South St. Feb 13/87
Dearest Margaret I am afraid
there is a little draw back in
dear Lettice’s eye - Yours is such,
a great, such an unusual trial -
And we were so sorry when you
lost Capt. Verney’s company. But
he always looks so much better
when he comes back from you.

I have never heard Sir Harry so
cheery in his love of him, & so appreciative
of him. I hope Sir H. writes to you in that
sense.
I do so want to have books for our School on plants & birds, the common plants & birds they see every day - not on Botany & Ornithology - Ah could you but lecture to them on the fertilization of primroses & other common things flowers! The most delightful little book in Bengali was written by a Dr. Watt of Bengal, now in England, about all these manners & customs of the plants Bengalese children see every day - almost as if the plants were beings - He sent me a copy in English. Could you tell me of any book which gives English plants & their fertilization in the simple delightful manner I am sure you did in your classes? I know of none.

About birds: I have Revd. - Wood’s School Natural History Series, but was very much disappointed in the manner in which he tells how birds fly (by the lightness their hollow bones give them &c) & how they sing - their whole body being as it were breath. Could you tell me any School book giving the Birds graphically?

Your letters always have a wonderful effect. I don’t think Sir H. is well. He always complains to me of feeling so much older than last year, & of feeling giddy & as if he “would tumble down”. I am at once surprised & thankful my sister is not more uneasy. Her bodily health is extraordinary: but the poor limbs are worse. She sees strings of people & never seems tired.

Maudie felt the loss of Mervyn sadly. The three children have been all ailing, as you know. Tomorrow they go with their mother to Seaton in Devonshire.
I will not tell you how everything has run into party politics - how administration & government are ceasing out of the country - how can it be otherwise when Secretaries of State are changed every 4 months? & just as much by one side as the other - W.H. Smith was a capital S. of S. for War - i.e. as capital as any one is now - Just as we are getting the most needful things, for soul & body, for the Army, he, (the least party man, except Lord Iddesleigh, of the whole), is changed to what he can’t do, to his own regret. And all stops.

And so with India. But it is too sad.

As for Lord Dufferin:[this is quite between ourselves.] one very high up said to me: 'he thinks to rule the natives of India by cleverness: but they are cleverer than he'. I should add: ‘And by courtesy’. But his courtesy fails him, as in his visit to Bombay, when he does not carry all before him.

I must stop, for I have no strength - You will be distressed about Morey. I think him very ill, worse than they do - He told the Dr: it was from having such a multitude of things to think about - I shd. have added: and of contradictory
orders - & of flurry & needless hurry. Sir Harry & my sister’s kindness to him has been beyond gratitude - but they have never even thought of the loss to themselves - but so unconscious are they, that the flurry & contradictory orders to him have been greater than ever. He is now at Exeter, worse than when he started. I cannot conceive what they will do without him, if, as I fear, he must be long away, or come back, only to go away again.

Excuse these silly cards - Aunt Florence’s best love to the little chocolate maker -
   God bless you both & all - ever your loving
   Aunt Florence

Feb 13
My dear Sir Harry {archivist: 1887} [LM: 1888, from Times article]
   I ENTREAT you not to attend
   that "Meeting at St. George’s Hall,
   “this afternoon”, if it is the one
   for the proposed “British Nurses’ Association” -
   It is not worth your while
   I am now writing letters
   which I have been ordered
to write in time for it.
   You can hardly imagine
   how preposterous the whole thing is. I cannot think how Dr. Acland can ask you.
   I implore you not to
go - It is a fatigue without any reason   F.N.
My dear Sir Harry

I am more grieved than surprised.

I see no use in "sending this note to Dr. Fyfe". He will say: 'I can say no more till I have seen the water.' Perhaps Morey has sent the water -

Nor do I see the necessity now of your so kindly telegraphing that he "is to take a room" & you "will pay" - You see he says he is "comfortable" -

I shall have telegraphed at once to Morey:

"Pray write how you are to Dr. Fyfe, & send water as he desired. Pray write telegraph to Seaton to send your medicines which are there - Have you sent him the water as he desired?"

And then I shall write by post to him Anything you can telegraph I am sure will comfort him. You should mention the water too.

And you will also I am sure write by post this evening.

Do you feel sure that he has had Dr. Fyfe's letter asking for the water?

The whole thing is most unfortunate. You see he cannot send the water to-day because it has been should be taken the last thing at night & the first in the morning, unless he took it last night.

I would write to Sir H. Acland & ask for the best Doctor at Exeter, for Morey to consult. I would not telegraph it to Morey. I think it would so flurry him.

I think these sleepless nights are the result of flurry - He is so delicate - Shall I see you at 12?

I pray God for Morey
Feb 15/87
My dear Sir Harry
   May I beseech you not
to "telegraph to Morey" the
Doctor's name at Exeter -
you promised not - but to
kindly send me Sir H. Acland's
letter when it comes - And I
will write (in your name) it
to Morey -
   As to Dr. Fyfe: the object
is not "for him to write to"
"Morey" but to me: is it not?
Till he has analysed the "water
we do not know - nor does
he, Dr. Fyfe, I am sure, know.
whether the case is "serious"
or how serious - He
will ought not to tell Morey: but he
ought to tell me & to me
he ought to send the necessary
Prescriptions, to be made up
at Squire's & forwarded -
   I will write to Dr. Fyfe
this morning, if you permit,
& request this -
   As you kindly intended proposed to
go to Dr. Fyfe yesterday,
I was at a loss what to
write to Morey, not knowing
what Dr. Fyfe had said
I cannot think that either the "water" or Morey's letter could "reach Dr. Fyfe "yesterday".

Nor, I am afraid, the "medicines from Seaton" -

The whole thing is unlucky unhappy [illeg] And we must be very exact how we proceed - must not we?

F.N.

I have just heard from Morey He has neither had any letter from Dr. Fyfe, nor the medicines from Seaton -

he consequently does not know what is meant by the "water" - & appears quite at a loss. He has not written to Dr. Fyfe, & I conclude.

9011/87 2 initialed letters, 1f each, pencil

Feb 15/87

My dear Sir Harry

If you will kindly send me anything you hear from or about Morey by the morning's post before you start for Caterham -

F.N.
Feb. 16/87
My dear Sir Harry
   Thanks for the letters - I too
  have a word from Morey.
He has now all the letters
& the medicines - & I hope
Dr. Fyfe will have heard
from him this morning -
& that I shall hear from
Dr. Fyfe to-day, as he promised
   We have the Exeter Doctor's
name in reserve - I should
not distract Morey's mind
with it at present - should
you? Good cheer to Caterham.
   F.N.

9011/88 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Feb 16/87
Dearest Pop
   I send Sir Harry's letter
from Morey recd. this morning -
I too have a note from him -
I trust he has written to Dr. Fyfe,
from whom I am to hear to-day -
I think it is best to do nothing
more till Dr. Fyfe communicates
his opinion & orders
   I return two of Margt's letters
   ever your
   F.

9011/89 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Dr. Fyfe
Is Morey to continue
   the same medicine?
   F.N.
19/2/87
10 South St    Feb 19/87
My dear Sir Harry

Your groom not having brought Dr. Fyfe’s letter answer, I sent my Messenger in a Hansom for it. Dr. Fyfe thinks it of so much importance that Morey should not return so soon that he was going to telegraph to me - He writes:

“It would be a great pity
“for Mr. Morey to come back
“so soon, as the chances are
“that he will be laid up
“again: he ought to have a

“good rest now that he has begun - He ought to go
“on with the medicines the same -
“I trust that this may be
“in time for Sir Harry Verney to write to him & prevent him coming up.
“He is a little better”

I told Dr. Fyfe that you would also telegraph to him to-day to prevent him coming.
Feb 23/87
Might I ask what answer you had from Dr. Fyfe about Morey? Morey writes to me this morning, telling me that Dr. Fyfe will send his prescriptions to me to be made up, (which I am truly glad to hear) but insisting on coming back on Monday.

His letter is not like himself - May I ask what you heard from Dr. Fyfe yesterday - & what you wrote to Morey?

F.N.

Feb 24/87
My dear Capt. Verney
You are be-colded, I hear with so much concern - Will you allow an anxious old Aunt, if I may call myself Aunt, to entreat you in Margaret’s name, as I may do without a shadow of doubt but with absolute certainty, - in her name to abstain from that cold & laborious process of holding Meetings for at least this week -

Pray do & God bless you - ever your affecte.

Aunt Florence
I hope you have good news of Lettice - and I hope Lettice will have good news of you -

I had a most charming letter from Margaret -
And she seems to think that, with many draw-backs, still Lettice is gaining ground apace -

F.N.

Feb 27/87
My dear Sir Harry

After church, please, I shall have the pleasure of seeing you -

You were so good as to say that you would introduce my girls to the pew-opener at Halkin St.
- & that, after church, they might choose their own seats - (after church, I suppose)

F.N.
Dearest Margaret

How can I ever thank you enough for your dear delightful letter, blessed Margaret - so lovely & so inspiring.

The beautiful counsels about the teaching of plants & trees (miscalled Botany) I hope will be put into effect. It is quite true that teachers must be "soaked" in it to teach - It cannot be taught from books. But I am getting the books you mention -

Of the rest of the letter I cannot speak - More wonderful than the touch of Ithuriel's spear which made the evil start up confessed & vanish, your touch turns everything to precious stones & the jewels of God's crown [The "love of God over all", as you say]

I wish we did -

How thankful we are that you may think now of coming home -

Aunt Florence’s best love to Lettice. A letter from Nelly Owen to her. Nelly is doing so well. May railroads be soft beds to Lettice & her dear mother - May she regain strength every day till the time comes
I have tried in vain to finish this - It must go as it is, if at all. But the train which carries it could not carry all our love & good wishes. God bless you ever yours F. Nightingale

March 4/87
Dearest Pop Accompanying are outdoor flowers from Monte Carlo. Be not alarmed: They do not gamble among themselves - at least not in Lent - Please do me the favour of taking what you like & send me back the rest. They smell like Lea Hurst ever your F.

March 5/87
{printed address:} 10, South Street, Park Lane. W. Dearest Pop I hope you are better - Sir Harry’s cold is rather bad, which he thinks is to be mended by a good deal more “air & exercise” in a bitter N.E. wind with heavy morning & evening fogs - This is what brought on his last illness - He was out this morning before breakfast in the fog - Please prevent him from going out again to-day, or to church tomorrow ever thy F.
6 March /87

Dearest Pop

I hope you are a little better.

Please Keep Sir Harry in bed or at least in his room to-day - He is wise enough to take Sir A. Clark's medicine - but as that is to keep up perspiration, if he gets up, he is done for. remembering past ills ever your ever your F.
9011/98 2 initialed letters, 1 f. each, pencil

Dearest
I am sure you have done all
you could -
  But it is fatal if for Sir Harry
to get up "at two".
  Tell him so
  F.N.
I am so sorry for you
6/3/87

March 6/87
My dear Sir Harry
  I am very glad that you
are breakfasting in bed &
taking Sir Andrew Clark’s
mixture.
  Now, be a good man &
stay in bed till the evening -
  well covered up -
  Else it will do you
more harm than good -
  You know your severe
illnesses have both times begun
in this way: - a neglected cold
- March winds - And God
has spared you to us after
an anxious time of many weeks

  Stay in bed to-day - or
you may be in bed all
March.
  The wind is N.E. to E.
Are you not tied & bound by God’s
mercy to take care
to-day? to spare yourself & us a severe illness -
  God bless you
  F.N.

9011/99 2 initialed letters, 1 f. each, pencil

March 6/87
My dear Sir Harry
  How are you? & how is
Parthe?
  Remember, you are not to
go out to Church this morning without her leave in this bitter East wind
F.N.
March 6/87
My dear Sir Harry
   I am thankful that you are still in bed, as your medicine is a sudorific -
   You must, please, keep your room, I hope your bed, to-day. Or the last state of that man will be worse than the first -
   At present you are keeping yourself, which is right, in a warm perspiration, & me in a cold one - remembering as I do former colds & former E. wind Marches. There is nothing for it but to stay in bed all to-day, or at least in your room - Please do. And you may be well tomorrow.
   F.N.

March 8/87
Dearest Pop
   I am afraid you are still very bad
   I give you joy about Sir Harry: I thought we were 'in for' it. Not that he is at all out of the wood - You did quite right to put him under Sir A. Clark’s orders
   It is a pity when a good man is so naughty.
   Old Widow Barton died yesterday at Holloway - a happy release - a loss to me
Papa used to go nearly every Sunday afternoon when she & her husband & charming daughter (both died long before her) kept the Leashaw Lodge - & sitting on the 3 legged table before the fire - how often she has described to me the scene - say: “Barton: read me a bit of a Chapter” - how like Papa that was, not reading or preaching himself. “sometimes the Squire used “to choose it - but much more often he used to say” “Barton, you choose” - When I first went to Lea Hurst after Papa’s death, Widow Barton was living a forlorn but vigorous patient life in a tumble down house room of Sims’ in Holloway, quite alone, supporting herself, with almost sight less eyes, by with Smedley’s work - She was a most interesting woman - I telegraphed to her, when she was dying, thro’
Bratby - & even then she noticed it & said: 'I do pray for her' - but ‘I am sure Miss Nightingale would let me get up”. She had been ill & suffering for more than a year - & for several days before her death could take nothing, not even water, yet resolutely sate on the sofy till or hard settle till last Friday saying ‘She had never been lazy’ (which was quite true) - & was with the utmost difficulty by the united exertions of Doctor & friends got to bed - [end 1:380]

Pray God that you keep on sleeping & getting better - God bless you & Parthe [see, odd, HV?]

F.N.

9011/101 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St    March 8/87
My dear Sir Harry
   I trust that you are submissive to orders, & not worse for this North Easter, (which is so bad for you), while you stay in bed.
   Thank God that you are as well as you are -
   No “Fortnightly” for March can be found here - But don’t worry yourself about it. I have sent to buy one & hope to send it you in a few hours.
9011/102 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

March 7/87
My dear Sir Harry - Thank God!
   We are thankful beyond measure
to Sleep which overcame your naughty
& inappropriate activity &
prevented an attack which
might have been most serious.
You are to be made subject to
'law' by Sir Andrew Clark.
Pray obey him - You are not
out of the wood yet - The
weather is not fit for pranks -
   Thank God you are better -
God bless you & Parthe -
   You are better without talking -
   F.N.
Mrs. Scharlieb is coming home directly
   broken in health.

9011/103 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St March 9/87
My dear Sir Harry
   Thank God you are so much
better - And thank God that
you are now determined to
take care of your health -
   About Parthe: indeed,
(tho' I believe that the
expectoration is not purulent or chest-y,
but merely the same as
what comes from the nose),
I wish she would consult
Sir A. Clark, or even the
Homoeopath -
   The wind is now West -

I have bought the March
"Fortnightly". Shall I send
it you?
I wish to send my little Welsh girl to Mr. Rainsford’s Class tomorrow:
What notice should I give him? & where can I address him?
[The Pew-Collector did not give me his own address nor Mr. Rainsford’s]
God bless you & Parthe - ever yours & hers
F.N.

9011/104 signed letter, 1f, pencil [1:661-62]

10 South St. March 10/87
Thank God, thank God, dearest, blessed Margaret, that you are safe at home again with the darling child - Brave woman! We cannot thank God & you enough, we have been so anxious - Dear patient little girl - you have been brave too - & you have not “turned” into a "little "German girl", you see, thank God
God bless you both - ever your loving
Aunt Florence
We felt inclined to say God save

God save them
And see them safe to shore
For such a gallant deed
Was never seen before
And you see He has -
Don’t do too much, dear
Margaret, these first & second days, pray -
F.N.
March 10/87
My dear Sir Harry
I very much applaud you for
what you have done in
staying indoors -
I am glad that you are so
delighted with the noble
Lord Shaftesbury’s Life.
But pray do not forget
that he himself said he
should have been nothing,
done nothing for all his objects,
had he not been in the
Ho: of C -

yrs
F.N.

10 South St March 10/87
My dear Sir Harry
You wrote me a beautiful
letter yesterday, saying: ‘how
‘sweet it was to receive one’s
‘health back as a direct gift
‘from God’ - & that you would
‘feel bound to take more care
‘of it in future as a God’s gift.’
To-day the wind is N. by E.
“God’s gift’ would be sadly
jeopardized by going out to-day.
God bless you & Parthe
ever yours & hers
F.N.
10 South St  March 11/87
I only send for a verbal word, dearest Margaret, to know how you & dear Lettice are -
You were so very good as to say that you would rejoice me with a sight of you some day
Almost any day at 5 or at 6, if I knew beforehand so as not to have any interloper on business there, that I you could give my longing eyes a glimpse of you, you would be as welcome as flowers in May - this afternoon inclusive
But I don’t want to tire you,
God bless you
Aunt Florence

March 11/87
My dear Sir Harry
How are you? Pray take care.
And how is Parthe? Did she have her Doctor?
And how did you think Margaret? & what Doctor is she going to have for Lettice?
God bless & keep you ever yours & Parthe’s
F.
Dearest Margaret, I hope that Ellin is arrived to her own joy & yours & Lettice’s – & that all are in good cue –

Also: that the letter from Geheimrath Wagner is arrived about the ‘case’ & ‘treatment’.

I saw Mrs. Wardroper the day before I had the great happiness of seeing you - She told me they were full in the ‘Block’ for ‘paying Patients’

You know that we do not allow our Probationers to be trained there - & Miss Crossland has not any connection with the paying Patients ‘Block’.

I am afraid it would hurt Mrs. Wardroper’s feelings if she were not asked for the leave to visit it.

The rooms there are far inferior I am sure, (tho’ you know I have never seen them) to those at Leipzig - The Nursing, I hope, is better - tho’ dear Fräulein Pauline cannot be matched.

The ‘China’! cannot be compared with Leipzig!

God bless you all:

ever your loving

Aunt Florence
Dearest Margaret,

You will not like dear Lettice to go out to-day unless the fog lifts - perhaps not even then -

I should be sair grieved to miss my chance of seeing her. I have an appointment tomorrow afternoon - but could put it off till a later hour if she might come to me say at 3.30 or 4 if convenient to you & good for her -

I know she ought not to walk up-stairs - Shall I come down into the Dining-room? Or would it make her feel nervous if two of the maids - they are such little bits of things - were to carry her up-stairs on their crossed hands? Or shall I borrow a chair? What would be the best for her? And may I give her some cocoa?

Only a verbal answer, please

But above all I want to know what Sir Wm Jenner said about her. Yet I do not like to trouble you

God bless you, dearest Margaret

F.N.

Might Nelly Owen come to see “Miss Ellin & Miss Lettice” for a few minutes some time? & if so what time? It would make her so happy -

I am afraid it would be a bustle for Lettice if she were
to see her here -
The Eye-water you liked &
eye=glass solicit the
honour of coming to you
F.N.
Dearest Margaret

Are you going tomorrow?
I was so glad to see my little Lettice -
I suppose Sir W. Jenner did not wish her to be seen by an Oculist - I mean, one is rather glad if he did not.
Dear, blessed Margaret, I am sorry not to see you again - I grieve -
And please give my love to Ellin & tell her I am sorry not to see her -

God bless you all - God bless you ever -
And He will bless you.

ever your loving
Aunt Florence

In coming to you,
I am afraid Nelly Owen was rather late this morning - you know she is a little stolid - I could not get her off, tho’ she had a cab - But I hope she did not come at a troublesome time -

My dearest Pop
I am so very sorry that I have an appointment this afternoon - But as you are so very kind as to offer to come & the day now promises fine, I cannot bear to decline, if you could come [ - I am not yet up] at 4 for half an hour -
ever thy
  F.
9011/113 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

March 28/87
My dear Sir Harry
Please not to forget the
general at dinner -
my regretful compliments
& why I could not see him
on Saturday -
and now he is the General,
he must give me his orders.
And I await them
F.N.

9011/114 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

[2]
Mrs Scharlieb is coming
home from Madras at once,
broken down in health - I am
so sorry - I am afraid it is,
besides hard work,
disappointment about the
Govt. not giving a further
grant to her Caste Hospl.
& its consequence
ever thy F.
I wish you could give me
better news of yourself

9011/115 incomplete letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: probably 1886}

[2]
a Dr. Richards
of Winchester
a Dr. Hampstead
Of Whitchurch
But you would have to
kill a postman to
reach him. but I
suppose he has survivors
I am very sorry if you
incline now to Arnison -
But I will take it all
upon myself with Whitfield
if you like to put her off.
Arnison said that she “could not get off ‘honourably from Mrs. Clark”, but that she would ask her, if you liked permitted, as I wrote to you. Shall I tell Arnison to ask Mrs. Clark?

I hope your poor little boy is going on well, Sir Harry says he is - & ‘haymakers” not troublesome
Thanks for flowers
& to Mr. Morey for
sweet brier & lemon plant
    Shore & Louise & two
girls are come home
from a four months in
Italy - including all the
dear delightful small
Umbrian & Tuscan towns,
Gubbio, Mte. Oliveto, S.
Gemignano, Assisi, Siena,
& excursions in the Riviera
  God bless you
in haste
  ever thy F.

9011/116 is MMV to Papa

9011/117 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St   April 16/87
Dear Sir Harry
    Will you allow me to send P. &
you a new copy of Lord
Shaftesbury, & ask you to keep
it instead of the one I have -
& let me keep that -
    I understood from a letter of
yours that you had read it.
Or I would not have kept it so
long, when Parthe was so good
as to lend it me -
    You have lent your first Vol:
to Capt. Verney - & therefore,
when he returns it, I will ask
you to return me a Vol. the first
as I have it not F.N.

Please be so very good as
to order the greeneries
to be sent to St. Thomas’
by next Friday afternoon
or evening - from Claydon
F.N.
I trust that you will make any use of this house that you possibly can.
Is Margt. quite well? I fear Lette. is not making quite such rapid progress as one wished? Leave me a word here tomorrow, please.

20/4/87  F.N.

April 20/87
My dear Sir Harry

I hope that you will not come out to-day at all -

I am very sorry not to see you -

But you have a dinner-party to-morrow, Parthe tells me. And you must nurse your cold, if it were only for that -

Harry Bonham Carter is now living out of town - But he is coming to me one afternoon this week on business, preparatory to the Annual (Monday) Meeting at St. Thomas'.

He is earnestly anxious to see you to arrange with you - about the Meeting; & he asks if you would mind coming to my house to meet him any day after to-day (4 at 4.30.

If you could fix some day that would be convenient to yourself, I would telegraph
to him at once -

Just put down the day in pencil

† We have much to talk to you about some day.

God bless you
ever yours & Parthe’s

F.

9011/120 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St April 21/87
Dearest Pop

Will you give a message from me to Sir M.E. Grant Duff, & to Lady Grant Duff, if I may, saying that I did not venture to take up their time, on their (respective) returns, with saying all I felt & thanking him for sending me such valuable & interesting papers, & for the “Speeches” of Lady Grant Duff, so very important.

But if, when either of them is in London, one or other would do me the great favour of making an appointment to see me some afternoon, how happy I should be,
ever thy

F.

Did not Genl. Philip Smith leave some message for me about what he would do for me at Aldershot?
April 22/87
My dear Sir Harry

If you can go out, which I rejoice to hear, did you mean to meet Harry Bonham Carter here at 4.30, as was appointed?
Or is that bad for you?
Would you like to see me, as you are good enough to propose, at 3.30, before H.B.C. comes?
{It is rather too late now -}
Or are you going to take a walk?
F.N.

April 24/87
My dear Sir Harry

You will not of course think of going to church to-day - If you are to leave your house on Thursday, or even if you are to have your dinner party tomorrow, we must nurse you up -
I was so very sorry that you came to me so late yesterday I ought to have said, as I did the day before: Won’t ‘ave it.
As for tomorrow (Monday) it is out of the question your going to the Mission Clergyman -
The Levee, St. Thomas', your
party, it is very unfortunate -
   I shall write to Bonham Carter
that, if you can come for half
an hour to take the Chair at
4 o'clock at St. Thomas', it is
all you can do - & then turn
it over to Mr. Rathbone or Sir
W. Bowman - May I?
   I am so very sorry that you
have all these things tomorrow -
   Now take care of yourself, please
God bless you
   F.N.

9011/123 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

April 25
{archivist: ‘87}
My dear Sir Harry
   How are you?
Pray have Dr. Fyfe this morning to say whether
you may go out to-day - Do not go out
without his leave -
   Our sister Airy from Cairo was on board the
Tasmania but saved from the wreck & has
arrived safe in England - Thank God for her!
   F.N.

Ms 9011/124 signed letter, 1f, pen Add MSS 455791 f201 (This also seems to be fair
copy, but wording not quite the same, 45791 is also very clean copy

London        April 25    1887
My dear Sir Harry
   To be utterly unable to
come to the Meeting of our
Probationers, old friends & new,
grieves me sadly, & even more
than usual - because the
resignation of our dear
Matron has taken place.
   How can we thank her for
all that she has done for us
in our past of 27 years?
   How many rise up & call
her blessed. And may she
be blessed is the earnest
prayer of us all, & most of
all of her oldest friend
Florence Nightingale
April 28/87
My dearest Pop A good journey to you
& as easy & pleasant a return to you Claydon as
our Loving Father & the beautiful place can give
you. “Il est si bon et Il s'entend si bien
à nos affaires”.
Would I could make it easier to you - I commend
you to Him: who is Love ever thy
I send £1 for the 18/6 carpet F.
Do you remember in

Dante he says:
If Did we know every thing, the Son of Mary
(Son of Man) need not have come -
State contenti, umana gente, al quia,
Che, se potuto aveste veder tutto,
Mestier non era parturir Maria

Presented to Mrs. Wardroper
on her resignation of the Matronship of
St. Thomas’ Hospital after 34 years’ noble service,
with the love by of her faithful Nightingale Probationers
past & present
(or) by those who have passed thro’ the Nightingale
Training School)
mindful of & grateful for
her 27 years of superintendence of the Training School
which founded the improved practice of Nursing;
& in affectionate esteem
wishing her joy of her splendid services to the
good Nursing cause
& a happy retirement 1887

To enquire
after Sir Harry
& ask what train he is going by
38 Up. Grosvenor St.
F, Nightingale
30/4/87
My dear Sir Harry

How are you?

I was so sorry that you had to-ing & fro-ing here last evening. I was so engaged that I could not speak.

Pray do not come this morning. It will not be possible before the Bible Society.

Any time this afternoon after 3.4.5.6 that will suit you for a short time?

yrs

F.N.

May 5. 1887

There were four parent birds (starlings, I think) which I have watched for long flying in & out of the top windows of the belfry whose secret I have most carefully kept. I think their little ones are hatched (in the nests inside)

Since the ringers came this morning, the poor parent birds have not gone in. They are on the tree outside occasionally.

Surely no one can have had the cruelty to take their nests.

F.N.

May 5/87

My dear Sir Harry

I am glad that you are going home.

And it is better for your cough too -

My best loves; & thanks to
Parthe for the splendid screen
I will write -
   You came in here a little before
two - & said you would write to
me. But when Lizzie went in
for the letter, there was only an
Envelope directed to me with
nothing in it. I should be sorry
to miss a letter of yours -
   God bless you.  F.N.
10 South St. May 12/87
My dearest Pop How can I thank you for your letter, your birth-day letter, & for the splendour, in perfect harmony, of screen which lights up my room like a flood of sunshine - And I am so fond of birds - If only these could sing! I am so careful of them that they are shrouded in clean sheets from bed-time till about 5 p.m. the next day - I wish I could “come, come”, but am chained like a galley slave to the oar.

Mrs. Scharlieb of Madras spent the afternoon with me yesterday. She has quite given up Madras & the poor, poor R. Victoria Hospital on account of health & has set up making a home for her children in Park St. & supporting them by private practice of which I have no doubt she will have more than enough - But poor Madras - I never was so disappointed, O these children - She sacrifices thousands for one son - No one can fill her place at Madras. & Hundreds could do so in England - Her work was immense, unique - She was ‘facile princeps’ And now it is all over - She

I had a long visit from dear Sister Airy, rescued from the Tasmania - She thanks you for your invitation, but must remain at home this month - Her account of the rescue, of the hospitality of the poor Corsicans, was the most touching, the most simple & lovely, in the midst of overwhelming seas & the thunder of waves & wind, with the soft spring wild flowers where they landed, & the glorious scenery of the snowy mountains
of Corsica down to the very cliff under which they struggled ashore when their boat was swamped - & their final conveyance in about 30 carts, 2 days after to the fashionable chef-lieu of Sartene, a town clinging to the sides & top of a rock like the Peak of Teneriffe, surrounded by similar peaks covered with snow - And all for others & nothing for herself - She seemed lost, in helping the ship=wrecked, & children I must write you the whole account - God bless you - ever my dearest P your F.

9011/132 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. May 18/87
My dear Sir Harry
  I hope that you will not do too much this disagreeable weather.
  I have been asked whether you could attend the Court of Governors at St. Thomas’ Hospital to-day at 4 o’clock. It is to decide our fate as to whether the Report, re Matronship, of the House Committee, is to be accepted, & whether the appointment is to be referred to them a Sub-Committee, that is, the House Committee, plus 2 added members - But I do not at all press your attending - I am sure you have engagements enough. Would you come in here at to have some tea at 5.30, or 6, or any time most convenient to you after 5? ever yours affly
  F.N.
May 19/87

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

My dear Sir Harry

I don’t know whether we have cause to be more concerned about your accident or more thankful that it was no worse -

The ‘young man’ always thinks himself 27 -

Thank God that you were not more damaged - But I trust that you will not do anything imprudent - like going to the Yeomanry dinner or the Gren: Guards dinner

Parthe I am sure, would not like it -

Do pray be prudent now -

I return you Canon Farrar’s letter - You wished to have it again. And I have still two letters to return to you - Don’t look into too many birds’ nests. It makes the mother forsake - I have seen forsaken nests at Claydon - And you know the Countess of Desmond who
lived till she was 157, 
died from falling out of 
a pear-tree (where she 
had gone birds’ nesting, I 
suppose) 
Now, thank God, thank God. 
And God bless you - 
I waited for you all yesterday 
afternoon - And somehow I 
felt certain there had been 
an accident - I say again, 
thank God it was no worse - 
ever yours & Parthe’s 
F.N.

9011/134 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

*John Henry Wilks*
17 Horse Shoe Alley
York St.
Westminster
formerly of the 17th. D.C.O. Lancers
Length of Service  8¼ years - 
Service abroad  6¾ years -
(S. Africa & India
Age 29
character good - Worked in the Saddler Shop
now in the Reserve
Dear Sir Harry
 This is the man they hope you 
may kindly be able to get 
into the service of horses on 
London & N.W. Railway
  F.N.
May 24/87
My dearest Pop I am afraid you have been very bad. As the Holy Spirit made of those cowardly quarrelling disciples, brave & right judging men & women at Whitsuntide, so may He make, of us, brave & right-judging men & women - But you are brave already -

Mr. Jowett has been ill - He is now in London for rest, staying incog.

Miss Jones, formerly of King's College Hospital, & who now for 20 years has had 2 houses in Kensington Square, one of which she made into an Incurables Hospital, & a Sisterhood of her own, doing Temperance work, publishing a Temperance newspaper, District & Workhouse Visiting &c &c has had Typhoid Fever for 9 weeks, during which much has passed between us, & cannot live over the day - Of all women I have ever known, she has had the most unbounded influence over women, For she had nothing to offer them - nothing but herself, her Love & duty -

I have seen Mr. Hy Cunningham - He talked much & well - & much of you

This is the coldest May weather I ever remember.

Mrs. Scharlieb has been with you, I think - She defrauded me of an appointment last Sunday week, to the very great detriment of India - for it was not for amusement but for Lady Dufferin’s Fund, whose Senior Aide de Camp, Major Cooper, who came home by the wrecked Tasmania, had been with me - I don’t know when I shall be able to give her another appointment.

I am sure you will like Justice Windeyer very much. Pray give him my kindest regards -

And Mrs. Windeyer is a most active person among the East-End-ers - I believe

God bless you, my dear Pop ever your old
F.N.

My kind regards to Mrs. Davidson & Mrs. Broadhurst

I hope Sir Harry takes his coffee at 6.30 a.m., before he leaves his bed, as ordered by Sir A. Clark, & Mr. Savory
June 2/87
{printed address:} 10. South Street, Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir Harry
Parthe will be grieved to hear that Aunt Mai at Embley is painfully ill -
The account this morning is better - But she has been ill since last Friday -
And I ought to tell you -
Shore is there - but he too is very poorly.
I think of you & Parthe more than I can say.

Life is very difficult, as you often say - It grows more difficult as one grows older. But we are sure that there is nothing He asks us to do but He gives us strength to do it. The only thing is to be sure that we are doing what He asks us to do.

He does not leave us to fight the battle in our every day clothes, with a stick or a flail, at our own expense, & without discipline: on “nothing a day “& keep yourselves”
But He leads us Himself,
fights at our head, is our
Commander - in - Chief - under
His orders we are: His are
our arms: He provides us:
He trains us - He never
lets us go -
Only let us be faithful,
obedient unto death, patient.
Then love, joy, peace -

Mr. Moon did send, thanks
to you for the poor 17th Lancer,
to speak to their Capt.
Warthrop, the ‘Captain’ of
their ‘horse’. He told him
they were full at present,
but put down his name -
Thank you
Miss Jones, my dear old friend,
late formerly of King’s Coll. Hosp., died
this morning of typhoid fever.
after 9 weeks’ illness -

God bless you both
ever yours & hers
F.N.
June 14/87

My dear Sir Harry

Hy Bonham Carter says that you have not sent him my letter to you, which you kindly read at St. Thomas' Annual Meeting. And you spoke so well.

I have Lord Dufferin’s letter to me. Pray do not look for it

I trust that all differences will be merged in your Jubilee doings between farmers & labourers

Thanks to you & Parthe for the splendid pink & white May, which Maude brought

Some day I shall beg for some Horse Chesnut - God bless you ever yours & P.s

F.N.

[3]

It is an amazing comfort that they Maudie & Fred like the new Prince whom they went to meet last week at Dover so much -

We may envy Mr. Fred this great usefulness -
10 South St June 16/87
Dearest blessed Margaret

It was indeed out of your own kindness that you wrote to me. Your letter, you will wonder at it, was so welcome, because it gave a prospect that you will go to Claydon - things will go right then - if you will go, it will clear up -

My poor sister, to whom you have been so blessed a daughter & are so still - It is her illness, not she that speaks - She has as you say a mania - that most unmanageable of all manias, because she thinks she is fighting for her husband & the right - In her painful nights she goes over things till they are all exaggerated & distorted by her too lively imagination - Then come these letters which are like explosions - letting off her feelings - She does not mean what she writes.

But she is already opening
her eyes - your letter has enabled her to open her eyes & become more sane, more herself. I assure you her letter to you in return, which you kindly sent me, was meant as an ‘amende honorable’. You could hardly expect her to say more - I am sure that you, dearest Margaret, would not.

Sometimes I can hardly say anything but:
Lord, save us, we perish

But if you go to Claydon, you, blessed Margaret, bring everything right -

I do feel so very sorry for Sir Harry: He writes to me, mentioning his great “sorrows” & “difficulties”, without saying what they are. But I know - And sometimes he seems broken-hearted -

You see you are 4, (or 5 with me), to consult & sympathize - he is alone - or has only me. Now he has not even me - For

[2]
I dare not write plainly
[The servants see the letters
Or perhaps he might inadvertently even show them to my sister] - And, while at Claydon, he has every body to egg him on.

I have only had one letter from my sister since she went to Claydon about these troubles there which so agitate her. Sir Harry was here at the time. I showed him the letter. And he went off to Claydon that very hour to try & set her right - tho' he had engagements for that
day, & two more in London. & parties. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak - And then as you say, he writes painful letters himself - Except this, I have not heard from them of these terrible catastrophes - But I am convinced, dear Margaret, as he is, that, please God, if you go to Claydon, you will bring all things right -

2. Everything was pacific when Maudie & Fred were there last Sunday. I was so thankful they went to set things right - Maude she-looks se tired, & it is so pathetic to see her so perfectly calm when she is going to Nairn & he to Siam for 8 months. It is, it must be, a singular trial - And she looks like a composed SeVirgin under it - she going off with the children to unknown & solitary regions in Scotland. & he on a grand tour of the utmost importance to treat with Oriental regions - really to us almost unknown - We never come really nearer to Orientals - The Brahmin may be veneered over with Locke & Milton - But there is the Brahmin underneath still - And so it is, I take it, with Siamese & Japanese as with Hindoos - These very people when they go back to their own countries, leap back into all their old grooves -
It is an amazing comfort that they Maudie & Fred like the new Prince whom they went to meet last week at Dover so much -

We may envy Mr. Fred this great usefulness -

And dear Maude’s face is more touching than can be imagined -

May God prosper them! Maudie went last evening to play for the Dress-makers. She looks about 23 - I don’t believe she is more - But she is a brave as twenty lions -

3. Grief, grief, grief about Ellin &Lettice - But while Ellin’s general health is good & Lettice’s so much improved, I trust, I trust that you do not think very, very seriously about the leg & the eye - tho’ it is grievous that Ellin cannot yet put her foot to the ground - I believe she lives a good deal on Mr. Bickersteth’s yacht? God bless Mr. Bickersteth -
Aunt Florence’s best love to both - & to Ruth & Harry -
Indeed I do feel Capt. Verney’s ‘long candidature’ most wearing. I know not what to say about politics - I have never seen such a time
Administration is absolutely at a stand still here - Police & Post Office are all that are left. You get your letters sent - & you see the Police about. Else everything is merged in party politics - & party religious politics, the most fiendish of all.
And the intermingling of the classes, in sympathy, not charity, seems farther off than anywhere has been before - at least in London -
There seems little meaning just now in Jubilating - tho’ there is certainly a great meaning in this Jubilee -
with great love, dearest Margaret, ever yours
F. Nightingale
I am making copies Very many thanks of your precious Botany letter. for the Bird -book
10 South St. June 21/87
My dear Sir Harry
    God bless you -
    How are you?
Have you settled how you can
go comfortably - & above all
how you can get away comfortably
from the Abbey - luncheon you can eat
& cloak & servant?
    Please do not go to the
Abbey unless you can be
sure of these things - but
go to Claydon in time for
what you wish.
    God bless you
    ever yours F. Nightingale

10 South St. June 21/87
Being in great agitation, my dear
Sir Harry, at the idea of
your being lost in the Abbey.
I sent this note (enclosed) early
to Mr. Calvert’s, & found the
bird was flown - to my
great relief - I hope you
will have given 500 happy
days to-day to your people -
& you & Parthe will not be
too tired.
    You see Sir Douglas Galton
    & Sir Lothian Nicholson
in the Gazette - The first was
really necessary - It had become
a mania, which is now satisfied.
    thanks -
a verbal answer, please
To enquire

Rt Honble
Sir Harry Verney
38 Up. Grosvenor St.
21/6/87
Please don't take a pony which won't stand fire to Aldershot. It is really dangerous. Or send it first for trial by the coachman a day before to Aldershot - I have no doubt General Philip would try it for you, too - It is unsafe for other people, whom you might be riding near, as well as for yourself, to ride it without such trial - Please promise to send it with Coachman the day you receive this -

God bless you & Parthe ever yours & hers F.N.
Thank Parthe for her medal

9011/141 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Sir Harry Verney sent by your kind desire for you to give to Genl. Smith - sent open on purpose for you to read if you like F.N. 22/6/87

9011/142 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. June 22/87
My dear Sir Harry Your Jubilee day has, I doubt not, taken place with immense joy to all, as has, you will see, the London Jubilee. But you will also see that there was very near
being a terrible accident, 
owing to one horse, which 
could not stand fire, (that is 
the cheers) - poor Lord Lorne’s 
when riding in the Queen’s 
‘Escort of Princes’ - not 300 
yards after she left Buckingham 
Palace. The horse reared 
& threw him. [They had been 
obliged to tie a handkerchief 
over its eyes.] One shudders
at what might have happened.

If it had kicked, after it had thrown Lor its rider, in the midst, half a dozen Princes might have been severely injured, as Capt. Cody’s Cowboy King was, before it could be caught.

[Ld. Lorne walked back to B.P.: borrowed a horse: & rode by himself straight to Westmr. Abbey - but did not again join the Procession]

The moral is: never take a horse or pony you are not sure of into noises or crowds it will not stand.

Pray lay this moral to heart about your pony & Aldershot.

To-day the children in the Hyde Park I expect this will find you gone to Aldershot. God bless you & my sister & keep you ever yours & hers F.N.

9011/143 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. June 23/87
My dearest Pop

I saw Sir Harry, & also Morey, last night - & gathered how triumphant a success you had had in barn, cricket-ground, lawn & every where - Sir Harry had enjoyed seeing the children in Hyde Park & started for Aldershot this morning, where, I trust, he has had a good day - Aldershot is sadly interesting.

I am afraid you, my dearest Pop, are rather solitary just now - not even Morey
I hardly know what to tell you about the Jubilee here: but will try & write.

Will you think me very exorbitant if I ask you kindly to send greeneries & large flowers to St. Thomas' Hospital for the presentation of a Silver Service &c to Mrs. Wardroper by subscription on Wednesday 29th. which Sir Harry is going to grace with his presence - in the Nightingale Home? If

the flow you kindly accede, may the hamper come on Tuesday 28th. addressed to Miss Crossland Nightingale Home St. Thomas' Hospital Westminster Bridge London S.E.

[Miss Crossland goes on her much needed holiday on July 18 for a month -]

Have you read Mr. Henry Cunningham's Coeruleans? He is a master of form - but where he can get the sentences to flow smoothly, as he always can, he is regardless of truth - & perfectly indifferent to the harm he does to every higher ideal -

God bless you - my dearest Pop - ever your

F.

9011/144 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. June 29/87
My dear Sir Harry
I trust you are well & not over-tired -
Will you kindly at St. Thomas' to-day express my deep regret that I am not able to be present?

What time may I expect you to-day?

Do you sleep at Mr. Calvert's? And if you do
would you kindly take tomorrow morning
another £20 from me
to Mr. S. Carter Hall
who, as you know, asked for
it to be sent “in June” -
And I do not know in what
    state he is -
    ever yrs affly
    F.N.

9011/145 initialed letter, 1f, pen

10 South St. June 25/87
Thank you so very much, my dear Sir
Harry, for your account, so deeply
interesting to me, of what Genl. Philip
Smith’s proposes to do in that
most serious matter of the Public-houses.
- I hope I may hear farther on of how
& what progress it makes.
    Do you know that they are
hoping at St. Thomas’ that you will
present the ‘Testimonial’ to Mrs.
Wardroper on Wednesday 29th.?

Hy Bonham Carter will return thanks
for her.
I have written to ask Parthe to be so
good as to send some Claydon big
flowers. (& to Embley for the same) for
the Testimonial affair to “Nightingale” Home.
    Pray give my kind regards &
thanks to Genl. P. Smith.
    God bless you & bless Aldershot Camp
- I hope pony behaved well. & that
you are well. Thank you a thousand
times. ever yours affly F.N.
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Pray give my kind regards & thanks to Genl. P. Smith.

God bless you & bless Aldershot Camp - I hope pony behaved well. & that you are well. Thank you a thousand times. ever yours affly F.N.

Dear Sir Harry. It is quite impossible for me to see any one else - My afternoon on business is heavy enough -

Do not come till 4.30 if it is better for you not - I shall not expect you This is my hour of rest - And I can hardly write this -

{archivist: June 1887}
My dear Sir Harry

I am most unfortunate -
Last time I kept an afternoon
for you - This time you told
me you would not be up till
after dinner-time - And I am
engaged from 6 till 7.30 -
& am too ill to see any one
later - I am so sorry

F.N.

5/7/87

My dear Sir Harry I was
so very sorry not to see you
yesterday - I could have
saved my afternoon for you
had I known you were
coming before night.

Pray do not work too hard
to-day.

2. You & Parthe are very good
in wishing me to come to
Claydon this week -
and at the same time you
wishing me to have Mr. Richmond here - Both are
I fear impossible. I have
been in bed nearly a week
& crowded with business -
And coming to Claydon on
Friday, as P. proposes,
& seeing the Probationers
next day is of course
impossible for such an
Invalid as I.

If I knew when dear
Margaret was coming to
Claydon I could more
easily shape my plans as
your kindness suggests.
3. Mr. Carter Hall. How can I find out whether he is alive or whether he is 'compos' before sending the £20 he asked for “to come “in June”? One does not want an answer by a servant - Poor man!
   God bless you & Parthe.
   ever yours & hers
   F.N.
By what train to you return to Claydon tomorrow?
6/7/87
Mr. S. Carter Hall
24 Stanford St.
Kensington W
(in 1886 Directory)
[He is not in “Court Guide” at all]
Thank you very much -
Yes: I would keep tomorrow morning open for you if you wished it.
But don’t overfatigue yourself
God bless you F.N.

10 South St.
July 9/87
My dearest Pop I will come, if you please, according to your kind invitation - I have been quite unable to come before - on Friday or Saturday, 15th. or 16th. if it is quite convenient - & stay about a month, if quite convenient
But the thing which first & foremost presses on my mind now: have you a Nurse from the London Homoeopathic? And If so how do you like her?
You asked me kindly to come to the Probationers’ feast -

And you told me to have Mr. Richmond in London. I was actually so good as to let him appoint himself to-day. And then he had a head-ache & cannot come & puts himself off till Tuesday, which obliges me to put off poor Mrs. Wardroper till Thursday - & my
departure till Saturday -
I am lost in admiration
at my own goodness in
giving Mr. Richmond a sitting -

I thought Sir Harry looking
rather tired.
May God bless you both
ever your
     F.
9011/151 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

July 14/87
{printed address:] 10. South Street, Park Lane. W.
My dearest Pop
Many thanks. I trust indeed to come in a day or two - Will telegraph - Hope the Nurse is doing well ever your Flo

9011/152 signed letter, 4ff, pencil

Claydon July 21/87
Private
Dearest Margaret Thank you very much for your kind note, which is just what I wanted - I can quite well stay here till “over” the “first days in “September”. I am so very glad that dear Ellin should stay at Rhoscolyn thro’ August. And It is delicious to hear of you barefoot with Ruth & Harry paddling in bogs after flowers, & free from “visitors” & “duties”. & dear Lettice, I hope, better altogether. & you going to Manchester with I trust, an easy mind -
After the “first days in
“September”, I must go back
to London, because we change
Matrons at St. Thomas’ in
September’s first week -

But I want most to say
a word about Maude. She
& Mr. Fred are both heroic
about this Great Expedition
- a most excellent thing to do -
But “les peines du départ
“sont pour ceux qui restent” -
And she will feel the
re-action when he is gone -
The thing she needs most is
to be with you - She said to me:

“I’ve only seen Margy for
one week during a whole year”

There is no harm in my laying
the thing before you, tho’ otherwise
it is dangerous planning for other
people -

Maude, as you know, is
coming here next Monday till
August 16 - then to you till 24th.

She says to me that she
stays here these 3 weeks,
principally to cover the “functions” -
(because, F.N. supposes, there was
a bit of an uproar last year
about her not staying for a
“function”)

Kind Sir Harry says over &
over again, quite unprompted:
“We want Maudie to do just what she likes best”.

My sister says, quite unprompted:
“We shall most likely have this year all those two functions only on August 1 both”

I know how “functions” crop up - but I think if Maude chose to go to you after the first few days of August, all would be quiet here - And she is so anxious to get the children, especially Ralph, to sea - - bathing & bracing air as soon In August as possible -

You will know much better than I what is best for her.

[2]

But she is so calm that I fear the ‘under-swell’
The atmosphere here is ‘all serene’, thank God for it.

But there is will be no protecting her from constant little ‘skits’ against Nairn & perhaps more - harmless but less so to her, very much tired & overwrought -

Now I have humbly said my say to you, dearest Margaret. Trouble not to answer about this
I am here, as you see - brought here by a concatenation which I will not trouble you with, just as we were getting something done or beginning to get something done at the India Office -

God bless you all -
Great love to you all -
ever yours lovingly & overflowing

F. Nightingale

I hope that Maude will not have a dreary winter:
she is so brave.
To add re Maude

9011/153 1 initialed letter, 2ff, 1 incomplete signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Claydon July 31/87
Dearest Margaret Thank you very much for your delightful letter -
Maude is certainly the 8th. Wonder of the World. She came here on Monday, as you know, mentally tired but as calm & like a girl of 16, except in maturity of wisdom, in her pretty white frock - with her 3 children.... - their eldest sister interrupted

2. I am sure they are expecting you here with great delight (after Manchester). Do not disappoint them -

We hear of dear Ellin’s transfer in September to Miss Buss’ - May all good attend her.
And we hear that Rhianva is let -
You may be sure Ellin’s future at Hampstead excites much & intense interest here -
To-morrow is Bank Holiday & two ‘functions’ here.

3. You are so very good as to ask after Nelly Owen - [1:799]
She is to have a holiday & to go home for a fortnight this week -
She is as good as gold. But I am almost glad to hear of her “slowness” before coming to me. I was afraid it was our fault. It is not only slowness but denseness & indifference.
She did not even care to go home. I was obliged to press it.
She is now in perfect health -[she was not when she first came -]
But there are only two things I can get a rise out of her for: 1. her dead father
2. Miss Ellin & Miss Lettice
   It is quite beautiful how her face lights up then.
The difficulty of getting her to take a walk in the park - or to dress for tea - or to care about Church or Class - or to make progress in cooking - she cooks & then falls back. she had rather grub all day & all evening in the scullery - or to read or make her own pretty frock -
Of course a great deal of this must be her own fault. [end 1:799]
My kind regards to Mrs. Thomas, now Mrs. Evans

34 - Might I ask for Mrs. Norris
(late Miss Williams of St. Mary’s Hospital)
a letter or letters from Capt. Verney’s kindness from to the Surgical Aid Socy. for an p artificial leg for a poor man in whom she is interested for whom she can only get 14 letters out of 30 needed.
Love to all
in great haste ever yours F.N.
I do so grieve & sympathize with Maude & Mr. Fred. There never was so strange a trial as this: after they had screwed themselves up to Siam where it was so right that they he should go- They both will feel it so deeply she at Nairn & he in London without a house - But it shows how much Mr. Fred is wanted & appreciated by this Siamese Legation which he has as it were created -

& Ralph & Gwendolen really must have, I suppose, a long spell at the sea - And dear Maude herself needs quiet. My best love to her. And very, very, very many thanks for her dear letter received this morning -

Aunt Florence’s love to all yours. I delight in hearing of Lettice milking &c Grandpapa is reconciled to Ellin going to School - I am so glad you have a rest. May I send Aunt Florence’s love to Capt. Verney? God bless you all. in haste ever your loving F. Nightingale

9011/154 Gwyneth has integrated the text of this letter with that of /153 Perhaps she judged them to be incorrectly numbered.
10 South St. August 4/87
My dear Sir Harry
   I am quite delighted
that you mean to keep
“quiet”. I hear of Sir Harry
at all the flower-shows &
matches in the country, all
the Bazaars, all the Buckinghams
But I suppose that is another
Sir Harry. also at all
the prize-givings to Yeomanry
   - I suppose that was your
double -
   What does Commandg. Officer
Morey say?

   I had a long conversation
with my dear St. Philip
last night, who came in
unexpected - How wise,
how good he is about his
men -
   As for Mr. Burdett’s request
for my sitting for my photograph,
you will readily have
supposed that it is quite
impossible. If another
argument is wanted, I
refuse every week dearest
friends & important men -
yesterday I refused two -
With what face could I
give a sitting to a pushing man like Burdett?
Parthe will tell you that I have never sat or stood for my Photograph, since 1857, when I did it by the Queen’s desire. except when your son George took me with the Nurses at Claydon - I am sure you will approve me when I say that except for the Brit. Nurses’ Association (Pss. Christian’s), the last, that is the penultimate person I should sit for would be:  Mr. Burdett -

I have seen Hy Bonham Carter since he returned from Norway - He is very much pulled down by his severe accident & confesses himself so - He looks wretchedly. I spare him all the anxiety I can - But I told him the story of the British Nurses’ Ass: & its last feats as the greatest joke I know - not in its worst light - Burdett followed, I could not help it - and he, Bonham Carter, said, without any ‘fuss’, that Burdett has no authority of any kind from him nor the shadow of an excuse for pressing himself on you - He always advises me to have nothing to do with him. God bless you - ever yours & Parthe’s F.N.
Dearest Margaret  

I beg your pardon for {archivist ?July 1887} 

being cut short in my account of Maude - {printed diagonally;} Telegraph, 

& writing you such a long scrabble about Nelly Owen “Steeple” Claydon, Bucks. 

& other things - 

I do think Maude will be with you on Monday - 

She has been working hard here, but declares herself 

perfectly well, tho’ she was not well on Sunday - I 

never saw anything like her composure, because it is not 

a struggle after composure or the semblance of {printed address;} Claydon House 

composure. But it is a real strength deep, deep down 

Winslow 

House 

And she looks so pretty & so young - Of course the 

Bucks 

uncertainly about Mr. Fred’s plans must be intensely Aug 

4/87 

trying. And the news of the wave which struck the Umbria 

on her way out startling. And she/Maude has not had one real 

day’s rest since she came. On Tuesday the day after 

her arrival she had to see her enemies at Buckingham 

flower-show & then Girls’ Friendly - On Wednesday Bazaar at 

Grantboro’ - 

Thursday, servants’ picnic at Finemoor - Friday, something. 

On Saturday London & Dentist 

Monday  Bank Holiday  1000 people here 

most successful 

Tuesday  ditto ditto at Baron Rothschild’s 

Wednesday - something 

to-day Thursday  Dr. Monk’s 

I never saw children so obedient or so helpful - 

And Gwendolyn’s face bears premature cares of motherhood 

for Kathleen - 

Still I think teaching Ralph & Gwendolyne tires Maude - 

In short tho’ we shall miss her sore, yet peace with 

you will be the best for her - And Sir H. & my sister are willing 

for her sake to lose her - 

It will be better for both her & Mr. Fred, now they are 

screwed up to it, that he should compass Siam - 

{word off the edge of the paper} t alone the good to Siam - 

May God bless them both wherever they go - 

I cannot help seeing that Sir Harry is aged. He 

“When what intense desire he wants his home” 

his daughters in law, 

especially in the evening. 

How terrible & how lovely is this world.
The Jubilee; & on the same day as the Naval Review our nearest province, Ireland, “proclaimed” in every county -
2. Nelly Owen is gone home - I ventured to write you such a long rigmarole about her, because I thought Mrs. Thomas (Evans) might help me - She is certainly very wilful - but so steady - she never wants to go anywhere - She has so much less religious advantages with me than at home that I tried hard to find a Weekly class & a Church she would like. But she likes nothing - except a Church I left because none of them liked it. Then she never read Sometimes Yet she generally brightens up when we have our little talks. But she looks like a woman of 40. Perhaps Mrs. Evans might make her talk & make her grow.

3. Don't please trouble Capt. Verney about the letter for Surgical Aid Socy. for Miss Williams (Mrs Norris) if you think it better not. I did not approve of troubling him God bless you all - ever your loving F. Nightingale

Aug 7/87
My dear Sir Harry
Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs from thistles? Certainly I have not gathered grapes or figs from the thorns of Covent Gardens, tho' I paid for them beforehand. But if you & Parthe wish to give Maude fruit for the hot journey, I am certain to be able to pay you back tomorrow, for my parcel must be somewhere on the road - & may very likely appear just after Maude & childer drive off - F.

9011/157 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

9011/158 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

{written in response on a note from HV re bishop of Saskatchewan is here. He knows a great deal about his own diocese and all Canada where he has been 20 years and but emigration. Wd you like to see him?

Dear Sir Harry I should esteem it the greatest favour to see the Bishop of Saskatchewan But for me it is alas! quite
impossible - most especially in the morning - I have not been up 5 times, as you know in the last 5 months. And I am quite 'hors de combat' after the journey - unhappily # for me -
F.N.

I am particularly interested about Canada Emigration but have no active connection with it - have too much to do already, I am sorry -

9011/159 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil [3:511-12]

*Private* Claydon Aug 16/87
*Burn*

Dearest Margaret

Only a line to keep you 'au fait' of what is passing about the important succession at Grandboro (-poor, poor Mrs. Newcombe -)

So fortunate that Sir Harry wrote to you & Capt. Verney
so fortunate that he wrote to Mr. Stubbs to recommend some one -
so thankful that Mr. Greene is not here
so thankful that Dean Fremantle is at sea -
[A man has written to him Sir H.V. from Leeds asking for Grandboro]
who says that he is recommended by Dean F.]

Sir Harry did write to Mr. Harry Grey who sent him this morning a List of names - & among them, not recommending him (for he recommended a Mr. ? Hannard, of Brenchley, Staplehurst) but mentioning Mr. Maitland, thus; "you know him."

And Sir Harry wrote off to Mr. Maitland offering him the living - I was just in time to stop the letter being sent to the post. Possibly you may like Mr. Maitland. But certainly it was not desirable to give it away the living without waiting for your answer & Mr. Stubbs’ -

This is all I can tell you - but I am afraid that the living will somehow get given away: if your Answer & Mr. Stubbs’ do not come to-morrow or next day. And I trust that you have some one or two to three to recommend whom you really wish for, approve & think fit -

I am on tenterhooks till your letter answer comes; because it is a mere accident if a letter is not written & posted here which cannot afterwards be recalled by Telegram -

[He Sir Harry is so kind - I don’t think him well - But then people always say, & I hope they are right, that I don’t see him at his best]

The thing is, is it not? to have a man clergyman who knows & sympathizes with farmers and labourers, who cares for the questions of the day about them, & cares intelligently - who will take Counsel with them & influence them as a friend - I pray that this affair may be successfully settled

Zealous clergymen now-a-days are all for towns & not for country or agriculturals - & are generally High Church
Aug 17/87 [16:883]
I wrote to the Grand Duchess yesterday about the plans not having arrived. And now this morning they are come. Shall I telegraph? It will do at 3 o’clock, I think? I am glad I wrote before the plans came; they are hopelessly bad. No Englishman would look at them. What shall I do? F. [end]

Do you mean by “lead pencils” my white pencil with leads? They are Lund’s Patent., Pencil with Lund’s Patent Leads, sold by any Stationer - But I have mine made on purpose for me, long & of ivory - And I use not the “pure Cumberland” leads but the “Composition” leads.
I have been so sorry my dearest Pop not to see you to-day but hope that tomorrow will make up -

No doubt you have been so good as to order Mrs. Green's soup & brandy for to-night. & also her sandwiches for tomorrow morn. She goes between 8 and 9, a.m. & does not get in till 7.30 p.m., as you know - Fare you very well tonight.

your loving F. Aug 22
Claydon Aug 22/87

Dearest Margaret

I have a dread feeling of *for Maude leaving you on Wednesday - with all this anxiety & uncertainty about Mr. Fred.

My very best love to her & the children - Aunt Florence's very, very best loving love

[3:513-14]

Private

As to Grandboro', we are so far - viz that my clergy agrees - there have been several dozens of applications - that Mr. Stubbs' man (Mr. Warner) & Mr. Hanning (Mr. Grey's first on the list) are the only ones worth thinking of -

I have been commissioned to write to a lady I know living at Brenchley to enquire about Mr. Hanning -

And Sir Harry has written to Mr. Warner's old Vicar at Greenwich, mentioned by Mr. Stubbs -

Neither has yet answered

Sir Harry volunteered to tell me that he had not written to Dean Fremantle or to Mr. Greene for advice - And I saw a nice feeling letter from Mr. Greene about Mrs. Newcombe's loss but giving no advice at all about a Successor -

So far the Gods have favoured us -

Sir Harry means to go over to Brenchley in Kent to see Mr. Hanning - & to have Mr. Stubbs' man (Mr. Warner) ever here from Devonshire

Sir Harry has had the Grandboro' churchwarden over here - & read the letters about the two to him

If Sir H. knew the cold water that goes down my back as every day we talk -

But I hope we may be justified in saying: so far so good But there is many a pit-fall Poor Mrs. Newcombe is coming here to-day.

I hope that you think Maude pretty well - & the children stronger -

I am obliged to leave off - My heart is full of you all - ever with dear Love to you all your loving

F. Nightingale
Dearest Margaret

I am sure it must have done Maude worlds of good to be with you - And one does hope that her Nairn enterprise will give her a good that will reward her for her most trying post: cut in two -

Thank you a thousand times for all the trouble you & Miss Wynne have so kindly taken about Shell & Sea-side books - & also Stanford has sent me a good List - I will write about these again

Burn

A Telegram was sent off to Mr. Stubbs this morning telling him to send Mr. Warner here - And this afternoon a letter offering Mr. Warner the living was written to him - Whether it will be posted or not Heaven alone can tell.

Mr. Calvert comes tomorrow - And if it is not posted to-day I believe it never will be.

The letter itself is a panegyric by kind Sir Harry of Dean Fremantle & Mr. Greene - & I really believe was an ‘amende honorable’ in his heart for doing this thing without their advice - I cannot describe the to-ings & fro-ings - If God brings it to pass it would be too long it will be like a miracle - & troublesome to you -

Best of love to all yours - Ellin & Lettice & Ruth & Harry - dear souls - in haste your ever loving  

F. Nightingale
Aug 25  
My dear Sir Harry {archivist: 1887}  
Did you telegraph to the clergyman at Greenwich yesterday as you wished?  
If not, kindly send me the package of letters for the address -  
And I will send you down the Telegram ready written for your approval  
Parthe is sending to the Telegraph Office.  
F.

Aug 27/87  
My dear Sir Harry  
By some unaccountable blunder somewhere the kind invitation you & Parthe addressed to the Whatstandwell Coffee-room Deputation did not reach them [I wrote & posted it last Saturday or Sunday] till Thursday - They say consequently they cannot come here - a great disappointment - but must come to me in London - Peacock, the Manager, a capital man, tho' not highly well educated, is to be one of the Deputation, which makes me the more...

Aug 30/87  
My dearest Pop  
I am afraid it is rather inconvenient to you these good Whatstandwell people coming to-day at 5.18 Claydon Station -  
Their names are  
Mr. Iveson, C.E. Secy. to Coffee Rooms  
E. Crosland “Artist” (doubtless of the ‘picture’)  
Hy. Sibley Butler to the Miss Hurts probably  
W. Peacock the Manager
(no quarry men, I am sorry to say)
I suppose I must see the whole four as soon
   as they arrive for the “Presentation” -
   And then after a moment for rest
   have the manager for a good long talk -
       Your feastings for them!
       ever your F.
so sorry you have had such a poor night.

9011/167 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Aug 30/{archivist: 1887}
My dear Sir Harry
   I am afraid this is rather
inconvenient to you
   Would you show the List
to Mr. Morey
   & when Parthe wakes
       to her.
Your great kindness is
   appreciated
       F.
The Miss Hurts are most
   faithful supporters of the
       Coffee room -

Coming to-day from Whatstandwell Aug 30/87
   to reach Claydon Station  5.18 p.m.
Mr. Iveson    C.E.  Secy. to Coffee-room
E. Crosland   “Artist”
Hy Sibley      Butler to Miss Hurts
W. Peacock    Manager of Coffee room
by Sir Harry Verney’s
   kind invitation
9011/168 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Sir Harry
I think if the Whatstandwell folk are coming about 7, the "Presentation" had better take place directly - And then I might have some talk with Mr. Peacock alone till 8 -
But if they want food before 8, I think I must put off my talk with him till tomorrow

What do you think? F {archivist: Aug 87}

9011/169 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist:? Aug '87} [5:327]

Many thanks for this most interesting letter -
How pitiful & how terrible the state of Ireland in these ‘Jubilee’ days of ours!

But I must turn away -
My dear, is it not rather alarming about the 130 “tall” lions, “bred” in Dublin? They are not all wanted for home consumption in Dublin, are they? Do you think the English “aristocracy” buy them? The ‘rank & fashion’ of England don’t have a carriage *lion* to go out with the carriage, do they?, as we used to have a dog to go out with the carriage

F
Dearest Margaret

My mind has been intent upon one of the most valuable letters ever written - & not only upon Botany - ever since you wrote it to me from Leipzig. I cannot bear to drop it - [You know no one could write such a book on plants & on birds as you if you had but the time]

I spoke to a member of the Education Office on the idiotic way we teach Botany to children. And he too was fired about it. And I read him the part of your letter which you now see -

But I had no time to make copies of it. Would you object to my printing it, as I now enclose - simply as a copying machine, & having perhaps 12 copies thus of it? Your little sketch of 3 & 3 will be lithographed, & put in the blank space, p. 2 of the printed leaflet.
In the winter an Anglo-Indian showed me a very small book of his out of print on plants in Bengal - the only approach to your system I have ever seen - And we have had 'pour parlers' with Cassell about it for my Anglo-Indian to do English plants - He is a Professor at the Calcutta University &c &c

But my object now is if we could introduce something of your system into Elementary Schools here

O that you were a Professor!

I trust you will not object to my little leaflet.

Could you kindly let me know by return of post with any remarks? as I am not remaining here -

ever dearest Margaret

Your loving

F. Nightingale

[2]

Dearest Margaret - I shall not see you & the dear children & Capt. Verney here - To all, my best love - I am obliged to return to London on Tuesday -

[We are so very busy at St. Thomas' & the India Office. Please not to tell Sir Harry]

Pray for us that God may prosper our work - which is His - or make it His.

Love, love, love to you & the children F-N:

I am so
very anxious to know how
dear Ellin prospers at
Miss Buss’s - & how
Lettice goes on.
F.N.
Sunday 4/9/87
My dearest Pop If Mr. Richmond could come tomorrow (but no doubt he is engaged) & I give him a sitting in the afternoon, & then on Tuesday morning or rather Tuesday noon, I would go by the 10.28 train on Wednesday morning -
This is if you wish it very much for the sitting - But this is a very great hurry for me - And I shall have to begin a terrible piece of India work almost as soon as I arrive, whereas I ought to rest for a week - your F.

Sept. 5/87
Telegraph Claydon House, “Steeple” Claydon. Bucks. Winslow, Burn Bucks,
You will hear that Mr. Stubbs' man, Mr. Warner, has declined Grandboro', on the ground that he ought not to leave his present 'people' whom he found 'much neglected' till they were 'further advanced' - This is a real calamity; for it took worlds to bring it to the point of offering it him - I can only suggest to you that Sir H. should consult Mr. Stubbs again

About Mr. Grey's man, Mr. Hanning, of Brenchley, I wrote by Sir H.'s desire to a friend of mine there, who, tho' Evangelical, is a most clever & conscientious woman - And she wrote the most careful character of him which convinced both (Sir H. & P.) that he was very "ordinary" tho' an "Evangelical" - I mention this, in order that
they may not go back to him -

There is another - a much
older man - mentioned by Mr. Grey - at Clapham, whom they wrote to Miss Marianne Thornton about - I saw her answer - He is of the "old" “Clapham School” of “Evangelicals” He would not do here - But they do not think so, I am afraid.

Sir H., dear kind Sir H., distresses himself as much at every fresh application as if he were refusing the Archangel Gabriel - whereas most of them are in themselves reason for refusing them - One wants the living to cure his Rheumatism One because he is a Senior Op. And so on -

Mr. Greene “thinks” that Sir H. does not appoint Mr. Jameson! or Mr. Chadwick for fear of depriving him of a valuable curate! sic -

I am going away - I can only suggest to you - Let Mr. Stubbs be consulted again - His was almost the only letter worth anything -

God speed you

Mr. Stopford Brooke has written recommending a young man, an old curate {written vertically on the edge of the page} of his, now at Tamworth - a good recommendn. -
Claydon
Most Sept. 5/87
Private
Dearest Margaret
Many thanks for the Proof -
  It is quite impossible that
you should do otherwise, of
  course, than go to the “Liberal
Brotherhood’s” Meeting & tea -
Sir Harry means to go
himself - [& wishes to have the
  “copper” put in order
& to give “milk”. The first
I believe cannot be done
  The second I am afraid
will not be done]

  But I trust in God that
you will not find the all the
difficulty you expect we expected here -
Last night she asked me
to pray for her that she
might have be guided
  in right in these difficult
circumstances - or some
words to that effect. And
I knew that she meant to
pray for wisdom & love.
She never said anything
at all like it before -
  And I never expected to
live to hear her say it

  God is so good that I
think He must grant our
prayer - “I will”, He says.
  And I know that on your
side it will be all
love & forbearance -
  Will you, dearest Margaret,
write to me in London
how it fares about Mr.
Stubbs’ Mr. Warner?

I stay here till Wednesday
morning at her special
desire - But I hope your
rooms will be made quite ready
for you here -
    She has a bad cough,
owing I am afraid to
rainy carriage drives -
but is wonderfully lively -
God keep her -
God bless you all - And
He will -
ever your loving & grateful
    F. Nightingale
10 South St Sept 10/87
My dearest Pop Many thanks -
I am as well as 'could be'
'expected' after leaving Claydon.
It looked so transcendentally
lovely with the sun breaking out
after the rain as I stood &
saw & listened out of my East
window for the last time - &
all the birds were singing a low
song of love & joy -
And I blew two kisses in at
your dear door as I passed down
stairs.
We came into the dusty foliage
of London in a N.E. wind -
But the leaves are still thick

But I have been seized,
bound hand & foot & immersed
in Indian business ever since
the moment of my return -
I am so pleased that you are
pleased with Mr. Richmond's
picture - I was so afraid - &
that there would be 'Love's
'Labour Lost''
Then people do so ask for
photographs
I had a letter from Mr. Peacock
of Whatstandwell, full of
gratitude to you & Sir Harry,
as well they might be - I am

sure you have put new life
into them -
Some splendid Tritomas now
adorn my room -
And I did not tell you, I forgot,
that I bought a Brisket, & Mrs.
Broadhurst cooked it for me -
this as a pattern for here.
We are in all sorts of
breathlessnesses here - You
would see that Sir John Gorst
moved the Budget last night of a fifth part of the population of the globe - & this trifling matter attracted a house which was all but counted out. What must
India think of us?
   Sir J. Gorst is ill - & our business hangs fire -
   Indian finance is in a desperate condition - aggravated by the capture of Burma, of course - an awful expenditure -
   Ld. Dufferin is 'disappointing' - so say people. [end 1:383]
   I do trust Grandboro’ will be settled to your satisfaction -
   Poor Mrs. Newcombe - what a support you are to her -
   Would that your cough were better -

[2]
Mrs. Robertson Sept. 10/87 [1:383-84] [6:653-54]
I could not feel satisfied without writing to Dr. Benson the morning I left Claydon -
   And he replied with what I thought a very sensible view of her case - But one cannot judge without more enquiry -
   And you think she ought to see some one in London, in which I dare say you are right.
   Mr. Croft, to whom I would gladly have sent her, is out of London till end of month.
   But there are two men, both
in London, who take the places of the great men at St.
Thomas’ when away on holiday, in whom we have the most implicit confidence - Both are good. She will probably like the married man the best.

I could not send her as an Out-Patient to St. Thomas’ in any case - ‘Them’s my sentiments’. But I would gladly send her to either of these men she likes - both live near here - & pay the fee -

Either will of course order her a Truss with pad - And she will go to Spratt’s & be fitted. It is not a difficult case, I believe -

I wish I had some woman to send with her, but I have no one who is knowledge-able. However all three men are entirely to be trusted - as much so as Mr. Croft. Only I am fond of his excessive carefulness - And Spratt has a Sister - who fits women - Mrs. Robertson is exceedingly obliged to you for your kind offer of a bed at No. 4 -
She will come up on the 19th - if you will kindly give orders - And she will have her meals here -

The two men we recommend are (I have enquired at St. Thomas’)
Mr. Pitts & Mr. Makins [Mr. M. married Mrs. Fellowes]
if she would say which she would like best -
Mr. Pitts is perhaps rather the cleverer. But both are safe men.
If she would also say what train she comes by on the 19th F.N.

[3]
My dear, I don’t like to trouble you about Mrs. Robertson -
But perhaps the enclosed sheet, p. 2, will explain the thing & might be sent in to her just as it is -
She will then say what she wishes -
My dearest love to all your people dear -
God bless you - I never forget to pray Him with all my heart for my Pop ever my Pop your F. [end 6:654]
10 South St Sept 13/87
My dearest Pop
    Thank you for your note about Mrs. Robertson -
    Let her let me know as soon as possible what time she will be in London on Monday.
    You know I must make this week an appointment for her at Mr. Makins’ own house - and BEFORE one or two o’clock.
    He may very likely appoint 10 or 11 a.m. on Tuesday or Monday
    [In the afternoon these Doctors are all visiting their Hospitals]
    e© and their private Patients at their own homes.]
    He will then satell her what sort of a Truss & Pad she is to have - & whether at Spratt’s. She will then to go to Spratt’s to be fitted: or elsewhere.
    ¶ We always reckon two or three times of fitting before the Truss really fits.
    Or it only ends in the Patient being miserable & having to come up to London again to have the Truss altered.
This is the usual course of things - 
Let her then not fix to be only “one night” at South St.

I should think the smallest time would be:

Tuesday morning: Makins
„ day: Spratt
or ___

Wednesday morning Spratt:
or ___

[Miss Spratt will probably come to her after the first fitting.]

I don’t think she can come up by any train on Monday early enough to see Mr. Makins that day.

But please let her tell me this week me as soon as possible what morning appointment to make with Mr. Makins -

He might be called out of town.

[And she must be careful not to strain or hurry herself or lift any thing till she is properly fitted with her pad.]x

I should tell Mr. Makins what the case is. I have Mr. Benson’s letter.

You do not tell me about your cough -

God bless you & Sir Harry & you all -

ever yours & his

F.N.

x The Truss might even have to be made -
Sept 17/87
{printed address:} 10, South Street.
Park Lane. W.
My dearest Pop
  Thanks for your letter -
  And thanks for Sir Harry’s -
  As Mrs. Robertson will
  not come on Monday, I
  have made an appointment
  for her with Mr. Makins
  at 12 noon on Tuesday
  She must come here
  first to refresh
  [It is quite vain to go
during “consulting hours” to a
Doctor without an appointment

You wait 3 hours - & then
if you ask a servant he
says: Oh Master’s been
gone out this hour - &
won’t be back till 8 tonight
I enclose a note to her
with all directions - which
please have sent in to
her at once - I trouble
you with it, because I
don’t know whether their
letters are fetched on Sunday.
Miss Pringle arrived last night. And I am thankful to say that every Sister, Nurse & Probationer contributed a flower or something to bid her welcome - It was quite a success - And I was very anxious.

I have had much Indian business before Ministers separated. Lord X left London last night -

So you may imagine how busy we are.

There was a ‘orrud fog this morning -

Shore has sent me heather - of which I gave half to Miss Pringle

Many, many thanks for your beautiful grapes -

God bless you all & love to all -

ever yours & his

F.N.
Dearest Margaret

Thank you so much for your letters. [You were quite right: the enclosure you were so good as to send was meant for waste paper - But I was particularly grateful to it, for it brought me another letter from you]

I fear - I know that you had an anxious time of it - parting with dear Ellin for Miss Buss - But I hope all was as satisfactory as it could be - & she pretty well & cheerful - I am sure, as you decided it, it must be the best. But it must have been a great wrench - God bless her - I hope you have good reports, tho' it is only 4 days ago - And dear Lettice, how is she? She cannot milk cows now - so good for her, that blessed cow - And Ruth & Harry - how are they? & their dear mother?

Dr. Payne, a retired Bengal Surgeon-Genl=, has been lately with me- He does Sanitary & Nursing business here for the C-in-C- & Govt= in India- Said to be the clearest head & worst temper in the Medico-Sanitary line- --I saw the first, but the second did not show--He did not commit any assault or battery in my room.
He remembers a “young Lieut. “Verney of the Shannon” put ashore ill at Calcutta- And he took him into his own house- Does Capt. Verney remember Dr. Payne?
I am so very sorry that Sir H. does not talk to Capt. Verney about the Cottage Farm. Sir H. did it because he thought it right. But his pleasure in doing it was to please Capt. Verney. And he went thro’ a good deal for it. He was told that he ‘did not know ‘what he was about in letting ‘French in’ - also that ‘French had ‘been insolent to Capt. Verney, ‘& he Capt. V. would not like it’ - &c &c I never have seen Sir H. so hurt or distressed - I was quite anxious about him - But, you see, he carried it thro’ - Perhaps it is this that makes him Silent -

[2]
I am aghast at what you tell me about Grandboro’. It was a real calamity Mr. Warner declining. It took ‘a deal’ to work it up. Now I am afraid this is a kind of re action - It is very pitiful -

[3:515]
I fear his memory fails - It is this, not unkindness, which makes anything odd

[He writes to me about things which happened when I first went to Claydon - & which we talked over every day for 7 weeks - And the things which have happened since & I am so anxious to know about, he does not mention.]

He is so kind always.
God must take us in charge (as we always say with a kind of sigh, as if that were a very forlorn hope indeed) - Grandboro' & all
Your leaflet is done - And I send you one -
The Botany books want help indeed -

Aunt Florence's best love to all your chicks

4.
Capt. Verney was so good as to send me a French Catechism, agricultural, book (very French) which I will return to him.
That is just the thing which we want - somewhat of course modified, - for the Elementary or High Schools in each Province & Presidency in India -
I know the Secy. to the Agricultural Dept. 'with 'the Govt. of India', Sir Edward Buck - I think I will get this valuable little book, or several copies, & send it to him & others. for it will be the Educational Dept. in India that will decide it. Ld. Reay is a great Educationist, I think he might take it up.
We teach everything but agriculture in a purely agricultural country, like India
I have had hardly time to breathe since I came back - what with Indian business. [It is always what one does not do & not what one does do that tires one]
And with our change of Matrons at St. Thomas’ - fare you very well,
   ever dearest Margaret
   Your loving
   F.N.

9011/178 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St   Sept 22/87
Dearest Margaret
   Thank you *very, very* much for your letter.
   I have received this morning from Maude Mr. Fred’s “new “letter” which she desires me to ‘let them have at Claydon’.
Here it is.
No time for more but thanks 
   ever with love to all
   your loving
   F. Nightingale

9011/179 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St  Oct 1/87
My dear Sir Harry
   Thank you much for your letters & enclosures.
   I return *you* Mr. Fred’s most interesting letter, because you do not say *where* I am to send it.
   Maudie’s heart will be in a loving tumult at his near approach - I am glad he is to be at No. 4. Perhaps we may be able to do something for him in the way of food -
Anent the Chinese Opium smokers, poor Princess Narès was anxious to do something for the *Bangkok* Opium Smokers - And I tried to get for her information - about the Opium 'Home', opened at a place in China by one of those 6 young Cambridge Graduates who a few years ago went & gave their lives to China - only one was a clergyman - How I wish we had such in India! But now Princess Narès can do nothing

I must put off the rest of my letter, dear Sir Harry - I have hardly time to breathe, which must be my reason for not answering your most kind invitation - I have much to say but will only say now how sorry I am you have still Grandboro' on your mind, & how will a Spitalfields curate do for a place like Grandboro'? men, circumstances, conditions, all so different - all nearly the opposite of each other - the *training* of a clergyman must be different, must it not? to make him understand his parishioners -

Love to all

I will only now say what I cannot say how much I am

Yours & hers ever

F.N.

in greatest haste

God bless you ever -

I have heard from Ld. Dufferin
My dear Sir Harry

You seem to have filled your two days in London pretty full - And I cannot see a cranny left for me on Tuesday. But there is another reason against me - & perhaps Mr. Fred will tell you it; viz. that I have Mr. Jowett very ill in the house.

On Wednesday however

I hope nothing will prevent my seeing you -

What time?

Love to all -
ever yours & hers

F.N.
“Now”, & he said something that made it evident he was alluding to this as his last illness. “I am ready”.
Yes: he was really in Christ’s kingdom here as much as he is now -
Sir Harry read me one of his last Sermons at Claydon: there was this sentence: “Our place in Christ’s kingdom is being determined now”
O God, give us three places in Christ’s kingdom now!
And He says He will, if we choose -

- lovingness - Mr. Greene was so full of lovingness - That is Xt’s kingdom.
‘God is love; & he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God & He in us’
Can God dwell in me?
Col. Fordyce, when he fell shot dead in the Caffre War, had just time to cry out, like a soldier at his post, “Ready, my God”. & died -

I must stop - I am so driven.  
May I send this very unsentimental offering now, £25 - And another at Xmas
Kindest regards to Mrs. Davidson
ever dearest Pop
your loving F.
Private 10 South St
Oct. 16/87
Dear Margaret -

Your dear letter quite appals me - Yet it is nothing but what I have seen myself -

Yes: Sir Harry said to me, quite decidedly, that he meant to leave the appointment of dear Mr. Greene’s successor to you & Capt. Verney that it was not as a kindness he did this but as the natural thing to do, since it concerned you two far more than himself & my sister -

- that he did not wish even to be consulted - & that if I knew of any names that might be suitable, I was to send them to you & not even mention them to him -

Nothing could be more thoroughly in earnest than what he said, & thought & felt then. And so it will be again.

The difficulty is that he knows himself so little, a word will turn him, tho’ he turns back again -

It is the most difficult thing to be with them & to steer them straight.
But be sure that they appreciate all your sacrifices for them - Sir Harry told me of all you did for him; [it was like 'bursting forth into singing' upon the 'praises of a good woman', as he well might;] & for my sister - how you had brought on the writing out of the Verney papers - and for the poor Rectory - Your visit has “succeeded” & does “succeed”.

I cannot help hoping that he will drift back again into what he so solemnly intended, about leaving the choice of the successor to you & Capt. Verney - tho’ I am afraid it is most terribly wearing to you, who have so much trial & anxiety

I shall be so very anxious to know what Capt. Verney’s answer to your letter was - if you would be so kind as to give me one line - & what the next step will be -

Did you tell him Capt. Verney afterwards about this sudden eruption in favour of Mr. Glyn? Even should you & Capt Verney feel inclined ultimately to offer it to him - there is much to be considered
- is not there? whether it is convenient to have a Duke’s daughter, & sister-in-law of a Royal Princess there - I should not have thought Mr. Glyn would accept - I do so grieve for the whole thing - for you, for them, for everybody & everything but dear Mr. Greene himself A ‘stramash’ was so certain to happen about his successor now. It seems almost cruel that this sorrow should have come to Sir Harry now, & that all this terrible burden should have fallen upon you now - May I say one thing: you know I have had this kind of thing my whole life viz. my family people frantically opposed to some thing which the next year x or even the next hour they were as frantically delighted with the only thing is & yet always ‘having up’ any grievance, & never forgetting it. e.g. entering Hospital life.
the only way is: to act
as knowing what they will
think some day, & not as what
they are thinking now, changing
every hour -
and you will do this so wisely
& tenderly that you will succeed
in not giving offence -
One is so apt, don’t you think?
to try & please the moment, & the
momentary feeling - which is impossible
because it changes every moment -
Whoever is put in as Mr.
Greene’s successor, they will, or
at least she will, find fault
with sometimes - And very
difficult it is to bear -
But she told me to pray
for love & wisdom for her -
And we will, won’t we?
we will pray, pray - And He
will give it; - to us all -
I hope dear Ellin is more happy
& you more easy about her -
but Lettice is a strange anxiety -
Love to all the four -
Yes: we had a most terrible week
with poor Mr. Jowett - But I say
as little about it as possible, lest
it should be known all over Oxford
how ill the Master of Balliol has
been; & he is not well now -
God bless you, dearest Margaret
ever your loving F.N.
Mr. Stubbs says: “I ventured, “to recommend strongly to Sir Harry my old friend & helper with pupils Mr. Rolfe, now Headmaster at Tamworth, but have heard nothing farther from Sir Harry. He is a fine manly fellow, a vigorous & wholesome Christian, not perhaps quite so ‘religious’ in ceremonious ways & parochial visitation as Mr. Warner would have been: but a bright cheerful fellow, of whom all the men were specially fond when he was with me in Grandboro’ - I know all my old folk would welcome him with joy.”

How I wish Sir Harry would drift back to him for Grandboro’ - Perhaps he may

My dear Sir Harry

I have felt so much with you & for you in the parting from that beautiful soul, “in whose presence it seemed “impossible for any one to be “selfish or angry”.

I remember so well his saying so simply of that time when he was ill in the S. of France at an hotel; ‘There was a poor Invalid, consumptive, with no friends, in the next room to me - he had such a cough, especially at night -
"I was so glad to be next him, & get up to him at night - I staid on in that Hotel & in that room on purpose" -

Would there be many men, so ill as he was, to do that? for a total stranger?

Here is what another says of his beautiful life:

"I am very grieved for Mr. Greene’s sudden death - & yet as you say 'he died as he would have wished to die'.

"Dear Sir Harry will miss him I am sure very greatly: he was so much a man after his own heart - trustful, frank, simple - one of those truly good men, who do good as it were by radiation, do good by being good.

"I shall never forget his great kindness to me, when I was ill, & always. His was a disposition so affectionate & sweet & gentle that no man I think could ever feel selfish or angry in his presence: he seemed to inspire peace & goodwill wherever he went, without effort & without consciousness -

"just one of those souls of whom Keble writes:

“They seem to dwell ‘Above this earth - so rich a spell ‘Floats round their path where’er they move, ‘From hopes fulfilled & mutual love’ God grant us all such grace!”

[It is Mr. Stubbs who says this.]

We did so hope that you would have been spared this sorrow, this loss in your life,
Wellcome Ms 9011i 888 May 2012

dear Sir Harry.  [end 3:506]
2. In 1885 you very kindly invited my friends, Mr. & Mrs. Man Mohun Ghose of Calcutta, to Claydon. They are of the rarest type of excellent educated natives: the man & woman equally remarkable. He is a barrister, making £10000 a year at Calcutta - (a very different sort of man from his brother who stood for Greenwich, Lal Mohun). His address is:

Man Mohun Ghose Esq
Alexandra Hotel
Hyde Park Corner
S.W

They are only in England till the middle of November - They could not come in to you in 1885, but they “hope to make” your “acquaintance” this time, & Parthe's - I am so oppressed with work &c that I am unable to see them this week - but shall before they go - [end 10:854]

3. Could you be so very good as to return me Lord Dufferin’s letter which I have not answered? God bless you all ever yours & hers F.

You kindly told me how you felt the good & natural thing to do was to put the choice of dear Mr. Greene’s successor into the hands of Margaret & Capt. Verney - F.N.
Dearest Margaret

I do so grieve about your increased anxiety for dear Ellin but hope with all my might that you will be able to take her back to Claydon next week - and dear Lettice too, what a trial. Indeed you are full of chastenings: And you don’t seem to need chastening, dear, blessed Margaret. It is most desirable besides, as you say, that you should be able to return to Claydon for their poor sakes at Claydon -

Poor Sir Harry writes: [3:517]

“overwhelmed with applications, Edmund & Margaret will choose, for which I am scolded - for neglecting the duty that God has devolved on me: but I am satisfied that I have done right.”

While grieving from my heart for poor Sir Harry’s distress, it is an amazing relief that he stands firm - & an amazing relief that you see your way to returning to Claydon. What would he do without you? I seem to myself such a brute for not flying to ask you & Ellin here - But if you knew how this poor brute is driven! Yet, could I see you for half an hour to hear something about you from yourself - The only times I could
scratch in would be, if you are going to Claydon on Monday - 3.15 on Sunday
But you must be so busy -
Or 3 on Monday, if you
don’t go till Tuesday -
But both days I have other
appointments - & other work -
Or I would not be so precise -
to all Aunt Florence’s best
of loves
   God bless you all -
O I do pray for love &
wisdom for her, as she
bade me pray - And you
do, I am sure -
   ever yours, dear, dear
Margaret, gratefully
   F. Nightingale
   I wish the “applications” did  [3:517]

[2]
not bother Sir Harry so -
In general, I think an
“application” sufficient
reason for putting the applicant
out of the category -
don’t you? F.N.
Oct. 26/87
My dear Sir Harry
I shall be so very sorry
not to see you to-day before
you return to Claydon - But
I would not hurry you for the
world -
I know you are so very right
in giving the succession to
Mr. Greene to dear Margaret
& Edmund to decide -
Thanks for the beautiful
photograph -
I shall hope to hear
about the Gordon Boys’ Home

Do you know that dear
Mrs. Hawthorn & Col. Hawthorn
have received orders to
leave Chatham & are
transferred to Jersey?
It is a heart-break -
Thanks for the lovely
grapes
I hope you are taking
George with you to
Bagshot - Please do

A very promising [12:397]
candidate has offered to
er herself to us at St. Thomas’
from Aylesbury -
Miss Rawson
a clergyman’s daughter -
Could you be so very
kind as to get us
some information about
her? [end 12:397]
God bless you
ever yours & Parthe’s
F.
10 South St. Oct. 30/87

Policemen

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you very much
for your message about the
Policemen & 4 South St. - We
do not allow the policemen to
come to this house or to have
any communication with our
maids - I write myself
every morning to Inspector Piper
to take his orders - And our
messenger carries the food in
relays coffee hot & hot to the house in Park Lane
of which we have the use,
to which the men come in parties.
It takes about 1 ½ to 2 hours
serving them. And our Messenger

brings back our crockery - but
no remnant of food or drink!
To-day we could not have the use
of the house in Park Lane - there
was no time to “tell Insp” Piper
“to write to “ you - so I sent
your message to Mrs. Parsons,
told the men that they might
come to your house. And the
orgies are just beginning, 4. p.m.
in your Servants’ Hall: Tea, Coffee,
Sandwiches, Bread & Butter, Buns -
Gordon Boys Home

About the Resolution you propose:
would it not be better to have
simply
“that with a view to the
health & welfare of the
boys there should be
Matron to the Home”
If the questions of “under-
clothing” & “housekeeping” are started,
would you not certainly
be answered that, this being
a Military Estt., these are
otherwise provided for?

I will write again about
this.
Qy: is there a Laundry?
Qy: What is settled about
a Hospital?
Of all expedients, that of a
Serjeant & his wife areis
the worst?!

Did you mean that there
was to be a Gordon Boys’ Meeting
next Wednesday?
& that you are coming to
it?
I have a particular reason

9011/187 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Last Wednesday
No: you were to have your
Tea here at all events - But I
own I did grudge hearing
those stories about an
insolent woman when I
wanted so much to hear about
the Gordon Boys’ Home &
other things -
F.N.
Parthe
You will kindly tell me
Sir H. Acland’s opinion
of Parthe, you say?
ever yours & hers
God bless you both
F.

9011/188 incomplete, initialed note, 1f, pen.

[2]
you in the morning a tiny
Memo. 1. as to Matronship,
Gordon Boys’ Home - & 2. as
to what may be asked, if you
think well, of H.R.H. for Col
Hawthorn. It is not much.
Then I shall hope to see you
at 11 and at 2.30, as you
kindly say.
F.
Nov. 1/87

9011/189 incomplete note, 1f, pen

No. 2
So glad you are coming tomorrow.
And I have ascertained at
the War Office that H.R.H
the Duke is attending there,
daily now, in case you are so
good as to see him about Col.
Hawthorn.
I hope to see you at both the
times you kindly mention. But
I will send to Grosvenor St. to meet
Col: Hawthorn
The Duke of Cambridge
attends at the War Office
this week -
& every day this week,
as far as is known

Nov 2/87
The Duke must be made
fully aware that Col Hawthorn
knows nothing of an application
being made to him - It would
not do for the Commr.-in-Chief to
suppose for a moment that he
was appealing to him against
the decision of his Col. Hawthorn’s Superiors
in his own Department -
If the Duke should kindly
allow the amalgamation to
be postponed, Col Hawthorn
need not even then know how
it came about

[2]
No pecuniary interests would
be affected by allowing Col
Hawthorn to complete his
time as C.R.E.

It is no advantage to the
Commandant to have the
C.R.E. ship
And Col. Hawthorn draws
his pay & allowances as
Col. of Engineers.

Folios added by verifiers

Col Hawthorn
Would His Royal Highness
allow the amalgamation of
appointments at Chatham
to be put off till Col. Hawthorn,
C.R.E. at Chatham, has
completed his 2 1/2 years?
[This 'amalgamation' is: of the Commandant of the School of Military Engineering & of the C.R.E.]

It is so unusual to make a change of this sort while an officer is holding his appointment: so unusual to upset present holders
Col. & Mrs. Hawthorn for asking
You were so good as to ask whether anything could be done to prevent Col & Mrs. Hawthorn’s removal from Chatham?
Yes: there could.
And you could do it. But then it would involve your seeing the Duke of Cambridge - & that soon.
And I don’t like to ask it.

9011/191 unsigned memorandum, 1f, pencil

MATRON: Gordon Boys’ Home
Resolution
that with a view to the health & welfare of the boys, it is desirable that there should be a Matron of the Home
Nov. 2/87

9011/192 unsigned note, 1f pencil

{written as response on a letter from HV}
Only I shall have in writing to Lothian, to say that it is only postponement of amalgamation that is asked for, in order to show him that we are not trenching on his authority.
The Duke will tell Lothian himself
Do you think that the Duke will speak to Lothian immediately?
Nov 4/87
it is 33 years to-day
since we landed at Scutari

Dear Sir Harry

My "Indian Mail" will, as often happens, [thank you for remembering it!] go to the dogs to-day -

I have a heavy appointment after luncheon - for which I have to prepare -

I would gladly see you either at 5.30 or 6, or 6.30, if you will have tea, or this morning for a short time - Please say -

F.N.

10 South St. Nov 5/87
Inckermann Day

My dear Sir Harry

How are you? You made me so unhappy by coming out in the rain yester evening (&waiting in the Dining-room, for I had had a tremendous interview) with damp feet. O how could you? Why did you not send your footman?

There will be a torrent of rain to-day - Pray do not do those multifarious days things you showed me - I am sure that Parthe would not like it.

Pray rest this morning - Or
you will have a heavy cold.

Come here at any time today - And we will pray,
as she bade us, for: love &
"wisdom" -

What time shall it be?
But do not tire yourself -
[The Bible & “Like Christ” lay
neglected on my bed yesterday

9011/195 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

6/11 {archivist: ?87}
My dear Sir Harry

I am so sorry Maude declines -
but shall hope Fred will persuade her
to go to South St. tomorrow / some mistaken
scruple

Will you ask one of the Miss Spring
Rices if she will kindly pay me a
visit to-day? if so, what time? will
suit her?

F.N.

I enclose 2 Telegrams

9011/196 initialed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

Strictly Private 10 South St

Nov 10/87
My dear Sir Harry

Very many thanks for your
kind note & for its enclosures
from the D. of Cambridge
& for your most kind offer
to “come up & see” me “about
“the Hawthorns.”

I have delayed answering
for the following reason:

In the Memo. Col. Hawthorn’s
“unfitness for so important
a post” - “the post of
“Commandant S.M.E.” -
[that means Commandant of
the School of Military Engineering]
is that spoken of - and H.R.H. says he cannot “place” him (Col. Hawthorn) “in a very responsible position”

    You merely asked H.R.H. whether Col. Hawthorn could not remain for the rest of his time (2 ½ years) as C.R.E. (Commanding Royal Engineers) at Chatham. You never dreamed of Col. Hawthorn being made Commandant of the Military Engineering School

    You only suggested Col. Hawthorn serving out his time as C.R.E. at Chatham.

    [I have heard twice from Lothian Nicholson - He does not think anything can be done] -

    I have taken some humble means to ascertain whether it is possible or desirable to set H.R.H. right about this matter before I finally decline any further use of your great kindness

& return you the D. of Cambridge’s most kind letter & enclosure - 
I trust that Parthe’s cough is somewhat better
    in greatest haste
 ever yours & hers
    F.N.
What a calamity about the Crown Prince!
    Poor Germany!
9011/197 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

10 South St.
Nov 12/87

Private

My dear Sir Harry

I am convinced that you have done, & so kindly, all that was possible for Col. Hawthorn - & that it would not be desirable to do any thing more or to seek for any further interview on Col. Hawthorn’s account with the Commander-in-Chief.

You have done all that could be done - Thank you so very much.

I therefore return to you the Duke’s letter, & the Memo. enclosed, which has evidently been prepared with great care, & which, you see, he asks to be returned to him.

I should not in any case have let you “come up” merely “to speak to” me.

Mrs. Hawthorn, to whom alone I have communicated your letter, as you permitted, desires her best gratitude And so do I. And so we well may do.

Thank you very much for your information about Grandboro’ -
I am so thankful that Parthe’s cough & her nights are better -
And you?
Did you receive by Rosalind the red Lamp-shade you admired?

ever yours & P.s

F.N.
Nov 16/87

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

My dear Capt. Verney

I had the opportunity of seeing Mr. Jowett last evening, (who recommended Mr. Harford Battersby for Claydon) & asked him for “one of his” (Mr. H.B.’s) “cotemporaires” to answer your questions. He could not think of one there & then, but, as Mr. H.B.y was a Balliol man, Mr. Jowett could answer most of them himself:

“Private means”. His father had means, but Mr. Jowett thinks H.B. was not the eldest son.
“engaged to be married”: Mr. Jowett thinks not.
“What he did at College” -
  First class (in Mathematics
  Mr. Jowett thinks)
  Student of Hebrew
“Clever” - decidedly
“Whether he has written anything”
  No: but Mr. Jowett laughed & said: he was too young: would have been very sorry if he had.

Mr. Jowett backed all you said about him -
  said he was not a High Church man -
  thinks he is a Curate, not a Vicar, (is this so?) in which case his Rector, Mr. Jowett thought, could tell you something about him -
  Mr. Jowett said he would
ask Mr. Harford Battersby to Oxford & ask him all your questions & others himself. But I am afraid this cannot come off, for the next two weeks are
the heaviest in Mr. Jowett’s year. They are the Examinations for Balliol Scholarships - But Mr. Jowett said he would write questions to Mr. H. Battersby & let us know the result. God prosper your choice.

With dearest love to blessed Margaret, ever your affectionate

F. Nightingale

Mr Jowett asked: how long you could give him to make enquiries before you had to make your choice? It would be so much better if Mr. Jowett could see Mr. H.B.

9011/199 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil [1:385-86]

10 South St. Park Lane W.

Nov 18/87

My dearest Pop  How grievous has your cough been. and how thankful I am that you are, I mean that it is somewhat better - I have done as you bade me - prayer for love & wisdom, dearest Pop.

Mobs & fogs in London - dreadful - grand display to-morrow in Hyde Park - Special constables - mobs -

You have heard, I dare say, that Aunt Mai has had a relapse these last 3 weeks

She now never leaves her bed - only is moved into South Room most days from Music - room - She has suffered much pain

She writes to me:

“For myself, though I have made a step downwards towards the end, I am really more comfortable than I have been since I left off
being down-stairs on May 24.
I now spend my days in
bed between 2 rooms, & so
_**I shall remain while in this world.**_

She has two trained Nurses
always; one, night, one, day, &
says of them:
"What I could do before, I can
do now in my new & easier
way of life."

how sweet that is!

My Doctor & Oculist attends
Lady Hatherton & Georgina Hurt,
& talks of them -

He says of Miss Hurt, she
is now blind of both eyes with
cataract, but the eyes are
so bad he should not operate,
only that she is so deaf that
she would be in total darkness

& almost total silence if he
did not give her back a little
light.
He admires them both very much
He says Lady Hatherton is
making a good recovery
from her operation (cataract
in both eyes) - only she caught
a little cold, because she
would see a Missionary - she
is so active she did not like
being kept in bed at all -

He says he can make Miss Hurt
hear, speaking very slowly, one
word at a time; but very few

[2]
Have you heard anything of
Ellen Tollet? I have not -
I have no eyes, no brain, no
time, no strength, to do
anything but my own work,
& by no means always that -

We have had dense fog for
days -

This is rather a sad letter.
Times are sad - I hope my
next will be cheerier -

God bless you, dearest Pop
ever your
F.
Robins & Thrushes, Starlings & Crows,
feeding at the window - so hard
Nov 30/87
{printed address;} 10, South Street, Park Lane. W.
My dear Capt. Verney

How can I thank you enough for letting me see this letter of my sister’s to you? Nothing could have given me a greater joy.

She has said more than once: ‘I am so glad that Harry gave the choice to Edmund.’

Many thanks for your delightful letter - I saw Sir Harry on Monday. All seemed right. Mr. Calvert seemed quite satisfied except that Mr. Battersby was “too young”; which fault is one of that time will certainly mend.

Dean Fremantle had written to the same effect. Sir Harry conveyed his highest satisfaction in saying that Mr. Battersby was a worthy successor of Dean Fremantle & Mr. Greene - dear Mr. Greene - I cannot help sending you (in another envelope) a note from Mr. Battersby to Mr. Jowett which you will understand of course was meant for no other eyes but Mr. Jowett’s - [Please return it to me -]

I don’t know that there are many young men now-a-days who would look upon leisure “for - - meditation” as such a requisite as it undoubtedly is; or upon
the “value of an individual soul” as so transcendent. Is it not the old Puritan when first emancipated from the priest combined with
the unworldly man of the world?
May he answer to all you wish! and may God’s best blessings, the blessings of Infinite Love, be showered upon you all without any measures but that Infinite Love, is the prayer of your & dearest Margaret’s Florence Nightingale
I am pressed for time but do not like to keep your delightful letters any longer -

All the farmers, old King, the Clerk, & others are pleased with him.

9011/201 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St. Dec 4/87
My dearest Pop I am so glad you like the prospect so much of the new clergyman, Mr. Battersby. May he be all we most need -
We have had a little “Crown Prince”, (with the same complaint in his throat), a noble, little boy of 6 years old, at St. Thomas’. He was to be operated upon, but after he had been put under Ether, & before or while the first incision was being made, he was dead. The “Sister” was so moved that she was obliged to leave the Theatre, faint, & go into the
next Sister’s room, & when
Miss Pringle went to her some
hours after was still
streaming with tears -
    I want to know in what Children’s
Hospital it was that that
little Patient ordered its own
dinner & made the others
its slaves - We pet
our children - The “Sisters”
are almost too fond to them -
And Miss Pringle carries them
about & they cling round her
neck when she goes into
the Ward.
    But they are always kept under
the most absolute regular discipline.
    Children are always miserable
if they are not -
    I hope that your cough, in
addition to all else, is not now
so troublesome, dear Pop.
    I never trouble you with
letters when I can help it -
But here are two: /
    one from Mrs. Crook begging
for poor Benjamin Moss, the old
coachman: Mrs. Crook is
well aware that she has no right
to write to me, & that her intervention
would not do any one any good

with me -
    But if she has written to
you, I think that makes a
difference - And if you mean
to give something to Moss,
I would gladly add the half
of whatever you give to it,
if you would be so good as
to send it with yours, & let
me pay you - but I shall not write
direct 2
The other letter is from a
“Florence Nightingale Giles”
age 25, born in the Lying-in
Ward we had in King’s College Hosp. to train our Midwifery Nurses in. I always feel
moved by such a difference of fates. She was born on my birth-day
She has sent me a vile piece of work for slippers -
Could any of your people tell me what her character in Buckingham is?
I suppose I ought to send her a present.
People born in Lying-in Wards are not usually furnished with this world's good:

F.N. Giles
Nelson Street
Buckingham

is her address

2- Benjamin Moss
Southampton Road
Romsey
is the other address

I pray as you bade me, dearest Pop
ever thy
loving F.
I have not heard anything of dear Marianne Thornton's
death -
I am so sorry that I am unable to write
as your F. would wish

What are we to call this Exhibition at St. Petersburg!
The two Emperors charging each successively at the head of his Regiment - saluting the other - then “wheeling” his horse round & re-taking his place at the side of the other, then embracing the other with “effusion” -
like a Hippodrome -
   Do you remember Madame
Cornu, Louis Napoleon’s foster
sister, saying when he
became Emperor: ‘he is fit
for a Hippodrome’?
   O what a tragedy! [end 7:488]
2. I saw a letter from George Bunsen. He says:
   “The peace of Europe depends upon their success”; that is, of “the better selections made of late for men in those outlying “districts” in the E. of Europe “men possessing living “sympathy with the governed “race.” He says: speaking of Prussia:
   “Living in a country far too “much governed & increasingly “so from year to year, I can “sympathize with every body “who observes with sorrow “that initiative & originality “is educated & administrated “out of the young systematically X X X “the progress under “difficulty of more natural “principle in a Pestalozzi - Froebel “Haus which the admirable “Empress” (our Princess Royal) “went to see as she has done “these many years as Crown ‘Princess.
   “The people of Berlin “have “quite shaken off the clouds of “mistrust & dislike which the “Court-set (La Société) had raised up lately against her “ The people see that they were right in their appreciation of her goodness, laboriousness & genius.” He then says how he wished that “a long, “long time be granted her for “convincing the world & in the “end - silencing, as Pr. Albert “did, that narrow set” - Alas! alas!
   O what a tragedy!
Dec 7/87
My dear Sir Harry
   I am so sorry if I cannot see you to-day
   And will you tell dear Maude & Mr. Fred - I am so glad they are with you - the same?
   To-morrow (Thursday) I will keep open for you if you will kindly make appointment or appointments
   To-day I have my Doctor twice - He says he must turn off the gas, I mean my eyesight, to prevent me from working - And in the afternoon I have that terrible woman who wrote to you she wanted to see me - I want particularly to hear, please, what passes at Gordon Boys to-day -
      Matron
      Moving into Bagshot &c

   Could you not take Miss Pringle with you on Friday to Claydon (She is much worn overworked) till Monday?

      F.N.
10 South St  Dec 9/87
Thank you for your Article in
the National, dearest Pop -
But why favour the National?
I send you a beautiful letter
from Otto Goldschmidt, which
please return -
also 10/ for poor old Moss,
with many thanks -
I am very feeble & My Dr
wants to send me away for
2 or 3 months altogether -
I trust your cough at least
is better -
ever your F

Dec 9/87
My dear Sir Harry
I would not alter your
arrangements on any account -
I will expect you, please, at 3
for ¾ hour - But I hope you
will have coffee here -
I am very feeble - And my
Doctor gives but a poor account
of me, & all but insists on
my going quite away for
2 or 3 months -
And I am doing to-day all
that he tells me not to do - I
have a heavy appointment this
afternoon -
I suppose Miss Pringle is not
going with you, I fear? F.N.
10 South St Dec 14/87
My dear Sir Harry & dearest Pop
   I could not answer your most kind invitation till I had had further Medical advice, & this I have now had -
   And this is what is determined: that I go next Tuesday to Pine Acre when it will be empty for a fortnight, perhaps stay a day or two after Maudie & the children come back - to see them -Then, if you will have me, & if your Xmas balls & dances & parties are over by that time, come to you for the last 3 weeks of January as you kindly invite - perhaps stopping in London a little between Pine Acres & Claydon - only I shall be kidnapped.
   My Doctors insist that I should be quite quiet at Claydon. But this I know you will be kind enough to allow - Only I think, if there is no objection & you have no one else in those rooms, the great Western sky of the Blue Room is such
a healer to me, now especially
that I am able to do so
little. And I should be
able to come down to you
& you I hope would come
up to me -
   So if the Gods will,
shall this plan be carried
out? God bless you both
   ever dearest Pop
        & Sir Harry
   yours       F
I will send back
Bartle Frere’s most
interesting letter -
   a sort of microcosm of his father

9011/207 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Pine Acre: Sunningdale: Berks
     Xmas Day 1887
Dearest Pop
   with loving-est & heartiest
Christmas greetings to you
& Sir Harry & all:
   And may the child Jesus
be born anew in all our
hearts - with love, joy,
peace, long-suffering,
gentleness, goodness, faith,
meekness, temperance -
   Please say to Mr. Morey
& others - alas! no Xmas
cards for any this turn,
except poor Hannah Allen,
for Ann Allen is dead after a terrible illness - And she is left alone -
no Xmas cards, for I have no eyes or strength, but to all kindest remembrances -
   I have had beautiful cards from Col. & Mrs. George Verney;
I did not know till you told me that “Edwin” was going to India -
   Will you give them - & Catherine my great sympathy, & all kinds of loving remembrance,
if they are with you -
   Maude has been so kind in arranging this place for my comfort -
   I will write tomorrow & return your letters -
   God bless you, my dear Pop - ever thy old loving Flo

9011/208 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [3:414]

Pine Acre Dec 31/87
   New Year’s Eve 1888
My dearest Pop & Sir Harry
   May all the choicest blessings of the New Year be poured upon you & yours by Him who is Infinite Love - blessings boundless infinite as His Love, - tho’, perhaps, because, we have grieved Him - may 1888 be yours in the highest sense -
   is the fervent prayer, the unceasing prayer of your old loving F.
Did you kindly give my message to Col. & Mrs. George Verney & Cathy?
Claydon: Sunday
Dear Sir Harry
  How are you?
I am thinking how to utilize Sir E. Buck?
Shall he come to me as soon as he arrives? [You will not be out of Church.]
  May he have a cup of coffee in the Blue Room?
  Then I will send him away to his “correspondence” or keep him till luncheon time, as he likes -
  And may I see him again in the afternoon? F.N.

Sunday
Dear Sir Harry
  Thank you very much -
But if you will say that Sir E. Buck is to be shown up to Blue Room when he arrives, I will get up to see him -
  [Of course he cannot “write his letters in the Blue Room”]
His coffee or whatever he takes might follow him to Blue Room, in order to save his time while talking to me?
  Will not that be best?
    F.N.