My dear Sir

Would you take the trouble to read the enclosed note from Dr. Sutherland - & give me your verdict upon it, or if equally convenient to you, tell it to me to = night?

The first two Paragraphs refer to a Report upon quite a different subject.

The "Medical School Scheme" is the scheme I submitted to you, with Notes written almost verbatim from what I put down in pencil the night you were kind enough to come here - and the Four Courses almost as they stand in yours, with the substi= tution of your last sketch of the Operative Surgery course.

Believe me
yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale

Please return me Dr. Sutherland's letter -
30 Old Burlington St.
W Oct 27/58

My dear Sir,

Remembering how much you have done & how much you may still do for the Army, I cannot but send you a copy of my Report to the War Office - It is really "Confidential" & in no sense public property - And I am sure you will keep it so, & not do, as so many people do, who, finding some one else knows a secret they know, immediately conclude it is no secret & make it public -

You will see much of your own work in a part not strictly under my Instructions at all - viz. the part about a Medical School for the Army. We have never let that drop & hope still to bring it about - In fact, it is at this moment "under consideration" by the Govt=. Heaven knows how long that will be!

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5481

Dr Aitken
My dear Sir,

I was only able to open your kind note of June 3 yesterday -
I think the system of arranging the beds (in the Glasgow plan you send me) far better than that of arranging them against the dead walls but far worse than that of arranging them between the windows.

In the plan, the Patients cannot read in bed, without straining their eyes (and Scotch patients read much more than English ones) If the windows are along both sides the ward, opposite the foot of the beds, as they ought to be, the light is then always just opposite the Patient's eyes - which, however important light is to recovery, is by no means always desirable.

Again, the irritability peculiar to many diseases makes it distressing to the Patient to have any noise behind him which he Cannot see - A Patient dying or coughing or who required much fidgetting attendance
would make the bed, back to back with him, almost uninhabitable - Noise which a Patient cannot see (!) always partakes with him of the characters of suddenness & injures him - This is, believe me, the fruit of long experience with the sick.

Again, I think

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in cold weather, when the doors are opened, or when the doors & windows being shut, the fire is acting, it will be found that the cold air will come right down upon the heads of the Patients from under the Ventilator in a way which is not at all anticipated.

The Forms for the eight heads mentioned in the Note to P. 2 of my "Notes", are under process of preparation by the Dr. Farr - And we hope to try them quietly at our London Hospitals & to propose them at the next European Statistical Congress, which will take place in London.
The heart-breaking delays which have taken place about our Army Medical School are but too well known to you - I have however by no means lost heart - At the end of this week we shall know how Ministers stand politically - And whichever way it goes, I think we shall carry the School.

In the meanwhile, we have not been idle about Army Sanitary affairs - And I enclose you the Gazette of a new Commission in proof of the fact - for India -

Will you allow me to enclose a copy of the "Notes" for your friends, Dr. McGhie; there is a misprint at P. 30, which I have corrected in this copy - Please to look at it.

I enclose for your own private eyes a little Pamphlet I wrote on Nursing, (which is really "confidential,") -- perhaps the article Noise will illustrate what I have said about Patients -
Montagu Grove
Hampstead NW
Sept 21/59

My dear Sir

I have to thank you very much for a copy of Dr. Lyon's Report on the Yellow Fever of Lisbon. It seems to me very well done - But I had wished the Govt to send out an Engineer to that unfortunate city. Now, all Dr. Lyons has told us is (not how it can be prevented but) what it has done, which he has told very well -

I should like, if you could send me his direction, to thank him myself.

You have heard, I dare say, from Sir Jas: Clark that the scheme of the Army Med Sch.

has taken a further extension & is to embrace the Candidates for the Indian Medical Service as well as ours -

The buildings (temporary) are actually begun at Chatham - And we sent the proof of the Scheme to press last week. Mr. Herbert is really engaged in it. And I do not despair, though I
Wellcome Ms 5481
dare say you do, of
seeing it actually
begun on foot next
January - & the Professors
appointed very soon -
sincerely
F. Nightingale
I am only here for a
short time - And whatever
is sent to 30 Old
Burlington St will
find me as before
F.N.

Yours
sincerely
F. Nightingale
Oct 21/59

Wellcome 5471/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67362
30 Old Burlington St.
London W
Oct 21/59
My dear Sir
The only thing of importance
to tell you is that Mr.
Herbert told me last
Sunday that he meant
to speak to you this
week about the Army
Medical School - If
you have not heard of
from him, it is because
they have been having
Cabinets nearly every
day this week: and
today Mr. Herbert
is gone to Hythe on
an Inspection Tour
till Sunday.
I informed Sir
Jas: Clark of Mr.
Herbert's intention.
And you may have
heard from Sir Jas:
I do not at all
recommend that
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your Berlin visit be
put off. I only think
you ought to be informed
of what is going on -
  yours sincerely
  F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/6 signed letter, 2ff, pen

My dear Sir
  Mr. Herbert was
speaking frankly to me
about the Medical
School last night -
so I asked him frankly
about the deferring
of your journey to
Berlin. He said that
he was obliged to
leave London to= night* {'night’ overtop day}
& should not be
*he only came back to London
  yesterday morning
back here till this
day week -- that it
would answer all
purposes equally
well for him to see
you when you
returned - & he
thought it would
be a needless delay
for you to put off
your journey in order
to see him - He said he
was so busy today that he could do
nothing but the current business -
  I consider the
whole thing as quite
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safe now. Mr. Herbert
is pledged to it - And
the Ministers are in
no danger of being
turned out for
many months -

I should therefore,
if I were you, take
Mr. Herbert's advice
& consult my own
conveniense about
going to Berlin

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/7/1-2 signed letter, 5ff, pen 67355

30 Old Burlington St
W. July 2/60

My dear Sir

I yesterday submitted
all your complaints
(which are not a
bit too much) to
Mr. Herbert.

1. He will look
after the requisitions
about the fittings,
which are sticking

somewhere in the
W.O. [They were
sent in on the first
days of April.]

2. he allowed me
to write to Capt.
Galton about the
state of the buildings.
- which I have done

3. he does not
think it probable
that the School
will be removed
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from Chatham
for some years at
least
4. he thinks it
will be easy to
enlarge the Museum
next year -
5. the state of
the Museum - No
one can be surprised
at what you say
of it. I believe
there is no Catalogue,
no Lists of objects
wanting, for which
duplicates might
be exchanged, or
the objects wanting
procured by the
different branches
of the Service -
But you will
remedy all this -
And it was quite
time that a
remedy should be
brought -
I imagine you
will be able to

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pack the things not
needed for the
School into small
compass, & to keep
out those which
are needed.

Please keep me
au courant of the
way the repairs & {'the repairs' overtop illeg}fittings progress.
It is all I am
fit for now. And
I hope by Sept 1.
you will be in
working order -
II. About the "N. fund" affairs, I will write more at length.

    I think your suggestions very good. But, at present, whatever Nurses would learn at the Children's Hospital, would have to be unlearnt — the Nursing is so bad. 200 cases are the annual average of admissions at St. Thomas's of children under 10. And I believe the variety, especially of Surgical cases, among children, which Nurses would see at St. Thomas's, actually larger than at the Children's.

    I know nothing about the Nursing at the Samaritan Hospital but I had fancied that at Soho Sq. better.

    The Superannuation Fund I hope will be added in time.

    The Candidates for Probationers have already filled up all the places at St. Thomas's.

    Sincerely yours
    F. Nightingale

    We do not at all intend to confine ourselves to one Hospital. This is only a tentative experiment.
30 Old Burlington St W  
July 12/60

My dear Sir

I only write this line to tell you that I am not doing nothing, in answer to your letter.

I have sent down to the W.O. several times - Your fitments, your repairs are progressing.

Mr. Herbert has taken a note about enlarging the Museum this year - In the mean time, you are to receive a proposition about a Casemate. With regard to the most important thing, the procuring you assistance, which every one will perceive to be necessary, what I believe will be advised will be for you to make the application through the Senate.

But, about all this, I will write more at length to morrow - when I shall have got more information as to the best way to proceed.

Sincerely yours  
F. Nightingale
30 Old Burlington St
W July 13/60

My dear Sir

I have been making every enquiry as to the proper means of forwarding what we both have so much at heart.

1. With regard to your Assistant, his appointment involves the financial question, and all such questions must go through the Senate to the Secretary of State for War.

I will do my best to back any proposal, after it is thus made, feeling, as I do, the essential {‘the’ overtop illeg} importance of a good Assistant. But the only legitimate way is for it to go thro' the Senate, now the Senate is once constituted - altho' it would be also legitimate for me then to press it, if it remained sticking in the W.O., as in the case of the requisition for fitments.

The selection, I presume, will rest with you - & the man whom you think fit will
be the fit person.

2. It has occurred to me to suggest that perhaps the best way to meet the present case of the Museum would be to get one of the highest of the long Casemates at Fort Pitt, & to shelve it along the walls which would not cost much.

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You might then put into it the duplicates, the preparations not in good order, those not immediately required, labelled & arranged (according to the 5 Divisions you mention) so that they could be taken for reference & replaced at any time.

This would have the additional advantage of keeping up the Museum as a whole & avoiding packing away. The case for removal to better quarters would also grow in strength year by year.

The requisition for the casemate fittings would have to go through
the Senate to the Sec. of St. for War - the same as that for the appointment of your Assistant.

3. Mr. Herbert made a note for the enlargement (temporary) of the Museum next year - This will not at all interfere with your ultimate removal to a better locality

P.S. To make your case the stronger about the Assistant, would it not be well to state who is in charge of the Museum now? I presume there is some one beside a soldier.

Pray still keep me au courant & believe me ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

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P.S. Capt. Galton is coming down to you next week to hurry your repairs. Probably Sir J. Clark & Dr. Sutherland will go too.

As there is urgency for the appointment of your Assistant, would it not be as well for you to ask the Director to call a Meeting of the Senate directly?
Wellcome Ms 5481

I will press the immediately
Wellcome Ms 5481

the matter of ye= casemate fittings. But this will not at all prevent the necessity of their being also made requisition for by the Senate.

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Private

I asked Mr. Herbert yesterday to sanction the immediate temporary employment of an Assistant to you (upon his own authority) at the rate of salary you mention -

He consented & made a note of it.

I asked him to sanction the immediate shelving of a Casemate for the Museum - (upon his own authority) - He consented & made a note of it.

I told him that he would receive formal applications from the Senate for these two things - in time.

F.N.

He told me of the note he had written to you --

[end 15:377]
My dear Sir

I like your paper exceedingly. I would only make a few additions.

Would you not state, e.g. in addition, 1. that the whole arrangement can only be considered as temporary in character, that, at the best, the provision afforded by the casemate would be inadequate for the purpose; but that it is absolutely necessary, if the Museum is to exist at all in any other way than merely as a heap of objects, without order or arrangement, that the inexpensive course suggested should be taken, in the hope that a proper School, Museum & Library may be provided before long.

Then propose that application be made to the S. of S. for War to sanction the appropriation of the casemate & the cost of shelving.

Would you not 2. propose that the
sanction of the S. of S. for War be obtained for a skilled workman to do the Modelling, putting up preparations &c at a salary of --- & that, until the necessary forms are gone through, sanction for a two months' employment of such a workman be obtained.          

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

My dear Sir
I had the opportunity of speaking to (or rather "poking") Mr. Herbert to day about the points of your letter - He wrote on the spot about the Instruments & fittings- and 2. the Estimate for the casemate fittings shall be passed immediately. [It seems absurd for the Engineers to talk of two months being necessary]
I shall see Capt. Galton tomorrow
& will also give him a "poke" -

Dr. Parkes' plan will apparently answer. But in a matter so new, trials will be necessary -

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Sir James Clark whispered to me that the W.O. had been dilatory in paying your Salary. [I am never surprised at any thing the W.O. does] I whispered this to Mr. H. and he seemed very much surprised. He made a note of it to put it right

For my part, I don't see that home management, (of which I have now seen a good deal) is a bit better than Crimean management.

My dear Sir

I sent to Mr. Herbert as soon as I had your missive. And I have just this moment had a communication from him, headed "There! at last!!

S.H."

and enclosing one
from Sir John Burgogne, stating "The work of the Medl= School at Chatham has been ordered for execution, the authority of the Treasury having been received" & dated "17 August". More shame for them that it was not "17 April."

Capt. Galton is absent in the Channel Islands.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

My dear sir I saw Mr. Herbert on Sunday week -- and one of the W.O. officials on Friday & Saturday about your misfortunes.

With regard to the first & lesser one, the fitments for the practical rooms, I do really hope that they
Wellcome Ms 5481

will be ready by
October 1 -
Capt. Galton will
do all in his power
to urge them
forward -

2. About the
Estimate for the
instruments &
apparatus.
I have not time
to tell you all the
places it has been
to to {overtop illeg} - to the Tower,

where the answer
was, of course, that
they did not keep
instruments in
store - to some
other place equally
ridiculous where
the same answer
was of course
made - Then it
went to Dr. Gibson,
where it remained
"sticking" for some
months -

On Friday, it
was hunted up,
(but not by him,)

and taken to Mr.
Drewry, (in the
absence of Sir B.
Hawes,) who is a
somewhat quicker
operator -

And on Frida
Saturday I was
assured that the
money should be
granted that day,
that the authority
out of the "Sanitary
vote", without
more ado with
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the Treasury - &
that the authority
should be forwarded
to you for expending
the money on
Monday (yesterday).

I asked if
I should write to
you to inform you
of this - in order
that you might
apply for the
authority, if there
were delay. And

I was assured there
was no occasion.
Nevertheless I
think it wiser to
do it.

[I understand
that Dr. Sutherland
saw you yesterday.
But he did not
know of this
arrangement with
Mr. Drewry. For
he has not seen
any of us since
his return. Therefore

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if he discouraged
you, - do not mind].

But, unless the
you have already
received the
authority to draw
the money, for the instruments - Apply
for it without
delay, I presume
to Mr. Milton.
And please let
me know -

People talk of
my "terrible &
unprecedented experience" in the Crimea - I say my "terrible & extraordinary experience" in the W.O. Never could I have believed what I have seen of mismanagement in the last 4 years, of inefficiency, slowness, extravagance in administration, & want of unity, above all - No one knows what any one else is doing. [end 15:382] yours sincerely F. Nightingale

5471/13/3 {envelope} W. Aitken Esq MD 36 Manchester St Manchester Sq.

Wellcome 5471/14 signed letter, 2ff, pen 30 Old Burlington St. London W. Sept 3/60 My dear Sir I hope that by this time you have your authority for the Instrument money. I have made another poke at the W.O. It is too much - This story of the School is the very type & climax of the working of the whole Office. It is well it has happened - For I do believe this & other glaring instances will bring about a change - The first impression
upon the students being a bad one is most unfortunate. It may damage the School essentially in public opinion.

Capt. Galton however, hopes to have the fittings done by Oct 1. And the Instrument money I trust you have by this time.

Please keep me informed.

I shall be most glad to give my proxy for Mr. Couper, if you will tell me how - It is a matter upon which I can have no opinion. I can only choose my advisers. Perhaps you will tell me some Governor voting for Mr. Couper, who will take My proxy.

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

My dear Sir

I venture to trouble you with my proxy for Mr. Couper. Perhaps you know some Governor of the London Hospital voting for him, who would take it.

Dr. R.D. Thomson
sent me the enclosed card - Perhaps he is a Governor - Mr. Couper would probably be able to indicate one -

I am assured by Capt. Galton, that the fittings will positively be all ready by October 1.

I hope that you have had no farther hitch

And believe me very truly yours

Florence Nightingale

My dear Sir

Thank you for sending me your Programme, which I like very much, as far as I am capable of having a judgement. The numbers too make it very useful. I only opened it last night - For I had been
Wellcome Ms 5481

unusually ill & busy
And the people
had kept from me
My private letters
Otherwise I should
have thanked
you before
   ever yours sincerely
     F. Nightingale
I really hope you
are getting on well
now - But I
shall always be
anxious to hear
of your progress -

Private {up diag}
   Your letter about
      the Students shews
      the necessity of some
      communication from
      Mr. Herbert to the
      D.G. about the
      School. But at
      the same time I believe
      that the ten students
      were taken into the
      Service under the idea
      that they would very
      probably not pass
      through the School.
      It was, I believe,
      considered that the
      Service required them
      before they could pass
the usual routine. I agree with you however that it would be a good opportunity if Mr. Herbert would either refuse his sanction to their entering without passing the School course - or if Dr. Gibson made a good case for the exception, he should be made to understand that it must not happen again. Flightiness. [end]

My dear Sir The Glasgow Medl- Journal was sent me. Dr. McGhie's article betrays either wilful misrepresentation- or helpless hopeless ignorance of his own subject. It is impossible to answer. Many of his principal facts are wrong. I would instance
those about the Lariboisière Hospital.

It is nothing but a defence of an indefensible mistake -- & not very ably pleaded --

The best thing that could happen to the Glasgow Infirmy (& what would save much human life) is that it should be burnt down. There will be no other safety for it. Almost all its air reaches it over burial-ground.

Now the mistake has been tripled. But, depend upon it, Dr McGhie knows all this just as well as you or I.

Norman Chevers' four Numbers have been sent me - If they were condensed, as you say, they would be very useful -

I trust that the Examinations will work well now -

I agree with the young men that it would be cruelty to alter their places, won at the first -- by the second, if they were not entirely made aware of the {'the' overtop illeg} plan - beforehand.

Yours sincerely, F. Nightingale
PRIVATE
My dear Sir

I hope that the present difficulty has been got over - But, if you have reason to think that any undue course is taken with your Minutes, you ought, of course, to represent it.

Also, the School is so nearly connected with the administrative part of the War Office that all your future proceedings, whether by Minutes or otherwise, should be concise and practical - pointing out a definite administrative course which can be taken - And this without entering much into detail.

You will excuse my giving these hints -- which are founded upon my knowledge of the characters of the present S. of S. and D.G.

The S. of S., can hardly be expected to look much into the Minutes himself. He must take the interpretation given him by his accredited
agent, the D.G.

Now the D.G. has
not the least idea
of administrative
unity. he would
not hesitate to make
annotations on the
Senate's Reports - he
being its Chairman.
He is also vacillating
-- without intelligent
principle- & always
throws off his own
responsibility upon
the his own Chief -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

My dear Sir

Mr. Hardy writes that he has not the least
intention of transferring the Chair of Hygiene
from Netley: & that Dr. de Chaumont
is appointed.
I am very much disappointed to have no
special answer about "orders having been
given for increased accommodation". Mr.
Hardy certainly did give such orders:
Wellcome Ms 5481

I am afraid it is no use pressing about having Monthly Senate Meetings: or about Assistants' pay arrangements:
TILL we can get our Committee of Enquiry:
-I wrote to its proposed Chairman: he is leaving home "for a few weeks". Another of its members is not yet returned: another is going away.
I am afraid it is no use pressing to have the Committee while every one is either away or thinking of nothing but getting away = - or too busy to breathe.
I will keep the copies of letters you kindly sent me, unless you want them back at once, till something can be done with them.
We will not lose sight of our Committee of Enquiry:
In the meanwhile, I will, if possible, find out about the "orders for increased accommodn = ".
I should be most thankful, if you could tell me that there were preparations beginning. [I suppose you did not broach this part of the subject in seeing the D.G.]
We may consider the continuance of the School secured: & we must work on to obtain the necessary conditions of ever= increasing success -

Pray believe me ever yr sincerely
Dr. Aitken Florence Nightingale
My dear Sir, Mr Bracebridge
most gratefully accepts your
kind offer ‘to go to the
Collegis’ Romano, if you will
call for him here at 10
as he has an engagement
at the Vatican with a party
at 11 –

ever your grateful child
F.N.

Dear Sir
Mrs Herbert & I are very
anxious to go to see a Cardinal made,
would you, if not too much trouble,
let me know by the Bearer what
time we must be at the Quirinal
tomorrow morning?

We are just returned from St. Peter's
& from our beautiful little walk behind
St Angelo, where my angel looked as
if he had just lighted from heaven,
(I am always afraid that he will
be gone before the morning, when I
take my walk on the Pincio) -- and
the shadows were so purple on the
Campagna, that it looked like
playing at Jane –

Yours VERY gratefully for all your
kindness to us. Florence Nightingale
Sunday –
My dear Sir  
We cannot give up the hope of one more visit to the Vatican with you - could you give us an hour or two this morning before your dinner= hour? & if so, what time would suit {‘time’ overtop illeg} you best? 
yours ever in grateful love  
F.N.

Dear Sir I am very much obliged to you for this beautiful account of Sasordaire's "giving up the natural life" how inte= resting is his testimony to the Missionaries - 
Many many thanks for your résumé of the history of St. Peter's- it is & always will be a valuable one to me, if you will let me keep it- I am ashamed of having given you so much trouble but I hope that it will not be lost upon me -- 
ey ever My dear Sir 
yours most gratefully  
F.N.
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Wellcome 5472/5 signed letter, 1f, pen (arch:) [1847-8]

Dear Sir, I send back your books with many regrets, & many many more thanks - they are not such as can be read in a hurry - and I have not been able to digest them properly - but shall hope to get them & read them again when I reach England -

I do not know how to thank you for all your kindness - but believe me, dear Sir, ever yours most sincerely & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Monday

Will you thank Mrs. Colyar very much for her Donne Italiene, which I looked at with the more interest as being her friends -

Wellcome 5472/6 signed note, 1f, pen (arch:) [1847-48]

If you are not tired of me, would you be so very good as to go with a poor fool to the {illeg} now {illeg to settle?} a little matter of business -

Florence Nightingale

(on back of letter, folded like an envelope:)

Henry Colyar Esq

Wellcome 5472/7 signed letter, 2ff, pen (arch:) [1847-8]

Dear Sir

Should you have no better engagement this beautiful day, might we hope that you would have the kind- ness to take a walk with Mrs. Bracebridge & me - either to the Forum, to correct us of that perfidious Nibby, or wherever else you may propose. Mrs. Bracebridge would have written herself, had she not
Wellcome Ms 5481

been going out. Mr. Brace=
bridge is better -
   ever yours very gratefully
   F. Nightingale
   Of course, if you have any
   thing better to do, you will
   say so “tuit droit”.

(on back of letter, folded like an envelope:)
H. Colyar Esq

Wellcome 5472/8 initialled letter & envelope, 2ff, pen (arch:)
[1847-8]

Dear Sir I return the Annali
with many thanks. I should
like the Archdeacon to see
Miché ’s other letter (in the
first Nos you lent me,) when
he comes back, if you will
be so kind as to let me
have them then -
   I went to St Peter’s this
morning to thank for my
pleasure yesterday -
   The Herberts send us terrible
Sicilian news - the people took
the {illeg} out of the prisons
& murdered 33 in cold blood.
Roger 7th would have neither
act nor part in it - & ordered
the arrest of Santoro, who
had originated it - he tried

a counter revolution, and
luckily “got killed” in the
Scuffle. An Austrian vessel
came into port - but the
authorities sent to implore
them not to land - as they
could not protect them from
the people - who in the night
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broke into the fort & pointed
the guns at the frigate but
were happily stopped by the
Guardia Circa. I think the
Sicilians are quite excusable,
if not right- & hope that I
am above all prejudices
with regard to murder. Let
them answer for it who
have brought them to this.

I send back the Armenian
Service with many, many
thanks. Mr. Bracebridge is
better - ever dear Sir yours
in gratitude F.N.

What are those words which you

{in middle of folio, folded like an envelope:}
Hy Colyar Esq
{at bottom:}
said before that beautiful passage
{illeg O felix culpa, qua talem as tartum?}
Redemp {illeg Meruit Sabere Redemptosem?}

{front of envelope:} Hy Colyar Esq
{in other hand:} From Miss Nightingale
Notes &
Letters.-
Jan 4/91
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Sir,

I kept Dr. Wilson’s valuable letter till I was able to write a letter with it, which alas! I cannot do yet”-

It is so encouraging to find that he considers the lessons must be conveyed to the cottagers’ wives in their own homes - & that it is essential to effectual technical teaching to find object lessons too in the closet, pig-stye & well -

Does he live at Warwick now?

He is not one who will be recommending great expensive works, in Village & Cottage

Thank you very much for the information on your post card - Please to send the Acct- of the books to me, if the Co. Co. money is exhausted

I have ordered the little book published by Churchill.

Dr. Wilson must be the right sort of man - & will be a great assistance

Excuse pencil

Hoping to hear of your first Lecture

ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

Dr. De’Ath
Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5473/2 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

{printed up at an angle:}
Telegraph, 2/1/92
Steeple Claydon. Bucks
{printed address:} Claydon House, Winslow, Bucks.

Thank you very much, my dear Sir, for your two notes & Dr. Wilson’s most encouraging one which I will return - I am afraid you are not able to see him to-day or “Monday” - Perhaps you have sent him a Syllabus - I wish he had ordered to it. Thank you too for the charming little book - The {overtop A} highest blessings of the New Year to you & yours -

And good cheer for the beginning of the Lectures They will work their work I am writing to you but have not time to finish Sincerely yours F. Nightingale

{vert. on page}
I think the way Mrs. Verney told me you were beginning your Lectures by touching upon the difference between health & sickness quite the best F.N.
Claydon Jan 3/92

My dear Sir

I have not been able to write to you to-day as I intended but it is only put off - I am sure tomorrow’s Lecture will be a success. But we cannot build Rome in a day, much less build up an education in a day, as you observe. The more sure is ultimate success - I shall be anxious to hear from your kindness - I will carefully return Dr. Wilson - sincerely {‘return’ overtop illeg}

Dr. De’Ath) yours F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5473/4 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

{printed up at an angle:}

Telegraph, 10 South St.

Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Park Lane W
Claydon House, Jan 12/92
Winslow, {printed address:}
Bucks.

My dear Sir

I hope your 2\textsuperscript{nd} Lecture was usefully brilliant & successful And I know it was. The Anatomical Models we use for our Probationer-Nurses at St. Thomas’ were procured for us from Leipzig by one of our Medical Staff - {‘our’ overtop the}

The Card enclosed contains the address of the man at Leipzig from whom the Models were obtained. The Medical Officer thinks that, if you would write to Franz Josef Steger
Wellcome Ms 5481

he would send you a
circular of his models &
their prices -
I am obliged to ask you
for the card back for our
Medical Officer -
Success to your great work -
I am sorry that I am
going back to 10 South St.

Park Lane W
tomorrow

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Dr. De’Ath

The National Health Socy=
Berners St
is also recommended for its
models & Diagrams

F.N.

Wellcome 5473/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen

May 20/92

My dear Sir
Most heartily do I give you
joy on the success of your
“Health at Home” Education
Mission - the enthusiastic
attendance on your Lectures
of rural educated women
from all over the County
allowed to attend for their
own profit - your sifting
& re-sifting till you obtained
a Class of 12, who appeared
willing & able to become
instructresses or missioners
of Health to the uneducated
rural women at their own
homes - the object of the
whole course being the new one
not simply to give Sanitary information but to teach how to teach
-- the examination by an independent well-known Sanitary authority -- both in writing & by word of mouth (to test their power of speaking to the uneducated) And six of them passing the Examn= with the utmost success - three indeed about what had been expected -

the main object of the Examn being to see not only if their book knowledge or theory were competent but if they could give in the most practical & plainest, in the most lively & dramatic manner their knowledge to uneducated women in their own houses - translate in fact the object=lessons they had received from your skill & kindness in the worst houses of the worst villages = into the cottage life with their own hands & tongue _

Your object was to teach practical work to the class - just as we teach practical Ward work at the bed-side to the Nurse Probationer in Hospital - the object=lesson of the latter being the Ward & the Patient - the object- lesson of the former being the Cottager’s home & its inmates
Wellcome Ms 5481

- the rural domestic life -
  Just as the District Nurse
goes into the cottage to nurse & to teach to nurse the Patient
by the family with her own
head & hands - so would the
Health Nurse (Missioner) teach
what to do in the cottage for
health with her own head &
hands

It remains to be seen how
it is to be worked out - say
a Meeting in a willing cottage
-- visits to each cottage - and
when she is in touch with the
cottager’s wife, sent for by
the wife-mother herself.

Of course it will take a
long time before prejudice &
ignorance are overcome

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Geo. H. De’Ath Esq MD -

Wellcome 5473/6 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

June 25/92
10, SOUTH STREET, \[6:592\]
PARK LANE. W. {printed address:}

My dear Sir
I was exceedingly glad
to receive your letter -
Indeed Mr. Verney’s illness
was a terrible misfortune
to us all - [I heard how
kind & skilful you had
been, of course. I have
good reports of him. But
I am afraid he will not {'he’ overt top be}
be careful]

A Miss Deane, of
Chichester, Hon. Sec. for the
Ladies’ Committee for
Technical Education in
West Sussex under the
County Council, has written
to me to know if her
Committee can have one of the "teachers trained in Bucks as Nursing Cottage Lecturers" "for 6 months to commence on Oct. 1" "And what salary" they "will have to give".

She speaks of a London Socy= as having too "high "charges" -- & not an "entirely "satisfactory course" -

I understand that only one of the "Dr. De'Ath "Lecture Ladies has "definitely been engaged"
could you tell me at what salary? & where?
& that Bucks would be glad" if the Sussex plan "Comes off for another".
I have written to Miss Deane (whom I do not know)
explaining the difference between Health & Nursing Lectures - also saying why a definite answer cannot be sent her directly, if She still wishes for a Health Lecturer - &c &c - But I should be very grateful if you could tell me all you can as to engagements & salary Success to the Cottagers Pray believe me yours sincerely Dr. De’Ath F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5473/7 signed note, 1f, pencil [6:592] 10/10/92

My dear Sir
I will if you will allow me return your Draft "Missioner’s Diary" by post to-day with any suggestions - God bless your work yrs
Claydon 11/11/92
My dear Sir

We shall be very glad to see you on “Tuesday afternoon”, as you kindly propose -
    [And I will stay till Wednesday on purpose to see you on Tuesday]
    Would 4 o’clock or 5 suit you best? Please say by post-card - or any other hour,
    I think we may be joyful thro’ all trials if only we are fighting

    such a valiant battle for the greatest work on earth, man’s health of body & soul, as you are -
    God bless you
    yours faithfully
    F. Nightingale

Thanks many for your Cholera pamphlet -
Please send me your account for printing
    F.N.
Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5473/9 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} [6:598]

{up at an angle:}

I hope
your books
have New Year’s Eve of
arrived 1892
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your
letter & the valuable
printed papers you
have been so kind as
to send me.

Dr. Ord of St. Thomas’
to whom I wrote says
that after first
mentioning that he will
“enquire for any process
“of hiring out Diagrams”
he “suggests that, as
“regards internal organs,
“demonstration of the heart,
G.H. De’Ath Esq MD

“lungs &c, freshly taken
“from a sheep would be
“in good hands, infinitely
“more useful than
“diagram or model –
“We use,” he says, “diagrams
“for large classes, but, for
“practical teaching, the
“specimen”. Do you agree?

Dr. Ord, more than
20 years ago, “gave
“voluntary lectures at
“Brixton to poor women,
“dealing with sanitation,
“cookery &c. But the
“ladies at whose instance
"he did this told him

"that the women, while

"fully understanding

"what was taught, would

"not alter their ways. The

"ladies did their best,

"& distributed large

"printed sheets, but

"'poor people couldn’t

"'take so much trouble’ "

Dr. Ord wishes us

"better success”.

I think it is clear

why he had none -

As well “distribute

“large printed sheets”

to school boys & expect

them to learn Greek from these

[I venture to send you a

copy of a letter I had

to address to Poona in

Bombay P; , where I recommend

the Lecturer, after having

gained the confidence of

the people, to take them

round to their water-supply,

&c &c - & to show them

on the spot:

It is notorious that you

may legislate for ever to

Hindoos, District Officials

conscientiously believe all

the legislation obeyed -

Not a bit of it]

Dr. Ord does not appear to

know Pridgin Teale’s book,

but, as you have it, ? , that

does not matter - With every

best wish for the New Year, sincerely yours

Dr. De’Ath

Florence Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5473/10 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

Private {up at an angle} Sept 26/94  [6:604-05]
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Thank you very much for your note -
I am very glad you read a paper at Liverpool -

But pray proceed with caution - This is the age of Associations & Lectures -

An Assocn- generally does not succeed, unless it is worked from a centre (by one person like yourself - but who can give his or her whole time & experience -- )

to the circumference -

If it is worked from the circumference by persons necessarily of little circumference experience, that is fatal

However, let me hear, please, as you kindly propose, the “details” of your scheme -

Some Associations are, (between ourselves,) such humbugs -

As to its bearing my name, as I could not give all my work, that is out of the question

I wish every possible success to your scheme,
I need hardly say - & hope But every District will not have a M.O. of Health like yourself.

Very, very few people
Understand any thing about it further than country Lectures by trained Hospital Nurses!!

ever yours sincerely -
F. Nightingale

I don’t think any “discussion” “by a “Meeting” of any use, unless there is a knot of people of experience & conviction to lead & “lecture” them

G.H. De’Ath Esq M.D.} F.N.

My dear Sir

Pray excuse me: I regret exceedingly that it is quite impossible for me to see you this week on this subject plan of unequalled difficulty - which has been sprung upon me -- viz.
the forming “an Association “all over England” of persons ignorant of the subject - to embrace “towns” and “districts”.

But I am sincerely anxious to hear what you really propose - & to give any help I can, if
that be possible - [I hope it
won’t be only Punch’s “Don’t:"]
And I may be able to see
you next week, or more
likely, the week after, for
which I am your servant,
“to do thoroughly the duty
“that immediately lies
“before me,” that is, to
give considered thought, & experience
to a purpose so sudden, -
which cannot be done in
an hour or a day by one
so overworked & so ill.
I have taken some advice -
Pray believe me
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Geo. H. De’Ath Esq MD

II
Might I ask you in return
a comparatively easy
question? A sensible
young lady (apparently)
has been reading the
pamphlet “Rural Hygiene”
& asks for some “fairly
“simple Manual for
“carrying out the study”
of “so many points &
“subjects named (in the
“Rural Hygiene”) upon which
she “would gladly have
“fuller information” -- “some
“work - not too learned -
“which she may study with
“a view to learning more
Wellcome Ms 5481

“myself & preparing to
“give some little help
“to others in our villages”. Kindly tell me what you
would recommend: for
these are the sort of people
from whom we might
ultimately recruit “Health
“Missioners” -
I know of none no “work “Manuals” these
gentlemen’s “works,” too
heavy - the ladies’ too little
intelligent. Though my
allowance of books sent
me to “criticize” “and
“recommend” is
2 from America
1 “ India
1 “ Home
G.H. De’Ath Esq MD F.N.

5373/12/1 signed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}
Nov 26/94
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir
I am sorry to be
unable to see you
to-day. But I
hope that you will
be coming this way
again some afternoon,
- not Thursday -
(& give us telegraphic
notice the day before)
& give me the
pleasure of seeing you
yours sincerely
Dr. De’Ath F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5473/12/2 {black-edged envelope}

Miss Nightingale {not FN hand}
G.H. De’Ath Esq
25/11/94
Claydon Dec 15/94 [6:606]

My dear Sir,

I am sorry you are so much disappointed about the Lectures on “Sick Nursing” by Miss Deyns & Miss Bartlett - because cannot the evil be averted? if any?

1. In Miss Deyns’ two Hand bills it is only put “Nursing”: not Sick Nursing.

In the other Handbill which you kindly sent me it is put Health Mission and Sick Nursing as if Sick Nursing were a part of the Mission.

But you have taught us that it may be & is a part of the Health-at-Home Mission.

2. After all it is not the name but the substance of the thing that signifies.

And no doubt you have told these ladies what they may touch upon of Sick Nursing in Health at Home & what not.

3. It is no use trying to do anything for December now. But we have from “January to June” before us - And we might see the two ladies I had not the advantage of hearing your 2nd Course of Lectures in which you taught, I believe, in your own striking way what you wished {‘wished’ overtop illeg} included of Nursing - Perhaps we might impress this or rather hear what the two ladies have to say - about this -

Wellcome 5473/13/2

[2]

I hope to see you this next week, tho’ probably not on Monday?

yours most faithfully

F. Nightingale
Claydon Dec 17

My dear Sir

I am so very, very much
obliged to you for your kind & full
information - I was so very anxious -
I don’t ask you to see you to-day -
because I think Lady Verney & Sir
Edmund must be so very anxious
to see all they can of you to-day
God bless you - yours sincerely   F. Nightingale

Dr. De’Ath

Wellcome 5473/15/1-2, signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen,
black-edged paper

Claydon Feb 26/95

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W. {addr. crossed off with diag. line}

My dear Sir

We are very anxious to know that you were not the worse for your kind visit here last week.

Also; whether your “Test” is completed - that would make a sort of Revolution -

Thanks for your District Nurse Report. Does your Nurse or will your Nurses keep a Diary? And do they always serve under Doctors?
Otherwise they are so liable
Wellcome Ms 5481

to become a sort of quack. We find it always desirable to print in our Reports of District Nursing a few type cases. It makes them Reports interesting & what is more it makes them instructive to others. The Report gives in a few lines the beginning of the case - what the Nurse has done for the Patient (and, I f necessary, for the room) - the treatment, very briefly - the end of the case - [The Nurse does generally teach a friend or kind neighbour of the Patient some simple sanitary & practical things to do - Very often She, the Nurse, has to clean the whole room & utensils - Gentlewomen always do this best]

2. We have not yet received from you the Syllabus you so kindly undertook re Miss Deyns & Lady Verney's criticism

3. - nor the eye-cleaning to prevent Infantile blindness re the unsatisfactory printed leaflets you were so good as to look at -

But we know but too well how over- = occupied you are-

We hope you are not overdoing it.

Lady Verney prescribes a Lent abstinence from overwork -

ever yours sincerely
Wellcome Ms 5481

   F. Nightingale
Dr. De’Ath
My dear Sir,

Thank you for your note - I could see you on Monday next at 5.30 p.m. as you kindly wish - But unless you are going to stay the night in London, that will be an inconvenient hour for you - I could make it 4 o’clock if I knew - but I am afraid not earlier - I do not know what your trains to Buckingham are =
I think your milk =
=test, if complete,
would be what is
most wanted now
in London - There
are such just complaints
And the poor people
get no milk at all,
good or bad
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Geo: H. De’Ath Esq

My dear Sir
Thank you for your
note of Saturday -
I could gladly see
you on “June 9 ninth”, 5.30 p.m., {‘9’ overtop illeg}
if that suits you - But
if it does not, I could,
if I knew directly (you
say you wish to settle
your plans) appoint
some other afternoon
that does suit you -
You kindly ask after
Wellcome Ms 5481

my health - I have not been up since before Xmas, except - & that rarely -- to sit up in my chair, for an hour or two, in my room - But I am full of work --

I hope you make holiday sometimes -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Geo. H. De’Ath Esq
M.D

Wellcome 5473/19 2ff, Henry Verney to Dr. De’Ath, 21 Dec 91, Claydon House, Winslow Bucks, re: advice for a letter from Miss Bell concerning his cottages and faults he ought to remedy
Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome Ms 5471, microfilm correspondence with Dr Aitken, letters by him to FN in 45773 ff64-160

Wellcome 5471/1 signed letter, 2ff, pen, arch: Nov 28 1856, 67362

30 Old Burlington St.

My dear Sir

Would you take the trouble to read the enclosed note from Dr. Sutherland — & give me your verdict upon it, or if equally convenient to you, tell it to me to = night?

The first two Paragraphs refer to a Report upon quite a different subject.

The "Medical School Scheme" is the scheme I submitted to you, with Notes written almost verbatim from what I put down in pencil the night you were kind enough to come here — and the Four Courses almost as they stand in yours, with the substitution of your last sketch of the Operative Surgery course.

Believe me

yours very faithfully

F. Nightingale

Please return me Dr. Sutherland's letter —
My dear Sir,

Remembering how much you have done & how much you may still do for the Army, I cannot but send you a copy of my Report to the War Office - It is really "Confidential" & in no sense public property - And I am sure you will keep it so, & not do, as so many people do, who, finding some one else knows a secret they know, immediately conclude it is no secret & make it public - You will see much of your own work in a part not strictly under my Instructions at all - viz. the part about a Medical School for the Army. We have never let that drop & hope still to bring it about - In fact, it is at this moment "under consideration" by the Govt=. Heaven knows how long that will be!

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5481

Dr Aitken
My dear Sir,

I was only able to open your kind note of June 3 yesterday -

I think the system of arranging the beds (in the Glasgow plan you send me) far better than that of arranging them against the dead walls but far worse than that of arranging them between the windows.

In the plan, the Patients cannot read in bed, without straining their eyes (and Scotch patients read much more than English ones) If the windows are along both sides the ward, opposite the foot of the beds, as they ought to be, the light is then always just opposite the Patient's eyes - which, however important light is to recovery, is by no means always desirable.

Again, the irritability peculiar to many diseases makes it distressing to the Patient to have any noise behind him which he Cannot see - A Patient dying or coughing or who required much fidgetting attendance
would make the
bed, back to back
with him, almost
uninhabitable - Noise
which a Patient
cannot see (!) always
partakes with him
of the characters of
suddenness & injures
him - This is,
believe me, the fruit
of long experience
with the sick.

Again, I think

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in cold weather, when
the doors are opened,
or when the doors &
windows being shut,
the fire is acting,
it will be found
that the cold air
will come right down
upon the heads of
the Patients from
under the
Ventilator in a way
which is not at
all anticipated.

The Forms for the
eight heads mentioned
in the Note to P. 2
of my "Notes", are
under process of
preparation by the
Dr. Farr - And
we hope to try them
quietly at our
London Hospitals
& to propose them
at the next European
Statistical Congress,
which will take
place in London
The heart-breaking delays which have taken place about our Army Medl= School are but too well known to you - I have however by no means lost heart- At the end of this week we shall know how Ministers stand politically - And whichever way it goes, I think we shall carry the School.

In the mean while, we have not been idle about Army Sanitary affairs - And I enclose you the Gazette of a new Commission in proof of the fact - for India -

Will you allow me to enclose a copy of the "Notes" for your friends, Dr. McGhie; there is a misprint at P. 30 , which I have corrected in this copy - Please to look at it.

I enclose for your own private eyes a little Pamphlet I wrote on Nursing, (which is really "confidential,") -- perhaps the article Noise will illustrate what I have said about Patients -
Montagu Grove
Hampstead NW
Sept 21/59

My dear Sir

I have to thank you very much for a copy of Dr. Lyon’s Report on the Yellow Fever of Lisbon. It seems to me very well done - But I had wished the Govt= to send out an Engineer to that unfortunate city. Now, all Dr. Lyons has told us is (not how it can be prevented but) what it has done, which he has told very well -

I should like, if you could send me his direction, to thank him myself.

You have heard, I dare say, from Sir Jas: Clark that the scheme of the Army Med Sch.

has taken a further extension & is to embrace the Candidates for the Indian Medical Service as well as ours -

The buildings (temporary) are actually begun at Chatham - And we sent the proof of the Scheme to press last week. Mr. Herbert is really engaged in it. And I do not despair, though I
dare say you do, of seeing it actually begun on foot next January - & the Professors appointed very soon -

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

I am only here for a short time - And whatever is sent to 30 Old Burlington St will find me as before
F.N.

My dear Sir

The only thing of importance to tell you is that Mr. Herbert told me last Sunday that he meant to speak to you this week about the Army Medical School - If you have not heard of from him, it is because they have been having Cabinets nearly every day this week: and today Mr. Herbert is gone to Hythe on an Inspection Tour till Sunday.

I informed Sir Jas: Clark of Mr. Herbert's intention. And you may have heard from Sir Jas:
I do not at all recommend that
Monday

My dear Sir

Mr. Herbert was speaking frankly to me about the Medical School last night - so I asked him frankly about the deferring of your journey to Berlin. He said that he was obliged to leave London tonight* {‘night’ overtop day} & should not be *he only came back to London yesterday morning back here till this day week -- that it would answer all purposes equally well for him to see you when you returned - & he thought it would be a needless delay for you to put off your journey in order to see him - He said he was so busy today that he could do nothing but the current business - I consider the whole thing as quite
Wellcome Ms 5481

safe now. Mr. Herbert
is pledged to it - And
the Ministers are in
no danger of being
turned out for
many months -
    I should therefore,
if I were you, take
Mr. Herbert's advice
& consult my own
convenience about
going to Berlin
    Yours sincerely
    F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/7/1-2 signed letter, 5ff, pen 67355

30 Old Burlington St
    W. July 2/60
My dear Sir
    I. about the School
    I yesterday submitted
    all your complaints
    (which are not a
    bit too much) to
    Mr. Herbert.
    1. He will look
    after the requisitions
    about the fittings,
    which are sticking

somewhere in the
W.O. [They were
sent in on the first
days of April.]
2. he allowed me
    to write to Capt.
    Galton about the
    state of the buildings.
    - which I have done
3. he does not
    think it probable
that the School
will be removed
Wellcome Ms 5481

from Chatham
for some years at
least
4. he thinks it
will be easy to
enlarge the Museum
next year -
5. the state of
the Museum - No
one can be surprised
at what you say
of it. I believe
there is no Catalogue,
no Lists of objects
wanting, for which
duplicates might
be exchanged, or
the objects wanting
procured by the
different branches
of the Service -
But you will
remedy all this -
And it was quite
time that a
remedy should be
brought -
I imagine you
will be able to

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pack the things not
needed for the
School into small
compass, & to keep
out those which
are needed.

Please keep me
au courant of the
way the repairs & {'the repairs' overtop illeg} fittings progress.
It is all I am
fit for now. And
I hope by Sept 1.
you will be in
working order -
[end]
II. About the "N. fund" affairs, I will write more at length.

I think your suggestions very good- But, at present, whatever Nurses would learn at the Children's Hospital, would have to be unlearnt -- the Nursing is so bad. 200 cases are the annual average of admissions at St. Thomas's of children under 10. And I believe the variety, especially of Surgical cases, among children, which Nurses would see at St. Thomas's, actually larger than at the Children's.

I know nothing about the Nursing at the Samaritan Hospital but I had fancied that at Soho Sq. better.

The Superannuation Fund I hope will be added in time.

The Candidates for Probationers have {`Probationers’ overtop these} already filled up all the places at St. Thomas's.

Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

{vert in left marg:}
We do not at all intend to confine ourselves to one Hospital. This is only a tentative experiment.
Wellcome Ms 5481
Wellcome 5471/8 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67362

30 Old Burlington St W
July 12/60

My dear Sir

I only write this line to tell you that I am not doing nothing, in answer to your letter.

I have sent down to the W.O. several times -

Your fitments, your repairs are progressing.

Mr. Herbert has taken a note about enlarging the Museum this year - In the mean time, you are to receive a proposition about a Casemate. With regard to the most important thing, the procuring you assistance, which every one will perceive to be necessary, what I believe will be advised will be for you to make the application through the Senate.

But, about all this, I will write more at length to morrow - when I have shall have got more information as to the best way to proceed.

Sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5471/9/1-4 signed letter, 7ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
W July 13/60

My dear Sir

I have been making every enquiry as to the proper means of forwarding what we both have so much at heart.

1. With regard to your Assistant, his appointment involves the financial question,

and all such questions must go through the Senate to the Secretary of State for War.

I will do my best to back any proposal, after it is thus made, feeling, as I do, the essential importance of a good Assistant. But the only legitimate way is for it to go

thro’ the Senate, now the Senate is once constituted - altho’ it would be also legitimate for me then to press it, if it remained sticking in the W.O., as in the case of the requisition for fitments.

The selection, I presume, will rest with you - & the man whom you think fit will
be the fit person.
2. It has occurred to me to suggest that perhaps the best way to meet the present case of the Museum would be to get one of the highest of the long Casemates at Fort Pitt, & to shelve it along the walls which would not cost much.

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You might then put into it the duplicates, the preparations not in good order, those not immediately required, labelled & arranged (according to the 5 Divisions you mention) so that they could be taken for reference & replaced at any time.

This would have the additional advantage of keeping up the Museum as a whole & avoiding packing away. The case for removal to better quarters would also grow in strength year by year.

The requisition for the casemate fittings would have to go through
Wellcome Ms 5481

the Senate to the
Sec. of St. for War
- the same as that
for the appointment
of your Assistant.
3. Mr. Herbert made
a note for the
enlargement
(temporary) of the
Museum next
year - This will not
at all interfere
with your ultimate
removal to a better
locality

P.S. To make your
case the stronger
about the Assistant,
would it not be
well to state who
is in charge of the
Museum now? I
presume there is
some one beside
a soldier.

Pray still keep me
au courant &
believe me ever
sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

5471/9/3

P.S. Capt. Galton is
coming down to you
next week to hurry
your repairs. Probably
Sir J. Clark & Dr.
Sutherland will [overtop illeg] go too.

As there is urgency
for the appointment
of your Assistant,
would it not be
as well for you to
ask the Director=
Genl= to call a
Meeting of the
Senate directly?
Wellcome Ms 5481

I will press the immediately
the matter of ye= casemate fittings. But this will not at all prevent the necessity of their being also made requisition for by the Senate.

5471/9/4
Private
I asked Mr. Herbert yesterday to sanction the immediate temporary employment of an Assistant to you (upon his own authority) at the rate of salary you mention -

He consented & made a note of it.

I asked him to sanction the immediate shelving of a Casemate for the Museum - (upon his own authority) - He consented & made a note of it.

I told him that he would receive formal applications from the Senate for these two things - in time.

F.N.
He told me of the note he had written to you --
My dear Sir

I like your paper exceedingly. I would only make a few additions.

Would you not state, e.g. in addition, 1. that the whole arrangement can only be considered as temporary in character,

that, at the best, the provision afforded by the casemate would be inadequate for the purpose; but that it is absolutely necessary, if the Museum is to exist at all in any other way than merely as a heap of objects, without order or arrangement,

that the inexpensive course suggested should be taken, in the hope that a proper School, Museum & Library may be provided before long.

Then propose that application be made to the S. of S. for War to sanction the appropriation of the casemate & the cost of shelving.

Would you not 2. propose that the
sanction of the S. of S. for War be obtained for a skilled workman to do the Modelling, putting up preparations &c at a salary of --- & that, until the necessary forms are gone through, sanction for a two months' employment of such a workman be obtained.

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

My dear Sir

I had the opportunity of speaking to (or rather "poking") Mr. Herbert to day about the points of your letter - He wrote on the spot about the Instruments & fittings- and 2. the Estimate for the casemate fittings shall be passed immediately.

[It seems absurd for the Engineers to talk of two months being necessary]

I shall see Capt. Galton tomorrow
Wellcome Ms 5481

& will also give
him a "poke" –

    Dr. Parkes' plan
will apparently
answer. But in
a matter so new,
trials will be
necessary –

    ever yours sincerely
    F. Nightingale

Sir James Clark
whispered

to me that the W.O.
had been dilatory
in paying your
Salary. [I am never
surprised at any
thing the W.O. does]
I whispered this to
Mr. H. and he
seemed very much
surprised. He
made a note of
it to put it righ(t)

    For my part, I
don't see that hom(e)
management, (of whic(h)
I have now seen a goo(d)
deal) is a bit better tha(n)
Crimean management.

Wellcome 5471/12 signed letter, 2ff, pen

    30 Old Burlington St.
    W Aug 17/60

My dear Sir

    I sent to Mr. {'sent' overtop illeg} [15:381]
Herbert as soon as
I had your missive.
And I have just
this moment had
a communication
from him, headed   {‘headed’ overtop illeg}

    "There! at last!!
        S.H."

and enclosing one
from Sir John Burgogne, stating "The work of the Medl= School at Chatham has been ordered for execution, the authority of the Treasury having been received" & dated "17 August".

More shame for them that it was not "17 April."

Capt. Galton is absent in the Channel Islands.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5481

will be ready by
October 1 -

   Capt. Galton will
do all in his power
to urge them
forward -

2. About the
Estimate for the
instruments &
apparatus.

   I have not time
to tell you all the
places it has been
to to {over top illeg} - to the Tower,

where the answer
was, of course, that
they did not keep
instruments in
store - to some
other place equally
ridiculous where
the same answer
was of course
made - Then it
went to Dr. Gibson,
where it remained
"sticking" for some
months -

   On Friday, it
was hunted up,
(but not by him,)

and taken to Mr.
Drewry, (in the
absence of Sir B.
Hawes,) who is a
somewhat quicker
operator -

   And on Frida
Saturday I was
assured that the
money should be
granted that day,
that the authority
out of the "Sanitary
vote", without
more ado with
Wellcome Ms 5481

the Treasury - &
that the authority
should be forwarded
to you for expending
the money on
Monday (yesterday).

I asked if
I should write to
you to inform you
of this - in order
that you might
apply for the
authority, if there
were delay. And

I was assured there
was no occasion.
Nevertheless I
think it wiser to
do it.

[I understand
that Dr. Sutherland
saw you yesterday.
But he did not
know of this
arrangement with
Mr. Drewry. For
he has not seen
any of us since
his return. Therefore

5471/13/2
if he discouraged
you, - do not mind].

But, unless the
you have already
received the
authority to draw
the money, for the instruments - Apply
for it without
delay, I presume
to Mr. Milton.
And please let
me know -

People talk of
my "terrible &
unprecedented experience" in the Crimea - I say my "terrible & extraordinary experience" in the W.O. Never could I have believed what I have seen of mismanagement in the last 4 years, of inefficiency, slowness, extravagance in administration, & want of unity, above all - No one knows what any one else is doing. 

yours sincerely F. Nightingale

My dear Sir
I hope that by this time you have your authority for the Instrument money. 
I have made another poke at the W.O. 
It is too much - This story of the School is the very type & climax of the working of the whole Office. It is well it has happened - For I do believe this & other glaring instances will bring about a change -

The first impression
upon the students being a bad one is most unfortunate. It may damage the School essentially in public opinion.

Capt. Galton however, hopes to have the fittings done by Oct 1. And the Instrument money I trust you have by this time.

Please keep me informed.

I shall be most glad to give my proxy for Mr. Couper, if you will tell me how - It is a matter upon which I can have no opinion. I can only choose my advisers. Perhaps you will tell me some Governor voting for Mr. Couper, who will take My proxy.

ever yours sincerely  
F. Nightingale

30 Old Burlington St  
W Sept 12/60

My dear Sir  
I venture to trouble you with my proxy for Mr. Couper. Perhaps you know some Governor of the London Hospital voting for him, who would take it.

Dr. R.D. Thomson
Wellcome Ms 5481

sent me the enclosed card –
Perhaps he is a Governor - Mr. Couper would probably be able to indicate one –

I am assured by Capt. Galton, that the fittings will positively be all ready by October 1.

I hope that you have had no farther hitch
And believe me very truly yours
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/16 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67362

30 Old Burlington St W Sept 28/60 [15:382]

My dear Sir
Thank you for sending me your Programme, which I like very much, as far as I am capable of having a judgement. The numbers too make it very useful.

I only opened it last night – For I had been
unusually ill & busy
And the people
had kept from me
My private letters
Otherwise I should
have thanked
you before
    ever yours sincerely
    F. Nightingale
I really hope you
are getting on well
now - But I
shall always be
anxious to hear
of your progress -

Private {up diag}
    Your letter about
    the Students shews
    the necessity of some
    communication from
    Mr. Herbert to the
    D.G. about the
    School. But at
the same time I believe
that the ten students
were taken into the
Service under the idea
that they would very
probably not pass
through the School.
It was, I believe,
considered that the
Service required them
before they could pass
the usual routine. I agree with you however that it would be a good opportunity if Mr. Herbert would either refuse his sanction to their entering without passing the School course - or if Dr. Gibson made a good case for the exception, he should be made to understand that it must not happen again. Flightiness. [end]

30 Burlington St
W Feb 1/61
My dear Sir
The Glasgow Medl- Journal was sent me.
Dr. McGhie's article betrays either wilful misrepresentation- or helpless hopeless ignorance of his own subject. It is impossible to answer.
Many of his principal facts are wrong. I would instance
Wellcome Ms 5481

those about the
Lariboisière Hospital.

It is nothing but
a defence of an
indefensible mistake
-- & not very ably
pleaded -

The best thing that
could happen to the
Glasgow Infirmy (&
what would save
much human life)
is that it should
be burnt down. There
will be no other
safety for it. Almost

all its air reaches it
over burial-ground.

Now the mistake
has been tripled.

But, depend
upon it, Dr McGhie
knows all this just
as well as you or I.

Norman Chevers'
four Numbers have
been sent me - If
they were condensed,
as you say, they would
be very useful -

I trust that the

Examinations will
work well now -

I agree with the
young men that it
would be cruelty to
alter their places,
won at the first --
by the second, if they
were not entirely
made aware of the {‘the’ overtop illeg}
plan - beforehand

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
PRIVATE

My dear Sir

I hope that the present difficulty has been got over -

But, if you have reason to think that any undue course is taken with your Minutes, you ought, of course, to represent it.

Also, the School is so nearly connected with the administrative part of the War Office that all your future proceedings, whether by Minutes or otherwise, should be concise and practical - pointing out a definite administrative course which can be taken - And this without entering much into detail.

You will excuse my giving these hints -- which are founded upon my knowledge of the characters of the present S. of S. and D.G.

The S. of S., can hardly be expected to look much into the Minutes himself. He must take the interpretation given him by his accredited
agent, the D.G.

Now the D.G. has not the least idea of administrative unity. He would not hesitate to make annotations on the Senate's Reports - he being its Chairman. He is also vacillating -- without intelligent principle & always throws off his own responsibility upon the his own Chief -

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Private & 35 South St.
Confidential {up diag} Park Lane W.
July 20/76

My dear Sir

Mr. Hardy writes that he has not the least intention of transferring the Chair of Hygiene from Netley & that Dr. de Chaumont is appointed.

I am very much disappointed to have no special answer about "orders having been given for increased accommodation". Mr. Hardy certainly did give such orders:
I am afraid it is no use pressing about having *Monthly Senate Meetings:* or about Assistants' pay arrangements:

TILL we can get our Committee of Enquiry:

-I wrote to its proposed Chairman: he is leaving home "for a few weeks". Another of its members is not yet returned: another is going away.

I am afraid it is no use pressing to have the Committee while every one is either away or thinking of nothing but getting away= - or too busy to breathe.

I will keep the copies of letters you kindly sent me, unless you want them back at once, till something can be done with them.

We will not lose sight of our Committee of Enquiry:
In the meanwhile, I will, if possible, find out about the "orders for increased accommodn=". I should be most thankful, if you could tell me that there were preparations beginning. [I suppose you did not broach this part of the subject in seeing the D.G.]

We may consider the continuance of the School secured: & we must work on to obtain the necessary conditions of ever= increasing success -

Pray believe me ever yr sincerely

Dr. Aitken Florence Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome Ms 5472/1, correspondence with Henry Colyar, 8 letters

Wellcome 5472 initialled letter, 1f, pen

{arch:} [1847-48]

My dear Sir, Mr Bracebridge
most gratefully accepts your
kind offer 'to go to the
Collegis’ Romano, if you will
call for him here at 10
as he has an engagement
at the Vatican with a party
at 11 -

ever your grateful child
F.N.

Wellcome 5472/2 signed letter, 1f, pen {arch:} [1847-8] [7:197]

Dear Sir

Mrs Herbert & I are very
anxious to go to see a Cardinal made,
would you, if not too much trouble,
let me know by the Bearer what
time we must be at the Quirinal
tomorrow morning?

We are just returned from St. Peter's
& from our beautiful little walk behind
St Angelo, where my angel looked as
if he had just lighted from heaven,
(I am always afraid that he will
be gone before the morning, when I
take my walk on the Pincio) -- and
the shadows were so purple on the
Campagna, that it looked like
playing at Jane -

Yours very gratefully for all your
kindness to us. Florence Nightingale
Sunday -
My dear Sir  
We cannot
give up the hope of one
more visit to the Vatican
with you - could you
give us an hour or two
this morning before your
dinner= hour? & if so,
what time would suit {'time' overtop illeg}
you best?
  yours ever in grateful
love  F.N.

(on back of letter, folded like an envelope:)
  A. Mons.
  Monsieur Colyar

Dear Sir I am very much
obliged to you for this beautiful
account of Sasordaire's "giving
up the natural life" how inte=
resting is his testimony to the
Missionaries -

Many many thanks for your
résumé of the history of St. Peter's-
it is & always will be a valuable
one to me, if you will let me
keep it- I am ashamed of
having given you so much
trouble but I hope that it
will not be lost upon me --
  ever My dear Sir
  yours most gratefully  F.N.

(on back of letter, folded like an envelope:)
H Colyar Esq
Dear Sir, I send back your books with many regrets, & many many more thanks— they are not such as can be read in a hurry— and I have not been able to digest them properly— but shall hope to get them & read them again when I reach England—

I do not know how to thank you for all your kindness— but believe me, dear Sir, ever yours most sincerely & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Monday

Will you thank Mrs. Colyar very much for her Donne Italiene, which I looked at with the more interest as being her friends—

If you are not tired of me, would you be so very good as to go with a poor fool to the little matter of business—

Florence Nightingale

{on back of letter, folded like an envelope:}

Henry Colyar Esq

Dear Sir

Should you have no better engagement this beautiful day, might we hope that you would have the kindness to take a walk with Mrs. Bracebridge & me— either to the Forum, to correct us of that perfidious Nibby, or wherever else you may propose. Mrs. Bracebridge would have written herself, had she not
been going out. Mr. Bracebridge is better -

ever yours very gratefully
F. Nightingale

Of course, if you have any
thing better to do, you will
say so “tout droit”.

(on back of letter, folded like an envelope:)
H. Colyar Esq

Dear Sir I return the Annali
with many thanks. I should
like the Archdeacon to see
Miché’s other letter (in the
first Nos you lent me,) when
he comes back, if you will
be so kind as to let me
have them then -

I went to St Peter’s this
morning to thank for my
pleasure yesterday -

The Herberts send us terrible
Sicilian news - the people took

the {illeg} out of the prisons
& murdered 33 in cold blood.
Roger 7th would have neither
act nor part in it - & ordered
the arrest of Santoro, who
had originated it - he tried

a counter revolution, and
luckily “got killed” in the
Scuffle. An Austrian vessel
came into port - but the
authorities sent to implore
them not to land - as they
could not protect them from
the people - who in the night
broke into the fort & pointed
the guns at the frigate but
were happily stopped by the
Guardia Circa. I think the
Sicilians are quite excusable,
if not right- & hope that I
am above all prejudices
with regard to murder. Let
them answer for it who
have brought them to this.
I send back the Armenian
Service with many, many
thanks. Mr. Bracebridge is
better - ever dear Sir yours
in gratitude F.N.
What are those words which you
{in middle of folio, folded like an envelope:}
Hy Colyar Esq
{at bottom:}
said before that beautiful passage
{illeg O felix culpa, qua talem as tartum?}
Redemp {illeg Meruit Sabere Redemptosem?}

{front of envelope:} Hy Colyar Esq
{in other hand:} From Miss Nightingale

Notes &
Letters.-
Jan 4/91

Claydon House, (printed address:)
Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Sir

I kept Dr. Wilson’s valuable letter till I was able to write a letter with it, which alas! I cannot do yet”-

It is so encouraging to find that he considers the lessons must be conveyed to the cottagers’ wives in their own homes - & that it is essential to effectual technical teaching to find object lessons too in the closet, pig-stye & well -

Does he live at Warwick now?

He is not one who will be recommending great expensive works, in Village & Cottage

Thank you very much for the information on your post card - Please to send the Acct- of the books to me, if the Co. Co. money is exhausted

I have ordered the little book published by Churchill.

Dr. Wilson must be the right sort of man - & will be a great assistance

Excuse pencil

Hoping to hear of your first Lecture ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

Dr. De’Ath
Thank you very much, my dear Sir, for your two notes & Dr. Wilson’s most encouraging one which I will return - I am afraid you are not able to see him to-day or “Monday” - Perhaps you have sent him a Syllabus - I wish he had ordered to it. Thank you too for the charming little book -

The highest blessings of the New Year to you & yours -

And good cheer for the beginning of the Lectures They will work their work

I am writing to you but have not time to finish Sincerely yours F. Nightingale

{vert. on page} I think the way Mrs. Verney told me you were beginning your Lectures by touching upon the difference between health & sickness quite the best

F.N.
Claydon Jan 3/92

My dear Sir

I have not been able
to write to you to-day
as I intended but it is
only put off -

I am sure tomorrow’s
Lecture will be a success
But we cannot build
Rome in a day, much
less build up an education
in a day, as you observe.
The more sure is ultimate
success - I shall be
anxious to hear from
your kindness - I will carefully
return Dr. Wilson - sincerely {'return' overtop illeg}
Dr. De’Ath) yours F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5473/4 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

{printed up at an angle:}
Telegraph, 10 South St.
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Park Lane W
Claydon House, Jan 12/92
Winslow, {printed address:}
Bucks.

My dear Sir

I hope your 2nd Lecture
was usefully brilliant & successful
And I know it was.
The Anatomical Models
we use for our Probationer-Nurses
at St. Thomas’ were procured
for us from Leipzig by one
of our Medical Staff - {'our' overtop the}
The Card enclosed contains
the address of the man at
Leipzig from whom the
Models were obtained.
The Medical Officer
thinks that, if you would
write to Franz Josef Steger
Wellcome Ms 5481

he would send you a
circular of his models &
their prices -
I am obliged to ask you
for the card back for our
Medical Officer -
Success to your great work -
I am sorry that I am
going back to 10 South St.

Park Lane W
tomorrow
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Dr. De’Ath

The National Health Socy=
Berners St
is also recommended for its
models & Diagrams
F.N.

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May 20/92
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir
Most heartily do I give you
joy on the success of your
“Health at Home” Education
Mission - the enthusiastic
attendance on your Lectures
of rural educated women
from all over the County
allowed to attend for their
own profit - your sifting
& re-sifting till you obtained
a Class of 12, who appeared
willing & able to become
instructresses or missioners
of Health to the uneducated
rural women at their own
homes - the object of the
whole course being the new one
not simply to give Sanitary information but to teach how to teach -- the examination by an independent well-known Sanitary authority -- both in writing & by word of mouth (to test their power of speaking to the uneducated) And six of them passing the Examn= with the utmost success - three indeed about what had been expected - the main object of the Examn being to see not only if their book knowledge or theory were competent but if they could give in the most practical & plainest, in the most lively & dramatic manner their knowledge to uneducated women in their own houses - translate in fact the object=lessons they had received from your skill & kindness in the worst houses of the worst villages = into the cottage life with their own hands & tongue _ Your object was to teach practical work to the class - just as we teach practical Ward work at the bed-side to the Nurse Probationer in Hospital - the object=lesson of the latter being the Ward & the Patient - the object= lesson of the former being the Cottager’s home & its inmates
- the rural domestic life -

Just as the District Nurse goes into the cottage to nurse & to teach to nurse the Patient by the family with her own head & hands - so would the Health Nurse (Missioner) teach what to do in the cottage for health with her own head & hands.

It remains to be seen how it is to be worked out - say a Meeting in a willing cottage -- visits to each cottage - and when she is in touch with the cottager’s wife, sent for by the wife-mother herself.

Of course it will take a long time before prejudice & ignorance are overcome.

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Geo. H. De’Ath Esq MD -

June 25/92

10, SOUTH STREET, [6:592]

PARK LANE. W. {printed address:}

My dear Sir

I was exceedingly glad to receive your letter - Indeed Mr. Verney’s illness was a terrible misfortune to us all - [I heard how kind & skilful you had been, of course. I have good reports of him. But I am afraid he will not {'he’ overtop be} be careful]

A Miss Deane, of Chichester, Hon. Sec. for the Ladies’ Committee for Technical Education in West Sussex under the County Council, has written to me to know if her
Committee can have one of the “teachers trained in Bucks as Nursing Cottage Lecturers” “for 6 months to commence on Oct. 1” “And what salary” they “will have to give”.

She speaks of a London Socity as having too “high charges” -- & not an “entirely satisfactory course” --

I understand that only one of the “Dr. De’Ath Lecture Ladies has definitely been engaged” could you tell me at what salary? & where?

& that Bucks would be glad” if the Sussex plan “Comes off for another”.

I have written to Miss Deane (whom I do not know) explaining the difference between Health & Nursing Lectures – also saying why a definite answer cannot be sent her directly, if she still wishes for a Health Lecturer – &c &c –

But I should be very grateful if you could tell me all you can as to engagements & salary

Success to the Cottagers

Pray believe me yours sincerely

Dr. De’Ath F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5473/7 signed note, 1f, pencil [6:592]

10/10/92

My dear Sir

I will if you will allow me return your Draft “Missioner’s Diary” by post to-day with any suggestions –

God bless your work

yrs
Wellcome Ms 5481

F. Nightingale
Claydon 11/11/92

My dear Sir,

We shall be very glad to see you on “Tuesday afternoon”, as you kindly propose -

[And I will stay till Wednesday on purpose to see you on Tuesday]

Would 4 o’clock or 5 suit you best? Please say by post-card - or any other hour,

I think we may be joyful thro’ all trials if only we are fighting

such a valiant battle for the greatest work on earth, man’s health of body & soul, as you are -

God bless you

yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

Thanks many for your Cholera pamphlet -

Please send me your account for printing

F.N.
Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5473/9 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} [6:598]

{up at an angle:}
I hope
your books
have New Year’s Eve of
arrived 1892
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Sir
   Many thanks for your
letter & the valuable
printed papers you
have been so kind as
to send me.
   Dr. Ord of St. Thomas’
to whom I wrote says
that after first
mentioning that he will
“enquire for any process
“of hiring out Diagrams”
   he “suggests that, as
“regards internal organs,
“demonstration of the heart,
G.H. De’Ath Esq MD

“lungs &c, freshly taken
“from a sheep would be
“in good hands, infinitely
“more useful than
“diagram or model –
“We use,” he says, “diagrams
“for large classes, but, for
“practical teaching, the
“specimen”. Do you agree?
   Dr. Ord, more than
20 years ago, “gave
“voluntary lectures at
“Brixton to poor women,
“dealing with sanitation,
“cookery &c. But the
“ladies at whose instance
“he did this told him
“that the women, while
“fully understanding
“what was taught, would
“not alter their ways. The
“ladies did their best,
“& distributed large
“printed sheets, but
“poor people couldn’t
“take so much trouble”

Dr. Ord wishes us
“better success”.

I think it is clear
why he had none –

As well "distribute
“large printed sheets"
to school boys & expect
them to learn Greek from these

[I venture to send you a
copy of a letter I had
to address to Poona in
Bombay P; , where I recommend
the Lecturer, after having
gained the confidence of
the people, to take them
round to their water-supply,
&c &c - & to show them
on the spot:

It is notorious that you
may legislate for ever to
Hindoos, District Officials
conscientiously believe all
the legislation obeyed -
Not a bit of it]

Dr. Ord does not appear to
know Pridgin Teale’s book,
but, as you have it, ?, that
do not matter - With every
best wish for the New Year, sincerely yours

Dr. De’Ath

Florence Nightingale
Wellcome 5473/10 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

Private {up at an angle} Sept 26/94 [6:604-05]
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Thank you very much for your note -
I am very glad you read a paper at
Liverpool -

But pray proceed with caution - This is the age of Associations & Lectures -

An Assocn- generally does not succeed, unless it is worked from a centre (by one person like yourself - but who can give his or her whole time & experience -- )
to the circumference -

If it is worked from the circumference by persons necessarily of little circumference experience, that is fatal

However, let me hear, please, as you kindly propose, the “details” of your scheme -
Some Associations are,

(between ourselves,) such humbugs -
As to its bearing my name, as I could not give all my work, that is out of the question
I wish every possible success to your scheme,
I need hardly say - & hope But every District will not have a M.O. of Health like yourself.
Very, very few people
understand any thing about it further than country Lectures by trained Hospital Nurses!!

ever yours sincerely -
F. Nightingale

I don’t think any “discussion” “by a “Meeting” of any use, unless there is a knot of people of experience & conviction to lead & “lecture” them

G.H. De’Ath Esq M.D.} F.N.

My dear Sir
Pray excuse me: I regret exceedingly that it is quite impossible for me to see you this week on this subject plan of unequalled difficulty - which has been sprung upon me -- viz. the forming “an Association “all over England” of persons ignorant of the subject - to embrace “towns” and “districts”.

But I am sincerely anxious to hear what you really propose - & to give any help I can, if
that be possible - [I hope it
won’t be only Punch’s “Don’t:]
And I may be able to see
you next week, or more
likely, the week after, for
which I am your servant,
“to do thoroughly the duty
“that immediately lies
“before me,” that is, to
give considered thought, & experience
to a purpose so sudden, -
which cannot be done in
an hour or a day by one
so overworked & so ill.
I have taken some advice -
Pray believe me
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Geo. H. De’Ath Esq MD

II
Might I ask you in return
a comparatively easy
question? A sensible
young lady (apparently)
has been reading the
pamphlet “Rural Hygiene”
& asks for some “fairly
“simple Manual for
“carrying out the study”
of “so many points &
“subjects named (in the
“Rural Hygiene”) upon which
she “would gladly have
“fuller information” – “some
“work - not too learned -
“which she may study with
“a view to learning more
Wellcome Ms 5481

“myself & preparing to
give some little help
to others in our villages”.

Kindly tell me what you
would recommend: for
these are the sort of people
from whom we might
ultimately recruit “Health
“Missioners” -
I know of none no “work “Manuals” these
gentlemen’s “works,” too
heavy - the ladies’ too little
intelligent. Though my
allowance of books sent
me to “criticize” “and
“recommend” is
2 from America
1 “ India
1 “ Home

G.H. De’Ath Esq MD F.N.

5373/12/1 signed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

Nov 26/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir
I am sorry to be
unable to see you
to-day. But I
hope that you will
be coming this way
again some afternoon,
- not Thursday -
(& give us telegraphic
notice the day before)
& give me the
pleasure of seeing you
yours sincerely
Dr. De’Ath F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5473/12/2 {black-edged envelope}

Miss Nightingale {not FN hand}
G.H. De’Ath Esq
25/11/94
My dear Sir

I am sorry you are so much disappointed about the Lectures on “Sick Nursing” by Miss Deyns & Miss Bartlett - because cannot the evil be averted? if any?

4. In Miss Deyns’ two Hand bills it is only put “Nursing”: not Sick Nursing.

In the other Handbill which you kindly sent me it is put Health Mission and Sick Nursing as if Sick Nursing were a part of the Mission.

But you have taught us that it may be & is a part of the Health-at-Home Mission after all it is not the name but the substance of the thing that signifies.

And no doubt you have told these ladies what they may touch upon of Sick Nursing in Health at Home & what not.

3. It is no use trying to do anything for December now. But we have from “January to June” before us - And we might see the two ladies I had not the advantage of hearing your 2nd Course of Lectures in which you taught, I believe, in your own striking way what you wished included of Nursing - Perhaps we might impress this or rather hear what the two ladies have to say - about this -
Claydon Dec 17

My dear Sir

I am so very, very much obliged to you for your kind & full information - I was so very anxious - I don’t ask you to see you to-day - because I think Lady Verney & Sir Edmund must be so very anxious to see all they can of you to-day

God bless you - yours sincerely  F. Nightingale

Dr. De’Ath

Claydon Feb 26/95

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:} PARK LANE. W. {addr. crossed off with diag. line}

My dear Sir

We are very anxious to know that you were not the worse for your kind visit here last week.

Also; whether your “Test” is completed - that would make a sort of Revolution -

Thanks for your District Nurse Report. Does your Nurse or will your Nurses keep a Diary? And do they always serve under Doctors?

Otherwise they are so liable
to become a sort of quack. We find it always desirable to print in our Reports of District Nursing a few type cases. It makes them Reports interesting & what is more it makes them instructive to others. The Report gives in a few lines the beginning of the case - what the Nurse has done for the Patient (and, if necessary, for the room) - the treatment, very briefly - the end of the case - [The Nurse does generally teach a friend or kind neighbour of the Patient some simple sanitary & practical things to do - Very often She, the Nurse, has to clean the whole room & utensils - Gentlewomen always do this best]

2. We have not yet received from you the Syllabus you so kindly undertook re Miss Deyns & Lady Verney’s criticism

3. - nor the eye-cleaning to prevent Infantile blindness re the unsatisfactory printed leaflets you were so good as to look at -

But we know but too well how over- occupied you are-

We hope you are not overdoing it.

Lady Verney prescribes a Lent abstinence from overwork -

ever yours sincerely
Wellcome Ms 5481

F. Nightingale
Dr. De’Ath
My dear Sir

Thank you for your note - I could see you on Monday next at 5.30 p.m, as you kindly wish - But unless you are going to stay the night in London, that will be an inconvenient hour for you - I could make it 4 o’clock if I knew - but I am afraid not earlier - I do not know what your trains to Buckingham are =
I think your milk =
= test, if complete,
would be what is
most wanted now
in London - There
are such just complaints
And the poor people
get no milk at all,
good or bad
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Geo: H. De’Ath Esq

My dear Sir

Thank you for your
note of Saturday -
I could gladly see
you on “June 9 ninth”, 5.30 p.m., {'9' overtop illeg}
if that suits you - But
if it does not, I could,
if I knew directly (you
say you wish to settle
your plans) appoint
some other afternoon
that does suit you -
You kindly ask after
my health - I have not been up since before Xmas, except - & that rarely -- to sit up in my chair, for an hour or two, in my room - But I am full of work -- I hope you make holiday sometimes -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Geo. H. De’Ath Esq
M.D

Wellcome 5473/19 2ff, Henry Verney to Dr. De’Ath, 21 Dec 91, Claydon House, Winslow Bucks, re: advice for a letter from Miss Bell concerning his cottages and faults he ought to remedy
Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome Ms 5474, correspondence with Dr Farr, 128 letters, 238 pages

Wellcome 5474/1 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f41

Gt Malvern
Feb 5/58

My dear Sir,

Many thanks for your two kind notes -

I contemplated this morning with intense satisfaction the first fruits of your labors - the first publication of any Return regarding the health of our Army.

I am coming up to town next week, when I hope to have the pleasure of crawling at your feet a little
more for a few more
favors - La reconnaissance
n’est qu’un vif sentiment
des bienfaits futurs- as
I have often told you -
   One thing is I want
to ask you about a
Provident Fund - But my
scheme is not yet ready.
   The ”Spanish Troops”
are at Paris - They have
been here - And may
perhaps be to be seen
at Burlington St. some
times in the course of
the spring. Their new
address is 41 New Finchley
Road, near you -
   I shall not bother
about the Return now
which you have been
so good as to send me
By & bye -
   Believe me
   ever faithfully yours
   F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

Private   {archivist: 1858 March}  [14:557]
Dear Dr. Farr
   It is my misfortune
to be a sandwich
between two eminent
men - Our “Regulations”
have hung fire, and
I have not been able
to prepare a scheme of duties
for the new “Army
Medical Council,”
because Dr. Farr would
not write the Statistical=
   =Reporting
“Regulations,” until Dr. Sutherland had written
the Sanitary ones – &
Dr. Sutherland would
not write the Sanitary=
Reporting “Regulations,”
until Dr. Farr had
written the Statistical
ones –
Dr. Sutherland has
however the merit of
having given in first,
and has dictated
(or condescended to
approve) the enclosed.
And, if Dr. Farr
would now issue his
commands on {over top or} Regulations
for Statistical = Reporting,
he would much
advance the interests
of his devoted and
grateful admirer
   Florence Nightingale
30 Burlington St.
    March 2/58

We are anxious
to steal a march upon
the new War Secretary
& prepare a scheme
for him, before he has
had time to appoint
that Hall successor
to the retiring Smith –
This Mr. Herbert has
engaged to urge, {over top illeg} upon him.
  F.N.  [end

14:557]
Dear Dr Farr

Your “soul” is “exasperated,” but mine is frantic. Home-sickness is a malady of the Army, but mine is Form-sickness. It would have been cheap to me, for it would have saved 3 months to my life, to have had all the Commission business printed myself.

Now Whitsuntide is almost here & we have nothing done -

As for that Drewry, I hate him with a “mortal & undying hatred” -

In conclusion, I send you your “Forms,” which I received with joy this afternoon - & also a copy of our “Regulations”, of which you have already one, but I
Wellcome Ms 5481

fear you may have lost it -- and I humbly
beg you to be kind enough to look over it (the pencil marks are Alexander’s)
and bring it back to me to morrow morning with your corrections, that I
may send it to Press. Any further corrections, when the Forms are finally decided upon, may still be made

in the Revise -

We are delighted with the new Form of Medical Certificate Book & think the whole more beautiful than the original -

If you could come in here to morrow - morning at 11, Dr. Sutherland shall meet you - But, whatever you do, don’t deprive me of “all my little ones,” but let me have them all back tomorrow, tali quali.
sincerely yours F. Nightingale
My dear Dr. Farr

As you see I am back in the land
-(not of figs but) of soots - And I beg to report myself to you by the same token & humbly to hope that you will come & see me -

I am entirely enchanted by your Summary of the Weeklies for ’58 & especially by the Paragraph about the “2000 medical men” & the “midnight rush”.

Could you tell us whether you can give us the Mortality Returns of the School= masters & mistresses of the Schools which receive the Privy Council grant separate from the others? The Census, I suppose, does
not distinguish? I enclose a Paragraph from a newspaper, which please read. Is this done since Trevelyan left the Office? And, if so, would it not be the time to press for more? to ask for a wider circulation of your Reports?

Many thanks for all you have done for us in the way of newspaper articles. I had not sent a green “Contribution” to the “Times”. If you would do it, our gratitude would be the greater - And I will send you some more copies, if you say Yes - Otherwise I am ashamed to trouble you -

If you could look in upon me on your way home from the Office this evening, you would find Dr. Sutherland here -- between 5 & 6 o’clock - [end]

Yours ever most truly
F. Nightingale

(Attached to letter, was a printed clipping:)
A TESTIMONIAL.-- The meteorological contributions to the Registrar-General’s quarterly returns, and others, have presented to Dr. Barker, of Bedford, a handsome striking skeleton clock, upon marble plinth. The following inscription indicates the occasion of the testimonial.

“Presented to Thomas Herbert Barker, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., by the officers and members of the British Meteorological Society, and others, as
a memorial of their esteem, and a recognition of his successful exertions in obtaining for them the recirculation of the reports of the Registrar-General, which had been withdrawn by a Treasury minute". 
My dear Dr. Farr,

I have sent a Leader to the “Builders” (which has been accepted) about St. Thomas’ removal - I think it best not to attack try the Medical papers, because they will be up in arms about their Schools! But you know best - On the other side the sheet you will find the facts about St. Thomas’ written by Sutherland - Do please put a Paragraph into the “Times” or some of the great “luminaries - We lost Netley, let us win St Thomas’s.

I fear I must ask you to put off your kind visit to me till Monday.

Have you done anything about the scheme of Hospital Statistics for the universe? In reading any medical book about Nursing, I am always struck by the advance that common sense has made lately upon medical sense - If I were a mother, I should dismiss a nurse (for doing what Dr. West recommends, as very great lights -) as being in very great darkness.

Yours sincerely  F. Nightingale
Highgate
June 2/59
My dear sir

Your Commission was gazetted on May 31 & Mr. Herbert is in town -
As it will be necessary to obtain the Statistics of Sickness, Mortality & Invaliding of the Indian Army from the Medical Boards there, would not some of the proposed forms for the Army Medical Dep. be better than any other, filled up for each Station with the Diseases annually for a period say of 10 years? or would it be necessary to provide others?

We must of course have the most minute Statistics - both for Soldiers & Officers in the Queen’s, Company’s & native troops - And these we should get by this method for 10 years.

I suppose the Medical Boards have the Presidency Medical Book Records - Would it be necessary to get the Returns for each Corps separately? Would it not be important to get the ages - age & time of service at Death or Invaliding?

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Highgate
June 5/59
My dear Dr. Farr
Mr. Herbert has just been here
We agree that the information we want for the new Commission’s Report is the inclosed -
Can this be got from the India Ho: papers (Tulloch’s forms)
tables) We think not - You will know whether it can or not.
If not, could it not be obtained by sending certain of your new A.M.D. Forms to the Presidency Medical Boards? Or rather, would not the Forms, if properly filled up, give it? If so, we will take care to put them in proper hands -
Would not these Forms answer for the heads I. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. in the enclosed Paper?
I. 6 might possibly be obtained at the India Ho:
We should want Forms for II. III. IV & V.
IV might possibly be obtained from the Indian Adjutant= Genl=’s Office.
Would you be so very kind as to consider these matters
& give us your opinion
upon the whole of them
& the kind of Forms
that should be used?

  Yours sincerely
  F. Nightingale

I had noticed but too late the
misprint you mention
in my “Notes” - it is
a =misprint - it was
right in the Evidence_
it is a most unfortunate
one & shall be
corrected in a fly
leaf -

5474/8 signed letter, 2ff, pen, [16:75-76]

Highgate
  June 13/59
Dear Dr. Farr
  I have never thanked
you for the corrected
Crimean Tables, including
the Deaths in Battle -
  == I sent two copies
of {overtop for} my “Notes on
Hospitals” for Messrs.
Clode & Hammick
to the G.R.O. 𐀁
would you express
to them my gratitude
for the Nurse Tables,
of which the fruits
are there, as you
will perhaps point
out to them - And
should any body
else at your office
have contributed
to that labor, would
you kindly tell me,
as the least I can
do is to send them
copies to shew that
the labor has not been quite wasted -
Perhaps too again
I am reckoning on "bienfaits futurs", as
Page 2 of the same book records (in a Note) our want of
Hospital Tables Forms -
Dr. Aitken has told me of three Hospitals in Scotland where they would gladly accept & use them - Glasgow,
Edinburgh & Dundee
if the Forms were sent to them yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
I have had the erring Page 30 re-
printed
It is a curious specimen of Printers’ corrections (?) Both the 1st Proof & the Revise were right, as I find on reference_
The Printers put it in the error of their own heads for the “Press” copies

5474/9 signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy 43398 f134

30 Old Burlington St.
Aug 3/59
Dear Dr. Farr I acknowledge the receipt of your Yes s.
We have not yet mastered sufficiently the processes of arithmetic to ascertain how many copies will be wanted. But, as soon as we do, we will send to you for your approval.
The number appears so very great that's we should like to know whether any progress has been made in ascertaining how much of the information can be obtained at home, & which, if any, of the Forms can be filled up at the Adj. Gen’s, Army Med. Depts- or elsewhere at home -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Montague Grove
Hampstead
Aug 31/59

Dear Dr. Farr
J. Stuart Mill says that “the impunity of calumny” has produced in the world’s history worse effects than almost any thing else. I say the “impunity of error has [overtop illeg] &c - I am entirely anti= Fénélon. Quietism, whether in religion or in the world’s business is my repugnance - It is nothing but laziness -
I sent you the attack on the R.G.’s accuracy in the green thing by Aspland, which I will be bound you never answered - Now I did - (i.e. in M.S. to Aspland). He sent my answer to Rumsey of Cheltenham, the author of those Sanitary propositions which you know - who chose to write to me about it - And I have had a very hot correspondence with him -

I send it you - (Dr. Sutherland was so good as to copy my answers, as you will see-) You need not read it. But please send it me back. It is always good, in case one is attacked for what one has said, to remember what it is was -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Sir C. Wood, Mr. Herbert tells me to day, “has got a Surgeon”, after much search who is to do your Forms at the India Ho: Turn Over

I send in to town every day - And whatever you please to send to 30 Old Burlington St for Dr. Sutherland or me suffers no delay -

F.N.
Montague Grove
Hampstead
Sept 14/59
Dear Dr. Farr
   I send your “Form” on Monday morning to Mr. Prinsep by Dr. Sutherland’s orders, after shewing it to Mr. Herbert on Sunday. The servant said he did not see Mr. Prinsep, who was gone to you, but “a gentleman” took it from him & said it was “all right”.

I am glad Prinsep is to be out of the way by marriage or otherwise - He is a stupid fellow and Mr Hornidge served us much better -

2. A propos to Hospital ![](image)
   Statistical Forms 2 We made up a copy of the eight forms you sent us for Remaining, Admissions, Discharges, Deaths, Remaining &c &c and sent them to St. Thomas’s Hospital - but have
not been able to get them filled up -
    Have you any data in the G.R. Office of the London Hospitals which could be rendered available for filling up these? to any extent? Or could you from all you know of the London Hospitals tell me which would be most likely to give the information or any part of it?
    St. Thomas’s appears to keep its Statistics more for the sake of checking obstreperous Patients - which is an object certainly but not a scientific one -
    I should like to have done something at Bradford about them - and laid the way for a vote of the more magnificent Stat. Cong.
    yours sincerely
    F. Nightingale

5474/12 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f150

Hampstead NW
    Oct 31/59
Dear Dr. Farr
    Sir C. Wood has informed me that he has seen you & that “you are satisfied”. Does your “satisfaction” include the Statistics of Disease & Mortality at each STATION throughout India?
I ask this because our Sanitary questions on the Stations are either gone or on their way to going to India. And the Replies to them will be of little use unless we have the Stational Statistics.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

I have never heard anything but a meagre newspaper report of the tussle between you & Rumsey at Bradford.

I hope you were not killed.
F.N.

{bottom of torn off}

5474/13 signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy 43398 f154

Oak hill House
Frognal
Hampstead NW
Nov 14/59
Dear Dr. Farr
The India House accepts your clerks with transport. Mr. Hornidge will write to you as soon as ever Sir G. Clerk has sanctioned it in writing. He did so sanction it to day in words.

Please come here as much before 7 as possible tomorrow. That is on my account. You shall have dinner at 7.

yours sincerely,
Dear Dr. Farr

In consequence of your intemperate desire to have the Indian Medical Service Regulations, we have applied at the great House for copies. And the answer is that they have only one Office copy & if we want any we must send to India.

Knowing their weakness, we had (in our “Queries”), previously sent to two hundred Stations in India for copies of all “Regulations,” and we hope the result will satisfy your literary appetite.

Please let me, for my own satisfaction, deposit the enclosed slip of paper, in your hands.

yours sincerely F. Nightingale

My dear Dr. Farr

I am exceedingly anxious, as you may suppose, to see your charming New Year’s gifts. But I would much rather have it shewn to me by you. And I do not like to ask you to come up here – as I am coming to town incessantly – when I hope to see you – If, however,
for the sake of not delaying,
    if therefore you would
send them me by post,
I would take care
that they be returned
to you within 24 hours.
And Dr. Sutherland
should see them in
that time-
    But do not you
think that they had
better be printed
immediately for
immediate circulation?
    And if so I would
waive my prior pleasure

of seeing them - especially
those {overtop the} Returns shewing the
Deaths, Admissions, Diseases
& Loss of Efficiency at
each Station.
    Your four Clerks
have been sanctioned
at the Treasury.
    Mr. Herbert comes
back to town this week.
    yours ever sincerely
    F. Nightingale
I send this note by a
servant that you may
if you think well, send
back the Returns by him
Hampstead NW  
Jan 31/60  
Dear Dr. Farr  
        St. Thomas’s, University  
College & St. Mary’s Hospitals have sent  
in their Statistics -  
which I send you -  
        After a conversation  
which Dr. Sutherland  
and I had about  
them, I asked him  
to write the enclosed.  
        If you are kind  
enough to reduce the  
results out of the Forms  
and to send them  
back to us, I should  
wish to be allowed  
to remunerate any  
Extra work which  
it may give your  
men -  
        I don’t expect  
any more to come in  
- altho’ Guy’s has  
promised -  
And  
Mr. Paget, of  
Bartholomew’s writes
Wellcome Ms 5481

me word that they have
set up a Registrar --
adopted these Forms,
(which they sent for
for), and he hopes in
6 months to send me
the Result!
     I will shew you
some more very
curious correspondence
about it when we
meet - And a
really good letter
from St. Thomas’s
Registrar -
     yours ever sincerely
      F. Nightingale
{vert. in left margin:} I hope to be in town on Friday.

5474/17-17/2 signed letter, 3ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f169

30 Old Burlington St.     [16:368-69]
W.
April 2/60
My dear Dr. Farr
     Imprimis: Mr. Herbert
will speak to Sir B.
Hawes about your
being misinformed (to
any extent you like)
at the W.O., as to
their Estimates & Accounts-
And any day that
you like to call upon
Sir B. at the W.O.,
he will “put you in communication” with the necessary mis= informants.
2. He Mr Herbert will speak to Milner Gibson about putting Sutherland in to the Commission for the International Congress, (in order to hedge Simon)
3. He does not feel “a call” for the Royal Society at present, he says; he is too busy; but he hopes (when less busy) that “the call” will come.
4. He would be very much obliged to you to write up his new Army Medical School in the “Lancet”. Because he expects a “row” when the Estimates come on (3 weeks hence) & wishes to be able to quote from the Civil Medical papers - And as he has supported us, (Anti= Commander= in= Chief,) we ought to support him
5. He looked over all your Indian Commission papers, -- was not at all staggered by the expence, -- is to write to Dr. Balfour to desire him to fill up the Forms you send
But as this is more Sutherland’s business than mine, I shall leave him to tell you all about it, & to return your little Portfolio.

Disease List for my Hospital Statistics (prospective) asks you the following questions; to which I ask, why did not you ask them yourself when Dr. Farr was here, to which the answer is not so clear –

Believe me ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

30 Old Burlington St
W. April 21/60
Dear Dr. Farr,
I feel so very strongly about this Census bill that I cannot help writing to you of how much importance it would be, as bearing on all questions of the Public health, to have a column in the Enumeration paper.
in which should be entered the number of sick people in each house with the Diseases -

In this way we should have a Return of the whole Sick & Diseases in the United Kingdom for one spring day, which would give a good average idea of the Sanitary state of all classes of the population.

The Mortuary Returns take no cognizance of a large amount of disease which rarely proves fatal, but which nevertheless represents a vast loss of efficiency in the population. How important to bring this out for once, as was done in the Irish Census of 1851.

Why should a compulsory Sick Return be more obnoxious than a compulsory Death Return?

The public benefit would infinitely outweigh any petty inconvenience in filling up these Returns. And, when taken with the Sick Returns of Hospitals, Asylums, Workhouses &c, they would afford insight into problems of great importance - yours sincerely
Wellcome Ms 5481

Florence Nightingale
Dear Dr. Farr

I have written to Sir George Lewis about your Census Bill — making large use of Mr. Hammack’s paper, which I now return —

Ought not his House Enquiry to include

1. cellar or basement dwellings

2. back & back houses (windows in front only or back to front)?

If you would come & talk, ought it not to be with {overtop to} dinner? I believe Tuesday is your evening in town.

If you would dine here on that day, Sutherland should come & settle Army Statistics with you —

Yours very truly

F. Nightingale

We are going to register the savages (through the D. of Newcastle). And, if you will come, I will shew you these scrofulous Returns —
May 10/60

Dear Dr. Farr

At the eleventh hour
Sir George Lewis writes,
"Both the points mentioned
were duly considered
before the Census Bill
was introduced. It
was thought that the
question of health or
sickness was too
indeterminate to be
made the subject of

"a question to each
individual. The
absence of any fixed
standard makes it
certain that the
answers would not
be based on a
uniform principle
& that the result
obtained would be
inaccurate.

"With regard to an
enumeration of houses,
it was thought that
this is not a proper
subject to be included
in a Census of population.

I was aware that
an enumeration of houses
had been included in
the Irish Census, but

If you could furnish me with any decisive answers to these allegations, I would still try. But, as they will not answer the main allegation (implied) “Mr. Waddington does not like to take the trouble”, I have not much hope of success - F.N.

the information which
I received led me to
the conclusion that
the result is not
peculiarly instructive.

All this, being interpreted, means, “Mr. Waddington does not like to take the trouble.” The letter is an exact facsimile of scores which I have from Airey, Filder, Andrew Smith & alas! Lord Raglan. It is a “Horse Guards” letter. If you think that any thing more can be done, pray say so. I’m your man.

F.N.
Dear Dr. Farr,

The Census Bill did not go into Committee last night, as you know. It is put off till Tuesday, when they expect a debate upon it, Mr. Baines & Mr. Caird having both amendments upon it - Under these circumstances, if you think any thing more can be done in the Commons, pray command me.

I wrote both to Lord Grey & to Lord Shaftesbury yesterday. The former answers as you see -

If the Bill goes up to the “Lords” on Wednesday, it might still be before Lord Grey goes to Germany. And, in that case, would you call upon him, taking with you a written statement, (not in your own hand=writing,) for him to make use of in the Lords? And “put him up to things”?

I will write to him & tell him you will call, if you give me leave, on the day when we see the appearance
Dear Dr. Farr

Mr. Herbert has sent me the enclosed, with the remark “in answer to your letter”. “Probably Dr. Farr would be able to obviate the objection”. Dr. Sutherland is gone on Inspections. He saw Dr. Balfour yesterday who told him his grievance - And as I understood Dr. S, he, Dr. S., agreed with him.

I asked Dr. S. to write to you But I have no doubt he did not make it intelligible what he wanted viz: as I understood, that you should not pledge the W.O. to adopt the Congress’s conclusions, when your own were likely to be so much more well-founded -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
30 Old Burlington St
W. June 21/60

Dear Dr. Farr,

If these rooms can be of any use to you & Mr. Hammack during the time of the Congress, pray command them -

One room shall always be yours -

[You may want to have some place where you can bring people in to breakfast, lunch, or dine, or write a letter.]

If you will give me notice, you shall have a better dinner than you have had the experience of heretofore here. And breakfast you can always have -]

It is more than probable that you may have both rooms all to yourselves all day - if you like.

My cousin who is a first rate linguist will be delighted to do the honours in French, German, or Italian to your friends.

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
Dear Dr. Farr

Would you request Major Graham to write to Mr. Herbert to say that, as the new Army Regulations have been in force since October last, & as (by them) a Return of Deaths in the Army is to be made quarterly to the R.G., Mr. Herbert should direct that the Regulation be complied with, as no Return has yet been furnished to the G.R.O.

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I consider Engel & myself ill-used individuals. He asks me to write to the Princess Royal - Sutherland says nothing ought to be done till the Prussian Embassy here is requested to act. Dr. Farr makes no answer - And poor Engel, an unbusiness like savant, is quaking meanwhile in his shoes at Berlin, without any renseignement
My dear Dr. Farr,

There was a leading article in the “Medical Times” of Aug. 25, and a letter from a Dr. Tripe in that of Sept. 1, in which there were adverse views & misrepresentations as to the nature & objects of the “Hospital Statistical Forms.”

I know what the Provincial Hospitals are - For them the “Medical Times” is a Bible. They will say, oh! the Profession have rejected these Forms. They will think because the M. Times is not answered, it cannot be answered. And those who have already applied for the Forms will not adopt them.
O.'Connell said
a lie which lasted
24 hours was worth
making. My
experience of life
is quite the same.
I think you
should answer
the M. Times: --

1. as regards
the Nomenclature.
It has already
been adopted at
previous meetings
of the Congress -
It cannot be
altered

2. as regards the
classification
The most cursory
examination of the
Forms would have
shewn the objectors
that, in as far as
the Forms were
concerned, the
Classification is
intended to
facilitate the
process of recording
& to diminish the
length of the Disease
List by one half._
3. Dr. Tripe’s averment that the Forms were not fully discussed is not correct. They were under discussion for one day & part of another. They were more discussed than any other, subject before the Section.

4. Any reduction of the number of Diseases in the List would, in the first place, be to surrender the ground already taken by the Congress at previous meetings and 2. to surrender scientific accuracy on the plea of trouble.

The time may come when all Diseases may be reduced under one name. But at present improved means of diagnosis rather tend to increase scientifically
the almost endless
varieties of diseased
action in different
organs. And we
must have better
reasons for
diminishing the
list of “ills that
flesh is heir to”
than any that
have yet appeared
against these
Forms which
rather, it is to
be hoped, will
before long be in use
in all Hospitals.
Sincerely yours F. Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5481

I hope you are to be at
Wellcome Ms 5481

Glasgow - to refute it - therefore -
=== I have heard
nothing from you
about anything -
    I wish that
my letter about
Engel to the Pr.
Royal could have
been written
before the Pr. Consort
went there; who,
for his own credit,
would have urged
it - But I fear

that is too late
now - The Queen
starts this week.
    I wish the
Hospital Statistical
Forms could have
been out before
the Glasgow Meeting.
Already I think
the objections in
the Med. Times have
told against them
in the provincial
mind -

Yours sincerely
    F. Nightingale

5474/27 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f205

Hampstead NW

Oct 7/60

Dear Dr. Farr
    I was exceedingly
edified by your
letter to the “Medical
Times” upon Hospital
Statistical Forms -
    I think it is the
very best thing I
have ever seen of
yours in that line
And that is saying
a great deal -
    They will answer
it, if they have any
pluck -
    Thank you very
much for the enclosed.
    Balfour is cross.
    Poor old Quetelet.
His letters are very
characteristic of
himself -
    I have had a
perfect war of
correspondence with
Mühry. Some day
I hope to shew it
you - In the mean
while, I keep to
my opinion that
they have to learn
the very A B C
of practical Sanitary
Science - Mühry
throws at me all
the long-forgotten
prejudices of thirty
years ago in England by way
of arguments.

    I have received from
Brussels (? from
Heuschling) - several
pamphlets about
this & late Congresses.
    I see Ld Brougham
says that all politics
must rest upon
Statistics -
    [end]
 ever truly yours
     F. Nightingale
Oct 11/60

Dear Dr. Farr

On looking over the book you have just sent me, I find the decision of the Vienna Congress at P. 235 (in Capitals.) which settles the principle upon which classification is to be carried out viz. “in reference to the bearing on (overtop n) Statistics, Medicine and the Public Health.”

You have only to shew that your classification fulfils these conditions & that the others do not.

I have applied at St. Thomas’s for Dr. Stone’s papers &c

Yours sincerely

F.N.

[end]

Oct 20/60

Dear Dr. Farr

Dr. Stone has not shewn the slightest sign of life as to sending me his Hospital paper, altho’ he has promised it every day during the last week - My own idea is that we have seen the
Wellcome Ms 5481

last of it we ever shall see.

    I enclose a Note of his which apparently grants the whole case—viz. that he has attacked your Scheme without having one to propose of his own.

    He will answer your letter of to day though, depend upon it— And then I think you should bring out your whole serious rejoinder.

    Mr Tripe’s letter of to day grants all we want— And indeed there has never been any serious objection made, excepting __ “this will take trouble & labour”. And we answer, “yes, we want correctness which certainly does imply labour. And it, is because you have not given it, that we have no Hospital Statistics worth having.”

    You see that the Paris Hospitals are bestirring themselves to organize their Statistics. And now is the time for M. Legoyt to bestir himself
Wellcome Ms 5481
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& see your classification adopted.
    I return the two Reports with many thanks.
    They are highly satisfactory in this sense – P. 235

1857

Some months ago, I got inserted into the leading Medical journals of Paris an Article on the proposed Hospital Registration

And you see they are at work –
    Look at P. 383 of today’s Medical Times.
    Dr. Sutherland shewed me your correspondence about Stark & Co: And he is going to send you an answer.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Mr. A Jackson’s
Upper Terrace
Hampstead NW
Oct 22/60

Dear Dr. Farr

If this is not a quack, what is?
Should you be walking over Hampstead Heath some day, & would look in here, you might perhaps find the sacred trust lying on the table.

It is certainly not the work of a “Scientific Nosologist.”

For all such purposes, it would do just as well if arranged according to the letters of the Alphabet -

As a practical Nurse, it stirs my strongest feelings of indignation ignoring as it does all causation, and
treating diseases
as if they were
(illeg - a large blotch of ink) to
organs)

I shall tell
Dr. Stone that
though I may
(perhaps) keep
his secret, yet
the joke is much
too good an one
to be kept -
the quack attacking
& not choosing
to be attacked
in return [end]
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

(Please note: the following 3 letters out of sequence, transcribed in the order they appear on the microfilm)

5474/33 signed letter, 2ff, pen [number?], typed copy 43398 f217

Hampstead NW
Dec 5/60
My dear Dr. Farr
As you have
been so kind as
to stand god=father
to Mühry's paper
at the R. Geographical
Socy, I hereby
trouble you farther
with the said
paper, together
with his letter,
Wellcome Ms 5481

__ without any
comment of my
own.
   It might be
as well to call
the attention of
the Secretary of
the Geog. Soc. to the
request contained
in the last page
of Dr. Mühry’s
letter to me -
   Or perhaps
you will think

it better just to
let the papers
follow the usual
course -
   [It seems to
me almost more
adapted to the
Royal Socy than
to the Geog. Socy]
   ever yours sincerely
   F. Nightingale

5474/32 signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy 43398 f212

Mr. A. Jackson’s
Upper Terrace
Hampstead
NW
Oct 25/60
Dear Dr. Farr
   If you could come
der here to look at the
wonderful trust
to morrow, (Friday)
we have a dinner
& bed to offer you
& my father is here -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Hampstead NW
Oct 23/60

Dear Dr. Farr

I was exceedingly amused with Dr. Laycock’s allusion (in his letter to you) to “a person of the name of Trevelyan,” who had deprived him of your Weekly Statistics.

You will perhaps remember that the last thing before Trevelyan went out of the Treasury, I had a correspondence with him on this very subject - And he said I had made out my case - But he could not rescind his resolution.

On Sunday I asked Mr. Herbert whether he would lay the case before Mr. Gladstone [To this gentleman the undoing what “a person of the name of Trevelyan” has done will be a strong inducement]

To make an effective case, will you get for me

1. the Weekly circulation of the London Weekly Return at the time it was distributed gratuitously
Wellcome Ms 5481

from your Office.

2. the Weekly Nos=
sold at present
3. the Weekly Nos=
at present gratuitously
distributed.

Mr. Herbert says
that the postage is
what the Treasury
will object to!

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Ms 5474/34 signed letter, 2ff, pen typed copy 43399 f1

30 Old Burlington St
Jan 9/61

Dear Dr. Farr

Would you be so
good as to look at
the enclosed (returning
them to me) & tell
me whether you
think it is of any
use asking for the
imperfect information
therein offered?

2. I had another
enquiry from a
London Hospital
last week, asking
if my scheme of
Hospital Statistics
were not out YET!!!
3. Mr. Herbert’s
failing health (he
has disease of the
kidneys) & retirement
from the Ho: of Commons
Wellcome Ms 5481

which has cost
him a severer
struggle & greater
pang than any
body knows of --
of course makes
a great difference
to us – altho’,
at the earnest
request of those
who know him
best, he retains
Office – Lord
Stanley has been
offered & accepted
the Indian Commission.
And we are making
haste to do as much
as we can before
he comes on – But,
anxiety has made
me more unfit
than I was before –
Mr. Herbert (I cannot
bear to call him by
his new name, nor
will I) is just as
eager about things
however as ever

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5474/35 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f2

30 O. B. St
Mar 14/61

Why, my dear Dr. Farr, [16:558]
are you not the greatest
impostor that ever was?
What did I wait for
my paper from July
till March for, except
to have the names &
opinions of all the
wise men appended
to it, which goes so far
in this Country? If
Wellcome Ms 5481

it were not for the honor
of the thing, I had a
great deal liefer
have printed it myself
in July. The Hospitals
who wrote to me for
it then, & have been
waiting for it ever
since, will think
I am laughing at
them, if I send them
this naked skeleton
now -

But, as life has
its natural term,
even according to you,

would you tell me
how many years it
will take to have
printed the adoption
by the Pundits and
their several additions
to it? And don’t
you think I had
better have it done
at my own expence?

Yours sincerely ever
altho’ in extreme
old age
Florence Nightingale
[end]

5474/36 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f3

30. Old Burlington Street. (printed address:)
W.

London [16:559]

Mar 21/61

My dear Dr. Farr

Is it an “eternal
law” that McCulloch
should print my
papers? Then I
submit.

But if it is not
would you allow me
(there are “perturbations”
even in “eternal laws”)
to print the recommen=
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dations of the Congress
on my own account?
   To do this, I
must have the page
of the Report which
refers to them.
   I observe you
have as little
"expectation of life"
to see the Report done
as I have - But
it may turn out
otherwise - ["Averages"
you know I have
denounced.]

   I EAGERLY SNATCH at
your offer to send
"copies to the principal
"Hospitals -- with a
"note signed by the
"Secretaries of the
"Congress."
   Because, you see,
that is all which
makes the paper
likely to be practically
followed - viz. the
adhesion of the
Congress. Otherwise
I might just as

well have printed the
paper on my own
account last December
twelvemonth.
   - I meant, with
your assistance & Dr.
Sutherland’s, to have
prepared & printed
Hospital Books (for
distribution) to carry
out the system -
   But this is
your busy year. Dr.
Sutherland is capricious
(in all his work.) And
I am non compos -
yours ever sincerely
Wellcome Ms 5481

F. Nightingale
My dear Dr. Farr

1. I send proofs of your letter & of the famous (famous for its antiquity) page - Please say both whether they will do & how you wish them to be "put up". I think they should be incorporated together with the paper & not look as if they were shipped in.

If you could verify the "page" by the Report, as you make yourself responsible for the paper, it would be better.

===

I like your Census [5:101] sermon much. It is one of the best public papers I have seen. I wish other sermons were as much to the purpose -

===

I retain you to dinner on Wednesday And Urim & Thummim shall come to meet you - But pray come (for me) as much before 6 o’clock as you can -
I do wish we could have composed some Hospital books for the Statistics - Several Superintendents of Nurses have told me how glad they should be to make the "Sisters" keep such Returns - When I told Dr. Sutherland, he was all agog; & went off upon the "Rights of" Man. Now I don't want this to interfere with the

"rights" of the Registrars at all. They must do the official Returning business, if it is ever done, according to this system, of course. But I don't see why the poor women should not have the practice, merely for practice, by no means for official purposes - if it is good for them - Only we must compose Hospital books for them (Entries - or Ledger books) -

yours sincerely

F.N.
My dear Dr. Farr

I have drawn up the enclosed two Varieties of a Hospital Book to get the particulars required by our Forms & by the Congress additions.

I have not included No=s 8,9,10,12 of the latter. I should propose to put these in another book -

And these No=s should be published with the annual Hospital Report -

I have enclosed the Articles for this Summary, which might be extended if you approve, into the form of a table & put in type.

Should not these Forms of Table be printed on the back of the fly sheet & go out with the paper itself?

What of your own letter? It has not come back to me -

You have not sent me a Census paper to myself - And, as nothing will induce me
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to declare the age of the cats to my landlord, you won’t have me at all.
I have looked over all your Enumerator’s papers which you were so good as to send me. They seem very complete. But I don’t quite see how you will get all the Railroad Travellers, for instance - altho’ it is very astute of you to take the Sunday.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5474/40/1-3 signed letter, 6ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f10 [5:102-03]

30. Old Burlington Street. {printed address:}

W. April 9/61

My dear Dr. Farr
As you justly said that the perfect working of the Census must be depend upon the detail, I think I am doing you a service in mentioning how the detail was worked here -

[I should say that this vast Hotel, consisting “Burlington Hotel,” consisting...]}
of three large houses, besides this, (which is the “private” house) is composed mainly of family suites of rooms."

On Sunday morning, (the 7th) a verbal message was sent up to me, not by the occupier of the Hotel, but by his factotum, (a kind of house steward,) desiring me to write my age (& my maid’s) on a bit of paper — nothing more. This was the message, verbatim et literatim. I swallowed the answer which rose to my lips — not thinking it worth while to have a war of words with this person — and, after ascertaining from his assertion that no Schedules had been left for the Families in this Hotel, I took one of the Specimen Forms you were so kind as to give me, & wrote the information fully & accurately therein concerning myself & maid (the man=servant does not sleep in the Hotel) & sent it down to him. I leave you to think, if the message sent up to the other
families occupying apartments in these {overtop this} 4 houses, were similar to that sent to me, of how dependable & valuable a nature is the information filled in by this person on his Sheet.

He appeared to consider the Census Act as an invention designed to afford him the amusement of asking people their ages - and of drawing upon his imagination for the rest of the information required.

As you know how much interested I am in the proper working of the Census, & that I had rather the information required of us (as regards our healths & houses) were more than less complete, I venture to suggest
that the heads of families, whether that family consist of one, two or more persons, wherever living, whether in hotels, lodgings &c should be required to fill up their own paper -

Believe me (from my personal experience of what happened here) people who have not reflected much on the value of a Census have a very different conscience as to affording accurate information, when called upon to do so by an ignorant Hotel servant, & when called upon directly, by the law, which all English people obey- And this observation I think applies rather more to the “upper” than to the “lower classes,” as they are called.

Believe me

sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

You are quite at liberty to make any use of this.

sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

30. Burlington Street.

W.

30. Old Burlington Street.

W.
The term “heads of families” should include single persons, living in Hotels & lodging-houses, all of whom should have the opportunity of filling up separate papers.

You will say that you would then have to send papers to every lodger in a two-penny lodging-house -

But might you not place on the Superintendg=Registrar the duty of ascertaining or deciding what class of Hotels and Lodging-houses should have separate papers for their inmates - the Enumerator being then directed to leave the required number?

F.N.
My dear Dr. Farr

It has been "sung & said" in various places that women’s letters are illogical

Now Major Graham’s letter says

1. that I generalize from one instance; & then proceeds to do the self = same thing
2. lays down a principle in human nature in which I think all the world will be against him - viz that family people are less likely to give accurate information about themselves than a landlord is to do it for them
3. ignores the only point in our communications viz that it is not of travellers we are speaking (those who sleep one night {over top illeg} in an
inn) & that a Supg-
Registrar might decide
to {ovetop of} what class the inn
belongs -
   It would be a
curious thing to know.
   I take it, (in
Hotels of this character)
the proportion of passers
through, beds let by
the night, would be nil.
   You have not
criticized my Apostle’s
Statistics for me - and

Paget and I are
waiting breathless
upon your voice -
   You have not
even returned me
the copy to comfort
myself with.    [end]
   yours sincerely
       F.N.

In re Angus Smith’s evidence.
   Ask Sutherland to tell
you the evidence I should
give about disinfectants in
the Crimea - and how A. Smith’s
scheme of laying down India in
disinfectants, which he unfolded
to me by letter, strikes me -
My dear Sir

I am sorry that you have been ill. I go from hence to Hampstead on Aug 1. Could I see you here before that? Any day would suit me except Friday & Tuesday week. And we would feed you - “sleep” you, if you like.

2. I take for granted that a Copy of the enclosed has been sent you - Would it be of any use to shew it at the Brit. Med. Ass?

Are you going to the Dublin Social Science Meeting? The Dublin Hospital authorities have asked me to urge the same Hospl. Statl. scheme at that Meeting. And I shall do so (in a letter) Would you advise also in this?

3. I have completed all the enquiry which I can make as to the Causes of Death after Operations (in preparation for a Surgical Stat. Scheme)

Will you look over here some day the lists of said Causes, obtained by me from the different Hospitals - & say

1. whether you will make a scheme from them?
2. whether you would advise this being done in time for the Dublin Meeting?
3. whether you would like to moot it at the Brit. Med. Ass., in which case I would send you these Lists
at once -

4. Thank you for your proposal about the Colonial School Returns of Disease - But all we want is to make a practical proposition for the D. of Newcastle. And this we shall do - upon your advice that we have data enough - Dr Sutherland fancies that you have some of these Colonial Returns by you, which I sent you a long time ago - Is it so? If so, would you please direct them to be returned to me at once?

   ever yours sincerely
   F.N.

5474/43 signed letter, 4ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f46

Hampstead NW
Sept 17/61

My dear Dr. Farr

   Would you kindly, at your leisure, see Mr. Baker, at 4 Old Palace Yard, & ask him what was understood with Lord Stanley about printing the remainder of the Abstracts of Replies from Indian Stations - I understand that it is proposed
to give only those
already in type as
“specimens” of the whole.

How can one
Station be a “specimen”
of another Station -
There are no two
Stations alike. You
might as well say
that Mr. Rawlinson
could sewer Winchester
from reading a
description of Croydon.
Or that you could
give 30 Weekly
Returns as “specimens”
of the Weekly Mortalities
of the year & not
give the remaining
22 weeks -

Lord Stanley
expressly said that
he could not take
Dr. Sutherland’s
evidence as complete,
because all the
Replies from India
were not come in.
Now, if he thinks
the Commission or any
body will read
the Replies in the
original M.S., I think,
Wellcome Ms 5481

tho’ whose hands
every one of them has
passed, he is very
much mistaken.
And certainly
the most valuable
part information
not only in the
Report but in the
India Ho: will be
the printed Abstracts
of all these Stational
Replies - and your
Statistics.
I would have
written to Lord Stanley
direct - but that

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(1.) perhaps it is
unnecessary
(2.) he does not know
(& I should have to
explain) that every
one of these M.S. Replies,
with the Abstracts,
Proofs & Revises, has
passed thro’ my hands,
& therefore I am
speaking “avec
Connaissance de cause”.
2. Would you also
ask Mr. Baker
whether the maps
& plans, which
Dr. Sutherland chose as specimens, to be reduced & lithographed for the Report, must absolutely stand over till the Commission meets again, before it is authorized to be done. I was in hopes that it would be finished & ready by November, when the Commission meets again, when Dr. Sutherland comes back from the Mediterranean & when he and I begin our Digest for the Report — for which these maps & plans are necessary. I think Dr. S. might have reduced their number. But he says not —

Could Mr. Baker give an idea as to the “enormous” expence the Stationery Office says it would be? What kind of sum? I would gladly do
Wellcome Ms 5481

something at my
own expence, if I
knew what.
    Again, I would
have written to Lord
Stanley about this,
without troubling you.
But that, if he has
positively said that
“it must stand over
“till the Commn= meets
“again,” he will not
alter that decision
for me -

    ever yours sincerely
    F. Nightingale

Poor Lady Herbert was [9:108]
exceedingly gratified by your
paper at Manchester - [end 9:108]

5474/44/1-4 initialed letter, 6ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f50 dated
Sept 28

Hampstead NW
    Sept 28/61

My dear Dr. Farr [9:108-10]
    I ought to have
answered your two
kind letters before -
    I think it would
be very desirable, as
you say, to examine
some N.C. Officers &
men from India. But I do not
know the Indian Army
Col. Greathed would be
a good person to
name some.
But I think it still more desirable to examine somebody who would give you evidence about caste, how far it is a religious & how far a social Institution, how far it can be got over & how far you must bow to it - in civilizing & sanitarizing our native troops -

As I have had every one of the M.S. books of Replies to do, nothing has struck me so much as this: viz. that caste is made an excuse for not feeding not cooking for not cleansing or washing not housing not teaching not amusing & not {overtop illeg} nursing them,

The books of Replies differ widely, as to the right of this -

Some say that nothing can be done
Others show that a great deal has
Wellcome Ms 5481

been done in some places. And others, still, that it requires only a vigorous effort on the part of our Government to do it. I refer particularly to the absence of almost all Sanitary civilization (or effort to introduce any) into the native parts of our Stations— or among our native “lines”.

I would propose that you should examine

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before the Commission
Mr. Ballantyne
Librarian to India Ho:
   Cannon Row
Mr. John Muir
late Bengal Civil Service
   Edinburgh
Lt General Briggs
   2 Tenterden St. —
& perhaps Genl= Ludlow.
   Mr. Ballantyne was 13 years at Benares, as I dare say you know —

And all these men would know, if any do, exactly the value
to put upon how far
Caste is to be an
obstacle in the way
of Sanitary Civilization.

    It is really
horrible the state
of the Native (troops)=
Hospitals- without
any one Sanitary
appliance, except
medicine, which
they are far better
without. And I,
for one, should vote
for destroying every
Hospital I have
read about. The

sick would be much
better out of them.

    But then to be
sure we have
neglected the
Native lines just
as much. So we
must put back the
sick into the Hospitals.

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I understand you
that Lord Stanley is
going to have a
Meeting this next
month. I shall
be glad if it
expedites our
matter of maps
& printing Abstracts.
Wellcome Ms 5481

But I hope you will not let him consider it a final Meeting. Dr. Sutherland will not be back. And he must be examined again. He wishes it himself. I told him his Evidence was very tame. And he thought so too. There is a great deal more to be said.

You say the Revise of his Evidence has not yet been sent to you. The proof (corrected)

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[3]
of it- was sent back to press more than a month ago.

I too have not yet seen Tulloch’s Evidence- & shall be glad to see it.

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We are very much obliged to you for what you have done in forwarding a part of the maps & plans which saves much time.

Would Mr. Baker forward the send me up here, or to Mrs. Sutherland’s, 41 Finchley New Road,
those which he says
“are done”-
I don’t know what
the “Proof” is which
he says “is done” now.
Because he has no
Abstracts in hand
“to do”. The fourth
Vol: of printed Abstracts is
ready. But I have
already received my
two copies of it. some
time ago.
We have only one
M.S. book now not
abstracted. But
I begin in time to
make an “uproar” as
to having the power

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to print Abstracts
of the remaining books, as they
come in from India
I should like to
see Dr. Mouat’s
Report, as you kindly
offer it. I know Dr.
Mouat & his works
- which are very
good - not like
his brother’s which
are “of the devil”.
Have you seen
Gangoulees India?
Gangoulee is a converted
Brahmin. And his
book touches on Caste.
I mean to get it.
And if it is worth
reading, I will
send it you, if you
wish it.

ever yours truly

F.N.

Remember too that
YOU are to be
examined before
the Commn= & are
our sheet anchor.

A member of the “Institut” at
Paris asked me to send him
the first copy of our Census
I could get hold of - And I
thought of you & promised it
him.

My dear Dr. Farr

I will answer any
“written questions” about
the Indian Hospitals &c,
provided they are “written”
by you - & provided
you are pretty sure
that the sense of the
Commission will not
be - what does this
woman know about
India? she has never
been there -

2. I agree with you
that we have “scarcely any evidence as to the Native Army”. Mouat would do. Martin ought to name some one else - Dr. Sutherland could tell something from the “Replies”. But experienced witnesses tell more - if there are any. Genl= Ludlow might do.

[N.B. The “Replies” about the native troops are sometimes disgraceful, disgraceful both to Commg= & Medical & Engineering Officers. We look upon the native troops, do you know?, much as Virginians look upon slaves]

But I do not give up my point as to having witnesses about {overtop illeg} “caste” - I was told by an experienced & learned Indian that we had made the great mistake of encouraging “caste”, whereas, in all India the native idea is that cast Military Service does away with caste. But I wish some one would question Ballantyne before he
appears as witness. If he shares all the superstitions about
Caste & will confirm them, he had better not appear at all.
My poor master would have done this directly.
But Lord Stanley (altho’ "a deal better than
"nothing", as the niggers woman said of men in general) has not
this {nous} or this talent.
3. As to the British Army Hospitals in India, they have all the faults we

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affection so much - which, ceteris paribus, must work more harm under that climate than under ours.
4. Dr. Sutherland will be back in England at the end of this month
5. I have not yet received the Evidence, with Mr. Baker’s Analysis.

ever yours sincerely
F.N.
My poor master has been dead two months
to day – too long a time
for him not to be
forgotten & too long
a time for the
Commander in Chief
not to have proved
himself a “snob”
and Sir G. Lewis a
“muff”. The dogs
have trampled on
his dead body.

Alas! 7 years
this month I have
“fought the good fight”
with the War Office
and lost it!

F.N. [end 9:111]

My dear Dr. Farr
I have got McGrigor
& have looked him thro’.
But find nothing in
him which will do
for your paper. Indeed
it is remarkable, for
so entertaining a book,
how little there is in
it. But, if you wish
for that period, why
do you not look at
a much more able
Wellcome Ms 5481

work of his, his Report in the 6th Vol. of the Med. Chir Transactions. I made large use of it in the Preface to my “Confidential” Report to Lord Panmure, which Preface I have torn out of it & now sent to you - as well as the account of Walcheren - where McGrigor succeeded Webb, as Insp. Genl=--- which I have torn out of the same (my Confidential Report) as these {overtop these} bits may save you some trouble in reference - Do not return them to me. [end]

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I sent you yesterday (by post) Gangoulee’s India. I don’t think however there is much of practical in it to guide us. Please return it to me at your leisure.

It is not what is inevitable in the “horrible results of caste”,

[9:111-12]
as you say, which
I want to impress
upon you, but the
excuse for laziness
which all those who
are lazy (among the
European authorities
over the native troops)
find in "Caste". And
it is this which I
want some practical
witnesses to settle, or
to overthrow, before the
Commission. [Genl= Ludlow
& Genl= Briggs might
be better practically
than Ballantyne or Muir
to give evidence on this]

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I have received a
copy of the "complete
oral evidence", to use
Mr. Baker’s expression,
with his Index - and
thank him for it.

But what alarms
me is that he should
think it "complete".
Independently of your
& Dr. Sutherland’s
evidence, there is much,
much more still
incomplete - especially
as to native troops -
& not only that, but
as to Engineering, for
water supply &c - in
which our Stations are wholly deficient. It does seem curious that we should still be drinking out of skins carried by "bheesties" there, when we think of the old Roman water works - and when we think of their magnificent underground arrangements too - that we should be allowing native Bazars of half a quarter of a million inhabitants to grow up as at Secunderabad, & Bangalore without one single such arrangement, --- poisoning us round our own Stations.

I trust you will let me know when you expect your next Meeting to take place - as also that you will not let Ld Stanley think that it is anything like the last. I am going to write to Martin to the same effect - that you may have an Assistant - And because, Baker says, it was Martin who desired him to send me the oral evidence. But
Martin is so absorbed by his one idea of “Hill Stations” that he will not be vigorous on our side.

I am going on with the Abstracts of the Indian Replies, of which some very important ones, as Bombay, have arrived since I wrote. For I hope that people will forget that “no more are to be printed”. At least I mean to ignore it.

P.S. An American gentleman, typed copy 43399 f18

once asked the great & Revd= Jacob Abbott what he should do when the Sacrament came, if he could not give up some darling sin he had - to which the Revd= Abbott answered - he really could not tell him what he should do -

It seems to me that this is the only answer you can make to your
Quarantine Committee, constituted as it is, if it asks you what it should do -

It seems to me that there are two "darling sins" which, if it will commit, incapacitate it from any righteous action. 1. Its action could only begin, to be fair, where that of another Committee, which does not yet exist, ends. You are judging of great national commercial interests, or rather of the greatest international interests of all, which not a man upon the Committee (except yourself) understands at all. All that your Committee could ever do, or ought to do, would be to answer some such question as this, proposed to it by a Committee constituted of the greatest merchants in Europe - "Would
“such & such regulations”
(which would involve
no restrictions on
commerce [of this they alone are the judges] “answer
“the purposes of Public
“Health?”

As it is, I can only
hope that your Public
Health Committee
will reject your
Quarantine Committee’s
Report -

2. I do not admit your definition of
fanatisim - nor that
truth can be fanatical

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Either your “contagionists”
are in the right &
then they are not
fanatical - or your
“non-contagionists”
are in the right
& they are not
fanatical - Both
cannot be fanatical
any more than both
can be in the right.

Quarantine follows
logically & inevitably
on “contagion” as
Sanitary measures
on non-contagion -

Farther than this,
I do not venture
to argue with you -
because, as you say,
I am not scientific.
Neither do I quote
the opinion of those
men (whom you
think I worship)
such as Chadwick,
for the same reason -
- he is not scientific -
I only modestly &
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really humbly say,
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I never saw a fact
added in favor
of contagion which
would bear scientific
enquiry. And I
could name to you
men whom you
would acknowledge
as scientific who
place “contagion” on
the same footing as
witchcraft & other
superstitions –

F.N.

5474/47 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f58

Hampstead NW.
Oct 8/61

My dear Dr. Farr

Your friend, Dr Mühry,
of Göttingen, has written
to me to know the fate
of a certain paper of his
upon “Sea Currents,” –
which, if you remember,
you were kind enough
to send (about December
last) to the Secretary of the
Geog. Soc'y- (?) for him –

He does not ask for
it back, as he has a
copy of it. He only
wants to know “what
“has become of it”.

If the Geog. Sec'y did not approve of it,
it would be very easy
to make some excuse,
as that it does not
fall in with the
rules of the Society
to &c

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
I enclose you a Review by Dr. Mühry out of the Göttingen Critical Journal, merely for you to look at (if you do not care to read the rest) the passage marked, P. 1588. Please return it to me –

Did I tell you that I had forwarded to the War= Secretary at Washington (upon application) all our War Office Forms & Reports – Statistical & other – taking the occasion to tell them that, as the U.S. had adopted the our Registrar Genl=’s nomenclature, it would be easier for them to adopt our Army Stat. Forms –

It appears that they: the Northern States, are quite puzzled by their own want of any organization (Army)

I also took occasion to tell them of our Chinese success in reducing the Army Mortality to one tenth of what it was, & the Constantly Sick to one seventh of what they were during the first winter of the Crimean War: due to my dear master
Hampstead NW
Oct 21/61
My dear Dr. Farr
I think there can be no objection to the ending of your paper. I like it very much.
I like people to know that Sidney Herbert was not so raw a statesman (as his friends would have it appear) as to consider his work finished. Poor Ly Herbert would, I am sure, be glad to have a copy.

When is your next Indian Commn Meeting called for?

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Hampstead
Nov 2/61
My dear Dr. Farr
If you could, without any trouble to yourself, lay your hand upon my letter to you, giving the heads of an Examn= for N.C. Officers & Privates, on the Indian Sanitary matter - it would help me
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in arranging the
heads of my own
Evidence - to which
I am sorry to say
I have done little
of late - I have
been so ill & busy.
    Please to direct
it to
        32 South St. W
where I shall be
on Monday
    My dear Master
has been dead three
months to day. Poor
Lady Herbert goes
abroad this next
week with the
children & shuts
up Wilton - The
eldest boy going
to school - It is as
if the earth had
opened & swallowed
up even the name
which filled my
whole life these {overtop this} five
{illeg illeg} years -
I do not go back
to Burlington St
which is now to me
deserted - ever yours  [end 9:113]
F.N.

    I forwarded your
answer to Mühry
about his paper-
I think it is
rather shabby of
the Librarian not
to be able to find
up Mühry’s paper,
which we know
you were so good
as to send him

I expect Sutherland & Galton
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home on the 8\textsuperscript{th} or 10\textsuperscript{th}
32 South St.  
Nov 28/61

My dear Dr. Farr

Would you dine here at 6 o’clock with Sutherland? And would you sleep?

I would ask Martin to stay dinner too. But he & Sutherland agree so badly. And nothing like business ever comes out of it.

I send you our poor Clough’s books. on Plutarch. If you like to keep them all for your children, pray do. I shall like to think of them in your hands -

I also return a portion of your Indian evidence - yours ever

F.N.
32 South St W
Dec 20/61
My dear Dr. Farr

Dr. Sutherland [9:114] says he must see you about the maps & estimates for lithographing them (Indian) which are all here

Could you come in to= day {overtop to= night} or to morrow & dine at 6 o’clock?
To day would be more convenient to me. Because, after 5, I don’t think any more Canadian business will come in.
But to morrow will probably be more convenient to you- I could give you a bed either night.

My Cluricaune
I have had to send for every day on Canadian business

from his own house Certainly he is a Cluricaune. but what a clever one!!

Yours sincerely
F.N.
9 Chesterfield St W

June 18/62

My dear Dr. Farr

Very many thanks for your Police Report. I read it with the greatest interest. And, tho’ I do not presume to say it is excellent, because {overtop illeg} every thing you do is excellent, it will put the Pensions & Policemen on a much better footing.

We shall be glad to see you in India as soon as you can come out.

I communicated both your note & Police Report to Dr Sutherland ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

9 Chesterfield St W

July 13/62

My dear Dr. Farr

Would you be so good as to look over my “evidence” & give me your suggestions, as you were godfather to it, in the first instance, I believe.

It is entirely uncorrected & will want a good deal of correction -

Also, I have done
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the Digests of the
two Presidencies
Bengal & Bombay
(Stational Reports)
but not that of the
Madras Presidency
And therefore I
shall still have
illustrations from
this last to insert
into this said “evidence”. [end 9:115]

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Would you write on
margin your
criticisms & suggestions [end 9:115]

5474/54 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy
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Hampstead NW
Aug 8/62
My dear Dr. Farr
You said, “write more,
more”. And I have
written “more, more”,
& enclose you the
result, begging for it to
be returned to me
with the former proof,
& for you to make
your remarks upon
this one, in lieu of
the former. (I have sent it
to G.R.O.

But this is not
my object but my
excuse in writing.
I am miserably anxious about the Report ("Indian Sanitary")

There are so many (political) contingencies on the cards - not one favourable to us - that it would have been very important to have got the Report presented this session - now to get it presented by next February to the Ho. of C.

Lord Stanley wants to have a meeting early next month to consider the Report. We have had his corrections upon our part of the Report three months.

If we could get your Statistical introduction, our Draft would be corrected revised in two days & sent to press.

By the beginning of next month the whole matter must be in the corrected proof.

Any general Statistical details
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may go in the
Appendix

What is really
wanted is the
necessary Statistical
statement to precede
the Sanitary enquiry
& conclusions in
the Report.

In your hands
indeed is placed
the question whether
India is to have
Sanitary reform
or not. Pardon my im=
portunity. If you could send
me the Statistical introduction
as soon as possible, I shall
be your ever grateful F.N. [end 9:116]

5474/55 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy
43399 f74

Hampstead NW
Aug 12/62
My dear Dr. Farr
I do not understand [9:117]
from Lord Stanley’s
note that he wishes
for a Meeting until
he is ready with
the Report.
What he wants is
the Report.
And we thought
to expedite matters
be sending your
part with the
Statistical-
Sanitary part to press, to get a proof of the whole so that you & Lord Stanley might see how the whole stood. That is all.

But if you prefer sending it direct to Ld S., he will take means to have it put in connection with the part already in type. Then we shall have

proofs of the whole. And a meeting will be held thereafter to discuss the Report.

But every day’s delay counts for a year.

ever yours sincerely
F.N.

Lord S. is gone abroad till next month. (September

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Hampstead NW.
Sept 13/62

My dear Dr. Farr

You may perhaps remember (or more likely you may have forgotten) that the Colonial Office employed me, or I employed the Colonial Office (which is the more correct?) to come to some conclusion about the relation
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between education & mortality in our uncivilized colonies. How far can we educate savages without killing them?

I send you the Ceylon School papers, with three Forms, which I enclose & ask you to be so kind as to criticize the Forms, as to whether they are fit for tabulating the facts for use,

comparing them with one or two of the Returns - & also then to put the put the Returns in hand at your Office - I of course paying therefor.

I hope you yourself will take no farther trouble than just to look over the Forms - And you will eternally oblige yours very truly

F. Nightingale

There are a great many more materials (to be done afterwards) I shall be too glad to pay for the clerical labor, only esteeming myself too happy in getting your criticism

F.N.
My dear Dr. Farr

Could you kindly
further the growth
of your own child
by causing the enclosed
Diagram _ to be
made out? The
middle one in pencil
is the Mortality of
the Infantry for
1859-61 (3 years)
the three divisions

of diseases same
as before - Zymotic Chest &c Others All
0.96 4.2 3.4 8.56 {vert lines between #’s}

I want to publish
it & say: ---
"This is how he
found the Army
(Sidney Herbert)
This is how he left
it.
You see we are better now
than the Civil population
ever yours
F.N.

Oh if we could do
the same for the
Indian Army [end]
My dear Dr. Farr

I am (sadly & unwillingly) doing a Third Edition of my "Notes on Hospitals" for Parkers, which was promised 18 months ago before my misfortunes.

In the Weekly for Feb 21, 1852, you gave a Table of the Mortality of the London Hospitals

Could you give us such a table for such a number of years, as would enable a General Life=table of the London Hospitals to be calculated (excluding the question of age, of course) It would tell very much, if we could shew that each Hospital has its own life= risk- & would
add another argument
to the case against
those Hospitals.

   Could a similar
case be made for
a few of the best
country Hospitals
in open districts?
This would be very
useful in the
comparison. But
at all events the
London table
would tell its
own tale.

   I need hardly say
that I would gladly
pay (for any such
information) a fee,
such as would be
given to any less
celebrated actuary

  yours sincerely
  F. Nightingale

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initialed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43399 f95
dated Dec 4

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Dec 14/62

My dear Dr. Farr

   Thank you very
much for your Indian
Diagrams which are
startling & painfully
striking.

   Would it not be
well to add the
Home Army comparison
(executed just now by
you & which is at
this moment in Mr
Hammick’s) hands
to both these valuable Diagrams?

2. We have it on evidence that the Mortality in the Indian Army might be reduced to 20 per 1000. Might there not to be a (square) diagram to show the effect of this?

3. Our improvement in Statistical aesthetics is not so conspicuous as our improvement in Statistics. Our Statistical art is somewhat in the same state as Art before Cimabue. Could it not be improved?

4. I send the “Abstract” of Indian Statational Reports.

ever yours sincerely
F.N.
Statistical

The “defects of the existing organization” can be quite well “pointed out” in the Report

But - it would have been most desirable, if possible, to call out evidence to prove that other classes, under the same climate, do not suffer as soldiers do.

No fact brought out by the 1st R. Sany. Comm. struck the public so much as this: that the soldier at home was nearly the most unhealthy of all trades - People who could understand nothing else understood this. The book of Diagrams again struck everybody.

If something of the same kind could be done here - a comparison between soldiers & Civilians in tropical climates, it would be do more to convince such men as Sir Hope Grant than all the rest put together -

The fallacy about the destructive effect of Night Duty being the cause of the Soldier’s Mortality at home has disappeared in the minds of Military men since the first Commission.

Could not the fallacy about Climate being the unavoidable cause of the Indian Mortality do the same before this Commission?

Drainage -

It is most important to have Rawlinson or Austin upon how this is to be done -
My dear Dr. Farr

I am extremely sorry for the Berlin Congress - I believe there is a dead set of L. Napoleon & the Austrians to put it down. Engel perhaps does not look upon it quite seriously enough. What a curious Germanizing brain process his letter shews_ also why Germans cannot succeed at liberal Institutions as we do_

He is thinking (& writing to you) of the subjective good effect upon his own character of political vexations. We in England should just lay our heads together, as we did in James II’s time, & say, this shall not be. And the objective action would follow directly.

However, one thing he says is perfectly certain, viz. that all this vexatious opposition has the effect of advertising the thing
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much more than our
own utmost efforts
could do. -

So it will be with
the attacks upon
our India Report
at Newcastle &
elsewhere - but
why are you not
there to answer
them? There will
be no one else to do so-
[end 9:239]
Why did not
Berlin time its
Meeting better?
I don’t think I
could get anything
ready for Berlin -
I have no time or
strength - unless
you thought the
Surgical Operations
Tables would do,
with a paper of
which the enclosed
is an uncorrected
proof - in which
case I must ask
you to get somebody
to translate it
into French - I have
no time.

You will see that
your own proposition
recurs on the second
page - & extended.

{vert in left marg:} ever yours F. Nightingale
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5474/62 signed letter, 3ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f133

Hampstead NW.
Aug 15/63
My dear Dr. Farr
I send you the
paper for Berlin
with many thanks.
Tho’ in type, I need
not say it is quite
new. And I am
sorry not to have
had time to get
a Revise. However
I have no doubt
you will make
it better than the
original.
I am overjoyed
to hear your success
about the Austrians. That was your
personal influence, against the political
screw. Also, that
the Crown Prince is
to preside. It is
a great thing. I
hope it may do
much good, after
all.
I am afraid
rail roads do more
good than Sisters of
Charity - &
international
congresses & exhibitions
than philanthropy.
Believe me
ever yours
F. Nightingale

I hope you mean
to read my paper
yourself,

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it untrue. And I have no mind for any farther scrimmage with a person contemptible in every point in which I have seen him.

F.N.

Hampstead NW
Aug 28/63

My dear Dr. Farr
I cannot tell you how vexed & mortified I have been with all this. It has quite knocked me up. You ask say, they must “have been singularly “misled - by somebody”. We know very well who that somebody is. He has been at it for more than two years. If you wonder that an “ill conditioned beggar”, as he was justly called - not by me - could prevail against several persons of much more than ordinary ability, industry & honesty, I answer, falsehood does give a man such an immense advantage (over truth). Did not the one traitor prevail against the 11 faithful in the greatest tragedy in history? Yet there
is no sign of his having been a clever traitor. An old Irishwoman once warned me to have no doings with a certain person, because “he can lie & you cannot”. Was not that profound? I have been warning them against this swindler any time these two years. But he was always on the spot. I was not. I cannot tell you the grief this affair has caused me.

I write this word only not to let you go to Berlin without a word of regret. Would you tell Stanford to send me up here 12 copies of my paper as soon as possible- to be paid for, of course -

7 Oakhill Park
Hampstead
N.W.

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
My dear Dr. Farr

You may be sure that I have thought of nothing else but our India business during the last busy ten days. And, in order to put you au courant, I send you 1. a letter of Lord Stanley’s, and 2. part of my answer - We shall not get Col: Norman’s paper. But never mind. The best thing that can happen to us is that they should produce their complaints against us in the Ho: of C. And Lord Stanley has already engaged my services in person to prompt him in February. He has also engaged to produce in the Ho: of C. the scheme of Instructions which we wished the “home Commission” to send out to India - Since then, I have
had the great joy of being in constant communication with Sir John Lawrence, & of receiving his commands to do what I had almost lost the hope of being allowed to do- viz. of sending out full statements & schemes of what we want the Presidency Commissions to do-

I should be glad to submit to you copies of papers of mine, which he desired me to write & which he took out with him- as to the constitution of the Presidency Commissions, if you care to see them. They are, of course, confidential-

His is the greatest government under God’s. And he is the only man to fill it.

I have also seen Ld Stanley more than once during these busy days. And, with Sir J. Lawrence’s command, we feel ourselves empowered to begin the “home Commission”, &

{printed address upside down:} 32, South Street, Grosvenor Square. W.
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to father our plans
upon it.

Sir J. Lawrence, so
far from considering
our Report exaggerated,
considers it under
the mark-

And, tho’ I have
not seen Col: Norman’s
furious attack upon
us, I have (now in
my possession) the
Cholera Commission
Report, dated July 1862,
Public Works Department
papers, dated August
& September of this year,
which give an idea
of a state of things of

which we had no
idea, have given
no idea. I send
you an Extract of
the former. [The I.O.,
wise in its generation,
(?) keep these a dead
secret. And I am
indebted to Sir J. Lawrence & Sir C. Trevelyan
for them.]

Please return me
all these papers, &
consider them really
“confidential”

Ever yours sincerely
F.N.

A thousand thanks
for your bottle of ink.
What should we be
without pens, ink &
paper?— Cats? —

F.N.
Remember, we shall
want you in February
when we are all
to be blown into
Wellcome Ms 5481

atoms. [end 9:269]
Private {up diag}

My dear Dr. Farr

I was busy all Saturday, Sunday & Monday with & for Lord de Grey to screw up the W.O. to accede to Sir J. Lawrence’s Sanitary wishes.

With regard to your question:--

there is no Civil Hospital of a large size in England which can be called “a model”.

The Herbert Hospital is a model for a Military Hospital i.e. having respect to the character of the ground, the Pavilion system is there applied in a model manner -

But I am not sure that did the ground allow of it, it would not be better to arrange similar double Pavilions in the shape of a square, with open corners, as in the form of Yarmouth Naval Hospl= (p. 98) For a Civil Hospital, I think the entire separation between the sexes, & the single Pavilion far preferable, as in the Lariboisière. The defects of the Lariboisière are its three floors, its Pavilions too near each other, & its abominable artificial ventilation- which neutralizes half its good.

In a Civil Hospital, each ward (& each floor consequently)
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should be as separate & complete in itself as a family living on a flat in Paris. This is why I prefer the Lariboisière plan.

The Bucks Infirmary is a good adaptation for a small civil Hospital of the Pavilion.

(p. 93)

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

You don’t want a cat! do you, for your young people - a Persian, not thorough bred, 4½ months old.

I ought to send a copy of my “Notes on Hospitals” to Varrentrapp. Can you tell me his address, & how to send it? Did you see him at Berlin?

[end 16:582]

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Private {up diag}

32, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square. W.
Jan 2/64

My dear Dr. Farr

I have not laid aside (out of my heart) what you said in your note of Dec 22 about the “Weekly Table” in Calcutta &c. It is so very important.

We have been engaged, without intermission, since Sir John Lawrence went; & by his desire, in drawing up a kind of general scheme of what is wanted in
Indian Stations —
water supply
drainage
construction of Barracks
means of employment
for soldiers
&c &c &c &c —
This is now gone to press—
On Tuesday the joint W.O. and I.O. Commission,
for which I have toiled
& moiled, holds its
first Meeting — to
discuss the proposed
Barrack plans for
India & the general
scheme above alluded
to —

Dr. Sutherland will
propose the “Weekly
Table”. And, if carried,
you will be applied to
for a Form.
I hope, if there is any
thing different from the
English form
necessary, you will {overtop are} be
ready with your
scheme —
Sir John Lawrence’s
presence at the other
end is an immense
thing for us —
And I shall moil
& toil at him & his
private Secretary, whom he sent here to me- as well as coming himself- before starting_ ever yours sincerely F.N.
I think I told you that we can’t get “copies of (any of) the Indian attacks”, altho’ I send Ld Stanley to Sir C. Wood for them. They are venomous. [I have seen some of them]. But when Parliament meets, Sir C. Wood is to lay them before the House - in a civiller form- And we are to answer them_ [end 9:271]

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Private {up diag}
    32, South Street, {printed address:}
    Grosvenor Square. W.
    7/1/64

My dear Dr. Farr
    On Tuesday the proposal to have your Weekly Table for Calcutta Madras & Bombay, with an ultimate view to its extension throughout India, was carried at the joint I.O. and W.O. Commission - as the best means
of carrying out the recommendations as to registration of your Royal Commission.

And I am told that (with unusual promptitude) the W.O. drafted an Official letter the same day to the Registrar=General, requesting a Form for the purpose, with the view of assimilating the registration of India to that of England.

If you could send us a copy (of this what you propose) here, with your instructions for carrying it into effect - also what you wish to have said in the Section to be devoted to Statistics)- of the “recommendations” - which in accordance with Sir John Lawrence’s desire, we are preparing for the press - to be sent to India, it would greatly expedite matters -

As Sir John Lawrence begged that we would use the greatest dispatch in forwarding to India all that we wanted his help in. 

ever yours sincerely

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

Dear Dr. Farr
As I have not heard
from your Holiness,
will this section on
the Registration do as
a basis?
Please give let your
Infallibility give your
decision, so that it
may be embodied in
a Bull -
And send us all
the Forms referred to
in it.
One of the (most) Faithful
F. Nightingale

My dear Dr. Farr
I send two letters of
your friend Dr. Mühry
anent the India Army
Sanitary Report. [I sent
him a copy of the two
folio Vols:] Please to
return the letters to me.
[The intermediate
letter, to which he refers,
was an immense
German letter which
he wrote to me,
defending the Schleswig
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Holstein gr independence

But as I feel more strongly on that subject than the Germans themselves, & have actually translated many hundred pages of intranslatable German in their sense, I was able to tell him how violent a fury I was in for him –

ever yours sincerely

F.N.

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115 Park St. W.

Feb 16/64

My dear Dr. Farr

I have first to thank you for your “jolly” little ink-stand, on the true practical principle. Second, to thank you for your truly witty Article Letter in the M. Times - But I also greatly enjoyed the two adverse Articles - it is the only comfort & amusement I have to see men shewing themselves up in that way.

I send a copy of “Notes on Hospitals” for the “Lancet”, as you desire - And I hope to see it distinguish itself -

ever yours truly

F.N.
Third: I have to thank you, & most particularly, for your Census Report, which is really grand — And, also for the copy of your letter to Mr. W. Cowper about the honour due to the Registrar General, in which you may be sure I fully concur. If I have an opportunity, I will say so. But I am not much in that line now.

F.N.

My dear Dr. Farr

Your informant was well informed about the Pr. C. Hospital enquiry —

Mr. Simon, for the Pr. C., selected Dr. Bristowe, of St. Thomas’, & Mr. T. Holmes of St. George’s to make an investigation & report of all the Hospitals in England & Wales —
the principal Hospitals of Scotland & Ireland - and some of the continental Hospitals.

It has been already going on for some months - And a great part of their Report is in proof. It is voluminous - & goes into foundation, construction, administration, general plan, & minor details, with general Statistics. Bristowe & Holmes divided England between them.

Ireland, Scotland & the Continent they took, as suited the convenience of each -

A man, in whose opinion I have great confidence, has glanced at the Report, & says that, “though it will have all the prestige of the Pr. C. to back it”, he does “not fear the result” - that it contains gross blunders, & that both Bristowe & Holmes are thoroughly inexperienced.

I take it, their
conclusions are at variance with your Statistics. 
You will now understand Bristowe’s letter in the “M. Times”. 
I say too, let us have the whole matter out - the more discussion, the better. Let us know whether they are killing or curing the people in Hospitals. 
But I am not so sure that the Pr. C. Report will not damage us for the moment [end]

made at Sir John Lawrence’s desire, -- & which would already have reached him, were we not still waiting for Mr. Rawlinson’s bit. 
Neither have I ever thanked you for Mr. Hammick for his packet of Berlin Internat: Congress papers, which he was so good as to send me - Will you kindly do so? ever yours 
F.N.
My dear Dr. Farr

Dr. Sutherland thinks you might like to see the enclosed, which is a copy of some Statistical correspondence, (or rather part thereof,) sent me from Calcutta. Please return it to me - ever yours truly

F. Nightingale

I wrote to Ld Stanley about the Returns. But pray let us set to work at once - with the Reply, as you propose. F.N.

My dear Dr. Farr

I will attend to what you wish (about the Bath Meeting) - & in the mean time I send you a copy of the first fruits of your R. India Army Sanitary Commission, with your Section on Registration in it. [Probably you have received a copy already.] Sir J. Lawrence has been writing home
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most impatiently for it. And I have sent him copies direct by H.M.'s Bookpost. [It is understood that some time in the course of the present century he will receive them officially from the Ind. Off. It took the members of the Commn= 7½ months to sign their names to this document.]

You are aware of

the fruits of your India R. Commissn= in the creation by Sir John Lawrence of the three Presidency Commissions, (of which the Bengal one is working actively. He sometimes sends me its minutes). and in his willingness to carry out any suggestion sent him by the home Commn= - indeed he is more willing to hear than they to pray.
I am sorry to hear of your griefs. I do not find that mine close my heart to those of others - and I should be more than anxious to hear of yours - you who have been our faithful friend for so many years. I had heard of your father’s death, but not of any other loss Sidney Herbert has been dead three years on the 2nd=. And these three years have been nothing but a slow undermining of all he has done (at the W.O.) This is the bitterest grief. The mere personal craving after a beloved presence I feel as nothing- A few years at most & that will be over. But the other is never over - For me, I look forward to pursuing God’s work soon in another of his
worlds. I do not look forward with any craving to seeing again those I have lost (in the very next world) - sure that that will all come in His own good time - & sure of my willingness to work in whichever of His worlds I am most wanted, with or without those dear fellow workers, as He pleases. But this does not at all soothe the pain of seeing men wantonly deface the work here of some of His best workers.

But I shall bear your faith in mind - that good works never really die.

Alas! Good Tulloch. But I think his work was done. Pray, if you speak of him, remember had it not been for him, where would our
two Army Sanitary enquiries have been? I had not heard about Dr. Thomson. I am very sorry.

ever yours sincerely, overflowingly

F.N.

I sent Sir J. Lawrence your Registration papers by Bookpost with copies of the “Suggestions”. Depend upon it, he will register all India.

The thunder of the India military authorities has been

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heard. It was nothing but an echo of Col: Baker’s paper - the complaining of our not having incorporated the years since the Mutiny (which they did not send us) in the Statistics - of our not having taken into account the diminution in Mortality of late years -

Sir J. Lawrence sent me word of this. The India Off: were to receive this remonstrance. But they have subsided & make no sign. Tho’ it must have been at least two months before the end of the Session that they received it, & Sir C. Wood promised & threatened to lay it before the Ho: of C., he wisely held his tongue. And no soul has heard of the receipt by the I.O.

[end 9:372]
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F.N.
Private {up diag}
Hampstead N.W. [15:600-01]
Sept 28/64
My dear Dr. Farr
You ask me for any of my books (on the Crimean War) for Mr Elliot, U.S.
I have sent to your Office what poor Sidney Herbert used to call my “coxcombs”, viz. the lilac & the green folios, containing calculations & Diagrams, mainly, or rather wholly yours - Pray put these at his disposal - I have the greatest difficulty in getting a copy of my “Evidence before the R. Commission” at all. And the only form, in which I can lay hold of it, is in the old Edition of my “Notes on Hospitals” - captured, as you see, from Mudie’s. For the Editions (2) are entirely out of print.
If he chooses to have this, it is much at his service.
I also send, but this is not at all at his service, my “Confidential” private Report to Lord Panmure. If he wants it merely for the figures, as Actuary, the figures, again, mainly yours) & will destroy it
without using it any farther, he may have it. But you must answer for him. I never take the word, from sad experience of a Yankee or a R. Catholic convert. And if you can’t answer for him, please send me back the Vol: to 115 Park St. It is full of imputations, too true, upon individuals which time makes it more instead of less undesirable, to bring forward now. I don’t know whether you know how repeatedly the Federal Govt= have applied for this - how it has been uniformly refused - how the Bp of London gave a copy, obtained from Ld Panmure, to the Bp of Ohio, (Bishops by the way are as bad as Yankees) who gave it to the Federal Govt=, where my faithful Muir (Inspector Genl=) found it in the very act of being re=printed, notwithstanding their solemn promise to the contrary, re: captured it, & solemnly wrote home about it. You will not wonder that I am absurdly cautious after this -

ever yrs
F.N.

[end 15:601]
My dear Dr. Farr,

I send the method proposed by the President of the Sanitary Commission of Madras Presy= for collecting Births & Deaths.

It is proposed that the Forms shall be filled up by native Village Officers & native Police - that the filled up Forms be sent by them to the Public Health Officer of District or City (this Officer is a purely Inspecting Officer to see that the Health Machinery is kept in operation)

This Officer is to tabulate the Returns under the general supervision of the District Magistrates - in the same way as the Criminal Statistics are now tabulated -

The President of the Madras Presy= Sanitary Commission (our Commission) to be Registrar Genl= of Births & Deaths in the Presidency - & to keep up direct inspection of the Civil & Military Registration, by means of his Health Inspectors_ (Officers having large districts similar to Military Circles)

Returns to be made monthly by the Public Health Officers to the President of the Sanitary Commission for his Annual Registration Report - to be published with his Health Report - for the Military & Civil population of the whole Presidency.

I fancy you would like to know how they propose to carry out your “Suggestions”_. And if you would send me any observations, I would gladly forward them.

Believe me
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ever yours very truly
Florence Nightingale
27. Norfolk Street, {printed address:}
   Park Lane. W.
   Dec 9/64

My dear Dr. Farr,

I am very glad to find that you think the (Madras) general plan for Registration will answer. But it has no reference to the Details which I have no doubt will be carried out in conformity with the “Suggestions” as far as practicable -

I now send you the Madras proposal for registering the Deaths & Births in Cantonments.

1. The Cantonment Sanitary Committee [to be appointed under the Act] to keep the Registers in their Office
2. The Public Health Officer of the Cantonment to be Registrar without fees.
3. Father or mother to
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report Birth of child within 15 days. Neglect entails fine up to 50 rupees.
4. Some person present at Death to report to Registrar within 8 days, under penalties up to 50 rupees.
5. Persons giving information of Births or Deaths shall sign their names in Register Book. Registration incomplete without this.
6. Police Officers of Cantonments to inform themselves of all Births & Deaths - & to send Certified lists at the end of each week to Public Health Officer.
7. Census of Cantonment to be taken.

Pray let us have any observations of yours upon this.

Sir John Lawrence started for India a twelvemonth this very

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day. And how much he has already done for us— I believe he would receive & adopt with eagerness any proposal of the nature you mention. And I should not feel the least scruple in forwarding it to him directly & privately. We never get anything done in any other way. ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

1. The P.O. Savings Bank allows of the accumulation of capital by working men
   1. Mr. Gladstone’s Insurance & Annuity Act enables this accumulated capital to be vested periodically in two ways
      a. as Annuity
      b. as Insurance
   2. It would apparently be very advisable to add to this facilities for purchasing small freeholds.
   3. The first step to enable this to be done is to remove every legal obstacle, at present existing, to title, purchase, registration, transfer of land, within the specified limits - so that land could be as freely dealt in & as easily identified as any other commodity
   4. A limit must however be fixed, so that the existing law of primogeniture & entail should exist as at present - subject only to the exceptions to be mentioned.
   5. in these exceptional cases, women must
inherit freehold, even without will.

6. It would be unadvisable to apply the enabling law to the whole surface of the country. It should be limited to cities, towns, populous places, villages - indeed to all groups of population & to a certain distance beyond the out-skirts or defined legal boundaries of these groups - in order to provide for increase of population.

8. Within the limits, the law should declare that the leaseholds of all lands & of houses built on them shall, in future, go together i.e. that the lease of the land & the lease of the house must never be held by two different people - an existing abuse which has had a fatal influence on the interests of working classes in towns, as well as on town & house architecture - so that English houses are about the worst built in the world.

9. Having then abolished by law separate lease holds & introduced perfect freedom of trade in land within the prescribed limits - leave the price of freeholds to settle itself on the principles of supply & demand - granting every legal facility, as already stated.

10. You will thus have land, where it is wanted as an investment by the working man for house or cottage-building brought into immediate relation with his savings in the P.O. Savings Bank - & an investment offered which, of all others, the working-man most covets.

11. In all places where there are constituted authorities, the existing law provides that houses must be built, after the plans are approved by the authority. In villages this would hardly be necessary.

12. The objects gained would be: -
   a. a new outlet for savings
   b. improved social position & independence (by giving the man an object in life)
   c. all such men would have votes.

NB.
Rest assured that none of them would vote
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for a “Radical” to take their property from
them - & no man of this class would
believe he was a “slave”, because he was
told so from the hustings.

5474/78 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43400

Dr. Leith’s Report
27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
   Park Lane. W.
   4/1/65

My dear Dr. Farr
  I send you back [9:394]
a Revise (with your
proof) of the answer
to Dr. Leith’s Report.
In looking over Mr
Strachey’s Tables, you
may possibly find
some illustrative
matter which you
would like to add
to the Revise. If you
add anything, please
return the Revise as
soon as you can.

  It would be very
curious, if the Mortality
& Invaliding, in Mr.
Strachey’s Tables, could
be compared with
the Mortality &
Invaliding, separately,
of the years preceding
1858. Do these
figures not lead to
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a suspicion that the Indian Mortality was augmented in former years by the low rate of Invaliding, if there were such, compared to the high rate since the Mutiny? If so, it is to be feared that Sanitary improvement has had little do to with

{illeg part of line cut out} Death=rate, {illeg part of line cut out} &

expiry of time have lowered the rate -

The W.O. Commission meets on Friday to sign Dr. Leith’s doom (answer, I mean.) If possible, it would be a great advantage to us to have your opinion by that time

Believe me ever yours sincerely

{ signature cut out}
My dear Dr. Farr

I have received a proxy paper from St. Mary’s Hospital & shall of course vote for Dr. Edward Smith. Can you tell me a Governor who is going to vote for him whose name I may put in? Are you a Governor, & may I use your name? & send the paper to you? The Election is on January 31.

You ask me what you I think of his Diet theories. You must please take what I say with several grains of salt. For I have not yet had time to finish his book.

It appears to me, if it is intended to be Physiological, not to be physiological - & if intended to be practical, not to be practical.

Take it & compare it
with Lyon Playfair’s article on Diet in “Good Words” for January (?) And Playfair strikes you at once as master of his subject – the other not.

As an illustration of what I mean, I send you Dr. E. Smith’s Indian Diet, which doubtless you have seen, & the note which accompanied it. I pointed out to him that the statements in his own pamphlet did not at all bear out the conclusions in his note. And, if the second note means anything but that he wants a vote, it means that he retracts all he said in the first.

He appears to me to be continually generalizing thus on insufficient or ill-digested premises, & drawing unfounded principles for conclusions. Then, he always ignores that, after Chemistry has done her very best to compound for us

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exactly the best diet, nature often says she will have none of it. And she will have something else. And that it is experience only, not chemistry, which is the ultimate appeal.

But for all this, Dr. Edward Smith is so immeasurably superior to those brutes who go on without observing or concluding or generalizing at all

vide 1. the wretched Medical evidence at the Holborn Union enquiry, 2. about St. Thomas’- removal &c &c &c &c

That I should always vote for Dr. E. Smith’s success -

Yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

Please return me his Indian Diet & correspondence at your leisure.
27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
   Park Lane. W. [16:683-84]
   9/2/65

My dear Dr Farr
   I reproach myself with
not having told you
what I have done
about you & the Institut.
   The members I have
written to say:
   “To be sure Dr. Farr
ought & must be
of the Institut” —
(Unfortunately I know no
members of your Academy_
And I can only work at
it indirectly.)
   “Barthélemi St Hilaire”

has been “instantly lectured”
(by one of the men I wrote to)
“about Dr. Farr, and what”
he (my {overtop this} man) “knows of
him; and he will work
zealously. There is one
danger. Mac Culloch was
Associe’ Etranger, of whom
there are only six, and
for whom they choose
flashy people, of the
Broughamite class,
mostly hollow drums
who in their time have
made a noise, such as
“frivolous & superficial
great men, like Guizot,
Thiers et id genus,” can hear. “Dr. Farr who is a
much superior man
but works officially.”
“But it must be tried,
and if it cannot be, we
must try to make him
correspondent of the
Academy; the correspondents
are proposed by the
different Sections. In
Dr. Farr’s case it would
be the Section d’économie
politique et Statistique.

“It is composed of 6 members,
with 3 of whom” he (my
man) is “on a good & with
3 others on a bad footing.
We shall see what can be
done, but at first try
the succession of MacCulloch.
There is much of a lottery
in every election - the
frivolity, ignorance and
indifference of the
electors being an unknown
but enormous element.”
“I have preached to-day
some members of the
Académie morale about
Dr. Farr, and it seems to
me that his prospects are good”
My dear Dr. Farr

A friend of mine sends me the following query, with regard to Government Annuity schemes for the poor:—

"Might not the Govt= use their security for the benefit of the poor, farming them out to Bankers & money-dealers, so as to obtain a higher rate of interest than is given in the Funds —

"the Government, in short, to become a dealer in money for the benefit of the poor."

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
27 Norfolk Street
Park Lane W.
23/2/65

My dear Dr. Farr,

I am delighted with your Tables & paper on Government Life Insurance. I predict that you & Mr. Gladstone will do away with the (Public House) Societies.

Would it not be advisable now to write a very popular Tract, (annexing to it the Tables) such as the working classes can understand, & circulate it among all the parishes in England, so as to inform the working men of the benefits they may secure to themselves?

I look at p. 15, and I think that any man, with ordinary industry & who can keep out of the Public house, may be able to purchase an Annuity of £30 - And so by degrees Poor Rates will diminish & become "beautifully less".

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

(seemingly a cut piece of paper possibly glued onto page:)
Yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale
27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
   Park Lane. W.
   25/2/65  

My dear Dr. Farr
   I have heard from
Paris about your “Weekly”
 - the gist of what I
have heard being that,
if you agitate for it,
you will get it.
   “The Weekly List is
not made out_
but Haussmann
  could get it made.
He is an intelligent
scoundrel, and
if the Registrar General

  “can explain to him
the utility & importance
of the thing, and if
Lord Cowley will
interest himself
in it & poke his
ribs, it will be
made.”

Haussmann has published
lately “a Report of the
Inspectors of Mortality,
on the Mortality of the
last 10 years in Paris”-

No doubt you have this.
He is going to send
it to me.
About your affairs:--

"Dr. Farr’s affairs are going on tolerably. It was from the beginning hopeless to propose him for a foreign member. They have now made their list-- Gladstone, Stuart Mill, Whewell. They will name Gladstone, because they adore Ministers, having mostly been so themselves, and are in general a superficial crew of politicals. But

"Dr. Farr ought, & I hope will be named Correspondent"

"I think it will be done; only in elections one is never sure before the end."

This is what I hear; I don’t know what they call “tolerably.”

I am disappointed

[end]

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
My dear Dr. Farr

I am always for the assault, you know - it will be most adviseable to obtain the returns you ask for. Let us take the Malakhoff.

The only point which occurs to us, on looking at your forms, is- whether you should not keep the Invaliding, separate from the time-expired column. But of this you are the best judge.

Your R. Commission sent forms out to Bengal & Madras (in 1861, I think - Mr. Baker has a copy, no doubt, of the Minute or letter to the India Office, forwarding the forms) asking for the latest statistical details. And no notice was taken of them.

in haste ever yours truly
F. Nightingale

I have a multitude of printed papers, private, from Sir J. Lawrence’s head quarters, by Indian Mail, just arrived. And it really is melancholy & ludicrous
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to compare their
assertion of well-
chosen sites & Stations with
the facts they reveal.
But they are doing
their work manfully.
Let us help them. [end 9:514]  
F.N.

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27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
     Park Lane. W.  
     April 4/65

My dear Dr. Farr
     [9:383-84]
I have received the enclosed Table from Calcutta this very morng.
Dr. Sutherland thinks it will be in your line. Pray return it to me when not wanted.
     The Table is by Dr. Bagden of the Medical [name?] Department. [There was no time, the covering letter says, to calculate the percentages before mail.] [end 9:384]

Thank you 1000 times for “Government Insurances & Annuities.” Depend upon it, you are the great “Bill”- not the Union Chargeability Bill - You are the great President of the Poor Laws - not Mr. Villiers [end]
You see Lord Stanley has moved for your Returns. We hope to see soon your reply. Probably, in the course of 10 years, the Returns may come in.

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

My dear Dr. Farr
As I sent you one imperfect Bengal Table yesterday, so I send you another, received only this morning, (by the Bombay mail,) dated 6th March - the other being dated 22nd February.

Please return it to me, when not wanted

A propos of your "Plain Rules" for Annuities & Insurances, would it not be better to page your last page about "P.O. Savings' Banks"?

It is referred to in the text as p. 20 - but there is no p. 20 on it.

You have no idea how stupid some people, particularly
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servants, are. I doubt whether many mistresses take the same pains that I do with the education of their servants. And yet I am afraid few would understand "Plain Rules"

ever yours sincerely
   F. Nightingale

My dear Dr. Farr

   I send you St. Bartholomew’s, tho’, no doubt, you have received a copy. Please to return it to me, with your remarks. I think the Saint deserves the greatest credit. But, before I praise

   the Saint & worship at his shrine, I should like to have your judgement whether there is anything more he ought to do, before he is canonized by us. (which, you know, is a much more critical thing
than his being canonized by Rome.)

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I want a great many more of your “Plain Rules” for Government Insurances & Annuities. Are they to be bought? I cannot find that they are.

F.N.
May 10/65

My dear Dr. Farr

Both Dr. Sutherland and

I have gone over your very able reply, & compared it with the Despatch. Your reasoning on the facts is conclusive. Would it not be advisable, also {overtop too}, to bring out (at the end) tersely the points at issue? The great body of the public do not understand a word of the controversy – (no more, in fact, does the Government of India) -- and the Pall Mall Gazette shews- that all that this class of people want is: to get something to say which {overtop what} they do understand.

It is easy to lay hold of the general impression that the R. Commission told a falsehood. It is not so easy for the same people to understand how it was that the R. Commission did not tell a falsehood.

A few roundly true assertions, prominently put forward, either at the beginning or the end,
would meet the case _

Would something as follows, (proposed for your consideration)
do? - - - - - - - -
1. To point out & establish
briefly what the Death-rate
was, up to the time of the
conclusion of the enquiry of
the Commissioners? — quite
terse - the fewer words, the better.
2. To point out that the
jubilation of the Govt= of India
is based on returns obtained
since the close of the enquiry
of the Commission- and for
too short a period to be
reliable, as yet.
[3. To point out that the
R. Commission actually sent
forms to India to be filled
up for the years following
those, for which they were
able to find {overtop give} Returns at home,
and that no reply was
ever sent, altho’ the
publication of the Report
was delayed for nearly
2 years in waiting for
them.]
4. To point out that the
Sanitary state of Stations
is not to be estimated
solely by Mortality, but
by the diseases attacking
persons there- and that,
viewed from this point,
it cannot be said that any of the Stations, put forward by the India Govt= as well chosen, are healthy; as, at all of them, fever, dysentery, cholera have prevailed.

5. That, whatever sanitary improvements may, in the estimation of the Govt= of India, have been carried out, it is quite certain that the Stational Reports published in Vol. II of the R. Commission Report, shew that all the Stations were, at that date, suffering from diseases, the result of bad Sanitary condition & that the condition of a great many of them was bad indeed.

[6. That, wherever the R. Commissioners had any evidence in proof of improvements having been carried out, they noticed it & were only sorry they had so little to notice of this kind.]

7. That the new evidence brought forward by the India Govt=, in this Despatch, is confirmatory of the conclusion of the R.C., as to the possibility of
lowering the Death-rate
to the ratio estimated by
the R.C. and that, after
this Despatch, the public
will have every reason to
be indignant, if the high
Death-rate of the British
Army in India is not
swept away.

Lord Stanley should sign
alone - or with you -
We agree that it would
be better to have the two
Replies to the Government
of India

and to Dr. Leith separate
but called for together -
But this is a matter for
Lord Stanley to decide.

F. Nightingale
{printed address upside down:}
32 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.
Private {up diag}
June 9/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr

As you & I have gone
together about the Insurance
Working Man question,
what do you think of the
enclosed?

You know how isolated
I have been from Ho: of C.
men since Sidney Herbert’s
death. Yet this is a thing
which could only be pressed
thro’ Ho: of C. men -
The whole has been
suggested by your own
work -
Could you give me a
competent opinion on

whether it is feasible?
Could you suggest any
means or man by which
or whom it might be
pressed & carried forward?
[I do not mean Social
Science Meetings] & not
in my name.

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I have taken means to
have immediate copies
of your Reply to the
Govt= of India, when
printed.
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Our dear friend Hilary [1:448]
is less suffering - more
quiescence in the disease -

[5:173]
more prospect of its being prolonged - no hope of recovery -
   God will decide.
   I cannot join the cry of satisfaction at prolonged life. But, as I say, that is for God.
   Neither she nor I have any prospect but that of increasing suffering until death. But how much more I dread it for her than for myself. [end 1:448]

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Please not to mention the enclosed to any one, till I have heard what Mr. Gladstone says of it. {Mr. Villiers approves

5474/91 signed letter, 1f, pen

If you have it already, please return me July 7/65

my copy. F.N. 34 South Street, {printed address}
   Park Lane,
   London. W. [16:443]

My dear Dr. Farr
   I send you the second copy I have been able to lay my hands on - in order that you may get it noticed in the “Times”, (which, I believe, was your intention,) together with the Return of Deaths &c Queen’s Troops 1856-64 which you called for, (8 June Ho: of C.) But the “Times” will not say anything right, unless you tell it how -

ever yours
F. Nightingale [end]
Private {up diag} Hampstead N.W.  
Sept 2/65
My dear Dr. Farr

There has been nothing in the “Times” (nor in any newspaper I know of) in reference to your reply to the Govt= of India.

I think it of the utmost importance that you should have a short pithy paper, which would certainly force attention to it, at the Birmingham Meeting. Tell the object of your doing so. But always give Sir J. Lawrence credit for practical support (which he always gives) to us.

Let your paper – while scattering people’s illusions unmercifully- have a practical bearing

The newspaper paragraph about the Herbert Hospl= was written by the same hand apparently which informed us last year that the Hospl= was a ruin, & this year that it was to be given over for a Barrack - which report was believed in, even by M. Husson of Paris. The fact is, that the building has been given up to the handed over to the Purveyor in Chief for sick.

I don’t think I ever thanked you for your letter about the Herbert Hospl=, so gracious & grateful to me. Yours are almost the only letters I ever {overtop have} had about Sidney Herbert, which really soothe my wounded soul.
Wellcome Ms 5481

Our dear friend, Hilary is dying painfully [1:449] - the only wonder is how she lives thro’ each 24 hours. But the suffering is much less acute- and the wandering of mind much less painful. [end 16:444]

Believe me ever yours {signature cut}

Please address, if you are so good as to write
34 South Street W.
(as before.)

5474/93 unfinished letter, 2ff, pen {part of letter cut at end} [1:449]

Sept 6/65

Dear Dr. Farr

I cannot say the gratitude to God with which I write that “our dear friend”, as you have often called Hilary Carter, was released this morning early. The end was peace - but the suffering had been cruel. I know scarcely a human being of whom one feels so sure that she is gone to a higher & more perfect service.

My thoughts turn to you in this, as they have done in many previous sorrows. [end 1:449]

Would you kindly tell Mr. Hammick & Mr. Clode, as from us?
Some weeks ago I had a very kind note from Mr. Hammick of enquiry & concern about her, which I
Wellcome Ms 5481

sent to her family,
because I knew it
would give them
pleasure -
(page cut)

5474/94 signed letter, 1f, pen

Sept 14/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W

My dear Dr. Farr
The enclosed has been
sent me from Simlah
for your opinion.
Please give it me
ever yours truly
F. Nightingale

5474/95/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen {black-edged paper} [6:526]

5474/95/1
Private {up diag} Oct 19/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W

My dear Dr. Farr
I thank you for the
enclosed. You have hit
the right nail on the head,
as you always do. Till
till there is a Weekly Return
of stock-horses, cows,
sheep, pigs &c (it goes to
my heart not to include
cats) with Deaths &
Causes of Death (among
which I do not include
John Bull’s love of
butcher’s meat) no good
will be done. And the present cattle plague would be a benefit, if it brought this about. 

Ld Palmerston is a great loss. I speak for the country & myself- He was a powerful protector to me - especially since Sidney Herbert’s death. I never asked him to do {overtop for} anything - you may be sure I did not ask him often - but he did it - for the last nine years. He did not do himself justice. If the right thing was to be done, he made a joke, but he did it. He will not leave his impress on the age - but he did the country good service. Except L. Napoleon, whose death might be the greatest good or the greatest evil, I doubt whether there is any man’s loss which will so affect Europe- He was the only man who could drag a/too liberal Bill - especially in the Poor Law - thro’ the Cabinet._

That was his great power with us - No one will be able to manage this Cabinet now- He was a humbug - but he knew it himself - & L was not a muff-

[Sir G. Lewis was both a muff & a humbug.] He was, at heart, the most liberal man we had left. I have lost, in
him a powerful friend.
   I hear spoken of as
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his successors
   Clarendon
   Russell
   Granville

Ld Clarendon it is said
the Queen wishes - & she
has been corresponding
with him privately -
perhaps by Ld Palmerston’s
own desire -
But I believe the real
question is under which
(if any) of these, your
Mr. Gladstone will consent to remain
in office & be Leader
of the Ho: of C.
Not one of these men will
manage the Cabinet as

Ld Palmerston did.
   But I dare say you have
more trustworthy information
than I have.
   I would Ld Palmerston
had lived another Session.
We should have got
something done at the
Poor Law Board, which
we shall not now -
   Ld Russell is so queer -
tempered- I quite dread
his Premiership, if it comes.
   ever yours most
   truly
F. Nightingale
Dec 5/65
35 South Street, (printed address:)
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr
You must have thought
me dead, or demented —
I hope not ungrateful—
for not having answered
your many kind letters
before
1. I sent your instructive
remarks on the (Indian)
First Annual Report
by the first mail after
I received them.
And I am sure they
will do good.
[I will return you
Major Graham’s letter—]

I have no doubt that we
shall receive permission
to make use of the
(published) Report.
Sir J. Lawrence is perfectly
liberal.
And I will send you one.
In the mean time, you
have done him the
greatest of good services.

2. About your babies:---
I know no book such
as you desire.
The thing for you to do
would be to apply to
the Cattle Plague
Commissioners, who will
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make you out a Report immediately - without any enquiry whatever & without any facts whatever.
What a fine thing that is to be able to do!
If the facts are wrong, "so much the worse for the facts."
There is no book giving you what you want about European babies. There are plenty of books which "think" so & so—no book which really tells one facts—& no woman that I know of: Of all the horrid things I ever saw, is the Nursing (or rather the massacre) of Enfans Trouves by the far. famed Sisters of Chari ty. [end 6:527]

3. Please thank Mr. Clode 4. for his two numbers of the Brit: Med: Journal
They are very interesting (about the Indian question)
5. I sent your note (about Dr. Piels) to Capt. Galton at once.
It is well worth trial.
5. I am thankful you have got the Cattle enumeration into your hands [end 6:527]

ever yours truly
F. Nightingale
Dec 12/65
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr
I am afraid of keeping
your valuable Forms,
lest you should want
them.

The Vienna description
of child management,
minus a considerable
amount of the care
bestowed in Germany
on children – plus a
considerable quantity of
opium – will afford

a good idea of Child
management in England.

I will however, make our
King’s Coll: Hosp: Nurses
write an account, if they
can.

The difficulty is: that child
management in England
differs as much
between cotton spinners,
& flax spinners, between Cornish
miners, & colliers, agricultural labourers &c &c
as between different
European countries.
The child’s way of life always succumbs
to the domestic necessities
& way of life.
[Consult Dr. Lyon Playfair’s report on Lancashire in the Health of Towns Commission Reports - 1842-4]

Ask Medical men in Manchester to write a Report for you.

Your Tables are very interesting- And now the causes of these great differences in Death-rates should be examined.

Fiat justitia: Ruat caelum

Vivat “Baby” - ever yours sincerely

F.N.

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[2]

The compensation to my disturbed state of mind has been a convert to the Sanitary cause I have made for Madras - No less a person than Lord Napier. [I managed to scramble up to see him before he sailed]

[9:543]

[16:446]

2. About your Prison Mortality paper, I have ascertained from the W.O. that there is to be no Meeting of their Commission before Ellis & Sutherland come back. So I have kept your paper for Dr.
Wellcome Ms 5481

Sutherland to see here
before it goes into Committee.

3.
Don’t forget to send me
a “Recensement” for my
Directeur de l’Assistance
Publique at Paris - who
asked for it.

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

My happiness was so bound up
in those two guns we have got
back from Bhotan. But Sir J.
Lawrence won’t give them to
Ld Hartington. He will give
them to me _ And I shall
mount them on the noble
leads attached to this
mansion. And I shall

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[3]
teach my cats to be Artillery
men. And I shall use
them against all my
enemies of Victoria St
& Pall Mall (including
Dr. Sutherland)

By the way, have
you seen Surgeon
Rennie’s attack upon
you “Story of the
Bhotan War” p. 235 -
on your “Nosology” -
“sun-stroke” -

[end]

F.N.
Private {up diag} 19/1/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr

I have a great deal
to thank you for & a
great deal to say –
but less than usual
time & strength to say
it with.

Dr. Sutherland has been sent to Algeria with my Indians - (they might just as well have
been sent to stare at Astley’s) and I have all his own business
besides my own, to do. If it could be done,
I should not mind.
I had just as soon wear out in two
months as in two years. So the work
be done. But it can’t.
It is just like two men going into
business with a million each. The one suddenly
with-draws. The other may work {over-top wear} himself to the bone - but he can’t meet the engagements with one million which he made with two. Add to this, I have been so ill since the beginning of the year as to be often unable to have my position moved from pain for 48 hours at a time.

But to business. 1. I thank you immensely for your note on determining Prison Mortality.

It was after this wise: 

Bengal Sanitary Commn= wrote to me privately for it. I said: write officially- In the mean time I asked you: & you kindly sent (& I sent to them) a note on the way of determining Prison Mortality -

This, your great note, I should much like to await Dr. Sutherland’s return, as the Indians have got your little note. And I have
written to the Army
Sanitary Comm: here
to say so -
You shall hear -
I don’t want them
to have any important
Meetings till Dr. S.’s
return -
But - bless your heart-
Dr. S. thinks the world
moves round himself-
& that all business
stops naturally till
he comes back - both
in India & in England.
He makes no arrangement
for it while he is
away.

I send you the (same
which you had before)
Bengal First Sanitary
Report - only with
its Appendix on -
Also, some M.S.
Notes thereon from
India, which please
return to me - when
done with -
I believe there is
a copy of the Report
coming for you, which
I shall forward to
you instantly - But
in the mean time
Wellcome Ms 5481

I send you mine -
   because you can, and
   I can't, make most
   telling use of it.
I am told that, as it
has been published in
Bengal, you may make
public use of it -
which, I am sure,
is most earnestly to
be desired. [You will
remember you kindly
asked me this
question.]
I sent your note on
the (first) copy (without
Appendix) to its destination

[III]
I wish I could do any
thing more for R.D.
Thomson's family.
I am bitterly disappointed
at Ld Russell's letter
but not surprised.
I am entirely without
influence there now.
Or if I have any, it
would be like that of
the man driving the
pig from Cork, to
make it go to Cork.
{printed address upside down:}
35 South Street, Could Lord
   Park Lane, Shaftesbury
   London. W. do anything? I have
lost a powerful friend in Lord Palmerston-
I rarely asked him to do anything in the Cabinet, as you may suppose. But, if ever I did, he made a joke. But he did it. To my mind, he was a far greater man than his successor.

IV
I thank you much for Quetelet’s letter – which I return.

V.
M. Husson, Directeur de l’Administration generale de l’Assistance publique, at Paris, whom I dare say you know, & with whom I am on the most “affectionate” terms, writes:
“J’ai également x x x lu dans nos journaux que le recensement des classes pauvres venait d’avoir lieu pour toute la Grande Bretagne. Si cet important travail de statistique a été public, je serais très désireux d’en, posséder un exemplaire, et j’ai encore recours à votre obligeance pour me le procurer x x x”

Does he mean your Census? And, if so, would you be kind enough to send me a (another) copy for him? Or does he mean
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I have lately sent
Wellcome Ms 5481

him (at his request)
all our Poor Law Board
published) documents ?
I will write again
to morrow
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
{printed address upside down:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

5474/100 signed letter, 1f, pen & pencil, black-edged, typed copy
43400 f104

March 13/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W,
My dear Dr. Farr
These people worry
me past my patience.
But I have looked
now thro’ all my
stores, & cannot
find one copy left
of the Forms which
you were so good as
to send out & which
they have “mislaid”?
Have you any
copies of the Forms
which you were kind
enough to send round
for us to all the
Hospitals?
If so, would you be so
good as to send me
one copy? returning
me the enclosed,
(which makes me
so impatient) -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
My dear Dr. Farr

I never seem to write to you unless I want something.

M. Husson, Director of the Assistance Publique at Paris, & one of the best administrators in Europe, is coming over (from Paris) from July 1 to July 6 to study the Poor Law system in London.

Among other things, he asks me to apply to Mr. Villiers [I have done so but am referred to you, as they have not what M. Husson wants] for the Statistics of Mortality of Lying-in Women in the London Workhouses & if possible, in those of the great towns in England.

[M. Husson is going to publish these Statistics for all Europe.]
I have never told you how valuable we thought your paper on Infant Mortality. Nor have I ever thanked you for all your kindnesses in sending me interesting papers. Nor have I ever thanked Mr. Clode for his Cattle Plague Mortality Returns. Please do so. You will be the saving of the nation in that matter. But you know what I think as to the Cattle Plague Commissioners. Let them rest not in peace. England will be ashamed of herself some day about that. May I send you a copy of a Report from the New York Emigration Commissioners?—And will you look at the pages I have turned down as to the Mortality in the ships. It has had this good effect, that our Emigration Commissioners will now
My dear Dr. Farr

Many thanks for your note of June 23.

I communicated your kind offer of assistance to M. Husson - And he writes a very grateful note in return. He would like very much to have, if it were possible, for every Lying-in Hospital, & for every Dispensary which attends Lyings-in at the women’s own homes (including, I suppose, of course, Workhouses in the “Lying in Hospitals”)

Tables filled up something like what I enclose. But, if there were no distinction of causes of Death, the column “Total” would suffice.

Have you any means whereby Tables such as this could be filled up? Or could you kindly procure for M. Husson
copies of the Reports
of Lying-in Institutions,
in order to have the
proportion of Deaths
to Cases, as he desires?-
I know how much this
is to ask. [Frenchmen don’t
distinguish Lying-in Institutions
from Lying-in Wards of Workhouses.]
M. Husson alludes
very feelingly to his
desire that you should
obtain the place of
Correspondent to the
“Académie des Sciences
Morales et Politiques”,
of which he is a
member. And he
hopes that your assistance
(of this kind) may be
a step to it. These
Frenchmen don’t all
well know how great your
labours & how great
their results have
been. in haste
Ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Aug 6/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
   Park Lane,
   London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr
   Many thanks for
your note about the
Cholera -
   I have looked in
vain in the “Times”
for your ‘daily Return’.
   If it is printed,
would it be too much
to ask you to send
it me? - as long as
you publish daily Returns.
   Indeed I think
it most lamentable - &
almost a signal of
the retrogression of
England in these
matters - to see the
want of any efficient
action or organization
in such an out-break,
as far as measures
of prevention go -
   ever yours sincerely
   Florence Nightingale
My dear Dr. Farr

I have never answered yours of Sept 14

I am sorry to say that we can’t give you a paper on our “results” in India. Dr. Sutherland is inspecting at Gibraltar. And, in the deepest mystery, I tell you that I am not at all satisfied with the way we are getting on in India. It is a long story – & one which I may trouble you with some day – but not now. By an incredible fatality, despatches of Sir J. Lawrence have been twice mislaid this year for some months at the India Office – one of January 20 was not found till May 5 – & then only by Sir J. Lawrence writing to me with his own hand an Abstract of his own Despatch – On June 18 Lord de Grey answered it. That very night
Ministers were beaten. And Lord de Grey’s answer was not sent. The consequence is, that there is no Sanitary Service – really to speak of – at this moment in India – tho’ it has been preparing for years. I must thank you now most cordially for sending me your Daily & Weekly Returns. I am thankful to see that Cholera is declining – [mainly thro’ your exertions] But ought it not to decline faster, now the tide is turned? You say well: that people ought not to relax their exertions yet. And what a farce, a cruel farce, that Sanitary Act has been – As has been truly {overtop true} said, it is the local Boards of Works themselves that create the nuisances they are intended to remove – And memorializing the Secretary of State is so much waste paper – But my experience is that, both as to Sanitary law & as to Poor law, the
Boards of Guardians constantly undertake to administer the law, merely in order to defeat it.

I am not “cursing & swearing”, merely for the sake of cursing & swearing, but to shew that, if you had not “kicked up a row,” (like a lion on a coat of arms) nothing would have been done.

You know I am entirely recalcitrant, as to your Mr. Simon’s Merits. Mr. Simon is an arrangement of the Privy Council for making the bigger Body, which is a big quack, appear (to the lesser Bodies, who are little quacks,) to know something.

Mr. Simon, not perhaps more than but in common with, Doctors in general—(with some splendid exceptions, of which I put Mr. Paget at the head) has, during the last few years, been bringing down Medicine, including Sanitary Science, from a profession to a trade — a trade, that is, to sell an Article called a prescription (or an
operation to the sick individual, said to be for his health - & also a much more critical prescription, equally an article of trade, to the sick nation, represented by the Privy Council (for £1500 a year) said to be for the health of the nation. But what makes me most frantic is that Mr. Simon, who is a pluralist in every sense of the word, never “paye’s de sa personne”- Bad as we are at the War Office, Poor & Law Boards, & in India, we should never accept Mr. Simon’s second-hand Reports. We always inspect, ourselves- in person. Now you will say I am a Nuisance - & come under the Nuisances Removal Act. And Mr. Simon, if you write to him, will gladly put it in force against me. But I shall have been the only nuisance Mr. Simon will ever have removed.

ever yours sincerely Florence Nightingale

{printed address upside down:) 35 South Street, Park Lane, London. W.
Could you kindly tell me, some day [it is for a practical purpose] what the Mortality of Romsey (Hampshire) is? And what it ought to be? F. Nightingale 29/9/66

My dear Dr. Farr I am very much obliged to you for your note & also for your note & also for your Address - which I had been trying to get in full - of course you will publish it separately.

I will not now take up your time about the Garrett-Stewart Nurse question - only just to say this: - in a practical trade like mine, it does not
do to go solely upon the
    “Supply of Nurses on
economic principles.”
The “Supply & demand”
principle taken alone
-tho’ I hope I always
bow down to it - is a
fallacy. i.e. as Miss Garrett
(is said to have) put it.
It leaves out altogether
the most important
element - viz. the state
of public opinion - the
degree of education of
public opinion at the
time. You have to

educate public opinion
up to the state of
wanting a good Article.
Because the public
pays heartily for it,
(or highly for it,) is not
at all always evidence
that it is a good Article.
On the contrary -
    E.g. you would not say
that Morrison’s Pills,
Holloway’s Ointment, Old
Parr’s Life Pills, which
have certainly been paid for
at a rate which Miss
Garrett assures us would
secure “good Nurses”, are
a proof of the soundness of her principle.
E.g. again:
Many, I had almost said, most of the Workhouse & Hospital Matrons in England are dear at £30 a year. Does Miss Garrett think that, if we were to offer £150 a year, we should get a good Article at once? – I trow not. And I say this from no theory, but from actual experience. The demand is now so

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[3] what she says: – that, in epidemics, wars & emergencies, the “Lady Nurse” may then come into play. This is the very thing that I have set my face against, my whole life. It was the cause of all our misfortunes in the Crimea. It is, in fact, saying this: – at times when the greatest skill is wanted, we will admit the most unskilled – at times when the worst cases require
the best nursing, then we will have the worst nurses. It is what the Geneva conference said. What I have said (& done) in the poor case is: – have always a staff of Trained Nurses, 
(trained “ladies” among them) ready in the Military Hospitals to go into war – & not only trained Nurses, but trained Governors, Officers of all kinds. Why did we fail so egregiously in the Crimea in Officers of all kinds but because we adopted Miss Garrett’s principle? – A “Lady” will train as a Nurse better than a woman of the lower class. And there is no better leaven among these than a trained lady, serving among them – & NO WORSE (of this Miss Garrett may be assured) than an untrained lady serving among them. [I am not now speaking of Superintendents]

So far from being pleased: by her admission about the “value
"of 'Lady Nurses' in epidemics," I think she has done us the worst turn of all thereby encouraging "ladies" to rush in 'where angels fear to tread,' & to think that they can nurse by inspiration - just what I am always telling them they can't do: It is this that makes female work so bad - What would you say if Miss Garrett were to tell men that, in "wars & epidemics," they could act as Surgeons by inspiration? - Yet, what is the real difference? - Pray forgive me this long note & believe me ever yours sincerely Florence Nightingale

{printed address upside down:} 35 South Street, Park Lane, London. W.
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"Questo è il vero ultimo".[16:685]
I am so puzzled by “first, “second & third class,” (as if Miss Garrett & Mr. Stewart were dividing the human race into rail=road carriages,) that I don’t know whether she considers Governesses as “Ladies.” But, if she does, she can’t be ignorant - (at least, I am not- for I once kept a Governesses’ Hospital) that there are unaccomplished “Ladies” toiling away as Governesses their miserable, useless lives at £20 or £30 a year, who as Head Nurses (“Sisters,”) - but for her invidious definition of classes,- might lead useful happy lives at £50 or £60 a year - But then Hospital life is not for the “upper class”- And Governess life is - And this unnatural prejudice Miss Garrett appears to support -
F.N.
I am very sorry your Cholera is still so bad- [end] F.N.
My dear Dr. Farr

Thank you for sending me Miss Garrett’s paper.

The looking it thro’ has considerably mollified me — tho’ I am afraid you will think the reason why, a very impertinent reason.

It is because the paper is so superficial, & there are so many inaccuracies staring in the face of any one in the least conversant with Hospital life, that I don’t think it will do our cause any harm — And I think it clears up the ideas very much of any person, who is conversant with Hospital life, to read such a paper as this.

[I will return to the subject of the inaccuracies.]

In the meantime, I think your own note the best commentary —

You say, for which I thank you a thousand times:

“it” (the N. Fund) “aims at making nursing an art”.

This puts the whole question in six words —

And I don’t know that I want to add a word more.
You never yet made an artist by paying him well. But an artist ought to be well paid. Agreed, agreed, a thousand times.

But Miss Garrett puts the cart before the horse. We get a better price for our Article, because it is a better Article. We did not give have a better Article, because we gave a higher price. [The Article did not exist when we began (or exceptionally only). I will return to this.]

You say truly: — “the payment of the Artist “was a part of your plan”– And we have secured good, & shall secure better, pay for our Artists=

[Indeed, as I have mentioned, it is not the offer of good pay that is ever wanting. It is — the want capacity of the Artist—]

It is, of course, impossible for me to go into Miss Garrett’s paper, at length. For it would be, in fact, re-writing the whole paper—

I will mention only a few of the most palpable inaccuracies.

E.g. I think the harm done is incalculable by striking the gap, page 2. between the “commercial” & “religious” “spirit” — & by actually making synonyms of “religious” & “volunteer”. Will
she forgive me if I say that I know none but the most fanatical of R. Catholic Archbishops who would write as she does on this? Certainly no R. Catholic religious order.

Inaccuracies

1. p.3. the “Matron”.
In no Hospital up to the last 10 years had the “Matron” any thing to do with “overlooking” the Nursing. - scarcely even with “controlling the Nursing Department.”
Even at the present time, very few have -
This is one of the most essential reforms we have introduced.

p.5. (describing the “Lady” system-)

“The main difference is “that the control no longer “rests with the Matron”.
What can she mean by this?
Is it because we have changed [2]
the word to *Superintendent*,
because the a “Matron” does
not properly “control” or
“superintend” the “Nursing
Department,”) that she
makes this blunder? -
She mentions “King’s College Hospital
immediately afterwards -
as being under this régime-
p.6.
Now, the only Civil Hospitals I
know, (tho’, of course, I must
not be quoted on this)
where the “Nursing Department”
is really “under the control
of the Matron” are:
Kings College
St. Thomas’ -
tho’ Mrs. Wardroper is called
Matron
& Miss Jones Lady Supt=.
[Indeed, by the enemy I
have frequently been told that
the latter “controls” too much.]
2. The question of “economy”
is inaccurately introduced,
not only by Miss Garrett X
but by the “Lancet”- & Middlesex
Hospital)
X p.p.6,7,8, & passim.
It is generally very little
known that King’s College
Hospital pays as much
for the services of St. John’s
House as the usual price
Also: that a “Sister” (lady)
is never refused because
she cannot serve gratuitously
or pay for her board -
- & that many, including
the very best superiors I
have ever known, receive a
salary.

But, you see, Miss G. can assert
this.
And I can’t answer her.
Of course I am not at liberty
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to publish these particulars.
But I have repeatedly & positively refused to be a party in assisting any Hospital to make a treaty with any Sisterhood for the sake of “economy”.

Even in R.C. countries, where Hospitals are, as a rule, nursed by Sisterhood, the Civil administration always pays for them. Where the Order has no foundation, this payment constitutes their only support, & that of their other works.

They are earning their own livelihood in exactly the same sense as our paid Nurses are - only that the payment is made to the “Sisterhood” & not to the “Sister”. But, at King’s Coll- Hosp:, the payment is made to the “Sister”-

Is it not a pity that Miss G. should not have informed herself on these subjects? - 3. p. 9.

Where does Miss Garrett find that “a lady, with very little "training, does hospital "nursing (or any other art) "in a first-rate way”?--She must have very little idea of what “first-rate” Hospital Nursing is:
The “idea” of even the French Sisterhoods is so different from Miss Garrett’s that they, who fall under their her ban, consider from 3 to 5 years the time of training - And I consider 2 years the minimum.
Three fourths of the whole mischief in women’s lives in England is that they suppose themselves exceptions from the laws of training to which men bow -

And here is Miss Garrett encouraging this fatal idea.

However, as Dr. Stewart represents me as “giving up” “ladies” (as Nurses) because they can’t undergo the training necessary,” he rather neutralizes Miss G.


Miss G. likens “Nursing” to “cooking & dusting.”

As I think the poor Patient would find a very great difference if the “mistress of the household” were to send the “cook” or the “housemaid”, instead of going herself, & procuring a qualified Nurse, to attend upon her sick husband or child.

The fruit of my whole life is indeed lost, if people have not got farther than this - - if they still confuse Nursing with cleaning. The head-nurse has nothing to do but what with these, farther than to superintend them, exactly as the “Mistress of a household.” But many a life has been lost because the Head Nurse did not know how (or did not choose) to do the operations of “la petite chirurgie,” especially for men= Patients - And the fact is, that no “cook” or
“duster” can perform these properly - & that the more “cultivated” the woman, \textit{IF} trained the less she \{\textit{IF} underlined 5 times\} shirks them.
But I would say the same, in an inferior degree, for the Under Nurse. Her work is not at all the same as that of an under= servant.
Least of all is the Night=Nurses’s.
5. p. 12.
The two “reforms” which Miss G. suggests are: -
what? -
\begin{itemize}
\item 1. good wages
\item 2. supervision by night.
\end{itemize}
I think I might perpetrate a very bad joke on this. But I refrain.
I resume your immortal phrase 5474/106/4
about “an Art”.
And I would ask Miss G. to apply her Panacea, her Morison’s Pills, to the “reform” of any other “art”- & see how it will do.
Take the “Art” of Sculpture-
\begin{itemize}
\item [Michael Angelo is said to have worked very much at night at his sculpture, with a candle stuck in a ball of clay on his head, during the Siege of Florence]
\end{itemize}
Let us ask Michael Angelo whether
\begin{itemize}
\item (1.) good pay
\item (2.) night supervision
\end{itemize}
would “reform” sculpture.
But let us take what Miss G. \textit{glazes}: - gives as her reasons: -
\begin{itemize}
\item (1.) good pay.
\end{itemize}
She quotes, p. 12, a “report” [4]
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which has received more blame than it utter incompetency was worth - for appointing the “reporters” of which the Master was called over the coals - the Offices of the Hospitals (to which they belonged) laughing at the transparent job - the very passage which she quotes was known to be a covert assault on the two most valuable Hospitals of Officers of the Hospital- in order to insinuate that the “improvement” in the Nursing was due - not to their training but to the higher pay which the “N. Fund” enabled them to give. And this very passage Miss G. endorses with her authority.

Surely this is putting the cart before the horse, with a vengeance!
Or rather, it is “climbing o’er the house to unlock the little gate.”
The “little gate” is unlocked by the little key - viz. that, in St. Thomas’ there is, thanks to Mrs. Wardroper & Mr. Whitfield, the best Training= School in Europe - & that the Hospital replenishes its own Staff from these trained Nurses -
And Miss G. & Dr. Bristowe attribute the “improvement” chiefly to the “pay”!!!!
Guy’s has improved its “pay” but not its “Nursing” - except in as far as it has taken some of our Nurses -
But this, again, you see I can’t
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say-

I wish I had had ten minutes’ conversation with Miss G. before she wrote her paper.

I think she would have written it differently.

[I believe Miss G.’s own Art is Midwifery - & that she excels in it.

Would she apply her principles to her own Art? -]

N.B. I wish, [p.13] to “attract” to the service a far better class than “domestic servants.” They have that career open to them. But even an “Under Nurse’s” life in a Hospital requires far more intelligence, power of control & of self-control than any “domestic servant’s.” It is not merely a question of being “less comfortable”- p. 14.
The night is the only time when no real "supervision" or training can be given. And therefore the Night Nurses ought to be such & so trained as to require no "supervision."

For, i. it is a fiction.

-is there to be one Night Superintendent? -

how can she give assistance or "supervision" in an suddenly alarming case? - in 10 or 20 wards? how can she even see in 10 or 20 wards whether the Nurse is awake? -

ii. Or is there to be a Night= Superintendent in each ward?

Then she had much better be the Night Nurse herself. In ordinary wards, there had much better be but one sitter-up - & that an experienced one -

To be giving directions, or "supervision" at night is intolerable - other than what every competent Head Nurse gives (from her little room adjoining the ward, where she ought always to sleep) when she has bad cases

I exclude wars & Cholera epidemics from the above. In Cholera epidemics, such is the stress & pressure that the Staff ought often to be exactly the same by Night as it is by day. i.e. there should be two staffs, one for night, one for day.

I exclude War= Hospitals - because the Orderlies are often new to their work - the cases are urgent. I, for one, found it necessary to be about
nearly the whole of the night, "superintending the Night= Nursing".
"Je suis de l’avis de Monsieur pour la raison contraire". "Je suis de l’avis" entirely "de" Miss G. in what she says here about "remunerated work among women of the educated class. But she does not appear to be aware that it is done already. P. 17. She does not appear aware that exactly what she recommends, Paras 1 & 2, is done already. The salary is taken & returned indirectly - It is done by my Supt= of the Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary & by many others who are “ladies,” with “private incomes”.

But Miss G. has so mixed up “religious,” “volunteers,” “educated,” “ladies,” & other words that not only I but others had not the least idea that she meant this. And this is done already.

I will only repeat here that she is not aware of the immense harm she does in the minds of what she calls the “commercial” class by separating - nay by setting in opposition to - the “religious” & the “commercial” motive (or “spirit”?-)

She may explain it as she will - No explanation will remove it.

The good ones say: - what! won’t she credit us with a
“religion” motive? -

The bad ones say: - Ay, our betters allow that this can only be done for money.

“The labourer is worthy of his hire.” The Clergy work for pay - & yet are supposed to be “religious”.

Would Miss G. apply her “commercial” & her “religious” line of demarcation to the clergy? -


I have already said what I thought about Miss G.’s view of “volunteer help” in emergencies. She really seems to think that “stimulus” is the main duty of a Nurse. “Novelty” the main importance of her presence. I can hardly say how curiously
that passage read to me who have had really the charge of crowded War= Hospitals, including “Cholera” & all other “emergencies”.

I am afraid I should indulge in a most indecorous laugh at her ex pense, but that the subject is really too fatally serious.

With regard to her conclusions, p.p. 19, 20, 21 - they are incorrect- or unproved -

Conclusion

1. why should she limit it to a class?
2. is absolutely defeating her own principle of “supply & demand”. The idea of limiting the maximum!! It is besides incorrect. A good training Head Nurse is worth more than £50 & gets more.
3. Incorrect.
4. Contradictory - A Lady Supt= need not be unpaid & MUST be trained. In no case, does the “volunteer” untrained system have such fatal effects as in that of a Supt=
5. Entirely agree. But is {overtop it} it seems not contradictory to “4”?  
6. Miss G. is entirely ignorant of the conditions of her question. She omits altogether India, Australia, & Village Nursing in England. If I could shew her my correspondence for one year, she would see how wholly incorrect her premises are. [In a requisition I had from India, one item was “193-” !!!] illeg

I will only just add: – 1. with regard to separating the
I never do so -
E.g. I take up the first letter lying under my hand from this morning’s post. It is from a Delhi Missionary. It concerns a “lady” now training at our School. He entreats me to get her to wait till they can raise the Salary so as to make the Delhi appointment worth her acceptance.
We are now training - “ladies”, salaried “ladies” - for New South Wales. This “lady” was to have had the appointment - She will now have to choose between Delhi & Sydney. She is not only “religious” but a Missionary.
[What can Miss G. be dreaming about?] And I am not at all above making the best bargain for my “ladies”
2. Ceteris paribus, it is not true, Miss G.’s principle - [Only
that I scarcely know what her principle is.]
Good nurses are much the same all over the world - whether Augustinian nuns or paid Nurses - But, ten years ago, the average Nursing of the Paris Hospitals, nursed by Augustinian & other nuns, was far higher than the average nursing of the London Hospitals. This is a fact, & not a theory. The former were trained, the latter not - God speed the good Nurse I say again, wherever, whatever & whoever she is.

But don’t suppose that I advocate unpaid Nurses, because I think “paid Nurses” a ridiculous criterion of ye excellence - of {overtop for} Nursing -

[7] F. Nightingale

Private Oct 31/66
(up diag) Embley 35 South Street, Romsey Park Lane, London. W. {printed address x-out w/ diag line}

My dear Dr. Farr
A thousand thanks for your wise, kind & suggestive note. In reply to your query, - they have not yet sent us the information about Romsey - viz. what is the Death= rate of Romsey? - what ought to be the Death rate of Romsey? - In reply to Miss Garrett, I do not at all doubt, as to “Matrons”: - that she
can cite “two Hospitals” where she knows the Matron to have no control over the Nursing -
I can cite all the Hospitals in London, except “two,” where the Matron has no real control over the Nursing.
Those two are:

- St. Thomas’
- King’s College
And the latter of these is nursed by a Sisterhood.
The fact is: that a Matron having real control over the Nursing is a modern invention.
Ten years ago, it did not exist.

And even now, in most English Hospitals, a Matron only walks thro’ the wards once a day (at 10 A.M.) to see that it is clean under the beds - has little real control over the Nurses - & none at all over the Head Nurses - who defy her, even in cases of drunkenness, by appeal.
I think one of the Hospitals to which Miss Garrett alludes is University Coll: -
Now I should appeal “refer” to University Coll: as a Hospital which is nursed by ladies, where the ladies are untrained, where the Nursing is not improved - where the Matron has no authority nor the superintendents either
[She (the Supt=) signs herself “Mother of All the Saints!!!
She does not reside in the Hospital]
I should appeal to St. George’s Hospital to shew the utter failure of “Night Superintendence” (of Nursing.)
I should appeal to Guy’s &c &c, where wages are high, & Nursing is not improved -
Many other instances could I give her out of my perpetual correspondence with County Hospitals.
But you are quite right in saying that I could not enter into any controversy -
We have years to work before we ought to begin to talk -

Though, of all people, I am the one who most recommend publicity, who am always urging the utmost possible publicity in Hospitals, - yet, such a discussion as Mr. Hastings recommends would do nothing but harm at present.
Miss Garrett & her discussion has done nothing but harm, in as so far as it is known.
E.g. how could I put in the papers the facts I have given you in my
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letters? –
    Besides, I have no time.  
I must work –  
    Ten years hence, we will discuss. 
    No discussion ever made an Artist yet. 
        in great haste ever yours 
    Florence Nightingale 

N.B. I re-echo entirely & with my whole heart your wise sentence: – 
    “so I look to the ordinary organization of work on sound principles for the main supply of Nurses - as of Doctors.” 
So do I. 
But as I & others have

understood Miss Garrett, she would exclude Rosa Bonheur, (unless indeed R. Bonheur was untrained & acted for an “emergency”) from Art. 
And, did you know a most remarkable woman aged 23, a Duchess Colonna, who exhibited sculpture at the Royal Academy this year - she works harder than a journeyman Mason - works for money - & asserts that all she has done - is: - “J’ai bien travaille.” 
The test of fitness for volunteer, for “religious” work has been made by some– by no means all - R. Catholics - & Miss Garrett has been understood (perhaps misunderstood) to support this view - to be: the
circumstance of being able
to serve without pay.
I remember our Mr. Clough
saying: - he would make
the test: to be able to
command pay.
    How entirely I agree with
him!
    how noble I think that
sentiment.
    And I am happy to say
that I know many
"religious" women, who
have entered the Nursing
Service on Mr. Clough’s
principle, from a
religious motive, (tho’

unable compelled to support
themselves & others by their
exertions) & have
been able to
"command pay".

Long live then the principle of the

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"religious" "motive" which
trains itself so well as
to be able to command
the highest pay!

Amen.
says F.N.                [end]
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Embley
Romsey Nov 16/66

My dear Dr. Farr
Very many thanks for your
Romsey Statistics –
You say: – “something must
be wrong. What is it?”--
Everything is wrong – parti=
cularly the drainage.
Your Mortality note has
produced a “sensation
prolongée”, in the hands
of the very energetic &
enlightened Doctor, who
is much interested about
drainage.
He says: – “I am glad

“that Romsey has so high a
“Death= rate in the Tables –
“- it certainly deserves it -
“- the sanitary arrangements
“are detestable.”
This unusual sentiment I
re-echo.
But= you know= “la,
reconnaissance n’est qu’un
vif sentiment des
bienfaits futurs” – my
Doctor of Romsey now
asks you the same
questions for Winchester.
What is the Mortality of
Winchester?
What ought it to be? –
You know, I dare say, that the drainage arrangements of Winchester are “detestable” & that my cousin, M.P. for Winchester, & I are on terms of a “mortal & undying hatred”, because he won’t do anything and I will. I am sorry to give you this trouble, if you are so very kind as to take it for us, about Winchester. But I think it does good. You see {overtop know} a communication from the Registrar General’s Office to us provincials is a moving event -

 ever yours sincerely & gratefully
 Florence Nightingale

Embley
Romsey
Nov 20/66

My dear Dr. Farr

Very many thanks for your Winchester Statistics -
And now again I come: - you know, “la reconnaissance &c”.

In order to help the Sanitary work at Romsey, could you send me the Diseases, especially the Zymotic ones, which make up Romsey Death=rate?

I have seen these (for 10 years) in a Report of
yours (which I think I must have in London)
You know how faithful I am to Lord Palmerston.
Eighteen years ago, he sent Dr. Sutherland down to Romsey to inspect -
My father has a letter of his, (written in his busiest time) of 12 pages, about Romsey sanitary affairs.
You know, I have no doubt, that Romsey is one of the oldest towns (ovetop illeg) in England - about the same age as Winchester. Winchester has sunk about 14 ft-
Romsey more - vide her Abbey -
You ask - what is the matter? -
Damp, dirt, bad drainage, over-crowding is the matter -
There is probably a cess=pool under every old house -
And the river Test permeates the sub=soil- And probably every house might obtain water under its own floor -
The whole level of the town is below the water.
ev ery yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane, London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr
Do you remember sending me the card enclosed? -
I am exceedingly glad that you are going to "statisticate" "the convicts."
This is one result of your work about the India prisons.
I have been asked to ask you to send me a draft for us to see, if you will kindly allow it.
== Very many thanks for the Romsey & Winchester Statistics.
- I hope it will bear fruit. [end]
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

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

My dear Dr. Farr
I have already had a request from Lady Herbert, very difficult to me to refuse, because it was urged on the ground of Sidney Herbert, to whom Mr. Watson’s recommender, Mr. Wyatt, was devoted - But I did refuse it - And I am glad of it, because I should think your recommendation a much higher one than Mr. Wyatt’s
[I have also had an
application from a third person, a Mr. Seymour, whom I don’t think much about.]

But I am obliged to refuse you, however unwillingly, for this reason: –

It is not only as Secretary (to the Middlesex Hospital) for which your word for your protégé would be quite enough & more than enough for me, that the appointment is to be made – but as “Secretary” and “Resident Superintendent”. Now this may be an Office quite as special (in a Hospl=) & requiring quite as special qualifications as that of a Supt= of Nurses – I am quite unable, overworked as I am, to make such enquiries either as to the duties of the Office or as to the competency of the Officer for fulfilling them, as would alone justify me in voting.

I have told Lady Herbert that, when she remembers, in Sidney Herbert’s days, the excessive care in enquiry taken to select Officers- out of the whole Army- for similar posts in Military Hospitals – she cannot but see that
the Supt= (of a Hospital) must not only be a competent man, but must have had training, - and that I cannot give the time & strength to investigate these things. I would take your word for a Statistical man sooner than that of any man in Europe or America - if that were all. I fear poor “Middlesex” is in a bad way on many accounts - with which moral reflection pray believe me, tho’ in haste, Ever yours gratefully F. Nightingale

[2] its object)- what mischief would he not make out of any one line which I have written to you? ----! I therefore commend it to your utmost discretion. And now I do hope, my dear Dr. Farr, that this is the very last word you ever will hear from me on this matter - [tho’ many, I hope, on many others] My best friends have always recommended
me never to answer,  
  never to read even  
  any public mis-state  
  ments about my plans -  
And, if I did, my whole  
life would have been  
taken up with  
discussion - especially  
for the first 5 years  
after the Crimean War.  
And I mean rigidly  
to adhere to this in  
future.  
My reason for giving you  
so much trouble was  
on this occasion was  
that I was myself  
quoted - This was the  
statement made to me  
not from one but from  
many  
  [and I must say that,  
after reading what  
Dr. Stewart himself  
states that he said,  
I should myself  
have put the same  
construction upon it  
which my informants  
did]  
“that a Dr. Stewart was  
in the possession of a  
private letter from  
me to him, in which  
I stated that, after  
having applied the  
“N. Fund” to a scheme  
for nursing Hospitals  
by “volunteer ladies”,}
I had been forced to relinquish this “source of supply” & to alter my scheme, falling back on the humbler Nurse, because I had found that “ladies” would not submit to training”. Dr. Stewart himself reiterates that he said that I said what amounts to this. Whereas I cannot see in Mr. H.B. Carter’s letter, taken in connection with the proposal of the Middlesex Hospital, (to which it was a reply,)

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[3] one word which can be forced into such a construction. But I really mean this to be the very last word I shall write on the subject.

What he says & what I say, after all, matters little. The real truth is in what you said: — that Nursing is an Art— that an Art must be acquired by diligent training that the Artist must command the highest market pay for her
art- not from any standard set up by Miss Garrett or Miss Nightingale or Miss Any body- but from her own exertions & value_ that no class should be excluded from any Art- that each individual Artist should be taken on her own merits wherever you can get her, & trained to the highest perfection to command the highest pay.

It is perfectly true (what I see alluded to in the unfortunate letter) that I have always said to Mrs. Wardroper & to H.B. Carter - our object out to be to take any woman from any class, of any church (provided her qualifications are suitable) & train her as well as we can - & then, make the best bargain we can on her behalf for pay. I have also said - if a R. Catholic nun comes & will submit
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to our Regulations, to be trained, take her.]
    I trust that God will grant you patience (if that is not profane)
to read me - This is really Finis.
    And believe me dear Dr. Farr
ever yours gratefully & sincerely, tho’ exactingly, [in pencil]
your Howling Friend
Florence Nightingale

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Jan 4/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
    Park Lane,
    London. W.
My dear Dr. Farr
    I have kept the enclosed P. Stat.
    too long. But I have looked them carefully over. And so has Dr. Sutherland. [I had not the opportunity of shewing them to him before to day.]
The Tables we think very good.
    But ought they not to have put in a column for State of Health (& disease, if any) at time of discharge from prison after expiry of term of imprisonment or at time of transfer to another prison? – At p.p. 6,7 & seqq such a column might perhaps come in best -
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingdale
My dear Dr. Farr,

Many, many thanks for your note of May 11, your Report & two halves (Saint Teresa said that she began her reform with a Saint and a half.) I keep them all, upon my principle of: - Never give but always take.

I want a safe passage to substitute for another in a new edition reprint of the “Working-Class Edition” of my “Notes on Nursing”. Referring to female skirts I say: - 

"I wish the Reg. Gen. would tell us the exact number of deaths of burning occasioned by this absurd & hideous custom".

What would be a safe statement as to Deaths from clothes catching fire in women at the “fashionable” ages to put into my text? - If you would be so very good as to tell me this without much trouble, I should be, as ever,

your debtor & always

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
May 22/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr

I am exceedingly obliged to you for your holocausts — which are just what I wanted. But, they are very shocking. {'they are’ overtop illeg}

With regard to Mr. Lewis’ question: — it reminds me of a great many things: — 1. I meant long ago to have sent for your kind acceptance a copy of a paper on Workhouse Nursing (which I was asked for by the Poor Law Board) & which has been presented in a Report to the Ho: of C.)

& an abstract of it, which I was asked for by many Hospitals.

Also: — I send a copy of a pamphlet on District Nursing, actually established by Mr. Rathbone in Liverpool (the pamphlet is by him) — Till we have such District Nursing in London, we shall have done nothing — even when we have reformed all the Hospitals & all the Workhouses.

[You know I always concurred with you: — Hospitals belong to a stage of imperfect, or rather of non- =, civilization.]

Also: — I send an account of
the best Workh: Infirmary
(that of Chorlton Union
which has yet been built.
2.
I have written nothing exactly
on the subject which Mr.
Lewis desires.
I think
I sent you my "Notes on
Hospitals" - I was very
ungrateful if I did no-
But, unless you have it by
you, it may be convenient
if I send a copy now
(which please return to
me) - as Mr. Lewis may
like to look at the
Appendix (on Methods
of Nursing in Hospitals.)
I also send, as he desires,

the last Reports of the
"N. Fund."
From all this you will
gather that I look upon
the "lady," the "volunteer" --
which I suppose means
the unpaid - as a totally
subsidiary & unimportant
point in Hospital Nursing.
The two important, nay
essential points, (in
Hospital Nursing) are:-
1. that there should be
two collateral jurisdictions
   a. the secular government
      of the Hospl=  
   b. the government of the
      Nurses
      (as in Charing Cross Hospl
      now) vide my Appendix to [in pencil]
      "Notes on Hospitals" -
2. that every woman, paid  [8:39-40]
or unpaid, should be
trained - trained to her
Art - an Art which no
genius can conquer
without training - without
systematic, practical persevering,
continuous training by the
bed-side.
[The most singular test of
worthiness to serve God
in Nursing is: - to have
had a private fortune
left you]-
I hold that to serve
according to “mercantile”
principles from the
“religious” motive [I
thank thee, Jew, for teaching
me that word] is the
highest service - the
service most according
with the purpose of God -
of which we are capable.

The “Lancet,” quoted by Miss
Garrett, says: - “the Nursing
by ladies is the very best
Nursing England has seen” -
Is not that type {overtop illeg} Medical
doctrine? -
Because “ladies” have
happened to produce
nurses, who are better
than drunken old sots -
therefore all “ladies” are
good Nurses.
Because, in some internal
affection that the Doctor
did not understand, he
gave something, & the
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Patient got well - therefore,
in all internal affections
which the Doctor does not
understand, give the same,
& the Patient will get
well.
That is the type Medical doctrine
And it would apply to
Politics just as well.
Why does Miss Jones, of King’s
College & Charing Cross
Hospitals, succeed so well? -
Not because her Sisters
are “ladies,” but because
they are trained.
When I saw Miss Garrett’s
grave errors reproduced
in April’s Macmillan,
I began an answer -
I never finished it,
partly because I am so

driven by business - but
mainly because, in such a
subject, I think one ought
to write as a “preacher
of righteousness,” not as
a Church controversialist_
mainly because I think
one ought to write, not for
personalities, but for the
truth - not against Miss G.
but {over top illeg} for conviction’s sake.

Mr. Lewis’ question encourages
me to go on-- to write. And I think
I shall try to write a short,
terse paper “on my Art,”
-referring only to past
papers sayings as to fallacies
which should be avoided

{printed address upside down:} 35 South Street, - at the next
Social
Park Lane,
Science Meeting
London. W.

where you have a Section.
I send you the few words I jotted down for Macmillan (Which please consider private & return to me - I do not mean to send it) - merely to remind you of the view my experience takes (for Mr. Lewis) but not to shew him.

I had meant to ask you, some day, whether you could give me some safe, tho’ general, view - as to
1. the greater proportion of women (“ladies”), if greater, who, in England, have to earn their own & others’ bread, than in other countries.
2. the average rate of Governesses’ salaries - [my experience

- rather an old one- being that £50, the Hospital Head Nurse’s salary, is rather a high Governesses’ salary.

But, as I have said, I look upon this as quite a subsidiary point.

My object is no more to secure Hospital Head Nurse’s places for “ladies” who would otherwise be governesses- than I think Miss Garrett’s object ought to be for to secure them for the “lower middle class.” or for any class.

But I repeat - that Miss G. is perfectly unaware how many Sisters of Sisterhoods,-
aye, Supervisors too,-- are paid, (being absolutely penniless-) And quite right too!! I have been so interrupted in writing this.
Pray excuse its incoherence & believe me, ever, dear Dr. Farr, yours very sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale
I have recently been asked a question about the “Female Medical College” - & especially about Dr. Edmunds’ Lectures - of which College I think you are a patron - Could you, without much trouble, give me your view of its usefulness,-

especially as regards the point whether any practical course of clinical training is thereto attached? It would vary much oblige me.

F.N. [end 8:41]

Dr. Farr
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Park Lane,
London. W.
Private {up diag} March 3/68
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr

I return you with very many thanks, Mr. Spencer Wells.

The figures are satisfactory - but they would be more satisfactory, if Mr. Sp. Wells could take a small house in the country, high & dry, & operate there.

There are several points besides which should be noticed, - such as the state of the Patient, the period of the disease, the precautions taken during & after the operation - as compared with those which used formerly to be taken- & the period at which it used formerly to be operated upon.

However, this operation is evidently entering the domain of operative Surgery with a fair chance of good results.

About “M. Husson’s” “lucubrations” - it is an extremely awkward thing for me to have to confess that I don’t know whether I “have seen them” or not.

He wrote to me in October, saying they were coming. Since then I have received
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many Hospital documents
from Paris, "Comptes Rendus"
& things - but nothing
which at all tallied with
what I supposed these
"lucubrations" were to be.
I put off writing to him; -
and now - could you
let me see the "lucubrations"
for a minute (I will
return them by
Messenger) - in order that
I may know, before I
write to M. Husson,
whether they are not
what I have, or whether
they are? -

About our deplorable Midwifery

Mortality at King’s Coll:,
please to observe:- the
Hospital Committee & Dr.
Priestly have told their
own story. I have not
told mine - which is, if
it were worth telling, that
the person who raked out
the Statistics & who finally
had the ward closed, was
- I. They wanted - to
have the ward for male
Students & for “abnormal
“cases of parturition.” And
they have since applied to
us more than once to “build”
for them on the already
overcrowded ground of
King’s Coll: Hosp: - Could
you fancy every ward in
Private {up diag}
K.C.H. a Lying= in ward, probably one case out of 3 might not come out alive.
But I am too sick at heart to make a “row.”
We have had a loss quite irreplaceable in my dear friend & pupil, Agnes Jones, of the Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary.
She had the simplicity of a child & the power, quietness & activity of a General.
She was pretty & rich & young & witty - & never seemed to have had an idea in her head but to be “about her Father’s business” - And of that business she could get thro’ as much in 6 hours as most women in 6 months.
If you knew the difficulty there is in replacing her!!! - I am now wholly absorbed in this miserable business. I do think it is more difficult than it was to find a General in the Crimea- And this is what makes me so heart=sick, that people talk & write & gabble & print - and think it will do for the “lower middle class” - and here am I in my old age
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trying in vain to supply a
gap of this kind out of
any class! (a well-paid position
too)
“All they (which are in Asia)
have turned against me.”
“All” wo= “men forsook me.”
This is what I say in my old
age- But do not you betray me!
ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale

5474/117/1–2 signed letter, 3ff, pen, typed copy 43400 f212 [8:210]

35 South Street, Jan 23/69
   Park Lane, {printed address:}
   W.
Dear Dr Farr
   Many thanks for your
kind promise (about the
Lying- in & Fever enquiry.)
   Dr. Sutherland bids me
add now a suggestion
that, if you took all the
Births, deducting excess
in multiple births, you
would obtain the women
delivered, minus the
Still births - & that

on this number you might
calculate the Death-rate
We want to know the
percentage of Deaths
among women who are
delivered at home in
different Districts.
You will know so much
better than I do how to
tell what is wanted &
even what is wanted
that I stop here. [This is
only a Codicil to my
former Testament.]
== Thanks too about Mr. Lewis & the Liverpool Nursing Statistics in Districts - I have been having a good deal of correspondence with them since you were good enough to make those Reductions. And you have done them great good in putting them on their mettle & directing their mettle & directing their attention to points which, before, they thought of no importance- Whereas, before, they desired me not to return them the ‘slips’, as “these ‘slips’ “could be of no use to any “one but” me - now they have consented to keep their ships as a record & regularly look at your Sheets of Reductions (which they have now for the purpose) to be carefully returned to me. In considering the Death= rate among their Patients nursed at home, many things, as you say, have to be taken into account. One is, that they, (the District Nurses,) take the Patients
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        Park Lane, W.
turned out of the Hospitals as incurable. &c &c
But they, the Institution, are alive now - And
a great deal of valuable information will be elicited, thanks
to you - upon whom, as s mark of gratitude for past favours, we shall shortly return for more -
ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale

5474/118/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen, typed copy 43400 f234 [8:221-22]

Embley
Romsey
35 South Street, Aug 7/69
        Park Lane, {printed address crossed out} W.

My dear Dr. Farr
    I have just received Lefort’s “Maternités” thro’ your kindness & could not restrain my ardour from glancing thro’ it at once - but, tho’ I have done no more than this, I must not indulge my ardour at the expence of my gratitude, but will thank you at once (for the loan of it)
    It is a most important work - not however exhaustive - & in some places disappointing e.g. tho’ the Statistical Tables
are many & good, he does not
distinguish between Causes of
Death, as you do -
also: he devotes too many
pages to the different
“Letters of Admission” (in
different Lying= in Institutions)
- which certainly don’t give
Puerperal Fever, (except to the
reader.)
Then he gives a just amount
of space (& of indignation)
to the Paris “Maternité” -
the Death=rate of which
actually reached in 1864
202 per 1000- as we see
from M. Husson’s Tables -

but gives no plan.
[ I have never been able to
procure or to see a plan of
the Paris “Maternité’”]

There are however valuable
plans & Tables in the book
of Vienna, Munich &c
“Maternités”. - & also
proposed plans for Lying=
in Hospitals.

Englishmen must make
haste. Or these Frenchmen
will out strip us.

Dr. Lefort takes my view:
that, as ‘women will have
children (tho’ they had much
better not) there must be
Midwives
& as Practical Midwifery
can only be taught in Hospitals,
what we have to do is to
find out the form of
Hospital which is not
destructive to Lying= in women.
[Like every other Frenchman,
he expends a great deal of
wrath, upon the total or
partial exclusion of
unmarried mothers from
our Lying= in Hospitals -
which, tho’ I agree with
him as to its being queer
morality,) is rather will-timed
wrath, considering that poor
mothers go to Lying= in
Hospitals to die, but to
Workhouses to live - ]
at least in a much greater
proportion.

As I shall make the book a
study, I will not trouble
you with any more remarks
at present.
2. I heard that, at the
Leeds “Medical Association,”
of which I think you were
a Vice-President, a paper
was read upon Lying= in
Hosp= Mortalities - by whom I
know not.

Should I gain any
new information from it?-W
Was there any discussion? -
ever, my dear Dr. Farr,
yours truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale
My dear Dr. Farr

I have none but my old excuses: want of strength & want of time which are the same thing: for my delay in returning you the enclosed.

I have scarcely any points to raise: none which have not occurred to you a thousand times.

Your principle of obtaining a Certificate of Death from a public Medical Officer is undoubtedly the true one. About the manner of carrying it out is the only difficulty.

You propose, do you not? - in defect of a Medical Certificate to send the Officer of Health to give one after enquiry. But if the Officer of Health does his own duty as he ought (which perhaps he seldom does now) he would have but little time for private practice - which he now takes. or for any Registration duty.

[Mr. Chadwick & many others I believe wish to keep him entirely to his special work.]

Even if the Officer of Health had time, is he not non- extant except in towns? - For country villages he does not exist

Should you think of employing the Poor Law Medical Officer on this duty?

Or: simply refusing burial without a Medical certificate?

Or: empowering the clergy to send a Medical man to give the certificate?

These are merely points raised on which I am quite sure you have long since made up your mind upon sufficient evidence.

Until the modus operandi is settled, we could scarcely apply to Mr. Stansfeld, especially as a recommendation has already been made to him

We fear, as you must, anything which would turn the Officer of Health still farther from his duty.

[Have they not in Paris a distinct Staff of Officers - “Verificateurs” - for this work?]
I trust that you had a letter from me thanking & paying my statutory debt for the Certificate of Death of Mathilde von Raven - also: with a long story about Quetelet’s Physique Sociale its being out of print & Oxford final Examinations in its subjects-

Pray believe me ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

July 13/72
Miss Heaton
Sanitary Education {in another hand: Please return to F.N.}
My dear Dr. Farr

I should always be glad to see your hand-writing & do anything, if I could, at your bidding, were I ten times as busy & twice as ill as I am.

I have a very great respect for Miss Heaton’s work- and you know whether I am not almost inclined to attack too much importance rather than too little to any proposal for practically teaching Sanitary things - a matter of life & death to millions.

Will you allow me to give such poor advice as I can (in obedience to Miss Heaton’s request) through you? And then you will forward what part, if any, is worth transmitting to her.

As Miss Heaton so justly says: the main difficulty lies in the training of Sanitary teachers. There is a wide gap between distributing Sanitary tracts & talking to Mothers’ meetings- and- a proposal to duplicate the William Farr Esq &c &c
teaching Staff of England for Sanitary purposes at the public cost.
Is it not a great objection to any scheme: the making Sanitary teaching a specialty?
Should it not be carried on by existing School agencies? - It is a branch of education= and as such has been extremely well taught in certain schools.
Will not a great deal of time be in all probability lost in discussing this question of Missionaries & getting their pay eventually refused by Mr. Lowe?
The principle is beyond doubt what we all of us most desire to see thoroughly established. Should you not 'go for' its introduction in (Government &) Training= Schools for Teachers so that the teachers, men & women, may be able to apply the principles in their lessons?
There are several Treatises for the use of Schools. But as to these your advice will be better than mine.

As to Mothers’ Meetings which now, thank God, exist all over England in thousands: - they are admirable places for giving instruction; and to do this the ladies themselves who hold them must observe, read up & think - gaining actual practical information by going themselves into artisans’ & labourers’ dwellings, so as to apply their own superior considering powers to the actual experience of which the poor dwellers themselves alone can have.

It is a matter of civilization, as you would say, in which the educated should teach the (comparatively) uneducated.
Is there any place at present where any woman could be sent for Sanitary training?
I know of none -
Is this either quite necessary?
Many educated women have good practical heads - and with some reading & more thinking & most observation they can say all that is
necessary to mothers.

What is wanted is: not to make parrots of them but to make them think about & feel about opening windows, cleaning houses, washing, dressing & feeding infants properly &c &c &c &c “minding baby”, in short & “minding” sinks, utensils, drains, dust holes, refuse &c -

The more quietly & without formality (of Lectures & Staff), - the more thoroughly & efficiently.

[N.B. The great temptation of women mothers in the North is to go out to work in mills, even tho’ they actually pay-more than they earn- in ‘putting out’ their infants to be killed with sleeping= mixtures— Such women would better be reached by “ladies” & “Mothers’ Meetings” than by any formal organization of Lecturing - would not they? For they might actually be able to repeat all that could be taught by Lectures, as many a woman in “high life” can & yet leave their children - these to nursery= maids, those to old ‘Daffy’s Elixir beldames.] -

School= teaching would in time do the rest would it not?

[A woman like Miss (Dr.) Elizabeth Blackwell could do much good in a Female Teachers’ Training School -] May God speed the work! ever yrs sincerely

Florence Nightingale
My dear Dr. Farr

Will you allow me to confide to your absolute discretion, leaving it to this solely what you will tell Miss Heaton, some further details in answer to her letter which I enclose?-

The real difficulty is: in the training. The way she proposes viz. to send them “for a year” to the “British Nursing Asscn=“ which has now at last very properly its Training= School in the R. Free a Hospl= (the R. Free) is: simply to turn them out rather inferior Nurses without any Sanitary knowledge at all but what is heaven= born.

[I will not trouble you with all the vicissitude of that unfortunate Asscn= - which, as often happens, I have laboured to assist almost as much as one of my own children.] It is now fairly well in its legs- with a tolerable, not highly trained, Supt= & with its School, as it must should always be, in a Hospital- but is still, among Nurse= Training= Schools, inferior - among Sanitary schools, nil.

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

Can Sanitary knowledge (for health & not for sickness) be taught at a Sick Nurse Training School, which must necessarily be in a Hospital, where the best that can be taught of Sanitary knowledge is: how to keep a Sick Ward or Sick Room healthy? I doubt it.

My experience does not at all go to finding that a good Sick Nurse makes a good the best Children’s Nurse. or housekeeping= mother.

[You can see this even in Medicine- The best Pathologists by no means make the best Doctors, do they?- Does having the attention almost exclusively directed to disease ensure attention to the requisites for health? I doubt it.]

2. I cannot dwell sufficiently upon the necessity of any ‘lady’ Sanitary teachers going about themselves among the people, in order to teach any practical good - knowing for themselves the conveniences or inconveniences of the people’s dwellings - what can be done & how to do it.

Without this, all the parrot Lecturing in the world will do no good- All the thinking & reading in the world will only draw rules & maxims out of their innermost ‘Ich’- & rules & maxims never cleaned a room or fed a baby. It is like a Doctor proposing to deliver a Lying- in case without seeing her. It is like that Dr. who made grand schemes. (on paper) about training “pauper women to be Nurses”. When we came to do it, & under the best possible auspices, we found that the only women whom we must absolutely exclude from nursing pauper= patients are: the paupers- [But nothing would ever convince the schemer.]

One must know oneself the Sanitary & insanitary wants of the people & what to do to supply them in order to do it & in order to teach them how to do it. It is what I have done myself all my life as long as I could ‘get about’. And I assure you I would not now undertake practical teaching (I say it with grief) because I can no longer ‘get about’ to see the defects & how to remedy them for myself - If there is any merit in my hints in the ‘Labourer’s Edition’ of
‘Notes on Nursing’, it is that there is not a word except of practical experience in it— And
every day we must be learning practical experience - Nothing stands still so little as this. If we are not making progress every day, we are going back a little every day.

But who am I to be saying this to such a Master as you are?

3. I wish I could say or do something more useful than all this. But I leave it in the hands of a Master - And that is my comfort.

The importance of Miss Heaton’s work is beyond compare - May God speed the work & the workers. I say again - & am ever yours most truly Florence Nightingale

5474/122 signed letter, 1f, pencil

35 South St.
Park Lane W. Feb 27/73

My dear Dr Farr

I received your packet last night -
I thank you more than I can say for your note, & paper with its kind inscription - I will study the books & return them to you - reporting to you any thing that may occur to me -

I have had a note from our dear friend Quetelet, telling me that he has sent me two Opuscules - one on Herschel - which have not come - & not telling that he has set about his 2nd Edit: of 'Physique Sociale' -

I think I will send you the note.

Yes = indeed I was sorry for the loss of the Grand Duchess Helena - She was a noble & useful 'power' -

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
My dear Dr. Farr

I heard quite accidentally that Quetelet died last week at Brussels—
If it be true, you will know it. Please tell me.
I cannot tell you how the death of our old friend touches me: the founder of the most important science in the whole world, for upon it depends the practical application of every other: the Science essential to all Political & Social Administration, all Education & Organization based on experience, for it only gives the exact results of our experience: he did not live to see it perceptibly influence statesmanship & government in any practical manner:

nor to influence Education at all—
he did not live even, I believe, to prepare that second Edition I so pressed him for:

And I have not answered his last letters: nor thanked him for his last pamphlet—
Some months ago, I prepared the first sketch of an Essay I meant to
publish & dedicate to him of the application of his discoveries to explaining the plan of God in teaching us by these results the laws of our moral progress: to explaining, in short, the path on which we must go if we are to discover the laws of the Divine Government of the Moral World -

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I had pleased myself with thinking that this would please him - But painful & indispensable business had so pressed upon me as to prevent me from ever finishing my sketch - And now it is too late: for him: or if done at all it will only be an In Memoriam - And business is more painful & pressing than ever to prevent even this -

You who have so worthily worked out some of the most important results of the Master Science are indeed worthy now to give the world some inspiring account of our great Quetelet-
I have been at Embley
with my poor mother:
& return there in a few
weeks to bring her
away -
The last month deprived
me of two homes: my
dear Father: & Mrs-
Bracebridge, more than
mother to me -
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My dear Dr. Farr
I cannot thank you
enough for your 2 letters:
- no one’s letters are so
inspiring as yours:
- they are like a spring of
water in the desert-
I return with thanks
our dear old friend
Quetelet’s Obituary sheet=
one would like to know
more of the last days
of such a man:

one is glad to think
that he had so many
kindred:
but yet I think he would
not have liked his ‘sheet’-
Do you remember how he
objected to the dying
being “munis des secours
de la” R. Catholic “religion”?-
Yet his was the very
highest kind of religion:
the seeking in the laws
of the Moral World which
he had done so much to
discover the action
or plan of Supreme Wisdom
& Goodness -  

As soon as I have studied your Census Report in some small measure as it deserves, I shall write to you about it: I can now only tender my heartiest thanks & beg you to believe me dear Dr. Farr ever yours sincerely  
Florence Nightingale

5474/125/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen {black-edged paper}

Quetelet  
35 South St.  
Park Lane W.

My dear Dr. Farr  
June 26/74

My own feeling would be simply in favour or a Portrait such as you propose. Does it not appear the best sequitur to the Brussels Bust? Has not one to look into the future & see whether in raising a high class monument to him we revere, one {overtop we} are is not raising a low class monument to one self in after times? We want to commemorate that such a man had lived & that such work had been done.

2. Is there much force in Medals or Scholarships in such a case? Have we not an absolute plethora of Statistics & literary Statisticians? My feeling and I believe yours would be to found a Medal in memorial of our dear friend to encourage young men to take existing Statistics, (his & yours & others’,) & tell us what to do with them? [We want a similar Medal, do we not?, for Meteorological observations.] I never read Quetelet’s Physique Sociale (which I have done over & over again) without being astounded as the force
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of genius & of accurate observation
which has produced such a work:
but also never without feeling that
such a man should have lived 150
years instead of 75: that it is but
an Introduction & even an imperfect one
- & that the world might be reformed
& transformed [almost into the fabled
Millennium: there will be no heaven
unless we make it:] if it did but

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know how to make use of the
Statistics which Quetelet has given us
in reforming Legislation, Government,
Criminal Law, Education, Institutions,
Sanitary practice, &c &c &c -
[Quetelet’s chapter on Medicine alone
is a book for a whole Profession
to work out.]

May you who have done so much
already – and I- and this generation now
springing up be called more & more to the sacred
duty- of applying Statistics to
reform the world!

I hope to be allowed to subscribe. (that money is a small matter)
to any Memorial: Pray believe me
dear Dr. Farr
ever yours faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

I return the son’s letter which I think
is beautiful- I feel quite glad that
he had such a son with him in his
latter end. They have sent
me, probably thro’ your kindness, the
printed account of his “Funérailles” -
Alas! I should have had such pleasure in
telling him what now is doing
for India- which may be crowned by a reform
of the Ryot’s wrongs- & the Zemindar’s ‘rights’.
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5474/126 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

35 South St
Park Lane W.
March 23/75

My dear Dr. Farr

You know how it grieves me not to do at once anything that you ask.

But I shall be on Committees no more.

I hope to be permitted to contribute to any fund that you may set on foot for poor Dr. Rumsey. Your printed letter is admirable. I wish all success to your good work

===--- You know that there is to be a Meeting (2 vert lines down folio)
on Thursday in honour of our dear old friend, Sir Ranald Martin.

I have not yet thanked you for your most kind letter on New Year’s Day=
yours is always the most welcome encouragement that I have.

I received the other day from the son of our noble & beloved old Quetelet a Sketch of his life & work, which I could not help reading through at once-

Quetelet’s work is always & still the subject of all others which interests me most.

But I do not see it make the progress it ought, especially in our places of Education.

Could you not urge M. Ernest Quetelet to republish, much shortened, re-arranged & all repetitions cut out, & the invaluable (2 vert lines down folio)
matter transposed so as to be more connected, Quetelet’s Physique Sociale & Anthropométrie. These standing classics of his genius are almost (now) wholly unknown at our Universities, & among even highly educated English people: tho’ Herschel did so much to popularize them once for us.

ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale
Telegraph
Steeple Claydon. Bucks {printed, up diag}
to help - the age of women
to study administration more
than Claydon House
glittering politics Winslow, {printed address} Bucks.
generally speaking, except on holidays, not to limit oneself to the times the number of words that we have of meaning
not to seek to do, like men so much as to do the thing that is wanted
to observe the results of charity whether public of private, pauperizing or depauperizing of schools & methods of continuing Education thro’ life of prisons whether once in prison always in prison - or whether reforming of training in Nursing whether Hospital or private & not to be seeking some new thing without knowing the result of the old & in all things to consider life not as a lecture or a book but as action with results cause & effort - not empirical

My dear Dr. Farr
There were three letters in the Lancet yesterday against our Army Medical School - They are easily answered - But Mr. Herbert has also received remonances from
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Lord Haas & Lefroy
M.P. for Dublin.
And we want to have the Lancet on our side.

Would you ask the Editor not to commit himself till he has heard our side of the question?

You will find Sutherland here to morrow at 6 o’clock. And we will draw up a statement which we depend upon you to father upon the Lancet, & make them give a Leading Article in our favor -

yours most sincerely

F. Nightingale

Nightingale’s letters to Farr are mainly at the Wellcome Library, Ms 5474, a total of 128 letters, ranging from
I cannot thank you enough, I cannot thank you enough.

Those precious signs of him -
   the signature in his own hand
   the books Reports he had read
& wished me to read -
the place where he left off -
they have hardly been out of
my hands since -
O India for which he had
done all, would that I
could do something for her -
O poor Lady Lawrence - poor
daughters- & yet not poor,
rich beyond all - for they
have had, have still the
greatest hero this half-century
of our day -

has seen - the Vice gerent not
only of an earthly sovereign
   but of God =
the re-creator of whole races -
   - yet humble & simple, as
became the highest servant of
   God, which he so truly
   felt himself to be: & of which
he was one of the highest in all time -
   O how he will be missed -
   And who will write his life?
None can do it but those who have lived as he lived.
But he will be with us still,
- he is living, not dead, living
   more than ever.
May his spirit be with us!
as Christ promised us that His would be
- he followed in so many ways
the steps of our Great Master -
- he is now in the presence of God
for which his whole life had made him fit.
He was so good as to come to see me (about Sanitary things) just before his hurried departure from England for India in December 1863. He spoke of Lady Lawrence - she know how - of the little babe unborn & of his children, his youngest. Then all about India - he had the blue eye & tender expression in it of a girl of 16 - & the brow, the head of the Ruler of nations, the Statesman, the General - a greater never ruled: I can write no more. God bless & support Lady Lawrence & his children. There is not in all the world who can feel with them as I can. O may not his body not lie in Westminster. Abbey, where all may see & be inspired by his greatness. And may I say how you are to be envied for all you have done for him. May I write again? yrs, overflowing in grief & sympathy, Florence Nightingale [end

9:626]
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July 30/79

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

Dear Miss Gaster

How good of you to remember the photographs for me. Even you cannot imagine how I have looked & longed for them. They were like a message.

And even you cannot imagine how deeply sorry I am that I cannot see you this morning, as you so kindly offer.

This is the month of Matrons to me: of the seeing all our trained Matrons.

And I shall miss the divine strength of hearing all about him who was so strong from you.

Alas! we shall miss him more & more every day:
what must it be for Lady Lawrence?

Kindly promise - you say you will be in London again in 3 months - to let me know: & promise me a visit. I shall look forward to it. My memory of him will be as fresh, my feeling of his loss ever increasing, as any - - -

O what can we say about such a loss? There are no
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words.

   I have dried the rose which came from his coffin. His books are ever before me.
   I will write again: the ‘message’ of the photograph.
   God bless you: do not forget that I shall be longing to see you again.
   May I say: write down now all that about his last days, his last years which you knew so well - all that you remember of him - it will be so valuable, so precious -
   “How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!”

   And God continue his work in India
   God bless you
   And God bless Lady Lawrence & his children -
   ever yours in his name

Florence Nightingale

[end 9:627]
July 31/79
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gaster

I cannot thank Lady Lawrence enough for the photographs.
May I try & say to you what they say to me: [I think they say it more plainly even than when first I saw them, before the body of our hero was laid in Westminster Abbey.]

I have never seen any thing so beautiful or so holy in the holiest pictures of the old Masters. If it had been an old picture, we should have said: how far Art transcends Nature:

the lips slightly parted - (like those of a child in a rapture of joy in first awakening)
with a child-like joy at entering into the presence of the Heavenly Father whom he had served so nobly - & so humbly -

the poor eyes looking down, but as if they were looking inward into the soul to realize the rapture of surprise that is there-God for the first time dwelling in him in His fulness -

like Milton’s: “And joy shall overtake him like a flood” -

the face so worn - “it behoved Him to have suffered
these things that He might
   enter into His Glory”-
   what words those are!
here it was the joy arising out
if the long trial, the toil:
the Cross out of which came
the Crown:
   the expression that of the
child-soul rising spiritually
out of the worn-out body
shuffling off the ‘mortal coil’:
& passing into the immediate
presence of God.
The subject is almost too
sacred to write about
   “My father - my father - the
chariot of Israel & the
horsemen thereof” - as they
bear him away from us into
the immediate Presence of God

we see the path of light
left behind - & we ask:
Upon whom has fallen the mantle?
   Upon whom?
It shall not be: “her last
great man” sad India
now deplores:
who shall write his life?
   I think so much of that -
- that he may not be the last.
you cannot think how
little he is known in England
   -And how the little curs here {'And’ overtop &}
have barked & bit round
the heels of the noble lion!
   And now he is gone to
undertake yet greater labours,
to bless more worlds in the
service of God.
I could not but write a word of thanks to Lady Lawrence to-day. Did I know where you were going, I would venture to write again: there is so much to say.

You cannot think how I deplored not being able to see you: but one cannot throw aside duties to do honour to the man who was above all the man of duty.

in haste to catch you before you go: with the precious photographs & his books ever before me at my bedside yrs ever in sorrow but not in sadness Florence Nightingale

That account was so infinitely touching which you gave about his having left nothing behind him, & the old shoe horn.

You know, his was an ideal character: it was the ancient Roman, the Christian hero Saint, the chivalrous Knight, & Statesman, & the anchorite of the first ages of Christianity, all in fused into one with the tender husband of domestic life. If he had been a youthful lover instead of a Viceroy, going to his Empire, he could not have spoken of her differently than he did to me in December 1863.

F.N. [end 9:628]
My dear Miss Gaster,

I am always thinking of the question, as you put it, as to who could best write the life of Lord Lawrence, — a ‘Memorial’ I think of more importance than perhaps any other, or than anything the world could have said to it at this moment.

And I have been making inquiries.

I am afraid what I have to suggest, if indeed it could be of any use, has been delayed too long to be of any.

The first thing is: what are the materials?

The Despatches he wrote from the Punjab, especially at the time of the Mutiny, (I suppose, to the Governor-Genl=?) must be absolutely priceless.

[The D. of Wellington’s Despatches could not be of so much importance.]

These, I believe, have never been published.
Would they be at the India Office or at Calcutta? or both?
And have they been asked for?

As to the correspondence, you are making a list of it.
The next thing is: what does Lady Lawrence propose?
I supposed that the entire Life could not be published at once, because parts of it must bear so hard on persons still living or lately dead.

I venture to think that the great deeds of his Vice-royalty would receive better justice some 10 or 12 years hence.
But what I hope will be brought out at once without any delay is: his G not the whole Life, IF that cannot be done,

but a Biographical sketch of his Government of the Punjab, especially at the time of the Mutiny.

There is scarcely any deed of history,—ancient, or modern, to compare with this—the winning over the Sikhs to save the Empire, the denuding himself of help, & the having so converted our late fierce enemies that he could send them to save us

“Lord, here am I: send me”, has been said by many, (like Isaiah). But he could {‘like’ overtop illeg, ‘But’ overtop illeg}
say, ‘Lord, here are they, send them.’

This is what everybody can understand, what & reverence:
what everybody would read -
what would stir up no
hideous controversies
“o’er the grave where our hero
we buried”. But all would reverence,
I earnestly hope that those
Despatches are forth coming.
And there must be those
still living who could add
give the most striking &
telling personal facts -
among them Mr. Arthur
Brandreth -
But alas! how many are
dead!
The next thing is: who is
to do it?
Has Lady Lawrence thought

1. of the Dean of Westminster?
   One drawback is: that
I believe he had not the good
of being much acquainted
personally with Lord
Lawrence: the other is
that he is very much occupied.
The Materials must be
placed within easy access
to him. But if he
undertook it & was inspired
by his subject he would
make something like a worthy
representation either of the
whole Life or of the Punjab
epic.
2. Then there is Mr. Theodore
Walrond: the C.S. Commissioner.
He wrote Lord Elgin’s life.
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Lord Lawrence’s life is on the heroic scale, & should have a hero to write it.

But where are the Indian heroes who shared his labours, & who can are also writers? Who survives?

Mr. Walrond has judgement: & in the selection among correspondence & Despatches, perhaps good judgement is as much wanted as good writing. If he undertakes it, he should write the whole life.

3. Then there is Mr. Froude: he would do it well: but he is so plastic one never knows what line he will take.

4. I confess that if the Dean of Westminster is not to be had Mr. Geo. Trevelyan is the person I should like to see write the Life. What he writes would be read. And is he capable of such enthusiasm. But he is very busy.

5. If he cannot be had, what would Lady Lawrence think of Sir Charles Trevelyan—not to write the Life but to write the Punjab part of it? He has such a true feeling of Lord Lawrence’s great career. If the Punjab could be elicited out of him, it would be done with the just enthusiasm of a friend.

{printed address upside down:} 10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.
6. Of other Indians, there is
Col. Malleson:
what would Lady Lawrence
think of him?
the sketch he wrote of Sir
John Lawrence was infinitely
below the mark—(published
7 or 8 years ago, or more,
in a volume with sketches
of Sir B. Frere & others.)
But he is known as a writer.
7. Col. Sleeman was a good
writer: but he is dead, is he not?
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Cannot you think of some
Indian writer, who is not
dead? Who would & could
do some justice to the subject?
& who personally took part
in his life? or else even one who
could be a Johnson’s Boswell?

8. Lastly, there is, in default
of a more experienced writer,
Sir Arthur Hobhouse: he
is painstaking & conscientious
—he is an earnest supporter
of Lord Lawrence’s opinions
on Afghan policy—
I pray God that some one
may be found: not wholly
unworthy of the subject.
Why are there no Plutarchs
now? No Thucydides?
Lord Lawrence would be a
finer subject than for them for such an historian
than Pericles was for Thucydides.
I cannot think but what
some one will be raised up
to do it.
I trust I shall see you again in London this autumn.

& must ask your forgiveness for not having written sooner.

It is not for want of thinking of him whom we have lost & of those he has left without him.

I had to come down here (in Derbyshire) to take charge of my dear Mother. This is always ‘neck or nothing’ to me. Last year it was ‘neck’: this year it is ‘nothing’: that is, it was a nervous fever with 90 hours of sleeplessness -

But I must not trouble you with my troubles:

God speed the work of making John Lawrence known to this world - as he is to God & heaven & the saints & heroes gone before.

yrs ever sincerely F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5475/5/1-3 signed letter, 5ff, pen

Lea Hurst

Cromford Derby Oct 20/79

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

My dear Miss Gaster

The prayer is ever before me that this great man’s life may be made an inspiration for generations to come: as well as the thought of Lady Lawrence which does not leave me.

But I have hesitated to write because you kindly promised that you would let me “know the result” whether “the Despatches written by Lord Lawrence from the Punjab” were
Wellcome Ms 5481

“forthcoming on application”.
    I feared to appear impatient
Possibly Lady Lawrence & her advisers may already have come to a decision as who shall write his life. The materials, as you have shown, are ample.

I think matters stand on a very different footing now than they did before the appalling events at Cabul, which one is almost glad he did not live to see, proved his unerring knowledge & forecast in so terrible a manner: I mean that people are much more disposed to read the great lessons of his life now. Who is to write them?

You asked me about Professor Bryce “whether he would do justice to a work like this”. He is an extremely able man, but I believe he neither could nor would undertake it. I have questioned intimate friends of his & mine, who have the highest admiration for him: but they say he is too busy & scarcely the man for the work.

You ask: would Mr. G. Trevelyan undertake it? I cannot but think that he might & be inspired by it:
he is writing, I understand, the life of Fox now: but as that has waited so long, it might wait longer. And, were Mr. G. Trevelyan to see the wealth of materials so grand and so ample before him for such a Life, I do believe that he could not resist. And his father, Sir C. Trevelyan, tho’ without writing, might contribute materials. The friends who thought that Professor Bryce would not undertake it suggested the Revd- Stopford Brooke who wrote the life of the Revd- _Robertson. I merely mention the name: I do not know that Mr. Stopford Brooke has any Indian knowledge & can scarcely conceive that he would ‘get up’ such an immense subject.

Another person who has been suggested to me is one known, I believe, to Lady Lawrence: “T.C. Saunders”: he is a clever dexterous writer, indeed, I believe am told much the cleverest of the men suggested- writes well in the ‘Saturday Review’- & has some knowledge of Indian things.

It appears as if these men stand, as desirable writers
of the life, x in the following order:

first:
   Mr. Geo Trevelyan
next:
2. Mr. Theodore Walrond
then Professor Bryce
then Mr. Saunders.

x I entirely agree that it would not do to forestall the “Life” by a short Biography. I only thought that a sketch of his Punjab action during the Mutiny might be published at once: & his ‘Life’ later. But I am no judge of these things.

Still I cannot help thinking that one of his own disciples, one to whom he was Guide & friend, one who has followed in his steps in Indian Administration – that great career – would still be the best person to write his life. And of Sir R. Temple would undertake it, & is good writer enough, he would be the man.

I thank you most heartily for having shown me this beautiful letter – I did not know he could write such an one– & I return it most gratefully.
Probably the momentous question has been settled already of who is to be the writer.

I pray God that this great & unique life may be worthily done.

You, I trust, have written down, (“committed to writing”, expressive words: our memories are so treacherous), all the precious details of his last weeks & months & even of his last years.

I suppose Lady Lawrence is now expecting home Mrs. Cunningham: that will be a renewal of grief but a comfort to both.

Possibly Lady Lawrence has returned to London.

Fare you all very well, very well, in the highest sense.

God has blessed his great deeds. May He bless them yet further.

No blacker cloud hangs over us than the dread that this second Afghan War will force ‘retrenchment’ in all good things.

It is a crisis almost as great as the Indian Mutiny for future good or ill—And we have no John Lawrence to ride the storm.

yrs ever sincerely

Florence Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5481

5475/6 signed letter, 1f, pen

Nov 20/79
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gaster

I have been so ill & knocked up on my return that I have hardly been able to sit up.
But I am almost appalled to think that you will be gone in a fortnight.
I hope that you will kindly be able to give me twice an hour before that going abroad.
How I do feel for Lady Lawrence, & wish that I could do the least little thing for her.

And how this Life of him clings to my thoughts!
Could you kindly settle, any day after to morrow (Friday), to see me at 5 or if more convenient to you at 4?
With the warmest sympathy ever faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
My dear Miss Gaster

You asked me to think over who could be of use in contributing information or help to Lord Lawrence’s life - Sir Wm Muir you have already.

Sir John Strachey would contribute a chapter on Sanitary matters. Ld Lawrence inaugurated Sanitary reform & Sanitary organization as Viceroy in India: And Sir John Strachey was his first appointment. I have always known Sir John S. as an enthusiastic disciple of Sir John Lawrence. Should he be otherwise now, I should still apply to him, because you do not want partisans on either side: you want honest men who will give information.

Col. Crommelin would contribute information on Ld Lawrence’s Barrack reforms.

Lord Northbrook says that a Mr. Jenkinson (I believe he is some relative of his) would give information & assistance, he did not say particularly on what subjects.
[Ld Northbrook is warm in his admiration of Ld Lawrence & would I have no doubt help.]
He mentioned that Sir Arthur Hobhouse “with Jenkinson’s help” might be of use: but is too much of a partisan & not earnest in religious matters.
You certainly know both men.
He also mentioned a Gordon (I do not quite know what Gordon he means) I believe he said Commissioner of Mysore He spoke of T.H. Thornton D.C.L. Is that the Mr. Thornton of the India Office? I know him Or the Dr Thornton of Upper India? I see you have a “Mr. E. Thornton” on your List.
There is a Mr. Elliott, the Secretary to the Famine Commission, just come to England. Every body seems to think he would be of so much use. All I have seen of his was most able. He too was of Upper India but he did not know Lord Lawrence, did he? [Was his grandfather Resident of Lahore?]
Dr. Hunter is also spoken of as able: but I am sure his sympathies are not right.
These are all the people
I have to mention just
now as likely to give information
I am quite sure you know
them all better than I
do: excepting perhaps
Sir John Strachey: &
Lord Napier of Magdala
Have you thought of the
last? He had much to
do with Sir John Lawrence
in the Punjab & afterwards.
Lastly: as an adviser people think a
great deal of Morley,
of the Fortnightly (Editor),
"who writes like Defoe:"
[Mr. Elliott’s History of the
Mysore Famine of 1877
reads like Defoe]
as a man to consult with
for good writers, in case
you fail in your present
search.
    May God speed you!
I do not think my letter of
this morning, or this
will be of any present use to you,
but at least I am trying
to do my best for as holy
an object as ever was
pursued
Did you ever think again
of Mr. Theodore Walrond?
in haste, believe me
ever faithfully yours & the cause’s
     Florence Nightingale
Most
Private {up diag}

Most singularly my brother-in-law, Sir Harry Verney, calling on Lord Northbrook this morning, & talking about a life of Lord Lawrence, met his nephew, Mr. Henry Cunningham, at Ld Northbrook’s.

Pray do not think if you hear this that I have been consulting Mr. Cunningham about this sacred matter.

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I should not weary or despair in this Quest of the Holy Grail: - that is the very best man who can be found to undertake it. The work will be so extremely interesting & inspiring, & if done by such a man, will add so much to his reputation that, if you find present difficulty, some good man, now in India, who served under Lord Lawrence, might ask to be entrusted with it. Surely some good man will offer if time is given.  

F.N.
My dear Miss Gaster,

I was very glad to receive your kind note. Do you know it has so strongly struck me that you ought to be the Private Secy—so to speak, of any one who wrote Lord Lawrence’s Life, as you were, of him whom we have lost during the last years of his life,—that I felt aghast at your going abroad, & almost hoped that the Life would not be written till your return?

No one could do it give the help illeg but you: as, apart from other distinguished characteristics, you have had such extraordinary opportunities of personally living Lord Lawrence’s experience. Nothing can replace that — specially in his case who was an individuality without a parallel.

The writing of this Life is an event unique in history, as he was unique in history. And it would seem as if everything should be made to work together for that to be done as well as possible.
Wellcome Ms 5481

I shall hope to see you before you leave England: I am very much overworked, but I would put off everything to see you once more. I may be no longer here in this world when you return.

Friday & Saturday & Tuesday & Thursday I am afraid I am quite full of engagements.

It is very good of Mr. & Mrs. Bosworth Smith to wish to see me. It is very many years since I have been able to see 2 people together- not even my sister & her husband. And my Doctor tells me to talk ‘only half an hour every other day’ -which is simply impossible.

I have not seen any one for years but with long-standing claims of business upon me who, including the Trained Nurses, are numbered by hundreds.

But if it would do the least good for me to see Mr. or Mrs. Bosworth Smith some afternoon that he or she would fix the week after next at 5 or at 4, I would. I am afraid I am quite ‘full’ till them.

I have written thus much to show that my ‘poverty & not my will’ consents to putting
But I cannot fancy that
I should be of any use:
because overwork prevents
my taking up such a subject
as this in the only way
that is deserving of it.
I do not know of any
“detailed account” of the
Jullunthur time. That
is the worst of the best of it
that there never was any
great man who was so
little written of— even
his Despatches not published.
I think there must be two
Thorntons, that is three.
1. Thornton ‘of the India Office’

whose initials are, I think,
W.T.: he writes on
Peasant Proprietorship
2. Dr. Thornton (T.H.) of Upper India
(L.L.D:) who is, I think,
the man Ld Northbrook
recommends.
3. Your Mr. E. Thornton.

God speed
I wish I could help more:

in great haste
yrs ever sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Jan 10/90

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

Dear Miss Gordon

I was very glad to hear
from you & of your vigorous health.

And in answer to yours,
you are fully entitled, I am
sure, from your past training
& experience to apply for the
post of Matron to St.
Thomas’ Hospital & Training
School of the N. Fund -

I have always wished you
Godspeed in each post that
you have filled; in my heart,
tho’ we have had so little
personal intercourse -

Will you excuse a brief
note & believe me
sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

5476/2 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private {up at an angle} April 11/90

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

My dear Miss Gordon

When I had the
pleasure of seeing you on
Tuesday, you will remember
telling me how much you
had wished to go round
the Wards with Miss
Pringle, & see her methods
with the Sisters then -
but that she declined it.

I saw Miss Pringle
last night, & she did
not appear aware that
she had declined it
She said that if on Monday next, you could make it convenient to come soon after 9 a.m. to go round the Wards with her, she would, so long as it is your own wish, gladly accede to it. She appeared to regret that, if you wished it, it had not been on Wednesday last, when you were in London. But she quite understood you to say that you did not think it necessary to ask her for anything more. Pray do not scruple either to accept or to decline this. If Miss Hughina Gordon is at Charing Cross (to whom my kind regards) it will make it easier for you to accept, if you wish it, by staying there. Could you kindly telegraph to me on receiving this (charging it to me, of course) & write to me besides? [Your letter I might very likely not receive till Monday] Pray give my kind regards to the Miss Gordon who is with you & believe me ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale
April 24/90
10, SOUTH STREET, [printed address:]

My dear Miss Gordon
When will you be so good as to come & see me?
I know how busy you must be. I trust that you are beginning to feel at home. I hope it will not make you feel less at home to pay me a visit.

Any afternoon that you would kindly appoint—about 5.15, except Tuesday when I am engaged, & Wednesday when you will have your Committee I should be at present disengaged for you—
yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

June 18/90
10, SOUTH STREET, [printed address:]

Dear Miss Gordon
You know what trouble we have been & are in, & I know you have sympathized with us—& I have wished so much to see you. Would it be quite convenient to you to come to see me any afternoon this week that you will fix, say at 5.15.
God bless you ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
My dear Miss Gordon

I hope you will be able to see me once more this next week before I go - [And then you will be going soon yourself.] If so, what afternoon would be least inconvenient to you this next week (after Monday));

I hope you approved of the few books I sent by Miss Solly for the Nurses. Would you kindly tell her that the 3 books (which were duplicates) may be given to Block 8, if you approve?

God bless you -

in haste, yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
Dear Miss Gordon,

I have been so very sorry not to write to you all this time; but we had so many & such incessant anxieties all the time that my poverty (of strength) & not my will consented to be silent. I have thought so much of your anxieties about Miss Mayne & her loss.

And now Christmas is coming. And you will be making Christmas presents for the Patients — whether for all or only for the children, will you kindly accept the little gift towards it which I enclose? And shall you not want some more? Please say.

I hope you have been well. I know you have been very busy. And I trust you are satisfied.
Wellcome Ms 5481

with the progress of your
good work - I never
hear anything of S. Thomas'
except from dear Miss
Crossland - I should so
like to know something
from you -
Pray give my love to
Miss Solly.
May God bless you all -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
I did not know that Sister
Obstetric was gone - tho I
might have know it.
I wish I had thought
of it in order to ask
you what little present
she would like.
What is she doing now?
in haste
F.N.

5476/7 incomplete letter, 1f, pen, black-edged

11/2/91
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon, {letter text vert. on page}
I have no excuse to make for not having
seen you but that I want to see you
so very much - And I have been so
pressed.
To-morrow (Thursday) at 5 and Friday
at 6 and Saturday at 5 - I would
so gladly see you or Miss Crossland
or Miss Solly - to whom my love.
And if none of these days
should unhappily suit none of you,

    I believe I could give some other days
next week, tho' I shall be disappointed
    I will write a line to Miss Crossland.
You will know that I had you in my
heart on New Year’s Day & every
day - wishing you & all the dear
Nurses all 1891's blessings.
Wellcome Ms 5481

How much I have to hear from you
Feb 27/91
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I send you back
for the Treasurer the
“Articles of Association”
with many thanks -
They are a great deal
more to the injury
of the Nurses than
any thing I could have
supposed possible.
I am sorry not to
have seen the two
“Resolutions” to be
proposed to-day.

But I dare say you
will have the great
kindness to let me
know the results of a
Meeting in which I
am so deeply interested
at your early convenience
I have seen several of
the Hospital protests -
Good speed to the
Meeting -
Thanks for your kind
letters -
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

I confess I should have
liked to kept the
“Articles”.
I hope the Treasurer
will not mind some
one having put pencil
marks & turned down
the two leaves -
March 14/91
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon,

Will you consider &
tell me what to say about
the application of this
lady Madame von der
Osten? I take for
granted, even if she
accedes to your “conditions”,
whatever they are, for a
foreigner, that she
cannot be admitted
on “April 1” - And
therefore I had better
write as soon as
possible - I hope

you are quite well -
I think you will have
Mr. Bonham Carter
again soon. Doubtless
you have heard of his
loss - a son, a fine lad
of 16 at Winchester who
is to be buried to- day
His father & mother
& Nurses were with
him.

I do so regret & even fret
that I have not been
able, I have been so
driven, to ask you
for an appointment

convenient to you this
week, but I shall
try early this coming
week.

You shall have your
books -

God bless you

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Please return me the
lady’s envelope & letter
Wellcome Ms 5481

with your answer.
Dear Miss Gordon,

I have taken the liberty of asking Miss Crossland with your leave to come this afternoon to me about the Register of Trained Nurses.

I hope this is no inconvenience to you or her -

yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

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May 19/91

Dear Miss Gordon,

Might I ask you to let me have your big red book - "Register of Certified Nurses" to-day again - which Miss Crossland carried back with her last night? It would be very kind - I will send it back in time for your Meeting to-day IF you desire

Bearer waits

yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale
5476/12 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

May 20/91
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

I send back your big book with many thanks.

When I look again at the American’s letter, which I had not time to do this morning in my hurry; I am sorry I was so civil - Imagine a gentleman getting an “interview” with a woman on the special plea that it is all for her “glory”!!

What a snob!

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[12:543]

5476/13 signed letter, 1f, pencil

June 26/91
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I suppose you are soon going on your holiday, well earned holiday - I am longing to see you -

Would it be quite convenient to you to come to see me to-morrow (Saturday) or Sunday or Wednesday next at 5.15 or at 6?

And then you will tell me how you are - & a great deal-

ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
My dear Miss Gordon

I hope you have come home refreshed & invigorated & that Miss Crossland has gone away to do the same — I am troubling you too soon, because Col. Lloyd - Verney writes to me that he is anxious to get his Vicar in N. Wales into St. Thomas’ Home - He does not say what the Vicar’s disease is - But he says: “we should be very grateful if somebody at St Thomas’ Hospital would write & tell us what

“arrangements are made “there for private Patients “& what would be the terms”. Col. Lloyd-Verney’s address is Clochfaen Llanidloes N. Wales if some one will kindly write to him

If you are kind enough to write to me, would you tell me how Mrs. Ashworth is, No 1 bed under Dr. Ord’s care - & what her prospects are - and if there is any little thing I might send her or pay for for her. Pray give her my kind regards - I do not know who the pro tem : Sister of that Ward is — Please give my love to Miss Solly —
yours ever most truly
F. Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5481
5476/15 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Claydon Ho: Winslow: Bucks
August 29/91

My dear Miss Gordon
Miss Ashworth: Charity Ward

I was very much obliged
to you for your kind Telegram.
But I am going to ask you
a still further favour.
The last I heard of her
was from Dr. Ord was on
the 15th & since then I
have heard nothing except
from my housekeeper
who seems to have heard
very badly of the case.

Could you be so very
kind as to tell me what
is the real state of the
case now - whether there

is any hope of operation
at some future time
being successful -
whether the tumour is
enlarging - & pain constant
& any thing that you
may be pleased to tell
me.

Would you be so very
kind as to provide any
thing for her that may be
ordered besides the belt- & charge it
to me? And may she have
some luncheon to take with her?

I know I am asking a
great deal of your kindness
I was so sorry to be away.
2. I condole with you that
Miss Masson } is going to
Sister George}
Wellcome Ms 5481

leave St T.’s most truly - Who succeeds her?
   Could you kindly tell me some present that she would like? Perhaps her friend Miss Messum (Sister Albert?) might know -
   I hope Sister George’s health is re-established
3. And I do hope indeed that Miss Messum’s is – Will you give her my kind love - & say that I have asked continually after her during her absence - & did so hope to see her after her return. But alas! It was not to be for me, till my return God bless you all. How are you yourself? Well – - - hopes ever yours sincerely F. Nightingale

5476/16 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged

Telegraph, Steeple Claydon. Bucks. {printed and up at an angle}   Sept 13/91
   Claydon House {printed address:}
   Winslow, Bucks. [12:440-41]

Dear Miss Gordon
Thank you so much for all your kindness to poor Mrs - Ashworth. She is very grateful But it is a sad case - [I will send you the money to- morrow for Belt by Registered Envelope with many thanks -] If there is any thing she wants for her journey to her mother’s to be easier, would you kindly give it her & charge it to me? & give her my kindest regards, & I will write to her dear mother while she is there. [end 12:440]
Prince Damrong, a Royal Highness of Siam, Minister of Education there, who really wishes to do his duty, has been staying here. [Mr - Fred: Verney is English Secy-to the Siamese Legation] in order to learn about many things - He is setting up Hospitals & wishes to train women Nurses. He has a great desire to see St. Thomas’ - And will you let him see it all, & particularly let Miss Crossland explain to him about the training - He speaks English, & asks questions - He said he would send to you the day before to say he was coming. [end 13:568]

I am so glad Miss Crossland is come back well. I am going to ask you about poor Arthur Sullivan who was operated upon 3 times, I believe, in St. Thomas’ Home - & whose life was saved, it is believed, by good Nursing - He is so very grateful, He is a cousin’s son of Sir Harry’s. I believe Mrs. Hannay put off her holiday to attend to him - Anything you would be so very kind as to tell me about him, any time, would be acceptable - [end 12:441]

With love to Miss Solly ever sincerely yours Florence Nightingale
Dec 16/91
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.
My dear Miss Gordon
Many a time I have
wished to write to you. I
hope you are pretty well.
Will you allow me to
send you this to help if
you are giving Christmas
presents to the Patients?
I have been expecting
to come back a very long
while -
May God bless you -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Dec 27/91
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.
Dear Miss Gordon
Thank you so much
for your beautiful Xmas
card & good wishes -
May all the highest
blessings of Christmas be
yours & the highest
hopes, I mean expectations
for God’s love, for the
New Year
It is grievous to part
with our Senior Sisters.
But I think, with you, Miss
Wellcome Ms 5481

Messum was right to go
   on account of health -
Could you be so very kind
   as to tell me of some
book or other thing that
   would be useful to her
in her new post?
I was so grateful to
you for your kind long
letter about all the
improvements in the
lodging &c of the Nurses.
It is so interesting to me

I hope your own health
   is good -
I trust to be in London in
   a week.
Pray give all my Xmas
good wishes to Miss Solly
   I know how busy you
are -
God bless you - & believe
   me always yours
   affectionately
F. Nightingale

The little people of the
   Verney clan were so
encharmed with their visit

to St. Thomas - Please
tell Home Sister
   F.N.
My dear Miss Gordon

I have so wished to see you but unluckily for me I have been so driven - Unluckily for me I am engaged Monday and Tuesday with people long deferred. Could you kindly come Wednesday? or is that Mr. Bonham Carter’s day? Could you kindly come Thursday? Even that is putting it off very late I hope you are pretty well - // Would you kindly answer the enclosed who writes? If you have no prospect of a vacancy, much less two - would you kindly recommend another Hospital or Hospitals? But please send the usual papers that she may see how many things there are to be considered besides vacancies? & gratuitous training? Hoping to see you ever yours most truly F. Nightingale

Please mention her letter to me in writing to her F.N.
10 South St. March 30/92
My dear Miss Gordon
Any Sister you please
to send me to-morrow
(Thursday) at 5.15 will
be welcome, if I know
beforehand which it is.
Thank you for sending
Mrs. Hannay & Miss
Birmingham - Each was
very interesting -
I should like to know,
if convenient to any one
kindly to tell me, whether
that Lady from the W. Indies
who was dying on Tuesday
when Mrs. Hannay came
here is dead
and whether the poor man
in Clayton who thought
he had swallowed a bone
& came in on Sunday
is relieved or is a
hopeless case -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

10 South St April 13/92
Dear Miss Gordon
Thank you very much for
your interesting letters: & for
sending me such interesting
Sisters -
If quite convenient to send
me one on Saturday, I
shall be so glad. I have
been so driven & so poorly
these last 10 days that I
have not been able to claim
your kind promise
Thank you too for the
big books -
I have ordered some
Wellcome Ms 5481

flowering plants to be
    sent you on Saturday
for Miss Crossland, please
God bless you
    ever sincerely yours
    F. Nightingale

5476/22 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St May 13/92
My dear Miss Gordon
    I have been wishing &
longing to write to you but
have been so sadly occupied
Might I see one of the
    Sisters to morrow (Saturday)
and one Tuesday, Thursday
& Saturday in next week -
(if I possibly can -) But I
    hope you will kindly take
one of these days for yourself,
as I should be so sorry not
to see you before you go on
your holiday - that is if it
    is quite convenient to you to come
    ever sincerely yours
    F. Nightingale

5476/23 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 S. St June 23/92
My dear Miss Gordon
    Welcome home. I hope
you have had a successful
tour -
    I trust to see you before
very long
    ever yours sincerely
    F. Nightingale
5476/24 signed letter, 1f, pencil

July 10/92
My dear Miss Gordon
   Claydon is “At Home”
on Thursday next, as
arranged –
   I should like very much
to hear how Mrs. Allden is,
if you are kind enough to
tell me –
   ever yours sincerely,
   F. Nightingale

5476/25 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. July 20/92
Dear Miss Gordon
   When will it be quite
convenient to you to come
& see me? according to your kind
promise
   I hope you are pretty well
   ever sincerely yours
   F. Nightingale
   Could I send Mrs. Allden
anything?

5476/26 signed letter, 1f, pencil

23/7/92
My dear Miss Gordon
   I shall be so glad to
see you on Tuesday –
yours sincerely
   F. Nightingale

5476/27

10 South St. July 28/92
Dear Miss Gordon
   Very many thanks for the
papers.
   I am very sorry that, being
quite ‘full’, I cannot see Miss
Holden this week, but it will
be perhaps a relief to her –
   Any day next week?
Wellcome Ms 5481

for her or any one else?
   ever yours sincerely
     F. Nightingale
5476/28 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 S. St    Aug 10/92
My dear Miss Gordon
    Dr. Ord asked me
to send these papers
to you, as he was
going away -
    I was so pleased to see
Miss Young & Miss Holden -
    & hope soon to make
another appointment -
God bless you
    Sincerely yours
      F. Nightingale

5476/29 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St   Aug 17/92
My dear Miss Gordon
    I hear that you are
expecting Miss Crossland
home to- day - so Miss
Hamilton will be doubtless
occupied
    Tomorrow you I am
engaged.
    Would it be convenient
to you & to Miss Hamilton
for her to come to me
on Friday about 5.15?
    Sincerely yours
      F. Nightingale
10 South St.
22 August
Dear Miss Gordon I hope
you are pretty well - & I
hope to see you soon -
Would you give some of these
flowers to that poor Nurse
Preece who has such a
distressing internal complaint -
And is there any thing I
could send her to eat or
drink? I fear she is very ill
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Telegraph,
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. {printed and up at an angle}
Oct 12/92
7. a.m.
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.
My dear Miss Gordon
Sir Harry & Mrs.
Verney are very desirous
to ask you if you would
give them the pleasure
of your spending a day here
& staying the night.
And I should
then have the pleasure
of seeing you & hearing
from you of some
things, which as my
return to London is a
little delayed, I would
gladly discuss with you.
Would it be possible to
you to come Friday,
in time for luncheon
& stay the night?
I will send you a
List of the trains -
Mrs. Verney’s engagements & duties are so multiplied that she is always pressed for time - She will be away to morrow till Friday afternoon - Or she would wish to give you a choice of days convenient to you. But perhaps if Friday is not convenient another day might be found -
Pray give us the pleasure of seeing you if you only can -
Believe me ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Excuse pencil (In great haste)

5476/32 initialled letter, 1f, pen

Dec 4/92
10, SOUTH STREET, [printed address:] PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon
Do you remember telling me on Friday of a gentleman (Miss Leslie’s husband, I think, - I forget her married name) who was dying of Cancer in Rectum - & had paroxysms of pain which nothing relieved of what Doctors had prescribed - & I understood you to say that he was glad to try any thing & had tried things on himself.
I said that we had an apparently similar case - a poor man, labourer - at Claydon - one of Sir Harry’s -
He suffered terribly at times,
so that he could not bear
    to be spoken to - Nothing
relieved him till he was
put on a water-bed, &
the following (Homoeopathic)
treatment was given him
by the Curate in the parish.
    I telegraphed yesterday
to know precise details - &
the following Telegram I
have this moment received
from the Curate himself:
    [I should premise that we
are none of us Homoeopaths
but quite the reverse - but
this poor man was relieved.
    Would there be any one whom
this poor gentleman could ask
if this prescription might be tried?
    I would gladly pay for it, if you
chose to have it made up & sent. F.N.  
[end 12:452]

My dear Miss Gordon
    You will, I hope, have
received (on Tuesday,
sooner that I intended
them to come)
2 Hampers of Evergreens
    from Embley
for the Probationers’ Home
    & you will receive
on Saturday night or
    Tuesday morning
flowering plants
    for the same -
//Pray let your kindness
Wellcome Ms 5481

excuse me that I have not sent the enclosed £5 5 Ch before for your Christmas among the Patients //I need not say that I have not forgotten the two Sheets for a Register which you were so kind as to send me - but I fear they cannot be ready for you to begin on New Year’s Day.

Success to the Register

{vert. on page}

I hope you are pretty well -
May all the dear Christmas blessings be yours
prays yours affectionately
F. Nightingale

5476/34 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Jan 5/93
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon
Here are some of the first fruits of the certifkit insanity - I am afraid we shall be inundated with them
If you are kind enough to see this poor German woman after reading her letter & my answer, please fill up the spaces on my p. 3 & post the letter -
If not, please tear off p. 3, & post the letter -
Or if you know of any Hospl- likely to receive her on trial, please be so good as to direct her to it // I had a most kind letter from Mrs. Davies, about the Homoeopathic prescription
Wellcome Ms 5481

but have heard nothing
   since - Perhaps he is dead?
May you have a good New Year
   & many good New Years
is the earnest prayer
   of yours sincerely
       F. Nightingale

I am so glad that Miss
Ferguson does not leave
us -

5476/35 signed letter, 1f, pen

Feb 13/93
   10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
   PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
   Mr. Bonham Carter
desires me to send you
your M.S. Report for
1891 (yours & Mr. Croft’s)
& adds that he has a
section of the Report
containing the List of
Certified Nurses employed.
   I have been so sorry
not to see you - but I
have been for more than
6 weeks a prisoner to

bed with Diarrhea
& cold perspirations
& nausea, & obliged
to keep as quiet as
I could, which is
not very.
I hope to see you soon
& to hear that you
are pretty well - &
that Miss Carpenter
is getting on - & many
other things.
   ever yours sincerely
       F.N.
27/5/93

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

My dear Miss Gordon

I trust you are pretty well.
I have been asked to look
over the Revise of the Memo-
for Probrs- as to Finger-poisoning
"4" "thirdly". Do you
wish to keep in the “India-
rubber finger-stall”? I
thought that had been abolished
If so, what would you have
as a substitute?

Yours sincerely

F.N.

10 South St June 8/93

My dear Miss Gordon

Could you spare Miss
Crossland to come & see me
to- morrow (Friday) afternoon,
if convenient to her - but
let me fix another day
if this is inconvenient -
I hope soon to be able
to see you, if you are able
to come -

Thanks for your letter
yours affectionately

F. Nightingale
My dear Miss Gordon

Will you kindly fix some afternoon that I may have the pleasure of seeing you? or if you could give me the choice of two?

We have truly cause to congratulate ourselves that the Privy Council has seen some of the items in the Draft Charter which were most against the interest of the Nurses, & the Nursing work - & have modified them so much in the actual Charter now published

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

My dear Miss Gordon

I hope you are pretty well. Are you getting rather tired? If you are going away for your holiday I hope I shall see you before you go.

Is Miss Crossland come back? And how is she?

Sir Harry Verney asks the Probationers for a day at Claydon
Wellcome Ms 5481

with Miss Crossland
“early in the week
“beginning (Sunday) the
“13th-“
Will that suit your
party? And will
you kindly fix a
day for them?
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/39/2  {black-edged envelope}
Miss Gordon
St. Thomas’ Hospital
5/8/93

5476/40 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

Sept 20/93
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
I am in town again for
a very few days- & should
be very sorry not to see you
& Miss Crossland: even if
only for a short time -
I hope you are well
on Thursday or on Sunday
or on Monday afternoon
I am at present free -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/41 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Oct 21/ 93
Dear Miss Gordon
Should you feel inclined to send the
Candidate-papers to this Miss Riddell thro’
Lady Caird whose address you will find on
her letters?
Please return me Lady Caird’s two letters -
& believe me sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
20/12/93
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon
I hope to see you
& Miss Crossland both -
before the Old Year is
out - But I know how
busy you are -
Could you spare Miss
Crossland, if but for an
hour, some afternoon this
week?
Your Evergreens will
come, I hope, on Friday -
& plants on Saturday -
Is there any money you
want for the Hospital Xmas
festivities? ever yours truly
F. Nightingale

22/12/93
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon
I shall hope to have
the pleasure of seeing
you after the New Year.
I know how busy
you are now
Pray accept this
little contribution
to your Christmas
presents for the Hospital
& believe me
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
March 1/94

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I hear that you are returned, and I trust in all the good health that your friends would wish you - Miss Escreet, I find, is going to leave you for Cheltenham. I should be very sorry not to see her again - & could see her on Monday next at 5.30 - Would that suit you & her?

I shall hope to see you some day next week that is convenient to you

I am engaged on Tuesday & perhaps Wednesday - Nurses Moore & MacArthur, I understand, have completed their first year's Probation as Staff Nurses. Would you like me to see them? I should be very glad - Some time - And you will have several new Sisters whom I could see. Miss Herbert will be leaving his week, I suppose. I am sorry you have to seek a new Assistant I hope this lovely weather does you good - & that you enjoyed it during your holiday -

ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale
April 7/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
I hope you are pretty well again.
When may I have the pleasure of seeing you?
Please fix an early day -
And I will take it if I can
I send 7 books for the Probationer, please -
And I shall have more to send next week -
ever yours sincerely
F.N.

June 18/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Miss Gordon
Might I hope to see you to morrow (Tuesday) about 6 o’clock or Wednesday. But I believe you are always occupied on Wednesday -
I shall hope to see Miss Crossland if convenient this week

I trust you are pretty well
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/47 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged [12:460]

Sept 1/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

Thank you much for your note.

No one can feel any thing but the utmost thankfulness to God that poor Nurse Preece’s (poor no longer) trial is over - when there might, I suppose, have been otherwise months of terrible suffering before her -

I wish I had known before that the mother was starting - for I might have been able perhaps to contribute to her comfort - Are they poor? Might I ask you to be so very kind as to forward this £1 to her in a Registered Envelope with my warm sympathy, for I do not know her address.

You will have heard perhaps how sadly we are occupied by the almost sudden
Wellcome Ms 5481

dead of my cousin
    Shore on the 23rd=
tho’ he had been ill two
years. He was my
father’s successor. He
leaves a widow & 4
sons & daughters. I will
tell you more when
we meet - There is a
great deal of business
to do -
    ever yours sincerely
    F. Nightingale

5476/48 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

16/9/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
    PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
    I trust to see you
this week, but you will
guess how worn out I
am.
    Could you be so very
kind as to lend me
at once if you have
them the new Regulations
of St. Bartholomew’s?
Perhaps you could kindly
get me a copy for
myself - later -
    sincerely yours
    F. Nightingale

5476/49 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged [12:461]

Claydon Ho: Winslow: Bucks - Dec 10/94
My dear Miss Gordon
    I was so extremely obliged to you
for sending me that little memoir of
the “Council of Matrons” - It is such a
curious little episode - to which was
added, as I learnt later, that they
had already been able to lower the age
of admission, owing to the Physiology teaching
& that owing to the lack of Matrons, Miss
Hogg had had to propose & second the Resolutions
I trust that you are pretty well - I will ask you to allow me to send you the enclosed Cheque for your Christmas festivities, which I am sure will be happy ones to the Hospital - I have staid here longer that I expected - I am still keeping my room. The family here are splendid people for working in the parish - There is something almost every evening - To-day, to morrow & Wednesday, there are Dairy Lectures in the house by a Miss Maidment, with Magic Lantern -

God bless you ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/50 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

April 6/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:} PARK LANE. W.
Thank you very much, my dear Miss Gordon, for your letter - I shall be delighted to see Miss Easton (Elizabeth) on Wednesday at 5.30, if that is convenient to her - & Miss Allardice (Clayton) on Thursday at the same hour - as you kindly suggest I am sorry not to see Miss Roberts (George) on Monday - but shall hope that it will only be postponed to another week -

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Good Friday
April 12/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
   PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
   How good of you to write; & send me the
Medical Referee’s paper.
   I have had very
great pleasure in seeing
Sister Elizth- & Sister Clayton
   And I should like
very much to see two
Sisters next week, as
you kindly propose -
At present I have
no engagement this next
week except on Friday

   If Sister George could
be one of the two, I should
be glad, because I think
she has been put off
before -
   But of course I only
want to consult your
convenience & theirs
& my possibilities
   I hope there is every
prospect of fine weather
for your much needed
holiday - & that it
will bring you back
much stronger -

God bless you
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
May 22/95
10, SOUTH STREET, (printed address:)
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon,

Welcome home! I trust that you are come back as well as we could wish you - I did not know till a day or two ago that you were come home - I shall hope to see you soon, but can readily understand that you will not wish to pay me a visit directly - I hope the Treasurer is pretty well again - yours sincerely F. Nightingale

June 19/95
10, SOUTH STREET, (printed address:)
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

Thank you for your note. I trouble you with my parcels of books to-day for Sisters Elizabeth Clayton George Charity Victoria Ophthalmic because I think they will like to have them before your grand gathering tomorrow -

As for Miss McMaster (Sister Leopold) I am afraid I am now filled up this week - Would next Monday suit you & her? If not, I will find another day. I am glad the Chambers
Wellcome Ms 5481

suit.
Wellcome Ms 5481

I trust it will be a fine day to morrow for what gives so much pleasure to so many people yours ever sincerely F. Nightingale

I shall be very anxious to know about Miss Carpenter & Radcliffe Hospital

5476/54 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged

July 13/95

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

Will it be quite convenient if Miss Crossland comes to me on Monday? She is taking her holiday soon, I suppose - I shall hope to see Sister Leopold soon on some Friday which you tell me is her convenient day. But I cannot quite yet make an appointment - And above all I shall hope to find some day convenient to you -

//You have received no doubt a copy from the "Matron’s Council," (which was supposed to be a Regiment discharged from the Service,) of "Questions" to answer. So have I received one - It is rife with Preliminary Courses Examinations Theoretical Education Certificates State Registration &c &c &c.
I was glad to receive the sensible paper of the Bellevue Supt- in the “Hospital” which does not go into all this farrago -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/55 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

July 24/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
I have been very sorry that I have been quite unable to ask you if you could be so good as to come & see me - & also to fix a Friday for Sister Leopold.
And now I understand that this next Friday is a grand function for the Princess of Wales to receive the Pension Fund people - & that you have been so very good as to ask Miss Anderson of the Lpool Northern Hospl- to St. Thomas - Would you be so kind as to give her this little note from me when she arrives?
I am always sorry to trouble you
God bless you ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
10 South St. Aug. 17/95
My dear Miss Gordon
   Thank you very much for sending me your Record book which I read with great interest
   But it is so recent that I fail to see any of my friends therein except Miss Roberts -
   I have been intending to ask you every Friday whether I might see Miss McMaster (Leopold)
   & above all whether you could kindly come some day that was convenient. But I have been so hindered. I hope however soon to see you.
I was very sorry to hear about the Throat-illness of that poor Student in Clayton Small Ward that you kindly told me of - I think we have had such devoted House Surgeons & House Physicians sometimes who have suffered from this cause - I hope he is better.

I believe you are expecting Miss Crossland back soon now: I have no doubt in renewed health, as, I trust you are - or at least not suffering.
   ever believe me
Sincerely yours
   F. Nightingale
Aug 26/95
My dear Miss Gordon
The Matron of the Romsey Union & Infirmary, a married woman, is a Mrs. Normington. She has certainly done a great deal of good there - She says she served under you at Leeds - Do you remember her? I could gladly see you to morrow (Tuesday) afternoon or Thursday, if quite convenient to you
and Miss McMaster (Sister Leopold) on Friday, if suitable for her - I am so afraid of letting you slip - I hope Miss Crossland is well - ever yours sincerely F. Nightingale

Sept 3/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:} PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon I shall be very glad to see Miss Pepper on Thursday at 5.45, as you kindly propose. Good speed to you on your little holiday And may you enjoy it richly Yours ever sincerely F. Nightingale
My dear Miss Gordon

Thank you for your too short (not “too long”) letter.

I send back the present Record Book & am so ashamed of myself for having kept it so long -

Within this week I will send back the one which you have so kindly sent me now.

I am so glad that Miss Mitchell & Miss Allardice are not going yet - But I only just want to say that neither have ever said or written a word to me about going - What I had heard was only from yourself - Miss Mitchell only wrote to me that she was going to be married and that as all.

I am sorry that Miss Mills is going - to leave St- Thomas’ - I should like to see her before she goes - but am quite filled up this week in haste

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
My dear Miss Gordon

All these sorts of letters from America are always left at my door.

Could you kindly tell me whether this letter is for your Miss Russell?

If not, please return it to me, to return to the Postman -

2. Miss Mills - Could you kindly tell me who she saw at the India Office? I forgot to ask her -

She told me how kind you have been to her - I think she would like a little Instrument box case to take with her - Would it be asking you too much to order one for me, scissors, forceps, &c &c - not too elaborate, for fear of offending the Doctors out there - & to have her & my name put inside, thus:

Christian name Mills from Florence Nightingale 1895

3. I think I understood that Nurse Frances Cameron was on leave in London from India I should like very much to see her, if not troubling you too much, by appointment. [end 10:788]

ever yours sincerely

F.N.
My dear Miss Gordon

Many thanks for your kindness in ordering for me a little Instrument case for Miss Mills. Please let it be sent here with the Acct-.

I want very much to see Miss Mills again before she leaves England & have written to tell her so - And you too some day before she goes, if possible to you.

I have got a book of Indian Hygiene for her. But it is far too difficult for any but a Medical Officer of Health - Could you kindly suggest any thing which would help her in the Hospital. They must work in India more even than in England strictly under the Medl- Officers -

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
5476/62 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

10 S. St. Dec 16/95
My dear Miss Gordon
    Could you spare
Miss Crossland to me
on Wednesday? Or if
that is inconvenient to
you or her on Friday?
Thank you very much
    for all you have done
    for Miss Mills -
I have paid the Bill -
I should like to hear
again how Miss Wainwright is
ever yours sincerely
F.N.

5476/63 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:473]

10 S. St. Jan 5/96
My dear Miss Gordon
    I send the Cheque
for the Probrs- Home, (by
    your kind desire,) which
ought to have gone at
Christmas
    You were so good as
to send the flowers & Jelly
to poor Nurse Clemence -
And I believe she enjoyed
them - But I suppose,
poor thing, it is a hopeless
case - ever yours faithfully
    F. Nightingale

[end]
Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/64 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

Jan 20/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Matron
    I am shocked & ashamed
- It was I who had your
"Annual Report for 1894"
all the time. It was
only found this morning
in the Drawing-room
by my good little
maid. Forgive me -
I have been kept still
& silent in bed ever
since Dec 23- & have
seen no one but Miss
Crossland. What a
misfortune her resignation!
    I am still kept
silent in bed, but hope
to be able soon to ask
you to make an
appointment to see me -
    Would you kindly
tell me who is to be
Miss Ferguson’s successor
at Liverpool when
it is decided -
    yours sincerely
F.N.

5476/65 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [12:474]

10 S St    Feb 11/96
My dear Miss Gordon
    I don’t know whether
you would like to go to
this Meeting at Grosvenor
    House - you & Miss
Crossland and any other
friend - I was asked to
go & (as I understood) it
is not to preach Temperance
to Nurses, but to show
them what immense
power they have over
those they nurse - This
Wellcome Ms 5481

refers practically more to
District Nurses & to Private Nurses than to Hospital Nurses. This power, I think, District Nurses feel (or felt) & exercise (or exercised) with the greatest benefit.

The question of Private Nurses grows more formidable every day -

2 I understand your great day of opening the two new Wards is on the 21st - Would you like some flowering plants, flowers & greeneries, such as I can muster for that Levy? Or do you prefer showing the new Wards naked as they were born?

All success be yours -
your affectionate
F. Nightingale [end]

5476/66 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Feb 15/96 [12:474-75]
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon
I have ordered some plants & flowers for Friday to decorate the two Wards - They offered me some large palms to hire - But I wished to buy - because the main pleasure to the Patients & Nurses is after the Royalties
Wellcome Ms 5481

are gone, & they
have their plants
& flowers - & not
the great palms.

What day & what time
will you wish plants
& these flowers to come in?

Will the Patients be
in the two Wards when
the Royalties go
round?

Thank you for
your letter - & for
telling me the Sisters’

names, so interesting
to me -
I suppose you don’t
care for greeneries -
for this event. You
will have some small palms
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/67 initialled letter, 2ff, pencil

Feb 22/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
I am so glad that the
function of yesterday
passed off so well in spite
of the gloomy day -
And I hope it will
bear fruits -
Every body seems to
have been pleased - And
it is so good to dedicate
Wards & Patients to God
// I have been asked to see
a Hospital Sister, Miss
Eckblom from Helsingfors

[end 12:475]

[12:475]

[13:493]
in Finland, to whom you have been so kind in St. Thomas’, next week.
Is she going so soon? I should be glad to put off seeing her till the latest afternoon it is convenient to her to see me – for again yesterday I was warned to keep quiet as long as I possibly could – But I would see her – I had rather have seen you first –

They tell me that you think very well of her. I am so glad the flowers were acceptable & wish you well in the highest sense of the term – Will you commend me to the Treasurer, & say I shall hope to see him soon?

Yours ever
F.N.

March 24/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:} PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon I have been long without seeing you – I am so forbidden to see people But I trust that you can fix a day to see me before Easter. Any afternoon except Friday & Monday – I can at present dispose of –

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
I shall hope to see the Treasurer too another
Wellcome Ms 5481

day
April 2/96
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
Would it be troubling you too much to ask you to tell me the result of your interview with Miss Crossland last night?
I suppose she left this morning for a fortnight - I regret that it should have been just now, for I suppose that on the 14th at their Meeting they will accept her resignation, if we have been able to prevail nothing - yrs sincerely
F.N.

10 South St April 25/96
My dear Miss Gordon
I take for granted that you have a Ticket for the May 2 Concert But if not & you wish to go, would you accept one from me & one for Sister Victoria (Miss Tilt) who I believe practices the violin - and I have written to Miss Crossland ever yours sincerely F. Nightingale
5476/71 signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 18/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
I hope you are kindly
reserving an afternoon
for me this week -
any day after Wednesday
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/72 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

May 31/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
I am so stupid I have
forgotten the name of the
Wesleyan S. Albert &
of her Uncle, with whom
she was to live, & who is
I believe a M.P.
Could you kindly tell
me his name?
It is for a Parsi from
Bombay.
// You will like me to
see Miss Goodhugh
(Sister Clayton)
is it Male Surgical?

May I give you a
choice of days a little
further on?
I was delighted with
S. George & S. Elizabeth.
I am afraid I committed
a breach of Rule by
sending some small
victuals for a poor
little girl in Elizth-
who can’t eat to the
Sister -

But you will forgive me
yours ever sincerely

[end 12:479]
June 26/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I congratulate you
on the success of yesterday
- everybody pleased, as
far as I heard - And I
hope nobody very tired -
A fine afternoon for all

You mentioned to me that
Miss Mitchell (Sister Charity) was resigning her post
yesterday - If she is still
with you, I should like
very much to see her - &
say Good bye - I could

see her this afternoon
say at 5.30 if
it is my only chance -

tho’ I had rather not
have hurried you or myself,
having much to do -
I hope to see you soon
yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Please telegraph if you
cannot give an
immediate answer.
June 27/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
Sister Charity gave me
great pleasure in seeing
her -
Is Miss Hampson with you?
Miss H of the Rotunda?
And would she like to see
me? I could see her
this afternoon at say
5.30 or Sunday afternoon,
rather than miss her
altogether -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Aug. 22/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
Welcome back! I
am sure you enjoyed
your holiday - & I hope
it has quite restored you.
I did not like to
trouble you at first -
But I hope now you
will give me an
afternoon as soon as
you can; any day except
Wednesday, on which
you and I are both
equally occupied

Is Miss Haig Brown
come?
Would you like me
to see her soon?
sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
Is Miss Mitchell, lately
Sister Charity - now
your Casualty Sister -
pro tem: because I had
something to send her?
   FN

5476/76 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St  19/9/96
My dear Miss Gordon
   I have been entirely
laid up with a feverish
attack for a fortnight -
& am still not allowed
to see any one or to
talk at all - Else you
should have heard from me
      May I ask how Miss
Tilt (Sister Victoria) is?
   Pray remember me
to Miss Haig Brown
   ever yours sincerely
      F.N.

5476/77 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [12:486-87]

10 South St.  Oct 21/96
My dear Miss Gordon
   Could you tell me
who is the best Surgeon
   who attends out Patients
at St. Thomas?
& what hour she, a girl,
   should go as an Out
Patient?
It is for a working girl,
   the forefinger of whose
right hand has been
injured & badly treated
And to-day she was
Wellcome Ms 5481

told it must be amputated. Another Surgeon who told me said there was no need for amputation & told her that if she would come back to him at tomorrow morning, he would tell her where to go And he asked me the best Out Patient Surgeon at St. Thomas’

If you would kindly tell me, I would let you know this Surgeon the first thing in the morning -

You see for a working girl the forefinger of the right hand is most important

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/78 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

Oct. 28/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon
I shall be very glad indeed to see you on Friday afternoon as you kindly propose.
Thank you for your kindness about the little Servant-maid - I hope there is no further danger I am very sorry Miss Easton is going - & very sorry for the Scarlet Fever case - I hope it is not severe

yours ever sincerely
F.N.
My dear Miss Gordon

How can I thank you enough for your great kindness to that little "maid"? I hope she is doing well.

And thank you very much for the Table of Operations - And please thank Miss Pepper - It interests me very much.

And please thank Miss Haig Brown for her List of Probationers -

I hope to be able to see you & her this next week if you can find a day convenient -

God bless you & her -

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Oct 31/96

10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

The wreath for Nurse Harvey would reach you in time, I hope, for the poor mother, who I think you said would take the body home to-day -

It is a sad story - I ventured to enclose an Inscription to you for the wreath -

Does Dr. Sharkey think it an unusual thing
Wellcome Ms 5481

[2]
that a Workho: Nurse
training might be better than a Hospital Nurse’s
God bless & maintain you -
ever yrs sincerely
F.N.

5476/81 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

Oct 31/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
I feel with you about Nurse Harvey’s death -
You said that the body was to be taken home -
Will you be so good as to lay this wreath with these words, on the coffin?
I feel for the mother.
May I see Miss Haig Brown & make an appointment when it is convenient to you & her? I will gladly see all the new Sisters as it is possible afterwards / yrs F.N. [end 12:487]

5476/82 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 4/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
You have not had an answer about the Bible Class, because Mr - Bonham Carter has been so immensely busy. I have not seen him since I saw you -
You were so good as to say that you wished me to see Miss Spencer, the Night Supt- I could see
her tomorrow (Thursday)
or Friday, if convenient -
But if this is not
convenient, I could
see her early next week
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

My dear Miss Gordon
Your Miss Spencer is
very like able - Would you
tell me some day what
the salary of the Night Supt-
is?
I hope to see two of
your Sisters a week
in the order of course
that you like, provided
you will kindly tell
me beforehand who ‘she’
is -

But this week I should
be very glad to see Sister
Florence (Miss Allardyce
if quite convenient to
you & her
and another day any
new Sister you like -
At present I am
without an appointment
But there are appoint-
-ments which I could
not put off
Is Miss Shuter (Sister
Ophthalmic) going to
leave you for promotion?
If so, I should like
to see her before she
goes - I missed Miss Easton

yours sincerely,
F. Nightingale
5 Dec/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

I have given a card
of introduction to you to
a lady from America,
Miss Charlotte Macleod,
head of a Training School
there -

She is an extremely
sagacious person - And
it seems to be well
conducted - They have
a time for Hospital
Nursing, another for Private

Nursing, another for
District Nursing, another
for Midwifery &c -

But Americans have
no idea of the importance
we attach to the training
under well trained
Ward Sisters
And I have addressed
her to you -

She is not at all
bookish

She has to leave England
by Christmas -

2. I am hoping to make
some more appointments
totally for your Ward Sisters
with you.

But we have had
such a drive of business
Would you kindly
make for two days in
next week tell me for
what Sisters it would
be convenient to come
- not Friday - And I will
tell you if it is possible
for me -
Wellcome Ms 5481

3 - Could you without much trouble say where the Probationer Irby you have comes from & tell me - Miss Irby, our friend from childhood, who has educated the women in Bosnia, wants to know.

4 Please thank Miss Haig Brown for her List of Probationers - I shall hope to see her, too, soon -

       yours sincerely,
       F. Nightingale

5476/85 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

12/12/96
10, SOUTH STREET, (printed address:)
   PARK LANE.

W.
My dear Miss Gordon

       Could you kindly tell me, without much trouble, whether the Casse probationer, who was examined with the R. rays for a needle in her foot, has been operated on & how she is going on?
I could see any two Sisters you like next week, except Friday & Saturday, & I am afraid I must say, except Monday - And if you wish to make Miss Shuter one of them, pray do -

       sincerely yours
       F.N.
5476/86 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Dec 17/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
If it would suit Miss Shuter to come on Saturday afternoon, I have unexpectedly Saturday free—And I hope she will forgive me that I was unavoidably prevented on Tuesday—
yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale
You know perhaps that Mr Bonham Carter’s brother died almost suddenly on Monday night

5476/87 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

Dec 30/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Mrs. Gordon
Thank you exceedingly for your Christmas letter—
I am glad that they all so enjoyed themselves.
I had not heard of the Treasurer’s illness till the day before your letter—
Will you kindly tell him how grieved I am, & that I hope he soon will be quite restored?
I am interrupted Please give my thanks to Miss Haig Brown for her share in the entertainment ever yrs sincerely

F.N.
10 S. St Dec 30/96
My dear Miss Gordon

Thank you very much for Miss Hampson’s letter - I always regret people exchanging Public for Private work - 
Do they know what they are about?
With a Committee so generous & a Master so kind, I should have thought she might have held on a little longer -

Who is “Sister Lucy”? Is she the one who was Sister of the Obstetric Wards under Miss Hampson? I forget her name, but I think I remember her at St. Thomas’ - & her very skilful management of a massage case -

Miss Shuter - Don’t you feel rather uneasy about her future - not at all because of the “disagreeables” which it is a pleasure (or ought to be) to set to rights - but because the organization or administration of the Hospital seems all on a wrong basis - an unworkable basis

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
My dear Miss Gordon,

Many thanks for your letter - I am so grieved for the painful condition of the Nurse before whom no prospect of recovery remains. Of course where she is now is the very best place for her - But should life be prolonged longer than she can be kept at St. Thomas', do you know the Cancer Hospital? The Nursing there is so excellent - And they take incurable cases - I have a Patient there now, (who was a Nurse 17 years ago at St. Thomas',) with incurable internal Cancer that is in the Rectum - who is as well taken care of there as possible

But I would not mention this to your poor Nurse at present - She would dread another Hospital

I am afraid I have committed a mistake - Did I not give £5 to the Probationers' Xmas as well as to the Hospital. Tho' it is full late, you will say, I will send you £5 for the Probationers' Home now, if you like it -
Wellcome Ms 5481

“Ramsden “ was the name of the Nurse I liked at St. T.’s. Thank you
Again I am interrupted but am always yours
F. Nightingale

5476/90 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:495]

Jan 2/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon
Would you mind letting the poor Cancer - ed Nurse in Christian Small Ward have this nosegay? It sometimes gives a moment’s pleasure to a great sufferer to see how God was thinking of her when He made those beautiful flowers
I don’t know what nourishment is given
or how it is given but I have sent a little Jelly.

[12:495] in haste
yours sincerely
F.N.
Jan 5/97

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

My dear Miss Gordon
I hope some Orange
Jelly I send will still
be pleasant to poor
Nurse Clemence - One
feels so sorry for her, cut
off so suddenly from her
work.

I send also a little
Port Wine Jelly which my
young cook was so anxious
to make for her - But I don’t
recommend it - Is she
ordered Stimulants?
Also a little Chicken

Broth, which I don’t
recommend either.
But, if you could kindly
ask me for anything you
would like for her?
Might I ask when Miss
Shuter (S. Ophthalmic) is
going? I think I should
like to see her again
before she goes.

yrs sincerely
F.N.
Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/92 initialled letter, 1f, pencil [12:496]

10 S. St 12/1/97
My dear Miss Gordon
I send poor Nurse Clemence some oysters
(which the Doctor chose for me) - not knowing what to send & hearing that she might have anything she could take - & some Chicken which perhaps they would warm up for her - She shall have some Jelly tomorrow if she still likes it ever yours F.N.

5476/93 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

Feb 24/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Miss Gordon
I do trust that you have profited much by the sea air. I do not know whether you have returned - but hope if you have profited that you did not {page torn half way down page}

5476/94 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [12:496]

10 S. St. Feb 27/97
Dear Miss Gordon
I hope you are faithful to your plan of going out every day - And I wish you would let us send you something that you would like // I have this day written to some Sisters whom I know, some of whose Sister=hood were out with me in the Crimea - They
Wellcome Ms 5481

have a “Home” near
Ascot for Incurables
but many of their
Incurables have turned
out Convalescents -
I have told them about
Nurse Clemence - & left
them to judge
I had a little boy
there who had to leave
St. Thomas after 2 years
"incurable" - They took him
in= he lived there two
years very happily &
died there after 2 years
more.

I cannot at all anticipate
what they will say about
poor Nurse Clemence -
I do not hardly think they
would take her in for
life - but I fancy you
were only looking for
a temporary "Home" - for
Convalescence -
Would you come &
see me this next week? At
present every day except
Tuesday is open - But
don’t come if it is any
risk or fatigue to you
yrs ever sincerely
F. Nightingale
My dear Miss Gordon

I trust you are still recovering.

Nurse Clemence I am sorry & grieved that the Sisters of Ascot Priory cannot take her in at least not all events not till after Easter - their Women’s Ward is undergoing cleansing & repairs - Their Doctors now also disapprove of their taking in Cancer Patients because of the other

Patients. But the Mother Superior (who dictates her letter, for she is herself ill) would try her for a few weeks after Easter out of affection, if we liked it. They have no means of privacy but screens - I did not quite understand from your letter whether you wanted a Convalescent Home or an Incurable Home for life for poor Nurse Clemence -

// The Mother Superior recommends for Cancer cases

--Worthing, (a Hospital)
St. Andrews
nursed by Wantage Sisters
-- Maybury Hill, Woking
by St Peter’s Sisters
-- St. Saviour’s
Osnaburg Street
by All Saints’ Sisters
I am grieved that it is impossible for me to enquire into these places

I wrote to the Ascot Priory Sisters, because I know them, & know their Nursing to be
Wellcome Ms 5481

very good -
My dear Miss Gordon

I was so sorry not to be able to accept your kind visit to-day & still more sorry not to be able to fix tomorrow or Saturday, as you are so good as to offer - I will write as soon as I can - I know how busy you must be.

// One of our best & oldest Matrons writes

to ask:

"if the St. Thomas’ "Night Nurses now have "two nights off duty "each month"?

I thought the arrangement was: that the two nights "off duty" of two months were clubbed together so that the Nurse should have two nights & three days off duty if she liked - together once in two months

If this is correct, please only write Yes & I shall understand.

yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale
My dear Miss Gordon,

May I ask if Nurse Ruddock is coming to me on Wednesday at 5? and if she goes out to serve as a Sister, or under a Sister? Anything that you would kindly tell me in answer to my last note I should be thankful for - Am I troubling you too much?

Miss Mills was so completely a blank sheet of paper regarding India when I saw her & tried to give her some information, & when she wrote to me (which she did) she seemed little more ‘organized’, that I am anxious to be of some little use to Nurse Ruddock if I could. For I suppose she does not know more than Miss Mills did -

yours ever sincerely

F.N.

My dear Miss Gordon

Many thanks for your letter & its enclosures which I will faithfully return.

I saw Nurse Ruddock yesterday, & liked her very much; but she is
Wellcome Ms 5481

absolutely ignorant
{rest of page torn off}
Wellcome Ms 5481  

on Thursday - are you not? You would like me to see her first - should you not? Under whom is she going? [Do not be afraid that I shall make her afraid - quite the contrary - {rest of page torn off}

I could see her either on Saturday or Monday at 5.30, if you please.

5476/99 signed letter, 1f, pencil

March 24/97  
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:} PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon  
I augur success for Nurse Franklin - she is very much to be liked. But I tremble at the prospect of Surgeon Major Genl= at Bombay who is, I believe, the great Dr. Haffkine, Inoculator of Plague & Diphtheria  
Do they inoculate for Diphtheria at St. Thomas’? Nurse Franklin told me how kind you had been to her - 
Would you like me to see Sister Arthur (Mrs. Swan)? I could see her at present any afternoon this week.  
yours sincerely  
F. Nightingale
May 18/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
Very many thanks for your letter, & your news of Nurse Ruddock - on her journey, seeing Miss Loch & the Nurses - & at Peshawur. [10:788]
I am so sorry about Nurse Cooper - the Probationer
May you have all rest & pleasure upon your well-earned holiday, & return in perfect health - is the prayer of ever yours sincerely F. Nightingale

June 26/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
Welcome back again.
I hope you are quite rested
We could not send last night, for the streets were completely blocked up -
I have only this morning been able to order the plants for you -
We are too near Jubilee Day - But I hope the plants will arrive in time
I wish you all with all my
heart a happy day -  
I will settle the money  
matters with Mr. Bonham  
Carter -  
My heart is full for you  
all. But I am so pressed  
& I have illness in the house  
& no time to say the  
fulness of my heart -  
You did not send me an  
   invitation, did you?  
   Ever yours sincerely  
   F. Nightingale  

5476/102 signed letter, 2ff, pencil  

10 South St. W. July 7/97  
My dear Miss Gordon  
   Thank you very much  
for your letter - I am glad  
Miss Roberts has the appointment  
she likes [has she much  
experience in fever?] &  
sorry if I cannot see  
her before she goes - I have  
a very heavy day to-day  
about India - & have no  
time till say 5.30 tomorrow  
(Thursday) afternoon - And  
you say she leaves tomorrow  
I should like to have heard  
too what she could tell me  
about the Fever Hospital  
at Monsall  
But If I cannot see her  
will you kindly give her  
my very best wishes &  
ask her to get something  
for herself she would like  
& send the Acct- to me  
I am so sorry about Mr.  
Clutton being still so  
weak from his illness -
Wellcome Ms 5481

Nurse Franklin - yes, I have heard from her - She told me she had written to you - You know that Cutch where she is gone is an entirely native state But I will send you her letter Poor Nurse Cooper: how glad I am she is better -
  in haste
  yours ever sincerely
  F. Nightingale

2 Wards, Beatrice & Elizabeth I am afraid I cannot
  go on sending twice a week little goodies to these two Wards - We are so very busy - the last time I sent I only sent Jelly - do you approve of my leaving off now entirely? after the jelly I shall send to-day & if so would you kindly tell them? Or would you prefer my going on for once- or twice more? F.N. I am afraid you yourself have a sprained ancle I hope it is better F.N.
My dear Miss Gordon

I send you a Cross, a Wreath & a few flowers for dear Nurse Clemence, tho’ it seems a mockery to send things after death when one has done nothing in her last days to please or comfort her.

But you have pleased & comforted her, I know.

You do not say where she is to be buried

I have been so driven for many months that it has been impossible for me to resume my dearly prized privilege of seeing you all from St. Thomas’-

I hope to do so now - Could you come on Saturday - at 5.30, or if you are too busy, [I am afraid Miss Haig Brown will be gone - who takes her place during her holiday? & who is your Assistant?] is there any Ward Sister whom you would like me to see? or rather which? but please tell me before Saturday who it is - I hope you auntie is quite well - ever yours F.N.
Sept. 4/97

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

Dear Miss Gordon

I have been so sorry this past week not to claim my wished - for visits from the Sisters - But I have been so driven - I shall hope for better luck next wish & write to you -

Please thank Sister Heritage for her nice List of Probationers - I have had a letter from a person I did not know to ask me to make "interest" for her entrance as a Probationer - (not a 'Special') I think I shall just write to her that it is no matter of "interest" & then send you the letter, if you will be so good as to have the usual papers forwarded to her

sincerely yours

F. Nightingale
My dear Miss Gordon

Thank you for writing. I am so sorry about Nurse Cooper - it is a disastrous case, is it not? What a sad prospect for after life - How is it for swallowing? Is there anything I could send her?

yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale

I rejoice that the Scarlet Fever case is doing so well.

My dear Miss Gordon

Thanks for your letter - I send some soup for Nurse Cooper in Elizabeth Small Ward which we have been making since yesterday morning. I hope it will be “strong” as you say and I will send some “stiffer” Jelly for her tomorrow. Could you kindly tell me the name of one of ours who is now at the head of the Co-operative
Nurses in Weymouth or Mansfield St - Is it? And could you tell me also the number also? I am mad with myself for having forgotten it all. For I have seen her quite lately - [An English lady from Italy who has been doing a great deal lately for raising the bad Italian Nursing called upon me yesterday by appointment - She wants to know all about how “Co-operative” Nurses are paid & how they pay - And I, for fear of making mistakes, am desirous of getting her the information first-hand - She is in a great hurry to get back to Italy for the October term]

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

I have had a nice little cheerful letter from poor (I think I must not call her ‘poor’) Nurse Cooper, which is very good of her for I suppose she is quite aware of her state & regrets to give up her Nursing - She speaks of the great kindness she is receiving - at St. Thomas’ = FN Has she been Staff Nurse there? [end 12:504]
Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/107 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 2/97

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

My dear Miss Gordon
Thank you very much for
your letter. I did not
know that Miss Pepper
was leaving her Babies
& am very sorry, as I am
quite sure she will be

Do you think that it
would be convenient
for her to come & see me
tomorrow (Wednesday)
at 3.30? I name
an earlier hour than usual

as it is so dark so early
now - & my eyes are
failing.

I should be very sorry
not to see her again

2. I was going to
write to you to ask
how are the Proba=
=tioners taught to
‘drop drops’ into the
eyes & all those little
Nursing operations now
so much used?

sincerely yours

F. Nightingale
Dec 22/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon
I beg you will accept
my little contribution
to your Christmas festivities
I hope to see you
after the Christmas
bustle is over, but I
know it is only troubling
you to ask you now -
All Christmas
joys & blessings for you
- to you who give so
much to others

I have sent some toys
for Victoria which
I hope may be
acceptable -
ever yours
F Nightingale

Dec 27/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W. [12:504]

My dear Miss Gordon
We shall have no
evergreens from Embley
this year, I am sorry to
say - And I am so sorry
I forgot to order the
plants for Christmas
Day. But I have done it
{rest of the page is torn off}
Jan 15/98
10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I have spared you during the Christmas holidays (so-called, but really almost the busiest days of the year) -

Could you kindly come & see me on Tuesday or Thursday next at 3.15 if quite convenient to you - I say so early an hour,

because the day light is so short -

If not convenient to you, would Miss Haig Brown be able to come either of those days at that hour, hour, or any of the Sisters I do not know who would be willing & able to come -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

A happy New Year to all-

Mrs. Hannay I hear is going to leave you - Perhaps she is gone - If not, would she come on Monday at 3.15? I should be sorry not to see her again.

FN

I shall hope for you another day when it is convenient to you about that hour

FN
Jan 29/98
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
It is possible that
the pressure of January
may have passed away
Might I see you or
Miss Haig Brown or
one of the Sisters
whom I have not seen
on Monday or Tuesday?
at 4 o’clock -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
I have an offer of a
delightful little place
near Burnham Woods
which one of the Verneys
has vacated for a time
for an Invalid who
wants change for a time
Have you one?
F.N.

June 10/98
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
It seems to me a long
time since I have had
the pleasure of seeing you
Could you, at such
short notice, come to me
to-morrow (Saturday)
at 5 or soon after?
Or would you like, if you
cannot come, to send me
some one else? Miss Haig
Brown? But I ought to
write to her - Or some
Sister?
This, I am afraid, is giving trouble - in haste ever yours sincerely F. Nightingale
I ought to add that I have nothing very pressing to say.

5476/113 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Aug. 28/98
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:} PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Gordon
It is a long while since I have seen you. I should like much to see you to-morrow, Monday, at 5, if quite convenient to you; but if not is there any Probationer or Sister whom you would like me to see, & who would like to see me on tomorrow at 5? I should get a letter
(posted to night) tomorrow morning - but I do not get your letters posted in the morning till two in the afternoon. Pray do not however “fash” yourself about this - It is my fault (or rather my misfortune) giving you such short notice. Pray forgive me.

yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale

If you send a Sister or Probationer, & are kind enough to write, please tell me who she is
Wellcome Ms 5481

F.N.
June 28/99
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Miss Gordon
I understand that our
little St. Thomas’ fête
is on Saturday
Will you allow me to
to send you my contribution
with best love & good
wishes to every body.
I shall hope to see
a number of us next
week & after
yours ever
F. Nightingale

July 1/99
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Miss Gordon
My best wishes
for you & our
gathering - God
bless them -
I have failed in
getting roses in pots
I hope these cut
roses will bring
the best of good
wishes on every
petal -
ever yours & theirs
(your pupils’)
F. Nightingale
To enquire Jan 3/1900

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

Dear Miss Gordon

I was so done up that I could not write on New Year’s Day as I intended - tho’ it was the new century as well as the New Year -

But you know you & yours are always on my heart, which is now wishing you & yours every happiness & prosperity: of which I think you must have a great deal -

My love to every one of yours -

I send a small sum for your entertainment, just to show that I am thinking of you & am yours ever

F. Nightingale

If your health at all corresponds with my prayer, it must be excellent -
Friday March 30/1900

10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon
or dear Miss Haig Brown

Nurse Agg did not make her appearance to-day to my great regret, because I am engaged every other day except to-morrow (Saturday) or Wednesday in next week.

ever yours
F. Nightingale

Tuesday May 28 1900

10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon
I am putting off people who were appointed - And I should be very glad to see Nurse Talbot "Macdonald one on Thursday }
one on Friday] at 5
I will send you £15 for each.
[I have a lady tomorrow (Wednesday) from Siam whom I cannot put off.]
I should be glad to know which will come on which day - & any information or hints you can possibly spare time - you or your amanuensis - to give

ever yours
F. Nightingale
Dear Miss Gordon,

I thought I might write you a few lines to say how very sorry I am to hear that you have to leave but most of all for the cause. St. Thomas will miss you very much indeed after you have been there so long. The Hospital will never forget all your good, your great work there. If ever you are well enough to come to London, you will be.

I am sure good enough to come & see me - to see yours ever,

Florence Nightingale

Miss Gordon

S. Thomas’ Hospital
Westminster

S.W.
Nov 19/84

My dear Madam 10, SOUTH STREET,
I was so very sorry PARK LANE. W. {printed address}
not to be able to see you when you
were so kind as to call here
last month: & if possible still
more sorry when I received
your kind note. Do not judge
of the depth & strength of interest.
I feel on your course which
I know will be a noble one
wherever it is by my silence.

But give me another opportunity
when you can of having the
great joy of making your
acquaintance. And tell me a
few days beforehand.
I have been waiting for time &
strength (in vain) to write to you.
I have been so overwhelmed with
Indian business You will excuse
& know how heartily I say: God
bless you & your work. Will you
not say too: 'God bless you'?
Mrs. Green F. Nightingale

5477/1/2 postmarked envelope, 1f, pen
Please forward
Mrs. Green
4 Banbury Road
19/11/84 Oxford
10 South St
W
Jan 5/85

Dear Madam

I shall be so glad
to see you at 5.30 on
Friday next, Jan 9, as
you so kindly propose.
Till then, fare you
very well -
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Mrs. Green

4 Banbury Road
Oxford

Jan 15/85

My dear Madam

I am so very, very sorry for
your misfortune- I trust that it
will soon be recovered -
With all our care, we do not
always escape these disastrous
fingers at St. Thomas'-
May I send you our "Precautions"

tho' this rather increases my
pain at your pain -
God bless you
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Mrs. Green

Mrs. Green
4 Banbury Road
March 19/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Madam

I am most anxious to see you
but grieved to think that till
next week I shall not have
a minute I can certainly call my own —
we have been sending out
Trained Nurses & are sending out
things — to the Seat of War —
you never think of going there —
do you? — I do not mean as Trained

Nurse to deal, alas! with numbers
of wounded and of fevers —
but to go up, for instance, in one
of the boats of the Pr. of Wales' Branch
(of the Nat. Aid Socy-) to fetch down
cases to Cairo from up the Nile
or in the yacht which is to ply from
Souakim to Suez with Patients?

God bless you: I hope you will be
in London} ever yours most faithfully
again } F. Nightingale

5477/4/2 postmarked envelope, 1f, pen
Mrs. Green
4 Banbury Road
Oxford

19/3/85
My dear Madam,

I have always been so very sorry that your kind intention of paying me a visit has fallen through - I should be so very glad of an opportunity of making your acquaintance. My time, like yours, is very much filled up. But if you should be coming to London next week or the week after, & would kindly make an appointment to see me some afternoon at about 5 o’clock after Monday, 19, I think I could promise to put off almost any engagement for it: especially if you could give me a choice of afternoons. I could offer you a bed, if you would kindly take it.

Pray believe me ever faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Mrs. T.H. Green

Please forward Mrs. T.H. Green
Banbury Road
Oxford

13/10/85
My dear Madam

I cannot but take advantage
of your “free day”, which you
kindly offer me, & ask you
whether it would suit you
to come to me at 5 o’clock
tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

Hoping to meet you at last
pray believe me

ever sincerely yours

Mrs. Green

Florence Nightingale
8/2/86

{back of p.c.:}  
On Saturday 17th - at 5  
if that will suit you, & you  
will be so very good - I shall  
be so happy.  

F. Nightingale  
April 15/86 [goldie April 13]

{front of p.c.:}  
Mrs Green  
11 Cambridge Terrace  
Hyde Park  

15/4/86  

Dear Mrs. Green  
Thank you many  
times for your kind  
letter. I am so grieved  
you are ill yourself.  
But I trust you will  
soon be better  
I think you may  
like to see Sir W.  
Broadbent’s bulletin  
of to-day which  
Mrs. L. Campbell was
Wellcome Ms 5481

so very good as to send me.

I know no one but yourself, expounding Sir H. Acland, who could prevail on the Master “to stay in bed “for a week”.
ever yours sincerely & gratefully
F. Nightingale

I have thought so much of you in your anxiety & trouble which the Master told me of -
F.N.

5477/9/2 black-edged envelope, 1f, pen

Mrs. Green
9 Banbury Road
19/9/93 Oxford

5477/10/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [3:213-14]

10 South St. W. Oct 2/93
My dear Mrs. Green

We must mourn intensely him who has passed away & feel: we might perhaps have had another year of him. But our feeling too must be that of joy for him- What would one give to go a little way with him & know what he knows now.

Was there not something of the agony of Christ in his last agony - disappointment in an ungrateful boy, expiation for others, & physical suffering which
Wellcome Ms 5481

might have been saved
had you & others been
like you & Mrs. Lewis
Campbell.
But now he knows what
he could never have
known here.
He lived nearer to God
than any I have ever
known but one
But oh! I wish he had
done a little more in
reconstruction!
How he loved you-
you were like a
daughter to him. He
used to say of you
that you were like a

Sermon on the Mount
walking the streets of
Oxford.
You saved his life
last time with the
“Socratic argument” in
feeding him.
Oh that he had taken
a little more care of
poor “Brother Ass.”
Some day perhaps he
will tell me more
of his last hours:
Thank you more
than I can say for your
letters.
I always fancy that,
tho’ he could not speak,
he had perhaps more
consciousness than appeared.
Perhaps he was already
in the Immediate Presence
of God -
ever yours
Florence Nightingale
Oct 21/93

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

My dear Mrs. Green

I was so grateful to you for your dear letter - And I should so like to know those passages in the Apocrypha which Mr. Jowett liked.

Did you notice that in almost the last letter, I suppose, which he wrote with his own hand - to the Vice Chancellor, I think - about the Public School- boys whom he proposed to admit to the University, he said: the new time is coming: will it work in

with the old time - the new & the old? how will it be? or something to that effect

What would one not give to go a little way with him where he is gone now? Now he knows. You know he doubted our individuality in the next world - he who had the strongest individuality in this that ever was known. And I used to chaff him & say: Do you think the Heads of Houses are all boiled down together, & stirred up with a spoon? But he never would say what he meant.

Now he knows- But we shall never know through him.

I hope you will kindly see me when you come to London or somehow -

ever yours

F. Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5481

5477/10/2 black-edged postmarked envelope, 1f, pen {archivist:} [Just after Mr Jowett’s death]

Mrs. Green
9 Banbury Road
Oxford [flourish under]
2/19/93    {19 overtop 10}

5477/12/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pencil

Tuesday Nov 21/93    {21 overtop illeg}
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mrs. Green

How good of you to write! I would not miss you for the world—nor boring you here on the “chance” of seeing me

Would “Thursday” at 5.15 suit you? Or is the hour too late for you? Perhaps you ought not to be out in the dark in foggy London - I could make it earlier, if desirable for you.

You little know what an immense favour you did me in sending me that book—& the more because of the dear & precious value it has to you—But I cannot give it back. I have never seen it before.

We have so much to talk of that I will not trouble you now.

ever yours sincerely
& gratefully
F. Nightingale
Dearest Mrs. Green

I have been longing to see you - And I would put off every thing to see you on Thursday Oct 4 at 5, as you so kindly offer.

It is a year now since we parted from him - And to you & me it is all fresh as if it were yesterday & will be while we live- And yet there was nothing personal in it: it was the feeling of his great soul & his great work - I have lost in one twelvemonth the three nearest to me - I shall be so glad to see you. The homes I knew him in are all destroyed-
friends I knew him
with are all gone.
He knows now whether
there is a future world, which he
sometimes seemed to
doubt, with the
personal grace of
God on it.
    yours ever
    F. Nightingale
How you cheered life &
death for him!

5477/13/2 black-edged postmarked envelope, 1f, pen

Mrs. Green
Banbury Road
Oxford [flourish under]
30/9/94

5477/14/1 {black-edged paper} initialled letter, 2ff, pencil, typed
Oct 8/94

[3:215-16]
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dearest Mrs. Green
    I had so much comfort
& pleasure from your kind
visit
    About “In the sight of
the unwise they seemed to
die”: it is a very striking
verse. But Mr. Jowett
was so much more than a
“wise” man. There have been,
I suppose, more learned men
than he at Oxford - more
clever men- men of thought.
But he was the man who
transmogrified the whole
spirit of Oxford- mainly
by that spirit of love to
God & man which made
him see what was for
the good of man- which
lifted him entirely above
the whole of the Oxford
controversies in theology
which resembled so
much quarrels &
persecutions- I can
remember the time when
no Liberal would on any
account send his sons to
Oxford. Now Oxford is now
in the true Liberal sense
more advanced than
Cambridge- Now all of
this was the work of one
man - not a great preacher, not a
great theologian, not a great philosopher
2- Do you think that
servants & uneducated
people who yet were
so deeply attached to
him would understand

that verse- or many
educated people either?
Yet you don’t want to
set people thinking over
the grave of a great man,
you want to set them
feeling-

It is very tempting to use that
verse- And I don’t trust my
own judgment_ but I have
asked another. He chose:

"From Out of the darkness, thro’ the
shadows into the light"

Or
"He that doeth the will, he shall
know of the doctrine"

[Mr. Jowett thought so much
more of the man than the
document]

Or "Now abideth faith, hope,
love- But the greatest of these
is love. [Or the last clause by
itself]

Or "Love never faileth"-
he never entered a Church afterwards, except to be married.
He was the most bigoted of (Anti-)Churchmen churches.]
However, this is little of nothing to the point:
3. for the tomb-stone, all wish for "Love never faileth"
But I am afraid I am recommending such a congeries of things - 3 things besides "Wisdom" & had better hold my pen
Excuse this scrambling letter -
I feel so your superiority You wished for nothing but that he should be himself & that you might be permitted to prolong that life which was like 'living water' to so many-
And I feel so that Christ’s words/answers: I am the Way & the Truth & the Life I am the door I am the bread &c &c &c were so applicable to him- And yet I suppose it would be thought horribly profane - And yet we are always talking about being Christ-like -
Wellcome Ms 5481

and it is true that
except we are” the
“way” to our pupils
& dependents, we are
nothing -
God bless you
ever yours
F. Nightingale

5477/14/3 black-edged postmarked envelope, 1f, pen {archivist:} [about
texts for Mr Jowett’s tombstone]
Mrs- Green
9 Banbury Road
Oxford

5477/15/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 4ff, pencil, typed copy
45812 f200

10 South St Oct 17/94
Park Lane W.
Dearest Mrs. Green
It was impossible
for me when I last
wrote to add the question
so near my heart- And
this is: about Mr. Jowett’s
letters to me -
I have not looked over
any more since I had
the great pleasure of
seeing you - [Yet it seems
o me a matter of more
importance than the
looking over books on
Nursing which are sent
to me to criticize from
all the English- speaking
world.]
It is like a mania]
Almost all that I have looked over are letters of criticism quite free & open (on persons) which a man like Mr. Jowett would consider most confidential.

Oct 19/94
I could not write any more
My object is again to ask your kind advise - I think the printed paper you were so good as to send me is dated February- i.e. immediately That gives all letters to Mr. Evelyn Abbott to see - It must have been some time after that Prof. & Mrs. Campbell asked all letters to be sent to them & that I (foolishly) accepted their kindness to communicate with Mr. Abbott for me I would not for the world make any the slightest difference coolness between the friends, Mr. Abbott & Mr. Campbell But I think it makes a great difference - Mr- & Mrs. Campbell being away
I could hardly be expected to send Mr. Jowett’s confidential letters round by Scotland. You see how anxious I am that even the little of information I could give about him to set his life before the world should not be lost, & I will pardon my troubling you - I cannot make up my mind what he would have liked best -

But I think he would have said, like Sir G. Lewis, that the indiscretion of biographers “adds a new terror to “death” -

I wish, as you kindly wish, that I could “see Mr. Abbott.” But that is impossible. I had rather confide Mr. Jowett’s letters, or a part of them, to him than to any one. But there lies the real difficulty - I cannot expect to have the time or strength necessary to make the selection -

// I do not think, but do not know, that there are so many letters before after the Mastership -

// I do not think any body could help me in the selection - or that I should ever have strength to dictate even to a short hand writer -

// Possibly you may
Wellcome Ms 5481

have had
some conversation with Mr. Abbott on the subject since I saw you

II Were you so good as to find out from Sir Wm Markby what that photograph Colnaghi’s is of me which he wants to give (I know nothing about it) to the Sarah Acland Home. Could you also ask Sir H. Acland? [I have reason to think that its President would not like this] if he likes it to be given

//I have been interrupted over & over again even while writing this scrambling letter- Forgive me Ought one ever to show letters which one knows the writer would never have written had he known they would be shown. Yet it seems absurd in me to make such a fuss-

What a gap Mr. Jowett leaves in the world! Yet every one goes his or her way God bless you ever yours F. Nightingale

Mrs. Green

My dear Mrs. Green Oct 18
I only arrived last night & can scarcely speak & scarcely stand. But I would gladly see you at 3.30 if I can be of the least use, & if you will not be in London again shortly. Good cheer- yours most sincerely F. Nightingale
Claydon Ho: Nov 4/94
Winslow {40 years ago
Bucks {to-day we landed
at Scutari Hospitals
{How God has guided
us!

Dearest Mrs. Green

With regard to words
on the tomb-stone:
"They that put their trust
in Him shall understand
the truth, & such as be
faithful in love shall
abide with Him"
Wisdom III. 9

Seems very appropriate.
/// There is a feeling, is
there not? - that there
ought to be besides
something}{
a line } from Scripture
something}{
4. A line } from Plato
(his translation, of
course)

2. but above all a line
expressing that it was
his LIFE (not his
preaching or his doctrine
- he always said: the man
was greater than the doctrine)
his life that exercised
the extraordinary unconscious influence
he had not only over
the College, not only
over the University
but over the world-
People would like a
line to tell them this.
This is the line which has been suggested. “Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known & read of all men”.

2 Cor. 3.2 -

[It was thought that there was an expression “living epistle”- but we cannot find it in the Bible]

Mr. Jowett was indeed “written in our hearts”. It was not his preaching - it was not his Theodicea for he had none - it was his fatherliness- himself, his life- he was a FATHER to them all (all those often naughty boys) in the sense that a real true father does not think only of his sons’ University careers (as too many tutors do) but of their lives’ whole careers - And this was Mr. Jowett- this was his life & influence- his
parties!! &c &c his
natural life. He
strove to be “natural”-
(to my great indignation)
as he told me himself -
[We think this should
be prominently put
forward.]
There were some of us
who greatly feared
that after he was
gone, that would
happen which happens
after the death of Dr.
Arnold of Rugby, who
He had immense influence

but no Theodicea -
And some of his
pupils turned Roman
Catholics - and some
Rationalists (in the
vulgar sense), because
he had deeply impressed
them, but left them
nothing definite
[One of his Mr Jowett’s very best
pupils, now dead, told
me himself that, when
“Arnold died” he thought
“the world had come
“to an end - but, tho’ the
most religious of men,

[end 3:217]

Mrs. Green
9 Banbury Road
Oxford [flourish]
4/11/94
Claydon Ho: Nov 11/94
Winslow
Bucks
Dearest Mrs. Green

Thank you so very much for the picture as a younger man of our dear friend. It was like him to the last – for his face never grew old, tho’ his breathlessness made his figure like that of an old man. His hair was, I believe, always white – which added, by contrast, to the youthfulness of his expression – Michael Angelo said that the face of those who preserved their purity of life remained preserved their youthfulness to the end.

I cannot think what the “engraving” of me with the “owl” is, unless it be from a drawing by my Sister now dead, which I have
never seen- The “owl” I assure you was a much more interesting person than I. He fell out of his nest on the Parthenon (a very small fluffy owl- the Athenian owl- & was called Athenâ) and I rescued him from some boys, who were tormenting him, for the sum of one parà - I brought him home to England in my pocket, where I regret to say he ate a live Athenian grass hopper, but failed to make any impression on two small tortoises which I was also bringing to England- When he was adopted at my old home in England, he lived principally in a book-case behind the books, where he made his presence known by uttering a peculiar cry, some 150 times, like a prayer- But with the [2] extraordinary instinct of some animals - smile of you please -he dropped off his perch dead when he heard I was going to the Crimea, tho’ he had not see me for 15 months- [I was keeping a Hospital in London for sick governesses] My mother carried him about wherever she went, while he
lived & had him stuffed when he died -where he still is at my old home-
Now, was he not an interesting character?
[*I am the sole survivor of my immediate family]

Thank you very much for giving me a notice of Miss Masson & also of Mr. Abbott- You are, I am sure, looking after his health. as the survivor of our dear old Master- old man & Master no

[4]
more of Balliol alone but of many Balliols-
Excuse this scrambling note. I have come here for a short time (with my Doctor’s leave), because somehow wanted But every thing is forwarded to me from 10 South St.

ever your affectionate F. Nightingale, rejoicing to have known & to kno

[End 8:957]

5477/18/3 black-edged postmarked envelope, 1f, pen
Mrs. Green
9 Banbury Road
Oxford

11/11/94
Claydon Nov. 11, 18-21/94
Dearest Mrs. Green I have begun this answer over & over again to your dear letters- & never found time or strength to finish it- [There is a good deal to do here- not revising other people’s “Nursing books” which I have discontinued for some time] Now don’t punish me by curtailing your letters which are {overtop is} such a benefit to my old body- “Brother Ass”, you know- You are too cruel when you say you will not write any more: [N.B. I won’t offend Mr. Jowett by saying my “old mind”- He always said that our last years were (or ought to be) our best And it made him quite mad when, any body talked about this ‘poor life’- He used to say: “Why, it’s a splendid “gift, is Life!” And so it is- isn’t it? - I think this ought to be brought out clearly in his Life - the immense Spirit of life (not the “pride of life”) in of the man. This it was which transmogrified Oxford- not his Plato, tho’ that too gave him a great influence- & made a great part of the man - [But I always think Plato ought to be very much obliged to him- not he to Plato.] He had the “genius” of life And I. for the most unimportant first: the Owl- The sketch must have been undoubtedly by my sister- And “P.N.” means Parthe Nightingale- before her marriage.

[She was born at Naples - hence her name Parthenope- which our dear old Nurse always called Parthe= noppy-] And “1855” was the 2nd year of the Crimean War - when, having surmounted that terrible winter of 1854-5, & the frightful Hospitals of Scutari, we were thought to be subjects for cheap prints & the like- But I am quite sure my sister did would not put “the beautiful young lady”- That must
Wellcome Ms 5481

have been a trick of Colnaghi’s, who was
fond of our family - or of Mr. Hall.

I learn for the first time from Lady Verney - the present Lady Verney- that it was she who gave the picture to Mr. Jowett, the very last time he ever was here, when we thought him so ill that he never would leave this house- but he would go to Lord Rosebery’s about a tutor for his children- And the next day was a Sunday, & he was obliged from illness to go straight back to Balliol, as you doubtless remember- Luckily he had his Swiss servant, Perroud, with him, whom he told me he could not afford to keep - Or I believe he never would have got back to your care- He worried Lady Verney for this one picture of the Owl, which he had seen here, it seems- And she not the Owl hunted out a copy in Sir Harry’s receptacles, & mounted it, & took it herself to Balliol- & saw it in his Study

As it was her gift, I am bound to obey her And she says: give it to the Ladies’ College Somerville College you mention, of which “Sir W. Markby is a Director”, “because Mr. Jowett was very much interested “in that College”- [She says so, altho’ her daughter is at Lady Margaret’s Hall-]

I am always prosy about Mr- Jowett which he never was and you will excuse me- He had the oddest taste in Art, as you know- He could not bear the glorious Michael Angelo statues in the Medicean Chapel at Florence - the statue of “Lorenzo”, (not the great Lorenzo) hanging his head, which he did, the heroic M. Angelo said, “perché i pensieri de’ tiranni sane “rimorso”- nor the “Sonno” of which he M. Angelo said
Grato m’è il sonno e più l’esser di sasso
Mentre chè’l danno e la vergogna dura
of the Medicean rule
&c &c &c
which you know better than I -
And a thing of no value would catch
his fancy like the Owl picture- I mean
Mr. Jowett’s- not M. Angelo’s-

[end 7:346]

even when he was dying -
Excuse length  “thoughts of joy & pain
& rambling- “Come wildering o’er my aged brain”
I am so interrupted
ever yours F.N.

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[3]
This is the only important thing
We like the text from II. Cor XIII. II
& the quotation from Crito
immensely
for the College Chapel.
I will write again about this,
please.
21/11/94 F.N.

5477/19/4 postmarked envelope, 1f, pen
Miss Green
9 Banbury Road
Oxford
Feb. 27/92
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Hughes

I hope I may give
yourself & ourselves joy
of your being where you
are on this the first
occasion of my troubling
you -

Does any of your
District Nurses include
in her beat 170
Buckingham Palace Road?
An old soldier who
has been my Messenger
for 13 years lies there
with heart complaint,

and I am afraid small
chance of recovery.
He is not at all deserted;
he has a good wife
who attends upon him
night & day - [I don’t
suppose there is much of
what we call Nursing]
I don’t know how long she
will be able to stand this

It would be a great
relief to me if a trained
trict lady could visit
him- & suggest what
she may see to be wanting
& what she thinks the
best means of supplying it - 
She must be very judicious, please, for I doubt whether the wife would like even an Archangel’s interference - 
He is sometimes delirious. 
She has a Sister of her own who sometimes helps her, I believe in haste 
yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

5478/1/2 black-edged envelope, 1f, pencil
Miss Hughes (or the Supt=) 
23 Bloomsbury Square 
F. Nightingale 
27/2/92

5478/2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen
July 30/92 
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:} 
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Hughes 
May I hope that you will be able to fix some afternoon next week about 5 or 6 o’clock for you to give me the pleasure of seeing you?
Might I ask if you could kindly lend me a copy of Mrs. Craven’s “Guide to District Nursing” for a few hours,
Wellcome Ms 5481

sending it by Messenger?
    I must have given it
away all my copies— for
I cannot find one—
And I want to show
it to a Lady this
afternoon —
    ever yours faithfully
    Florence Nightingale

5478/3/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pencil

23/12/92
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Hughes
    A little tribute of
Christmas things— & a
large load — too big for
the Rail-road to carry—
of Christmas love &
greetings to you & all
yours & your work—
    God bless you —
Hoping to see you soon
    ever yours sincerely
    Florence Nightingale

5478/3/2 black-edged envelope, 1f, pencil

with 1 doz Mince Pies
    & a bunch of Xmas
Greeneries

Miss Hughes
    23 Bloomsbury Square

Xmas
June 5/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Hughes

It is not “important” on
your part which you have
to apologize for but overwork
on my part which I have
to apologize for to your
kindness- And I am very
sorry to have delayed so long.

I have read your excellent
Articles on District Nursing
which you kindly sent me
in the “Hospital” Nos=.
& gratefully accept your
wish to “dedicate” them to me
when “arranged” & “reprinted”
as a “Manual”- tho’ I have
always before declined
such applications.

You might perhaps wish
to add a few things if
you reach a 2nd Edit:
I hope this Manual will
raise the ideas of District
Nurses. I quite agree
with you that the tendency
now is to lower the whole
standard.

You are so good as to
wish me “to write a few
“words”; will you allow
me to consider whether I
can? In that case I
would ask for the Articles
on District Nursing in a

file to be kindly sent
me again

With many a God speed
believe me
ever yours sincerely & hopefully
F. Nightingale
July 27/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Hughes

Good speed on your well-earned holidays -

You know of course that

Miss Barff, Matron of the District Nurses in Salford, has resigned, because about to be married - And the Ladies Committee have written to me for a successor, who must be, of course, “thoroughly trained both in Hospital & District Nursing”- “Salary £80 all found”. All applications to be sent in by August 2 to Miss Potter

Hon. Sec-
The Salford District Nurses’ Home

I have answered that I would forward the application to the “proper quarters” & regretted that they had only given “a week’s notice”

God bless you

yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale
April 2/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.  [13:845]

Dear Miss Hughes
I can’t say I shall
be glad to see you to
wish you good bye,
for I groan at your
departure loud enough
to be heard at Bolton
But what must be,
must  and I will
keep Friday April 5 free
at & after 5 o’clock,
if that is quite suitable
to you- yours in grief
& groaning F. Nightingale  [end 13:845]

My dear Miss Hughes
Tho’ I am distracted with
business - &, in addition to this,
Miss Crossland leaves us
to-day after 21 years of
entire devotion to her
Probationers with the noblest
faculties,
    I have read thro’ your
Proof with the greatest
care & made 3 sheets
of annotations on it-
    I will only make one
now:
    Is it not impossible
for me to write a Preface
as you request, unless you make the standard, Bloomsbury as it was when you began there, the standard first & foremost? & then afterwards put in whatever can be sanctioned about what you now make the standard?
I think, you know, that it is against your “paper” that you have left the cause—And it will either be said what has been said by several, with more or less truth, that you left it, because you disapproved the present standard— or that your whole appreciation of the higher standard, which you did so much for, is lowered,—will it not be so?

ever yours
{up diag:}
Quite
Private
Private {up diag} Sept 8/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Hughes
I am so very sorry for
our delay - But I could
not answer wholly or correctly without consulting
Mr. Bonham Carter about
facts as well as opinions-
And he is so occupied, like
me, but always willing to help
We both agree that the
bulk of your paper is excellent
- that part which deals with
District Nursing, as you knew
it, & were taught to carry
it out at the “Metropn- & Nation’s”
(now called by a somewhat
hasty motion “Metropolitan”
only)

Mr. Bonham Carter, who does
not object to my using his
name, does not pretend to
express an opinion about
the details of the Midwifery
part. He still thinks that
the reference in the first
pages to the Queen’s Jubilee
Institute might be modified x
so as to meet my objection
that it commits me to what
I consider an approval of a
lower standard of Nursing.
But when you come to
the arrangements of the
Institute for Country Nursing,
x see small sheet 1 and 2
you scarcely show yourself
cognizant of the difficulties they have had to encounter with the Rural Nursing Assn= & the Lincolnshire Nursing Associan- in attempting to combine District Nursing in country places with Midwifery practice, by the employment of trained Midwifery Nurses as Sick Nurses. You in fact treat the subject- (i.e. the action taken by the Queen’s Institute in the matter of Rural Nursing,) as it was, when carried on under the original Regulations, that is to say by means only of fully trained Nurses, who

had received in addition three months Midwifery training, with a view to their being made proficient (as far as possible) in attendance on the mother & infant after the period of lying in, and to qualifying them to act as Midwives in cases of emergency. The first arrangement with the Rural Nursing Assn- did provide for the employment of Nurses as such, as a separate class from the District Nurses, but did not contemplate their employment (otherwise than exceptionally & casually) as Sick Nurses. Mr. B.C. thinks therefore I am justified in my
criticisms on this part of

on those parts of the “paper”
in which the action of the
Queen’s Institute as to rural
Nursing & Maternity practice
is referred to with commendation
as affording the best means
of attaining the object desired

Mr. B.C. does not see the
way so to alter the paper,
(so far as regards this part
of the subject) as to be able
to meet the criticisms I have
made- see small sheet 2

He & I are both well aware
of the fact that you were {were overtop are}
enthusiastic (& this makes it
the more difficult for {for overtop ‘\}’} us to speak)

at Bloomsbury Square in

making arrangements for
enabling the Nurses while at
Bloomsbury & during their
ordinary period of training,
to attend Lying-in cases
(not to undertake the case but
to be present with one of the
Nurse Instructors & to render
assistance- a Doctor being there)

It may be desirable that
every Midwife should be a
trained Sick Nurse & that
every Sick Nurse should
have a competent knowledge
of Midwifery practice- but
at any rate at present
& so far as most localities
are concerned, certainly in
the country & also {over top so} in most
Wellcome Ms 5481

town districts, the pecuniary difficulty renders this ideal quite impracticable and it is the pecuniary difficulty which comes in especially in country places - towns being far better provided thro’ the Medical men with attendance on Lying-in cases
The up shot of all this is that Mr. B.C. has no practical suggestion to make with a view to my meeting your wishes that I should write a Preface beyond this which he hardly thinks practicable & which he has no desire to urge upon me

t/viz. that you should confine the subject matter of the “paper” to District Nursing by fully trained Nurses as carried on by the “Metropn” & “National,” & extended upon the same basis by the Queen’s Institute, as you knew it- /that you should, treat the question of extension of District Sick Nursing to country places which cannot afford the cost of a trained Nurse as an open question /that you {you overtop she} might refer to the advantage of providing trained Midwives for such places- & tack on your Essay on Midwifery Nursing as a guide for that object
Mr. B.C.'s pencil note on p. 1 is not legible. Yet it might be of use to you—It runs thus:
“To the Metropolitan & National Nursing Assocn=
Bloomsbury Square, London,
and to Miss Florence Lees,
(Mrs. Dacre Craven) as first Superintendent the credit is due of having organized a system of District Nursing by educated women duly trained as Hospital Nurses, who were also specially trained in

“Nursing the Poor in their own homes”

The standard of the Nat. & Met. N. Association & its plan of work afterwards adopted as a model & extended in its operations by the Q.V.J. Institute for Nurses were designed &c

The proposed dedication to me is spoilt by the introduction of the word “glory”. But I suppose the dedication would come out if no preface
It is scarcely worth while to trouble you with what my “criticisms” have been, were it not to elucidate the two larger sheets. I asked whether the Q.V.J. had made up the action of the Queen’s Institute as to rural Nursing & Maternity practice what you think it And I commented on your word “professedly” & asked whether they had made it a reality- The large part of your paper is admirable. But it takes so much for granted

Proof
p. 1. General Hints- very good (no almsgiving &c insufficient training)
p. 2 first half good second ” 5. Jubilee Nurse as a Standard astonishing placing & affiliation astonishing “object of the “Home” is missed- It is not for letting the Nurses dispute or discuss with one another (“friction”) - It is for them to have an
Wellcome Ms 5481

experienced Supt- and
a real Home - supply
& supervision
p. 2- Midwy- “nurse’s
other patients”
“ laudation of “Inspection”
p. 3- top Laudation of
Jubilee Nurses
“ Obstetric & Monthly
Nursing
“ Laudation of antiseptic
not much said
about A septik -
6. is it to be Midwy= &
Fever Nursing
7. character of Nurse
8. very good

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small sheet 3
p. 5- some Nurses now
adopt the cycle
“hair” & “neatness” very
good
p. 7 IV “Hygiene”
generally good
p. 8 good- NOT smells
but their causes are
harmful
also caution
lest the Nurse should
be denounced to Doctor
by Patient without
understanding
Should not the Nurse
once, if necessary, clean
the room herself so as to exhibit
it perfectly clean-
p. 9- Food
  boiled saw-dust } good
  stewed tea  } good
  babies       good
but difficulty of getting
milk- & most not
least, in country -
overlooked
boiling all milk doubtful
so many dislike boiled
milk & many Doctors
say “only up to the boil”

p. 10 D Maternity work
  so much here is taken
  for granted
a. first: are the Q.V.J-
  settled as to Maternity
  work?
b. It is always laid down
she is to take none but
normal cases without
the least enquiry whether
she has had any chance
of seeing or recognizing
an “abnormal” case
What are the Statistics
of the proportion of
abnormal to normal
  cases?
Wellcome Ms 5481

-the Nurse has not recognised an “abnormal case when she has seen it - no, not even with a triumphant L.O.S- certificate
p. 10. c - then comes the Word “Midwife”- what is a Midwife?
p. 10 d- “terrible mortality” is it so? the after consequences of ill managed, uncleanly “childbirth” are “terrible”

[printed address upside down, x-out with 3 lines:] 10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.

enough without the word “mortality,”- The

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was not the word “mortality” of Lying in Hospls=, far higher than of any lyings- in at home?
p. 11- If we are to go in for Maternity cases, should there not be a strong caution not only as to “ticks” but as to feather or flock beds which may not have been picked to pieces for years, during which “4 or 5 lyings- in may have taken place thereon
A fatal case of Pyaemia in the mother had its origin in this—And is it not common for the infant to be placed under the bed-clothes on such a feather bed? p. 11—Attention to Child’s Eyes—very good Torn perineum—Yes—& the Certificate of the L.O.S— is no safe-guard against this.

p. 11 “The Binder” “after care” very good—attendance “twice daily &c quite necessary—trained! Midwives who come only for the Delivery & twice more during the month {up diag:] I have not gone thro’ Midwy Nursing bit by bit]

p. 13 VI. Advice to Nurses good p. 14 Is not “India rubber tubing” difficult to keep clean p. 15—good

p. 4 very good remark that it is “dishonourable to be quacking while Doctor is treating

In one or two places, lung comes in good English, then cardiac, renal, &c
A great deal of this is uncommonly good. But could I write a Preface, as requested, till I know whether "Jubilee" nurses are to be the "standard" & 2. whether Maternity Nursing is to be so prominent & decided upon.

The "disagreeable" taste is not the only or even the principal objection to boiled milk.

Sham Doctors persons say: Boil all your milk.

Real Drs. persons say: Cold boiled milk is a totally very different article from cold Fresh milk.

If you separate the skim from the milk you separate a most important element ingredient. You must then cut up the skim & put it back into the milk- And what a mess that is!

If you can't persuade your cook or cooks not to boil your milk but to stop at the boil, what is to be done?

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

{not F.N. hand:} Insertion Proofs P.9
Private {up diag} Sept 10/96  
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}  
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Hughes  
I sent you a Budget yesterday- I wish I  
could have sent a  
Budget which I could  
feel would be more  
entirely pleasing to  
you. But we have done  
what we could to give  
you the exact truth facts-  
I put: "Mr. B.C. has  
‘no objection to his name  
‘being given’, I should  
have put ‘given to you  
‘if it would be any  
‘help to me’ For  
of course he could not  
be expected to discuss  
in public - or with  
any one but me for you  
- the difficulties of  
the Q.V.J. District Nursing  
Assocn-  
I wish I could have  
had time to work  
up at the end my  
four little sheets on  
your Proof- But it  
was hardly worth  
troubling you with  
them- only that you  
would wonder what  
my “criticisms” were  
which had to be justified  
or explained-  
And now God bless  
your “paper” & make  
it useful to your  
generation which if  
it is perfectly true  
to facts it must be
Wellcome Ms 5481

God speed you
ever your affectionate
F.N.

I put in pencil-
legibly I hope - on my
first little sheet-
Mr. B.C.’s illegible suggestions,
on p.p.1 and 2 of your
Proof, for additions
which are important
& which suggestions might be
useful to you

5478/10/1 incomplete letter, 3ff, pencil [13:850-51]

Your Proof
& letter PRIVATE {up diag} Sept 24/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Hughes
This is a letter begun
ten days ago, which I think
may be useful to you -
This is Mr. B.C.’s remark
As to Miss Hughes’ observation
that “about country work
“I meant Miss Oldham’s
“part not Lincolnshire - that
“ought not to count for the
“cottage Nurses are only
“monthly Nurses
the fact is that the Rural
Nursing Association employs
or allows to be employed a
certain number of Midwifery Nurses on the same footing as to Sick Nursing as the Lincolnshire Assocn= does, the proportion of these Nurses to the Queen’s Nurses employed by the Rural Nursing Assocn {overtop illeg} is much smaller than is the case with the Lincolnshire but is not, Mr. B.C. thinks, by any means a negligeable quantity- Lady Selborne, if he recollects aright is mainly responsible for the employment of these Midwifery Nurses- But he has not the papers by him to refer to. At any rate the difficulty exists with regard to both & gives rise to the question: how are the poorer districts to be supplied with Sick Nursing which cannot be set aside by saying that monthly Nurses may be called cottage Nurses & therefore do not count. The fact remains that they are being employed as Sick Nurses (whether by the Queen’s Jubilee Institute
or not does not afford
any solution to the difficulty)
and we are told that these
districts cannot afford
to employ fully trained
Nurses- Hence the state=
ments in Miss Hughes’
paper referring to the
Scheme of the Queen’s
Jubilee Institute as
fully meeting the require=
ments of country districts
for trained Sick Nurses
are not borne out -
The proposal, he says, to
call these Midwy= Nurses

5478/10/2

[2] Private
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. {printed address}
who do elementary
or Sick Nursing or
rather who have received
some instruction in
elementary Sick Nursing,
Cottage Nurses has
already been made
but does not appear
to him to afford any
sufficient solution of
the difficulty
If they are trained
Midwifery Nurses, they
should be identified
by the nature of their
calling The Lincolnshire
agreement provides
that they should be
styled Midwife
Nurses.
Excuse haste
I have no time to
answer your last
to - day- or to
correct this -
My dear Miss Hughes

We, i.e. Mr. B.C. and I, return your Proof & with it three (large paper) pages as an alternative to p.p. 14 & 14 continued

These are almost entirely or entirely by Mr. B.C.

(1) I presume that you would concur with Mr. B.C. & me in wishing the reference to Midwives’ legislation to be omitted.

(2) To our minds the objection raised to the former proof arose out of the reference there made to the Nursing in country districts as having been successfully provided for by the Queen’s Jubilee Institute when as a matter of fact Midwifery Nurses without training in Sick Nursing or with only very elementary training were being so employed.

Mr. B.C. has endeavoured to bring out this objection.
Wellcome Ms 5481

in an indirect way.
    Your M.S. as it stands hardly refers to this, but makes much of the objection to employing any Sick Nurse in Midwifery practice—This of course we both agree upon. Mr. B.C. cannot say that his M.S. satisfies, himself but he thinks it indicates more clearly than yours the danger to be encountered With this indication you may perhaps improve upon it.

He cannot do anything more.
The rest of the Proof may, he thinks, pass Besides the proof & his two pages there is also a M.S. note of mine upon milk, p. 9 of Proof, of which I say, like him—with this indication you may certainly improve upon it.

    God speed you yours sincerely
    F.N.
My dear Miss Hughes
I should be very sorry not to see you now that you are in London -
I will send you your Proof- with all that we can do done to it -
And I will try to make an appointment that will suit you about Thursday or Friday afternoons-

yours most sincerely
F. Nightingale

Dear Miss Hughes
Will 5 o’clock to morrow (Thursday) afternoon suit you? Or is it too late?
I want to hear about Bolton -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Oct 28/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Hughes
I am afraid you will think me very dilatory in answering your question
But your kindness must excuse me, for I have been so busy-
I think that if you still wish for the “dedication” to me, it should be modified thus, omitting reference to my “assistance”

{vert. on page:} Dedicated — by permission

to Miss Florence Nightingale
with deep gratitude for her kindly interest in this attempt
to help my fellow-workers
in the service of the Poor

I would, however, please, stipulate further that you my name is not to be made use of further in any way in connection with the publication

God speed you on your way. You are giving a splendid education to these Workhouse Nurses — but take care that it is thorough— E.g— I have
learnt Dispensing myself abroad, when such a thing was not known in England for women— and I have practised it on a small scale in a small Hospl—in London— But comparing it with the education now, required of Dispensers, I considered this to be risky, and would not sanction it, unless with a Dispenser’s education— All success be with you I have always maintained

5478/15 signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 2/97

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

My dear Miss Hughes
Let me thank you very much for sending me your little book, which will be, I am sure, very successful.

I have been thanking you in my heart all this time: but the difficulty is with me, as you know, to find a moment to write, except on business yours ever affectionately

F. Nightingale
My dear Miss Amy Hughes

An English lady, Miss Turton, came here yesterday by appointment -

She came from Italy where she has done a great work quietly in raising Italian Nursing-

She is returning to Italy in a hurry for {overtop to} the October term -

She is anxious to know how we manage Co-operative Nurses, in order to do likewise -

And for fear of making a mistake I promised her that I would go to the fountain - head - namely, yourself -

1. She wanted to know how payment of the Co-operative Nurses was managed by the Institution - how the wages were adjudged

2- (if there was a Home) how their payment for room & board were managed, whether deducted from their earnings

3- she asked a more general question - how influence was secured & a high tone kept up among the Nurses who did not lodge (between their places) immediately under the eye & supervision of their Superintendents.
Wellcome Ms 5481

If you could find time
Wellcome Ms 5481

to answer these questions in writing
immediately, I should
be so much obliged to you.
But if after that you
kindly wished to
communicate with me,
for her, on things which
can hardly be written
I would gladly see you
tomorrow (Saturday) at
5- or Sunday at the
same hour- if you
would let me know at
once- Am I trespassing too
much? ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5478/17 {black-edged paper} note, 1f, pencil

23/12/98
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Miss Hughes
with F.N.’s very best
Christmas love
& thanks & hopes for
the New Year
Thousand thanks for Miss
Darche’s letter

5478/18/1 signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 17/1900
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Miss Amy Hughes
How can I thank you
for the lovely little red
rose tree that you sent me?
It was so good of you
to remember me -
Wishing all joy to the
Co-operatives [is the red
rose-tree a Co-operative?]
I am all yours
F. Nightingale
I hope the Co-operative
Nurses approved, their new quarters on inspection & their nice little separate rooms
God speed them all
F.N -

5478/18/2 envelope, 1f, pencil

Miss Amy Hughes
The Nurse’ Co-operation
8 New Cavendish St.
   Portland Place
17/5/1900
   W.

5478/19/1 signed letter, 1f, pencil

June 15 1901
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
   PARK LANE. W.

Dear {overtop The} Miss Hughes
Certainly I would give permission to have this copied, if you wish it
But you will have to apply to Mr. Payne, Photographer, Aylesbury, as it is copyright.
And I believe also you must apply to Lady Verney
   Claydon House
   Winslow - Bucks

Yours faithfully Florence Nightingale
Miss Amy Hughes

check: is this in it? was not in right volume

June 15 1901
Miss Amy Hughes
The District Nurse has
more than all other nurses
to seek wisdom & help
from God alone--to merge
self in God & not only in God
but in each one of God’s
children whom she is nursing
She has not to be crucified
like Christ, but she has like
Him, each in her humble way
& seeking of God wisdom &
love to imitate His daily life
of self sacrifice
Not being able to be with
you in body I shall be with you

in heart & mind
Wishing each one of you
success in whatever duty
she is called upon to
perform
F.N.
My first meeting with Miss Florence Nightingale was in 1885. I entered St. Thomas’ Hospital as a probationer in 1884, and as at that time the period of training was 12 months, it was usual for those who had completed this, and were remaining in the Hospital, to be interviewed by Miss Nightingale. I went to her house, 10, South Street, Park Lane, and was most kindly received by her. She then discussed my future, and told me she had come to the conclusion I ought to become a District Nurse. This was a great surprise to me, as I am hoping eventually to become a Sister in the Hospital and had never thought of taking up district work. But Miss Nightingale described the opportunities and openings for national welfare in such an inspiring way, I felt I must accept her decision. I therefore went to the District Nurses’ Home at Bloomsbury in the Autumn of 1885, and had the honour of seeing Miss Nightingale every year for quite a long period. She always took the keenest interest in the work, and liked to hear details of the patients. One always came away inspired and strengthened.

I received an urgent request to accept the post of Superintendent of Nurses at the Workhouse Infirmary, Bolton, Lancashire in 1895, and though Miss Nightingale regretted my leaving district nursing, she agreed the experience in dealing with the special class of patients would be very valuable.

April 2, 1895. 10 South Street, Park Lane.

Dear Miss Hughes,

I can’t say I shall be glad to see you to wish you goodbye, for I groan at your departure loud enough to
be heard at Bolton. But what must be, must, and I will keep
Friday, April 5th, free at and after 5 o’clock if that is
quite suitable to you.

Yours in grief and groaning,
F. NIGHTINGALE

I drew up a little book called “Practical Hints on District
Nursing” and Miss Nightingale took the greatest interest in it.
I have quite a number of letters from her, recommending altera-
tions in the proof and she allowed me to dedicate it to her,
herself writing the exact words “dedicated by permission to Miss
Florence Nightingale with deep gratitude for her kindly interest
in this attempt to help my fellow-workers in the Service of the
Poor” in a letter dated October 28, 1896.

On May 2, 1897, Miss Nightingale wrote:-
Dear Miss Hughes,

Let me thank you very much for sending
me your
little books, which will be, I am sure, very successful.
I have been thanking you in my heart all this time, but the
difficulty is with me, as you know, to find a moment to
write, except on business.

Yours ever affectionately,
F.

NIGHTINGALE

In 1897 I became Superintendent of the Nurses’ Co-operation,
and in September that year Miss Nightingale asked me to come and
see her. She was most interested in the work, and asked me to
answer several points that had been put to her by a lady who had
been organising Italian nursing. I was able to give the informa-
tion needed and Miss Nightingale was most sympathetic.

In May, 1900, she wrote:
Dearest Miss Amy Hughes,

How can I thank you for the lovely little red rosettes you sent me? It was so good of you to remember me. Wishing all joy to the Co-operatives,

I am,

All yours,

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

I hope the Co-operation Nurses approved their new quarters on inspection, and their nice little separate rooms.

God speed them all.

F.N.

In 1901 I returned to work with the Queen Victoria’s Jubilee Institute for Nurses, much to Miss Nightingale’s satisfaction. She saw me, and expressed her pleasure that I was again carrying out the work she wished me to do. In 1902, she asked me to arrange for a good district nurse to attend an old soldier who had been her messenger for 13 years, and she was much interested in hearing what was done for him.

I was allowed to visit Miss Nightingale every year. She used to receive me in her charming room at 10, South Street. She was lying on a sofa, and I used to sit beside her, and answer her questions and tell her all about my work. This went on for years. Her memory was wonderful, and her interest never failed. Gradually, however, her increasing age became very noticeable, as she was both physically and mentally weaker; and my last visit, in 1908, was rather pathetic when I remembered what the visits used to be, and the help and inspiration I always received.

I conclude by quoting an extract from a letter to Miss Florence Nightingale Shore, written in 1897, which sums up her views on district nursing: –

“I think District work brings one more in heartfelt contact with one’s fellow-creatures than anything else. And when one knows that doctors who know say that the mere visits of the Nurses diminish the mortality, one thanks God Who puts such God-like powers into our hands, provided they are genial hands.” AMY HUGHES. [end 13:853]
Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome Ms 5479, microfilm, correspondence with John Henry Lefroy 1855-61, 1864

{Text in first frame, not numbered and not FN hand:}

   Miss Florence Nightingale

Originals
To be returned to Sir Henry Lefroy
   82 Queens Gate SW
April 28, 1879.
Sent the bound volume of Reports to Major Maurice R a for Lord
Morley’s committee 25 June 1882
List of Nurses & Sisters
who have ceased to be employed
in the Hospitals of Scutari & Balaklava
November 30, 1855

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{accompanied the above}

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{the above}

Emma " April 27/5527

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Miss Forbes Leith & four Sisters " " ""

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List of Nurses & Sisters
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November 20 1855

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Wellcome Ms 5481

"Winifred"

above
Died Oct 20/55

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Of 108 who have come out from England to these Stations
64 have gone home
24 from sickness, including
  6 dead
  18 invalided
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24
12 intoxication
12 incompetency
4 accompanied Patients home
4 impropriety of conduct
  including
  1 theft
4 went home from Koulali
4 various reasons at home
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64
32 still remain in these Hospitals
12 R. Catholic Nuns seceded to Genl= Hosp= Balaclava
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108
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5479/1/4

Female Staff
employed at this time, November 30/55
in the Hospitals of Scutari & Balaclava -

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Gratuity £5

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Miss Tebbutt

unpaid Dec 1/54 52 Superintendent Scutari
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Gratuity £5 by illeg by illeg Margaret Goodman-Man Smith & Elder 1862
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It will be seen by the above Report, which takes in a period of thirteen months, that, of the Appointed

1\textsuperscript{st} Party - - - - Oct 21/54 - - which came out with me consisting of 88

2\textsuperscript{nd} Party (Miss Stanleys) Dec 1/54 - - - came out with Miss Stanley consisting of 46

3\textsuperscript{rd} Party - - - - - March 9/55 - - - came out with Miss Wear consisting of 8

4\textsuperscript{th} Party - - - - - " 23/55 - - - - - - 6 remain consisting of 7

5\textsuperscript{th} Party consisting of 4 - - - - - April 5/55 - - - - - 3 remain came singly 5

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108
32
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It will also be shewn that the mortality in the Female Staff has been, during the above Period, rather less than 6 per cent; - the total loss from sickness & death rather less than one fourth - Comparing this with the mortality and invaliding among the Medical Officers, Chaplains, &c of the Army in the East, the proportion will appear to be comparatively small - altho the exposure to infection & to the influences of disease is, obviously, greater among Nurses. This comparative immunity may, probably, be attributed to the simplicity & regularity of habits enforced among them -

* this very small proportion arises from the too great haste in the selection: (but it should be added that the 12 Nuns at Balaclava were party the 46 as well as 3 [5?] at Kulalie) {bold text possibly not F.N. hand} [koulali]
Of the 108 sent out, there were

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With these, of whom no more than 50 have ever been at work at the same time,

- 2 Hospitals at Scutari during 13 months
  - 2
  - " Balaclava " 10 "
  - " " 7 "
  - 2 " Koulali " 3 "

have been served

With 32

- 2 Hospitals at Scutari
- 2 " Balaclava

are served at this present time -

No Nurses have been sent out to the above Hospitals from England since April {over top illeg} 1855, i.e. for the last seven months.

And, should the War Office consider it, at present, undesirable to send out any more, these four Hospitals may still continue to be served with that Number, by which twice the work at half the expense may be done of that which would be, were other Nurses drafted in among these from other Hospitals in the East, where a different system & possibly less simplicity of life have been observed, from the circumstances having been different, under which they were founded — Florence Nightingale
It will be seen that the proportion of those sent home (from every cause) is 64-108

It may therefore be inferred that the Female Staff will require renewing about every two years for the following reasons

1. on account of the Climate & other causes of disease

2. because intoxication, tacitly admitted as unavoidable among Nurses in London Hospitals, must, in Military Hospitals, be sternly checked, by dismissal at the first offence - in order to carry on the work at all -

3. because, with every care exercised in the selection (which unfortunately has not always been the case) a certain proportion of incompetents or adventurers, tempted by high pay, by vanity or curiosity, or because they cannot live at home, will always be amongst those sent out -

4. because women, as well as men, will fall home=sick at the end of one or two years, & are then of little use to the Queen’s service -

But, taking all these draw=backs into consideration which apply (not more but perhaps) less to the female than to any other branch of the service, it is obvious that the experiment of sending Nurses to the East has been eminently successful - & that the supplying trained instruments to the hands of the Medical Officers has saved much life valuable life & remedied many deficiencies
Female Staff
employed in the Hospitals of Scutari & Balaclava
November 30
1855

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Monastery Hospl=

Miss Wear none Mar 9/55 38 Superinten

dt= St.
Georg e’s
Crime a

Mrs. Nisbett 12/ Oct 25/55 Nurse

" Evans 16/ Nov 30/55 Cook 200
" Brownlow 10/ Laundress

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General Hospital x

Mrs. Bridgeman none {vert.} Dec 1/54 52 R. Catholic Nuns Balaclava

and 11 Sisters " " "250

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12

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x Of the charge of

this latter
Wellcome Ms 5481

Hospital, I have prayed the War Office to be relieved—because

1. it is contrary to my Instructions to serve

   any one Hospital with R. Catholic Ladies only “who are bound by their conscience to convert”

2. it is contrary to my experience to think {over top illeg} 12 women necessary to serve

   from 160-250 Patients— for which Nos= four to be would be enough

3. their expenditure is such as I am not justified in sanctioning

unnumbered folio, not F.N. hand, re: line of text ‘Supplement to Miss Nightingales analysis of Nursing Est- 32/56
Scutari Barrack Hospital
December 15/55

Sir

I understand from you that the War Department considers that the number of twelve ladies, [?] now employed at the General Hospital, Balaclava, is greater than the average number of patients in that hospital requires – & that Lord Panmure has desired my opinion on this question.

I beg to state that I concur with Lord Panmure in that opinion that the number of the ladies is greater than the size & circumstances of that Hospital warrant.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your obedient servant
Florence Nightingale

Lt. Col. Lefroy R A
&c &c
Private \{up diag\} Scutari

Dear Sir,

It appears to me, on consideration, that you are the voice of the War Office, delivering its commission to send home half the Nuns at the General Hospital, Balaclava - that there are, therefore, two objections to my expressing the opinion which you desired, on the verdict of the War Office -

1. it would give greater unpopularity to your commission by making it appear, as if the War Office acted at my instigation.

2. it would be really an impertinent interference for me, the servant, to express my opinion in favor of the decision of my Masters.

The matter stands, at present, that the War Office has expressed its disapprobation to me - of the conduct of Mrs. Bridgeman, Superior of the R. Catholic Nuns now at Balaclava. She naturally replies, "The War Office has said nothing to me _
of course I do not act upon what has been said to you.” Now comes the sentence to her, which must appear to her very natural, after having heard the disapprobation of her measure expressed by the War Office to me -

Any opinion given by me under these circumstances appears to me as not merely unnecessary but as spoiling a good case -

Nevertheless, I think your judgement so much less likely to err in this matter than mine that I subjoin the opinion you desired, in case you think it desirable to use it.

With many thanks for your kind support & sympathy in a very difficult life,

believe me, dear Sir,
yours faithfully & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Lt. Colonel Lefroy

R.A.
My dear Sir

As I am somewhat bruised & battered with a fifteen months’ war with enemies who “strike below the knee”- as, like the gentlemen in Chevy Chase, I am now fighting upon my “stumps,” I have ventured so far as to presume upon your kindness in writing you a private, though not a “confidential” letter, upon matters, on which we have conversed together, & on which I really require some support-

I this day enclosed you officially a statement of my Supt=, Mrs. Shaw Stewart, at the Castle Hospl=, Balaclava, which forms an important Commentary upon the Purveyor’s “confidential statement”, which, you will find, is by no means “confidential” in the Crimea -

I should have wished to have made to you many statements, though not at all “confidential” ones - when you were here. But my Rule of Conduct has been Let us not
give them out by feeble driblets. Let us hope a time may come, when I shall speak them myself, & as a whole - not as complaints against individuals, but against a system.

I think it not true, & even, could I truly represent what is wrong, I think it injudicious to pitch upon or "pitch into" individuals, who cannot do better, instead of the System which places them where they are - To complain of that system now would be simply to displace myself. Let me modify & alleviate by my presence the evils of that system, live thro’ & know them by experience, & then a time may come when I may represent them as they are -

Two or three trifling instances I must however trouble you with, not at all as matters of complaint but of information - to give a sense to what I have said - & because it appeared to me that those {overtop illeg} were under peculiar difficulties in obtaining real information in the Crimea where it is almost impossible to do so - who without have not begun living in the midst of it-
b. In April, I undertook the Castle Hospital, Balaclava, a few days after it was opened - & from that time to this we have cooked all the Extra Diets for 500 - 600 Patients, (which was the number up to the middle of December,) & the whole Diets for all the Wounded Officers- These were cooked by a Nurse in a shed- Because the cooking in the General Kitchen was so bad- And this was done at the request of the P.M.O. In May, I was promised that an Extra Diet Kitchen should be built, while I was there. In July I sent up a French= man to cook, to whom I give £100 pr ann; also at the request of the P.M.O. In the beginning of October, I went up again myself, & found no Extra Diet Kitchen built. I then had it done - During the whole of this time, all the eggs, butter, jelly, (all the Eau de Cologne, of course), supplied to the Sick Officers was supplied by Mrs. Shaw Stewart or myself privately. On Nov 4, I opened my Extra Diet Kitchen, But, for 24 hours, (or it
might be, 26 hours), I did not bake the Officers’ toast in this kitchen, because it interfered with the Extra Diets for 550 Patients.

In those 24 hours, the Officers made a complaint to Head=Quarters - !of our ill=treating "in re" toast. And Dr. Hall, with the P.M.O. of Balaclava, came down in their wrath & reprimanded the ---- Cook’s Orderly! Mrs Shaw Stewart wrote, with my consent, a short Official request to Dr. Hall “that his orders & reprimands might be given to her,

in order that she who had the responsibility, might see that his orders were obeyed.” Dr. Hall then published to his inferior Officers that the ladies at the Castle Hosp= meant “to throw off all subordina-
tion to the Medical Officers”- & that this was the reason he had brought the Nuns to the General Hospital, Balaclava. To Mrs. Stewart he wrote that “it was his duty to care for the Officers as well as the men” - his paternal care for their toast & them having begun on Nov 7/55, while
he had never enquired how they had been provided for at all since April 25/55. So that the Wounded have perhaps profited more by Mrs. Stewart’s & my “Maternal Cares” than by Dr. Hall’s paternal ones—which never could be persuaded to issue eggs, or any other comfort, till the Purveyor-in-Chief went up to the Crimea in the latter end of September /55.

2. My two Superintendents, Mrs. Shaw Stewart & Miss Wear at the Castle & General Hospitals, Crimea,

were informed that Dr. Hall had sent in a provision of Eau de Cologne, if they would make Requisition for it for the Sick—Mrs. Stewart was too sharp, & did not fall into the trap, but simply said that she had enough of her own, & would never think of imposing on the Queen for such a luxury for the Sick. Miss Wear fell into the trap & made Requisition, which was refused—In the next “Times”, I was shewn a paragraph “We learn from Dr. Hall that Requisitions are now
Wellcome Ms 5481

made for the Hospitals
for such Articles as
Eau de Cologne, Apple Jelly,
& Rose Water”- Poor Lord
Raglan also informed
Mrs. Stewart that Dr. Hall
had complained to him
that we “had actually
made Requisitions for
the above Articles”-!

3. The P.M.O., inform
then in being, of one of the
General Hospitals in the
Crimea, informed Lord
Raglan in our presence
that the men had on
clean shirts regularly
twice a week - the fact
being that they had not
then had clean shirts

for 28 days & those were
of my giving.

4. During six months,
the Castle Hospital, always
the principle Hospital in
the Crimea, which has
generally had more than
double the number of Patients
of any other Crimean Hospital,
had scarcely any thing
done for it in the way of
all the Engineering necessities
of a Hospital- This is the
statement of its own
Principal Surgeon - But
Dr. Hall, as he stated, told me himself
“burked” his “Reports”-
And that it “would interfere
with his Promotion, were
this known”
Again, I repeat, I say these things to you not to complain of Dr. Hall, who is an able & efficient Officer in many ways- & who, I think, has been justly provoked in many ways- Dr. Hall is indefatigable in detailed work, & wants only a governing system to work under. But he is wholly incapable of originating one- And we have no System for General Hospitals in time of war-

Believe me, dear Sir

yours very truly

Florence Nightingale

My dear Sir

In reply to your kind letter of April 1 I should have many things to say but no time to say them in -

I must, however, make time to say something about the fact which you state viz. that the average consumption of the main articles of diet in the Crimean Hospitals in the quarter ending 31 Dec. exceeds 3 lbs per man per day.

I am very sorry that you did not examine me on this important point, because I think that there is perhaps no one now here, who could have given you more information- both because I am now the oldest inhabitant in the largest Hospitals in the world, because it is already 18 months since I established my first Extra Diet Kitchen, which system has been gradually extended to every one of the 7 Hospitals now under my charge & because diets are peculiarly the province
Wellcome Ms 5481

of a Nurse -
I have now no Returns before me, nothing to refer to— But I should be most happy to make any cooking experiments, or supply any tables for the information of the War Department.

In explanation of the fact which excites your surprise, I should like to make 5 observations, which I would support by any evidence which may be of use to you

1. In England, when bone, offal & the useless parts of meat are removed, it loses about from 1/6 to 1/5 of its weight.
   In the Crimea & Scutari, when the bone, offal & useless parts of the meat are removed, & the meat cooked, (owing to the small quantity of moisture in it & other causes which I cannot now stop to enumerate), the meat loses from 4/5 to 5/6 of its weight— so that your Patient, even were he ordered 3 lbs Meat for his 3 lbs. solid food, might receive about ½ lb. This is the experience of all my kitchens & this the main cause of the fact which surprises you.

2. All acute cases & generally, all cases which, as a Nurse well knows,
can seldom touch bread, are put upon Spoon. Diet includes 8 oz. Spoon. Diet. This does not appear much. And there are Convalescent Cases, who are put upon Spoon Diet for the sake of the Extras, for whom Extra Bread even is drawn. But, generally, Spoon Diet having been constructed for the sake of appending Extras to it, Spoon Diet Patients do not eat bread.

At the time of our great pressure at Scutari, I will calculate the Spoon Diets at 1000, all Dysenteric & Frost-bitten cases & the average of their consumption of bread at 2 oz. which I consider to be an outside calculation. There were therefore 6000 oz. bread wasted daily, at a time that we were told the Purveyor could not take upon himself to incur any expense whatever for the Hospital & that all our stores were at Varna. This bread was given, when stale, to the Patients who could eat it, but more frequently to the Turks about the place, a whole population of whom we thus fed. It may have been a very good thing to feed the poor Turks but it should not be set down as consumed by Patients.
Of all the features of the Hospitals of /54 most conspicuous, at the time of our greatest penury, was our waste_. The above things were obvious to the meanest capacity- and our 1st Class Staff Surgeons are men of no mean capacity at all. But when a man is obliged to walk about his wards, looking not at his Patients, but at “Regulations for the Management of Army Hospitals, at home & abroad, & for the rendering of Hospital Accounts; with an Appendix of Forms &c”, the result is obvious.

Let no one suppose that I undervalue that invaluable work- I went into Dr. Sutherland’s hut the other day, & found him reading “Troilus & Cressida”. As, for 18 months, I was unaware that British literature embraced any other work than “Regulations for the Management &c & for the rendering &c, also, instructions to &c with an appendix &c” (& I can truly say that, without that work, I should have ceased to read or to spell,) I can scarcely be said to undervalue it:
3. A Spoon Diet is generally put down for 1 pint Arrow Root A.M. 1 " " P.M. which pint, whether of Arrow Root or of Sago, is constructed by the “Regulations” Book of 2 oz. of the same - Now 1 oz. Arrow Root makes, by experiment, 1 pt thick Arrow Root - as daily exemplified in all my Kitchens where I allow no more - 2 oz Arrow Root in the General Kitchens make 1 pint thin {overtop thick} Arrow= Root - so thin that the men will not drink it - Part of this is attributable to certain conundrums which regard boiling water - but not all- Where that Arrow Root goes is a conundrum which has never yet been guessed by me -

In the same way, 2 oz. Rice are saved upon every 4 puddings with us. As to Sugar, tapioca, barley, sago, &c &c {sago overtop illeg} From all these there is the same pro= portional saving: Each day in our kitchens, the overplus is put up in a covered vessel - Savings returned into Pureveyor’s stores end of month_ Thus,
Diet Rolls are paramount & yet
the Queen not robbed -
   But is {overtop I} the Queen not robbed?
We can prevent the excess of Arrow Root
&c being wasted- But we cannot
prevent the Purveyor from issuing the
last month’s savings for the next month
as a fresh issue- And little items
of this kind will go far to swell
out your “3 lbs”-
   We have tried to obviate this in
3 ways-
   (1.) by drawing in bulk for the
materials to answer Diet Rolls- this
system the 1st Class Staff Surgeons preferred [verifiers ?]
But we were obliged to discontinue
it for two reasons - one that we
were ordered to draw according to
“Regulations” Book by our supreme masters
the other that, to punish us for not
having done so, that which had been
so drawn in bulk by order of Medical
Officer in charge for his Diet Rolls- was set down to our
own consumption -
   (2.) we have followed the System,
above explained, of drawing the
quantity prescribed in “Regulations” Book
& returning the overplus- But this is
then charged as two issues for this
month & the next- For the accounts
must tally with the “Regulations” Book

Certainly, this “Regulations” Book
was written by a very clever man,
but he was no cook.

(3.) a most laborious plan, but
which I am now pursuing here. I make
the 1st Class Staff Surgeon draw in bulk
for my Extra Diet Kitchen- I throw
all my own private stores into the same.
And I account each night to the
Purveyor for whatever I have thus
drawn, out of both the two above sources,
to answer the Diet Roll

4. A large amount of waste is
incurred by the Extra Diets being ordered
for the next day, as they are in some
but not in all the Army Hospitals-
A patient dies, is discharged, or under
goes one of the manifold changes of acute
disease which entirely alters his
mode of treatment- But still his Extras
are to be drawn - when once on the Diet Roll - or, even if not drawn, they are set down - At the rate at which we died & discharged, the Extras thus drawn but not eaten must have gone far to swell your "3 lbs."

5. Waste there must essentially be in every sick= room- The Patient tastes his chicken=broth to=day, to=morrow he takes his pint- But the waste in a Military Hospital can scarcely be calculated- And here it is that we might be so useful, where permitted- A ought to have a table= spoonful of Beef Tea or Arrow Root & Wine every half hour- But his mess of two pints, or perhaps the whole of his Extras is put down at his bed=head at once - & the whole is consequently wasted or stolen-

I do not make any comment or suggestions upon the above five heads, which it must be left to Medical Officers to do- But I think they will throw some light upon your curious fact, which, as you say, is staggering-
At the Castle Hospital, you say there were 70 bottles of malt liquor per day to each 100 diets. But this is hardly 1 pint per diet. Those bottles holding hardly 1 ¼ pts. (one of those bottles is the allowance per diem to a woman). The men prefer their Malt Liquor to their wine & it is better for them.

One thing more; - I believe, if the spoon Diets were allowed 4 oz. Bread & 1/4 oz. Butter with it, that actually more bread would go down the man's throat than with his 8 oz. This, however, is a point for Medical Officers & not for me to decide. But no one ever saw acute disease - eating dry bread yet - at least, of the kinds we have had - here -

Now, if we subtract

| 6 oz bread | from 8 oz |
| 2 oz Arrow Root | " 4 " |
| 12 oz Mutton | " 16 " |

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20 oz             from 28 oz

it is a large subtraction, being what the man does not eat or what the cooking takes away.
“Nineteenthly” - The Diets & Medicines are prescribed, not by the heads of the profession who have no time to do what they are there for, being wholly taken up by Returns, but by the youngest & most inexperienced members of the profession - The head-, of the most important Hospital in the world told me himself that he did not know his way about his own Hospital -

I infer from this that the Extras are often heterogenous excessive & capricious=

I could give instances, of a composition of Extras of which a trusty old Nurse (not a “Gamp”) would not incur the risk of administering -

But, generally, I repeat that it may be deduced from the above facts that, though 3 lbs may have been upon the Diet Rolls, ½ lb was more nearly what actually went down a man’s throat - & that the fault did not lie in the Doctors -

I have much more to say, & I would willingly take the trouble to furnish {illeg in...} & make experiments to prove what I say. I do not know whether I have hit upon the main points of what has struck you as unaccountable. But I should be glad to answer any questions I am able

C.J. Fox said, “No, don’t read me history. For that I know is false” - I have learnt to say, No, don’t shew me Returns. For those I know (are not false - but) give a false impression -

Believe me to be dear Sir yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

If it should be said, Yes, but supposing it be true what you say about Fresh Meat losing weight, there remain the Preserved Meats to account for - I would answer that it has often happened to us to find a 3 lb. tin of Preserved Meat to contain exactly 1 ½ lbs in weight & to make up the difference, so as to answer the
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Diet Roll from our own stores. But
this would, of course, only be done in our own Kitchens. And I mention it only {overtop illeg} to shew how deceptive returns may be - And many a Surgeon I have known reprimanded for extravagance in Extras, who has chosen to do his Patients justice in spite of it, or who horror of horrors!, has drawn the difference privately out of our private stores - But this would bring him into trouble -

I have lately been shewn some returns, placing the daily expence of each Patient at the Civil Hospitals, Renkioi & Smyrna, (including Doctoring &c) at 4/ & a fraction - that of each Patient at some of our Military Hospitals here at 1/. Regimental Hospitals, if the stoppage were placed at 9/, as self= supporting- Is this so?

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Allow me to observe that, in re "Troilus & Cressida", I was not reflecting on Dr. Sutherland. He had been 7 hours on horseback about the Camp that day, & he turned up "Troilus & Cressida" for a very curious purpose, viz. to find the passage in which Thersites mentions boils as being common at the siege of Troy, our own men suffering very much from the same affection. For Shakespeare as an acute observer, had no doubt met with the allusion in some book he had read -

I was only reflecting on the power of reading surviving a Crimean imbroglio But Dr. Sutherland has not had 18 months of it as I have

NB I have had a second & even a third Edition of Mr. Fitzgerald & his "Confidential" proceedings since I have been up here this time. But sad experience makes me "up to" these things now- You do not do me justice -
General Hospital [14:414-18]
Balaclava
June 9/56

My dear sir,

In reply to your letter of May 10, which has only just reached me— and particularly to that part about the Land Transport Corps, where you say “we are much puzzled to account for the excessive mortality of the L.T.C.” I would suggest that there is some mistake in their Statistics—

The Medical Statistics of the L.T.C. are in a state of great confusion, so that it is hardly possible to obtain correct results— I have seen the weekly States for 21 weeks which give an average strength of about 8000. The total No= of deaths 242— Mortality to average strength 3 per cent for 21 weeks.

The uncertainty exists in our extraordinary method (or no method) of keeping Statistics. The average strength in our Returns sometimes includes, sometimes excludes natives. Now the Native strength is about 3000.

Taking, however, all the sources of uncertainty into account, Dr. Sutherland estimate the mortality in that Corps at not more than 7.2 pr cent pr ann.

Even this is excessive— But quite to be accounted for. The L.T.C. were exposed this last winter to all the influences to which our Army was exposed the winter before— bad organization— severe labor improper & uncooked food— no means for cleanliness— long exposure & fasting.

Even then, had they been recruited from country carters, accustomed to exposure in all weathers, they could have stood it— But they were chiefly discarded gentlemen’s servants, tradespeople & townspeople— At least one half never ought to have come out, were
unfit for any work under any circumstances.
Our object being to keep the Army in magnificent condition for the supposed coming campaign, the L.T.C. did all their work. They got up at 5, A.M, watered the mules, went down to Balaclava without breakfasting, had no means of drying themselves, no means of cooking their food &c &c - Now that they are organized and in Battalions, their Mortality is not much greater than that of the rest of the Army-

Sir W. Eyre’s “fool’s parade” cost 40 men in Hospital- If this was the result of one Crimean snow= storm, the poor L.T.C.’s repeated snow= storm might well do what we have seen.

The soldiers among the L.T.C. did not lose above the average mortality of the army.

2. I was struck in going over the French Divisional Ambulance of the Corps de Reserve yesterday with the Médecin en Chef at what you say & what we all have remarked about the French.

While the Typhus cases were all under canvass- while the bedding, bed=steads, absence of flooring, diets, uncleanliness, proportion of Medical Officers to Patients were all infinitely inferior to ours, their Medical Statistics should make us envious. How they keep any is a physical problem. Given one Surgeon to 300 wounded, which the Médecin en Chef told me was his own share during the siege, how does he find time to keep the “Cahiers” he does? Yet these Cahiers present the complete history of each case – the dieting, medical treatment, medical observations of each day of each Patient -

In your Report of Renkioi which you were kind enough to send me & which I read with the greatest interest, you will observe that the defect of its system is that this daily view of the Patient’s dieting cannot be kept on record - I know that Dr. Parkes
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lamented this—It was the same at
Smyrna—the same, to a lesser degree, at Scutari—But, during the pressure there, it was unavoidable—

I mean that, while encouraging, in acute cases, as much as possible, every facility for the Surgeon to obtain on Requisition at a moment’s notice from the Extra Diet Kitchen the articles of Diet suddenly wanted, which otherwise he would have had to wait for till next day at the General Kitchens, it was a constant battle with me to make the Surgeon enter these next day against the Patient’s name on his Diet Roll as for yesterday so as to shew what the Patient’s Diet has been—otherwise the history of his case is manifestly incomplete.

NB. I am aware that, owing to the neglect of this Military Hospital Rule, much of these casual Diets, (enormous at the time of the great pressure at Scutari) has been set down in Purveyor’s Accounts, as part of the “Nurses’ consumption”.
P.S. I have been more careful to enforce, more convinced of the necessity of, Military Hospital discipline & accuracy than the Doctors, (especially the Junior Doctors,) themselves.

3. Our best Military Hospital is the Monastery Hospital at St. George’s Crimea, as to organization, cleanliness &c &c &c - our best Administrator without any comparison is 1st Cl. S.S. Dr. Jameson at that Hospital - Our worst Military Hospital is this -

NB. Dr. Jameson has never been promoted, because it was convenient to lay the blame of the non-transmission of the Varna Stores to Scutari upon him, without whom we should never have had them at all -

& 2. because he told Mr. Stafford at Abydos that we had no Port Wine there-

Considering Dr. Jameson as our best Administrator, I shewed him your Report, & we talked it over together. I asked him to put down some of the details of his administration (the proof of the pudding &c the proverb is somewhat musty) which I now enclose and in the necessity of most of which I concur. I will ask you to return it to me, because I have had no time to take a copy. And there may come a time, I fear it is not now, when it may be useful-

4. Touching the Promotion of Medical Officers - The manifest injustice of most of the latter promotions will, I trust, upset the System - But what is to be put in its place?

One injustice is easily “constaté”- that of giving all the honors to Crimean Medical Officers, in preference to those at Scutari, on the plea of the greater risk to life in the Crimea & of the Scutari Medical Officers having gone to “enjoy themselves in four =post beds,” as I have heard Dep. Inspector=Genl= 
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Monat express himself-
The fact would appear to be exactly the reverse. The figures given to me are:

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But, while the figures belonging to the Bosphorus Command are official, those of the Crimea are not. And therefore require verifying.

NB. Three of the Medical Officers who died at Scutari certainly came from the Crimea - others may have contracted illness in the Crimea. A very large proportion however had never been there - So that the number of deaths, supposed to be nearly equal - while the actual number of Medical Officers at Scutari was always much below

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the numbers in the Crimea - proves that the proportion of deaths, in other words, the risk to life, was greater to the Medical Officer at Scutari than in the Crimea.

The total No. of Medical Officers invalided during this Campaign in the Bosphorus Command is 50. Of these, half had been in the Crimea.

5. I agree with you, the fate of Sir John McNeil’s Report has struck us all with despair.

A few more of those who have done the most mischief will be rewarded. And then the Army, which has deserved so well of us, will sink back into its former condition. And no one any more will talk, even, of Reform.

For the Medical Officers, however, something might be done. Altho’ the irresponsibility of opposition is always
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unsafe, & an alliance with Mr. Stafford
an un- “holy alliance”, I wish that he had been urged to keep his Committee open till the Medical Officers at present here can come home & give evidence. But I am told that this will be purposely prevented by their being ordered elsewhere.

There are many now here who would abide by their evidence, however little the Military Officers have, alas! done so by theirs_ Two of these I could but will not name who have given opposite evidence at Chelsea from that which they have been heard to say here - We were astounded.

Of the Medical Officers now here, whose evidence would be valuable to Mr. Stafford & who would speak the truth, there are

- Dr. Alexander Dy Ins. Genl=
- " R. Jameson S.S. 1st Cl
- " Beatson "
- " Matthew "
- Mr. Jackson S.S. 2nd Cl
- Dr. Holton "
- Dr. Jephson 1st Drag-Gds

& I have no doubt many others.
I do not profess to feel any respect for the Military Medical Profession, any more than for any other race of slaves, of whom they have all the vices & all the virtues, but a strong compassion & a burning desire to see them righted.

“I know them too well to complain because I do not find in them veracity, fidelity, consistency, disinterestedness.” They have been reduced to this state by dependence upon the caprice of an Inspector Genl=, a Director Genl= for promotion (not always the caprice but even the trick) supported by the “Confidential Report” System which has been carried to its utmost perfection by the present Inspector Genl=, which perfection consists in employing some other person, generally the Deputy Purveyor, in Chief, to give evidence concerning matters of which he is in no wise legitimately cognizant, and to take the evidence of Orderlies against their Medical Officer in charge.

In the last two months at this Hospital alone, two Medical Officers have been superseded upon evidence collected in the above manner, unknown to them. Since June/55, there have been but three Medical Officers here with sufficient independence to resist this system. All three have been superseded.

What can be expected from this training but what actually happens? An unfortunate 1st Cl. Staff Surgeon, in charge here during 8 months, one of those who was found most easy & submissive to work this system, was brought in here two days ago to the very Hospital he had contributed to ruin, in a fit of Delirium tremens, & cut his throat this morning with his own Scalpel.

If Inspectors= General & Deputy Purveyors in Chief could take a lesson, one would think the death of this wretched man might convey one - But how can you expect a better race under such circumstances?
Unlike Sidney Smith, I would
I had no “Pennsylvanian Bonds”– I am sorry that the Inspector General has so injured me that it prevents me from taking up the quarrel of the Medical Officers, for fear it might be considered my own –

In France, the promotion of Medical Officers depends upon Seniority–
In Sardinia, upon the “Examen” & “Concurrence”– (The three first of the lower Grade and one designated by the Conseil, go in for the Examen for the next “Grade”.)
I enclose the principle of Promotion which, it is said, would generally satisfy our Medical Department– in the justice of which I need not say I do not concur–
It is also drawn up by Dr. Jameson– [end 14:418]
Believe me, dear Sir
most faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
June 21/56

My dear Sir
My probably last letter shall “thank you for having been a, if not I might indeed say the, most material assistance to my work– which I shall ever remember with gratitude– and, altho’ “la reconnaissance n’est qu’un vif sentiment des bienfaits futurs” in general, it is not so in my case, for I am now going to trouble you for the last time, & hope on that score to receive your forgiveness –
Sir John Hall has, in my absence in the Crimea, written to Dr. Linton here to desire the Purveyor= in= Chief here to send him an Abstract of all Requisitions signed with my name, since Nov/54 which had accordingly been {since Nov/54 in other hand?}
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done without my knowledge, before I returned here two days ago.

These Requisitions are for Scutari & embrace all that I drew from Public Stores for our Extra Diet Kitchens, as well as for the Nurses’ own consumption-

This will appear from the Abstracts printed in the Blue Book of the Cumming- Maxwell Commission, which gives the average of the Issues from my Extra Diet Kitchens and sorts the sources whence the materials were supplied, whether from Purveyor, (upon whom I then drew by my own Requisition, according to a principle laid down by the War Office & the Inspector General of Hospitals in the Bosphorus, but too long here to insert, and recognised even in the Crimea by Sir John Hall till about (illeg)/six months ago,) or from Private stores.

Bref, the whole of these Requisitions appears in Sir John Hall’s Abstract as having been for our own private consumption.

The fact is almost too ridiculous to make any comment upon- as unless the women could eat 6 lbs Beef each daily, the Abstract disproves itself. The consumption of the women of meat has always been under 1 lb. daily. For one Extra Diet Kitchen alone, on the other hand, I drew 80 lbs meat daily. The great economy effected for Government by drawing thus in bulk is obvious - & well known to all housekeepers-

Again, I have never drawn one oz. Arrow Root for the Nurses, nor one oz. wine or Brandy - as I have already stated in another place-

I shall endeavor before I leave this, to settle all these matters with the Purveyor=in=Chief- so that I shall be ready when I come home to answer any question which may arise-
But I think it wise, under the circumstances, to place myself in the attitude of an accused person, and to lodge my statements with one of those men of honor, who alas! are not so plentiful as I once imagined them to be—But that was before I had been initiated into ye Crimean Mysteries.

2. The absence of Statistics (Medical) of which you complain, is unavoidable in consequence of the Rules, chiefly obtained from the Ancient Britons, which prevail in our parts—e.g. the bed tickets at the head of each Patient might as well consist of three, Febris c.c, Diarrhoea, Dysenteria & be hung up promiscuously. For if “Diarrhoea” puts on Fever in a Military Hospital, Diarrhoea has to be discharged and Fever admitted, thus standing for two Patients. A Regimental Surgeon may appear by his books, as if he had admitted 60 Patients per month, whereas he may only have admitted 20.

The Director-General would then say, “something is wrong”—But he would not look & see what was wrong. And the Surgeon, not the System would suffer. Surgeons therefore are compelled to let any Patient bear the name of any disease ad libitum, rather than go through the discharging & re-admitting process which “looks so bad.” But all Medical Statistics are thereby rendered impossible—

Again, they are compelled to name the disease within a certain nomenclature, also inherited from the Picts, & which does not contain the names even of some diseases, unknown at the time when Diagnosis was more imperfect than it is now. Again, no history of case is transmitted
with Patient, when he is transferred from one Hospital to another. His own statement has to be taken, if indeed he be capable of making a statement—as hundreds in the winter of /54 were not.

I dare say you know all these things usque ad nauseam—But Hospitals cannot have been your profession as they have been mine.

3. Many of the best Medical Officers will agree with Dr. Linton that one Ward Surgeon to 30 Patients only is not too much, due regard being had to the Patient, in attention to his case, to the Public, in attention to economy, to Science, in attention to Medical Statistics & history—Many will agree that one Senior to 350 Patients only is not at all too much.

And that for every 600 Patients a separate Hospital Establishment is desirable

4. I cannot agree with you in “taking the General Hospital at Scutari as the most favourable specimen of our Military Hospitals, the building having been originally designed for this use.” Surely there are things of as much importance as a “building” to the good administration of a Hospital—

I could say much more on all these subjects—But cué bono?

Believe me ever,
Most faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
Lt. Col. Lefroy R.A.
My dear Sir,

You are our best friend, after all -
I have to thank you very much for your very kind letter of July 25, with its enclosure from Sir B. Hawes, which has just reached me, forwarded, I presume, from Scutari -

In answer to that part of Sir B. Hawes’s most kind request for my "suggestions in a shape to bring our Doctors to consider them & give us sufficient reasons for rejecting them, if they are determined to reject them. It will be hard, no doubt, to compel the Doctors to consider & still harder to accept "improvements proceeding from a woman"
I was going, Hibernice, to ask you a question - What shall I say to Lord Panmure, to the Queen & what Memorandum shall I give to Sir B. Hawes? The first has proposed to see me at the end of next month in London - the second at the beginning in Scotland - In reply to
the third, I need not say that, even
without knowing the fate of all Memo-
randa and (alas! that we must
say it) of all Commissioners, IF they
are honest, -- I should respectfully
decline supplying the proposed “Memo =
randum” for the reason which Sir
B. Hawes himself anticipates - And you
who know so much of the workings of our
the Medical Department in the East
will easily anticipate many others-
grounded on the one fact that all their
passions & all their interests would be
enlisted against anything I could
propose -

2. But I have another reason -
And or rather I should like to ask
you another question. I should like to be
employed in the Peace= as in the War=
Military Hospitals I was employed
i.e. in the Linen
          Cooking, } Depts=
       Nursing, to a certain
extent which I could define, & which
would not exclude but facilitate the
instruction of the Orderlies in their business, which indeed was one of the main uses of me in the War Hospitals, altho’ I am aware that the necessity of training the Male Orderlies, M.S.C., has been made one of the principal reasons, (or shall I say excuses?) for excluding me.

However that may be, even this would not be my principal reason for desiring an official entrance into the Army Hospitals, to the cause of reforming which I feel myself given for life, directly or indirectly. For my principal reason is the indirect one of having legitimate means of information by which I could suggest reforms, not in my power or province to execute.

Now, should I not cut myself off from all chance of ever obtaining employment in the Military Hospitals by suggesting the necessity of any great reform to my Magnates three now? It is certain that I should, if any of the Army Medical Magnates were to have a scent of it.

Would it not be better for me to
ask directly & humbly for a Female Nursing Department in the Army Hospitals, which I have little doubt the Queen would grant, without making myself more obnoxious than I am, — or should I state boldly the whole case at first?

3. Should you say that I had better keep myself to the object pointed out by the Nightingale Fund, I should like to be allowed to lay before you the reasons which convince me that, with the buz-fuz about my name at present, which is against every condition of reform success, I had better have nothing to do with that for some time —

If I could not, therefore, gain access to the Army Hospitals, I should take some small, remote & poor Hospital for some years where I might indirectly but not nominally pursue my object of training women —

4. I entirely agree with what you say about the “great difficulty in Dr. Jamieson’s scheme of promotion (of Medical Officers) by districts.” It was
the very same difficulty which struck me & made me say to you that I entirely disagreed with him. All that you say about the “Doctors” & our body politics “chronic disease” is so exactly what my sad experience comes to. But, if you should decide for my telling the truth & the whole truth to Lord Panmure and the Queen about their War- Hospitals, viz. that not one step has been made in reform or to prevent the scene of ’54 from being acted all over again in any future War — avoiding, of course, all personal assaults upon individual Doctors whose actions are the results only- to themselves,- of the system under which they live- I should, in that case, much like to consult with you, whose opinion must be necessarily, in some respects, better than mine, as to what reforms are desirable & what are practicable?

As you imply, there is nothing to be done, without an entire raising of the Medical Departmt=. It is evident,
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that it would be improper presumptuous for me
to discuss their medical merits. But
three things must be acknowledged

(1.) that, while promotion is a question,
not even of seniority, but of the caprice
of one man, they must be slaves, &
they are not to blame for that want
of honor & independence which we
are accustomed to expect in English
men of science-

Whether any
system of examination and of “concours”
as the condition of promotion would
remedy this, I am not qualified to say

(2.) that they must be better
paid & better taught- or no good man
will enter or will stay among the
Army Surgeons-

(3.) that a Medical Officer, after
having risen to a certain rank, must
not cease to do that which he is put
there for, in order to do something
quite different, i.e make Requisitions
for pots & pans instead of practising
Therapeutics. Without falling into

the tyrannous system of the French
Intendance, but keeping the Medical
Officer always, as he is & ought to be
supreme in his own Hospitals, it
would be easy to take the pots & pans
off his hands -

If it is true that the Medical Officers
of the Army are the lowest, in Medical
Science in England, there is enough to
account for it. I know there are
brilliant exceptions. But I know,
curiously enough, that the principal
exception to this imputation of want
of science is the one most anxious
to be relieved from the ‘Pots & Pans’
System- What should you think
of Caesar Hawkins, if he had to see
that the beds were clean at St.
George’s Hospital? would he even
have been Caesar Hawkins?

I have answered your most kind
letter with a length which I fear
will make you wish you had never
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written it -
If I could find a mouth-piece, not obnoxious to the same hostility which the Army Surgeons naturally feel towards me “because”, as a General Officer once told me, “they know they have been “found out”, I would {'they know’ overtop illeg] gladly give every suggestion that has occurred to me to be worked up & promulgated for the benefit of the Service. I should have much pleasure in conferring (Memoranda in hand) with yourself & Sir B. Hawes on the subject.

I will now only say that I should be ruined if you were to betray my (above) audacious projects, & that I am

My dear Sir

ever yours very faithfully & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Lt Colonel Lefroy
R.A.

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Birk Hall
Ballater
Aberdeenshire
Sept 29/56

My dear Sir

Do the widows of the Land T. Corps participate in the Patriotic Fund?
I see no principle upon which they should be excluded seeing that the late L.T.C. endured {2 lines in other hand in pencil:}
“Miss Fanny Taylor. Eastern [?] Nurses“
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*in lieu of the combatants part of the Army,* & suffered from) the same difficulties in the winter of 55-56 which decimated the combatant branches in 54-55 far more than wounds.

But so many widows of the L.T.C. come to me to ask if they may apply to the Patriotic Fund.

With many thanks for your last important letter suggestions to me, about which I trust that you will hear a great deal.

5479/10 signed letter, 2ff, pen ansn Nov 1?

30 Old Burlington St.

Oct 31/56

My dear Sir

I am about to claim your most kind promise of allowing me to see you about Military Hospital matters here.

I am come up to London, in order to see a few friends & a few enemies, with regard to a long job, imposed upon me, which has
mainly arisen out of your suggestions to me in your last kind letter -

If you could come & see me to-morrow in the afternoon, or name any day and hour which will be least inconvenient to you, (should you be in town,)-- you will be conferring a great benefit upon a cause in which we are both equally interested.

I know,— though few, {know overtop illeg}
I believe, can know like me the needless sacrifice of human life & of money which has taken place in the late War— nor how those results of delay, inefficiency & irresponsibility, which every one admits, arose from governing a General Hospital, (among other Institutions) by several Departments, of which the Officers are appointed by different authorities —

Believe me to be dear Sir

Yours very truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale
My dear Sir

Thank you very much for your kind remembrance of me & my men - My mother & I shall have very great pleasure in dining with you & Mrs. Lefroy on Thursday, if that will suit you. I am sorry to say, for my father’s sake, that he is gone down into Hampshire - (1/2 p. 7. will be your hour-)

I should be very glad to have a little conversation with Sir John Richardson previously, as you kindly propose, because a man sometimes likes to have a little time to think over his answers to a few questions (or the Government of Haslar) which I wished to ask him, if he will be so good as to answer them.

I am greatly distressed, in a scientific, not in a friendly point of view, that my Master has the gout - And I enclose you the latest history of “the Commission” - for yourself & to be returned to me - My friend, you see, thinks me an enthusiast, whereas I am only persevering which he is not, though a far better man than I am -
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I would either come to
you at ½ past 5 on
Thursday to meet Sir
John Richardson or see
him here, whichever is
least inconvenient to you
& him -

Believe me ever
faithfully & gratefully yrs
F. Nightingale

[14:471]

5479/12 W.E. Nightingale to Dear Sir, 28 Dec 56, Embley, Romsey, re:
inviting Mr and Mrs Lefroy for a visit

5479/13 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.
London W.
1/4/57

My dear Sir

Thank you very much [15:262-63]
for your kind note -
I shall have great
pleasure in remembering
your “Royal Hospital” case
I don’t at all agree
with you in looking upon
your change of occupation
as a change to “lower
concerns”. I think the
civilizing process which
you are now able
greatly to direct, is the

very highest “concern” of
all. And I am sure
that you will work a
wonderful reformation,
if it were only by the
Reading Rooms. When I
remember the entire
change, as between a
savage population & a
Christian one, which
was effected between
the years 54- 55, &
55- 56 at Scutari in
the moral condition of
the men, I think what
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might not be done for
these soldiers? far more than {soldiers overtop illeg}
for the officers-
   I should be so very
glad to see you when
you return to town-
I fear I may not be
here- But would you
enquire if I am?
   We have {overtop illeg} not yet
our Reading Huts at
Aldershot_ If expence
is the reason, I should
be so very glad to help
   Our Hospitals are
in a disgraceful state-

those of Chatham worst
of all- I think it
hardly fair to contrast
the condition of the soldier
in Hospital with what
as you say,
"he would be in his
laborer’s home" - but
with what the Sailor
is in his Naval Hospital.
The comparison is dis=
honourable to the War
Dept=, heart= rending to us.
   Believe me my dear Sir
   Most faithfully yours
   F Nightingale

I don’t believe any thing will
be done in all the branches
of Reform we have talked of
together -
30 Old Burlington St
London W
29/11/58
Dear Colonel Lefroy

Knowing how much you are doing for the men, I am very anxious to get your advice, approval & encouragement about a thing to which I know you have already given your attention—viz—day= rooms for the men—

Hitherto Government has thought it had done enough when it had fed, clothed & housed the men—But a man’s a man for all that—And he did not find it enough—Government gave him a great deal of spare time & no occupation for it—And so he did mischief with it—Small blame to him! Government raves against his intemperance & immorality.
But I say again, small blame to him!! Would it not be much better to find him with something to rival the canteen & the pleasures of “absence without leave” in his estimation?

Reading= Rooms & School= Rooms are not enough- How few men of that class in Civil Life care to read!

BEsides the Reading= room & the School room, would not a Day =room, where the men might smoke & talk - warm, well= lighted (for all men of that class are fond of light) well= ventilated & clean - where they might play any game but games of hazard- where they might have a Bar, with tobacco & any drink but spirituous liquors- where they might see the news= papers & periodicals- where pictures & plans & maps illustrating
the soldiers’ trade
might cover the walls
- do you not think
the soldiers would go
to such a room?
We found it so at Scutari-
I cannot think that there would be much difficulty in finding ground for Day= rooms. And I should be so glad to help in finding games, furniture, newspapers, pictures &c for them, if you approved -
All my experience of the soldier & the class from which he springs goes to prove that such day= rooms are powerful rivals to the public-house & to worse places -
If the Barrack= room were what it ought to, be, viz. the soldiers’ bed room only, we should hear a great deal less of his disorderly conduct & of the canteens-
That all the men cannot be induced to forsake the canteens is doubtless true -
But we have scarcely tried to make any do so - except the reading= men who are few [end 15:427]
{rest of folio torn}
{text in other hand vert in left marg:}
Gave the signature to Edm. Deedes [?] of Canada 1 12/58
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{text in other hand:} autograph given away
My dear Col. Lefroy

Thank you very much for your parcel & its contents- I am very sorry that you should have taken the trouble to render me any account, which I neither expected nor wished- But I like very much to see what you have been doing for the men

You never could be in my “bad books,” as you call it, whatever others might be- Your words sadly remind me of what La Rochefoucauld says of the Fronde, too truly applicable, as I have always thought to the our War Office - there never were so many fine words & so little good sense - so much enterprise & so little effect - so much action without
design & so much design
without action. [I
forget the exact terms,
I dare say you recollect
them- but it is true]

I like your improved
rules for the Reading= rooms
very much.

Did you even see
the little book I enclose?
I have turned down
the leaves which I
think shew our men’s
simple heroism &
good sense in trouble.
The man I knew, a
good but by no means
unusual specimen

of what our men are.
If you approve, I would
send you some more
copies for your Reading
Rooms -

I see I am still
£1.19.4 in your debt,
which I herewith
enclose -

Pray believe me
very sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

I will not trespass more
upon your time about
the Day= rooms till you
are a little less pressed
My dear Sir,

I have read the book by Fonblanque ("Organization of British Army") whom you recommended to the task - I think it is a capital book - And on the points on which my experience enables me to judge I hardly ever differ with him -

Nevertheless the book is almost useless, because he is ignorant of the changes in progress - Especially is this the case with regards to the Medical, Sanitary, Hospital & Purveying business - which is besides the feeblest part of the book -

In his Preface he invites communications for a second Edition, which I have no doubt the book will have - {book overtop illeg}

Do you think he is the kind of man whom one might venture to enlighten as to the changes now actually in contemplation by Government - or already carried?
One word from you, Yes, or No, will much oblige me - And, if yes, the man’s address, if you know it - My opinion, I am sorry to say, (the result of much experience) of most Army men is that it is no use informing them. Because they are convinced {overtop illeg} already - And the righter you are & the wronger they are, the worse for you -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

5479/17/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen, Rcd at Corfu July 2 1859

30 Old Burlington St.  

W. June 6/59

Dear Col. Lefroy

I do not know where you are - so I take the liberty of sending a copy of Miss Martineau’s “England & her Soldiers” to your house- If you approve it, & if you think it will be useful to the men, as giving some knowledge
of the Departments & of the laws of health, I should like to put 40 or 50 copies at your disposal for the Regimental Libraries & Reading Rooms, for which you have done so much - I read your Report with the greatest pleasure - the one you were so kind as to send me - I send you an Article in the “Examiner” upon it- which you may not have seen -

With regard to “England & her Soldiers” if you accept it, I would direct Smith & Elder, the Publishers, to send the number of copies you approve, wherever you think it would be the least trouble to yourself to have them sent.

I had your note from Southampton two months ago, which gave me great pleasure.

Believe me
my dear Sir
Yours sincerely ever

F. Nightingale

I send you the London Gazette of May 31, that you may see we have not been resting on our oars, but that Mr. Herbert is going to do the same thing for our Indian Army as for home -
If we could find a good Commanding Officer who would try the Day Rooms in his own Regiment at Aldershot Mr. Herbert would like to put such an one on the Commission.

F.N.

Dear Col. Lefroy

I do not know whether you are travelling about after our Defences. I am very anxious to ask your advice.

Perhaps you know that Mr. Herbert is going to establish a few General Hospitals with Governors. He thinks these Governors should be about the rank of Lt. Colonels & will receive about £100 a year additional -

Portsmouth, Devonport, Woolwich are to be the first places tried -

Could you recommend any Officers whom you think fit for such a charge, from their power of mastering administrative details?
Sir H. Storks is the kind of man whom I have seen do this sort of thing best - General Hospital Regulations have been drawn up which you perhaps have seen - But if you have (rest of folio cut)

suggest the names of two or three Officers whom you think suitable for the things & who you think would accept it you would very much {illeg folio cut off}

5479/18/2 {in another hand:} 5 Sept 59 The rest of this letter was given to some one as an autograph

5479/19/1-2 signed letter, 4ff, pen [15:287]

30 Old Burlington St W Oct 13/59

Dear Col. Lefroy

I was very much obliged to you for the names of Governors for General Hospitals - You were right in supposing that we were drawing up a code of new Regulations and you were right in supposing that it would never do to
enfranchise a Governor
of a General Hospital
from the dominion of
the Commander in Chief -
You will see that we
have anticipated your
this objection P. 38- [The
sentence to which
you took exception,
in my rough sheets,
referred merely to
this: viz. that the Governor
of a General Hospital
must not be liable
to be moved to the
front; must not
be in command of the
Depot or the District:
but must be specially
commissioned for the
purpose of governing
the General Hospital,
& not govern it merely
as Officer Commanding
in the District or be
replaced during absence
by the Senior Military
Officer on the Station]
But, of course, the
Commander of the Forces
must have the right
of inspecting in his
own Hospital, of moving
his Hospitals &c. And
in that sense the
Governor would not
be independent of him.
I should very much
have liked, if you had
had time, to have
asked your detailed
opinion upon the
Code of Regulations, of
which I venture to
send you the Proof Sheets;
which please return to me.
But, in the absence
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of more time, would
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you be so very kind
as just to look at
the General Hospital
part, Pages 38 to 46, & at
the Governor’s more
particularly P.p. 38-40.
Believe me
Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Both War Office &
Horse Guards have, at
last, passed these Regulations.
They are now going
through the Press with
a few corrections_ Would {overtop illeg}

Would you, if you have
no chance of any time
to look at them now,
return the Proofs to
me at once?

F.N.

5479/20 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Hampstead NW
Oct 14/59

Dear Col. Lefroy
I should never have ventured
to ask you to order things for the men
at Gibraltar, knowing how your time
is occupied. But as you are so
very good as to offer it, I cannot
resist troubling you - If therefore
you will be so very kind as to
order a year’s supply of newspapers
& periodicals, I should be very
much obliged to you- Because no
one knows so well as you do
what is good for the men & what
they will read. The Illustrated
London News, the Leisure Hour, the British Workman, Cassell’s paper, Chambers’, Punch, these I remember they used to like — But, if you find it really takes up too much of your time to order these things, & would send me a list of what you think best, I could order them — Any games that you will send them out I shall be too happy. And I venture to enclose you a Cheque for £10. But, should you exceed this & will tell me, I should only be too grateful to you — I have but that one object now —
yours sincerely & gratefully
F. Nightingale

Don’t call at Burlington St. please till I tell you. (Because I am here). And I should like to take my chance of being able to see you when you are so good as to come. But whatever you send to me there will come to me here without delay — (And I hope they will mend their bell!) I am uncertain about my day of going back — Thank you very much for your most kind letter — It is truly kind in every sense of the word. But the feeling of disappointment & incompleteness will hang about one’s best efforts —
I am sorry for the men that you are no longer their I.G. Army Schools, but I can quite understand that it is a waste, so to speak, to put you to that kind of work —
F.N.
My dear Sir

I ought to have answered your kind letter long ago —

I am very much indebted to you for all the trouble you have taken.

I wish the Gibraltar people would get out their Report - No doubt the first thing to do is to clear off the debt - And I think if we had the Report, we should be able to get the money.

I believe Mr. Herbert would allot something towards it as a “Day= Room”. And I believe we could make the public do something.

The subscriptions for the first year, ending April 1860, were £385 odd. The debt £1200 odd. A good report setting forth the case & mentioned in the English papers would, I believe, clear this off —

I think Col: Maberley’s letter is a very nice one — It shews how much wise & good feeling
for the men exists.

I send down
to the W.O. to day,
addressed to you,
a M.S. Report & plans
sent me by Lt.
Pilkington Jackson.
Perhaps you will be
good enough to cast
your eyes over it
& to return it
to me, - with any
suggestions of yours.

As Col. Maberley
mentions the “penny

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papers“ as being
liked by the men,
perhaps you would
be so good as to
take some more
trouble, & subscribe
for a year for them
for three penny
papers, the Star,
the Telegraph &
the Standard -
Or, if you know
of any better,
so much the
better - You will
be so kind as to judge.
I find it comes to
£3.17.10 - which
I enclose, with
the £5.4.9, which
I am so much
indebted to you for
already.

Thank you
very much for
what you say and
wish for me. It
is just what I like,
what I want, what
touches my need.
To pray for a
restoration to health
which can neither
be desired nor
expected is not
the kindness which
touches the sick;
but to understand
what their wants
are - This is
what you have
done -

ever yours sincerely
& gratefully
Florence Nightingale

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Ansd 8 Oct/60

{up diag} Hampstead NW
Sept 28/60

{in other hand:} Miss Nightingale on
Hospital Tents

My dear Sir
I am very glad to
hear of your Report
upon Tents-

In reply to your
question: –
I have never seen
a tent (or even a hut)
where the sick would
not have been better
without a stove than
with one - It is so
difficult to prevent
extreme variations of temperature with the stove that I have often seen severe Rheumatic attacks from their its use - I would much rather warm my Patients with hot bricks & plenty of warm clothing than with fire in a tent (or even in a hut.) You will say that Patients require the air of the tent sometimes to be warmed In Bronchitis, Pneumonia & such things they undoubtedly do. But it is a fact that, in the exposed conditions where tents (& huts) are used, you do not have these complaints to deal with often. And Cholera & such other diseases which require instant warmth to the skin may better be warmed by hot bottles &c - However, I am only
giving my own
experience - Doubtless,
if a good stove,
could be contrived,
it would be a
great comfort -
But you cannot
carry these very
ingeniously managed
stoves with you
in a campaign.)
2. According to the
new “Medical Regu-
lations” (if you do {diag line down from ‘if you do’, to end of
‘one?’})
not happen to have
a copy by you, may {overtop ‘I’}
I send you one?)
with the places marked

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there is now no
Hospital tent - but
a Marquee for sick
& a bell= tent for
equipments. [It is
‘It is enough’ x-out with 2 vert
lines]

enough-) After taking
all the best evidence,
it was thought
right to provide
no means for
warming in the
“Regulations,” & no
transport for stoves.
[This last was said to
be impossible] These
things, it was thought,
must be very much
left to the Med. Offrs.=
  The same thing as
to cooking apparatus.
They will have to
cut off or build
cooking apparatus.
  It will therefore
not be necessary to
consider the question
of “warming”.
  3. The Hospital
Marquees are very
bad for want of
ventilation.

    Three years ago,
we began drawing up
plans for ventilation.
It was never continued.
I venture to enclose
to you our beginning.
Altho’ it rather shows
what is required
than how to do it,
it may be of some
little use to you.
  4. If you liked
to send me your
Report (or any part
of your Report), I
should be very glad
to suggest for your
approval anything
which may have
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come within my own experience- And I promise not to be so long as I have been this time - I have only just opened yours of the 22nd (!) The fact is, I have been unusually ill & busy. And they deprived me of my private letters. Anything that you send to 30 Old Burlington St. is however always forwarded within the day- to me - yours sincerely F. Nightingale [end 16:378]

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Gibraltar Hampstead [15:430]
Home {up diag} Sept 28/60
My dear Sir

Thank you very much for what you have done about the Gibraltar “Home”. I entirely agree to what you say about the necessity of its not coming under the Barrack Master -

I am not without hopes that the W.O. will do something.
I had already seen Capt. Galton about it. And we have been in communication with some of the Officers of the “Committee”. From their account, there will be a good deal of difficulty — They say Capt- Jackson is so unbusiness- like that he has taken, altered and fitted up these houses without any or without — sufficient agreements, as to lease or tenancy,— upon a mere verbal arrangement with {overtop ‘from’} an old man of 75. The rent is £144 a year— They say that no arrangement could be come to, till Capt. Jackson’s return. If a lease of 7 years could be obtained, or a lease terminable by the Govt= at the end of every year, I believe that (provided the Governor recommended the scheme) Mr.
Herbert would sanction the rent being paid by the W.O., and give a sum of (say) £500 towards the fittings.

The Committee say that Capt. Jackson is incapable of making a clear statement. [I wrote to him; & his answer is certainly not one, on which the W.O. could act]

The Committee have promised to draw up one- And till this comes in, we shall not be able to get anything done-

Capt. Jackson, who is just married, tells me, in his letter, that it is very inconvenient to him to be without the money. And I say that, as there were many business like men in the Garrison who did not make the “Home”, and one unbusiness= like one who did, we must do our best to help the “Home” out of its scrape.

May I ask you this question? Would it be practicable for {overtop ‘to’} the W.O. to take the whole thing
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as it is, on condition
that the lease-matter could be arranged, paying what cost has been incurred, and then let it go on under the management of the men as at present, without any interference of the Barrack-Master? Or is this impossible? And should we try to get Mr. Herbert to give £1000, as you suggest, merely as a grant?

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I am very sorry for the forgetting (on my part) to pay the Newspapers’ postage penny stamp- If this has entailed any past expence, I should like to pay it, please -

F.N.
30 Old Burlington St
23. Nov 24/60

To copy (in another hand)
My dear Sir

I have pinned in
two remarks at P.p. 8
and 13 of your Draft,
which I return -
I also send one
of the (old) Proofs of the
“Medical Regulations,”
which I happen to
have by me - If you
look at P.p. 71 and 73,
which were drawn
up with the greatest
care with Alexander,
the late Director General,
(the greatest loss that
service ever had)
you will see that for
a Brigade on field
service, a spade &
pick-axe are {overtop illeg} judged
all that is {overtop was} necessary
to provide the Hospital
stoves (kitchen), together with two
triangles - (four for
a Division.)

At the same time,

remembering as we do
the entire want of
ingenuity betrayed by
some Divisions (in the
first Crimean winter
of 54-55) in providing
fire for their Hospitals
(I send you some
specimens by myself
of the relative
skill displayed
by Scotch, English,
Turkish & Sardinians
- undoubtedly the
last is the best)
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I should hardly think
it safe to let the
quotation from me
pass, P. 8 of your Draft without
your adding- in the
very strongest terms-
that - it is of the
utmost importance
in Field Hospitals to
have means at hand
for heating bricks,
water &c & preparing
warm hot "extras" & drinks for the
sick.

But, for this purpose,
ingenuity is more necessary

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than the best stove.
Alexander’s division
(in that dreadful winter)-
was famous for this ingenuity.
I have seen the
best Hospital fire-places
prepared with a
spade & pick axe in
the ground -
And I have seen
the best fires for warming
tents dug out ditto
in the ground underneath.
I think it possible
that some lazy Medical
Officers would take

advantage of the
quotation (in your
Draft) P. 8 to neglect
preparing means
for fire at all, for
their Hospital tents
& marquees - without
some strong comment from you -
I have a great
many things to ask
you about. But I
cannot write now -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
My dear Sir

One of the things which I have long wished to ask you about is this: —

You once mentioned to me the Woolwich Day Room or “Soldiers’ Home”, or whatever it is called - I have heard a good deal about it since, & that it is now “on its last legs”

The W.O. are making enquiries about it. Could you tell me anything and whether anything could be done to save it?

You are the only authority who has [overtop ‘have’] any experience in these matters. Otherwise I would not trouble you.

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2. For the same reason, I enclose a private Memo= from Genl= Lawrence at Aldershot about
Garrison Libraries- & the substance of it, embodied in a proposal -

About both these things, the S. of S. could be induced to do something, if you would say what you advise- and if you would object, or propose anything additional which would enable the desired objects to be arrived at.

Should the W.O. pay for the Newspapers & Periodicals?

Regiments in Garrisons are moveable bodies. E.g would there be difficulty about the exact appropriation of the Subscriptions to the good of the Subscribers, especially on foreign Stations? Men might subscribe up to the day of their departure & the periodicals arrive after they are gone. Again, different Regts=
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might like different
papers. Or a large
number of subscribers
might furnish funds
for the supply of
periodicals to a small
number of subscribers
from the next Regts=
who arrive - And
vice versa

Are some fixed
quantities wanted in
order that the supply
may arrive regularly?

Do these difficulties
occur with Regimental
Libraries?

Would there be
difficulty in the W.O.
deducting the amounts
& paying for the
Periodicals &c?

3. I have been told
that the Woolwich
Reading room has been
carried on by a few
N.C. Officers & Privates,
who had found the
benefit of it - but
that it is now falling
through - This would
be a thousand pities.
And I would do
anything to prevent it
4. Anything that has to be done in the W.O. must be done *out of* the W.O. tho’ this sounds like a “bull”- I mean, whatever is done, is done, directly with the S. of S. Whatever goes thro’ the W.O. is *not* done. You must do a thing by unofficial means, if it is to be done at all- Of this I dare say you are well aware - And therefore I want to make haste, with the present S. of S.

I enclose you an *Abstract of the Minutes* (enough to fill a small Blue Book) which I have *seen* about the unfortunate Gibraltar “Home”. in order to prove this point, which I dare say does not require proving to you-

I trust you will not refuse your advice, in order that some general measure may be taken about these Libraries & Day Rooms, while the present S. of S. is still in office yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
The Garrison Libraries, as constituted at present, are not Reading Rooms. There is an allowance of fire & light, but this rarely benefits anybody but the Librarian: the Soldier seldom sits down to read.

I would propose to increase (double) the Subscription to 2d monthly, more than which is often paid to a Regl= Library, & to supply them with Newspapers & Periodicals. The former are extensively read by the men: generally speaking, those only of the lowest & most vicious
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character are within reach of the Soldiers.
It would therefore be wisdom to supply him with publications of a better character, and this might be done by the existing machinery: the Committee of Officers who meet monthly to regulate the accounts of the Garrison Library to whom might be added a Sub: Comtee= of N.C. Officers, if thought desirable. This Committee would fix the number of Newspapers to be taken at the Station, depending upon the number of Subscribers, & selections from a List published by
the Secretary of State for War, which would include all the leading Journals & some of the best of the Penny Papers, & also the Periodicals with the prices attached to regulate the supply. This would attract the men & the Librarian might be allowed to supply tea, coffee, biscuits &c

Periodicals are now supplied to the Garrison Library, but the number might be greatly increased with advantage.

To show how popular such Libraries are, there are often 200 or 300 Subscribers to a Regimental Library where there is often a difficulty in obtaining a suitable room.
To supply the Stations abroad would be a still greater boon, particularly in hot climates. And I am sure that troops in the field would gladly contribute double the amount of subscription to be provided with newspapers & periodicals through the post.

Payments would be made through the Pay List.

Those who have served abroad know with what avidity newspapers are read by the men, even when a month old, & how many papers might in this way be supplied to a Regiment with 300 Subscribers (25/)
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“Times” - “Illustrated”-
Russell’s Paper &
some other penny
papers.

If there was
no Library at the
Station, they might
be supplied with
Periodicals as well
as Newspapers for
their 2d.

A.J. Lawrence
Aldershot
Nov 20/60

[Genl= Lawrence
farther says that
the “Victoria” Library
is a perfect waste
of money as no
one is allowed
to read in the
room - and the
man is paid 3/ a day
to keep the books locked up
Garrison libraries as at present constituted, not being reading rooms & consequently of no use to the men as places of instruction and recreation: it is proposed to convert such Libraries into Reading rooms, to which all the soldiers in Garrison may be admitted, on payment of a monthly subscription.

It is proposed farther to increase the attractiveness of such rooms to the soldier by supplying the Garrison Library room with newspapers & periodicals, under proper precautions as to their nature & character, for which purpose an authorized List is to be drawn.
up by the War Office from which the Newspapers & periodicals, as well as the number of copies of each that may be required, are to be selected.

In order that the affairs of the Library, as regards this matter, may be managed in a manner satisfactory to all parties: — it is proposed that a joint Committee of Officers and N.C. Officers (to be named by the C.O. of the Station —?) be appointed to receive and apply the Subscriptions and to select the Newspapers and
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Periodicals from the authorized List.

To meet the expenses, it is proposed to raise the men’s subscription from 1d to 2d per month — payment to be made through the Pay List.

It is proposed farther to permit the Librarian to supply the men with tea & coffee at a fixed price.

These advantages to be extended to all stations at home & abroad, where there are Garrison Libraries, and the Newspapers & Periodicals to be sent by post.

Nov 26/60

5479/26/1 signed letter, 4ff, pen

20 Old Burlington St
W Dec 5/60

Dear Colonel Lefroy

I feel it is quite wrong to trouble you who are engaged now with so many more important occupations — And yet I can hardly call any thing more important than the morality of the men — which
depends so much
upon their Day
Rooms &c
I am sure that
you do much good
by calling attention
to your own School
Report and Library
Regulations -
I have already
conned them again,
for the benefit of
Genl= Lawrence, &
forwarded to him
the gist of what
you say.

Also, it is a great
guide for Mr. Herbert,
whom I saw on
Sunday - who is
anxious to do some=
thing but does not
quite know what.
But I think we shall get your £2 per
ann per company or troop - now
Upon that part
of your letter I shall,
I am afraid write
to you more at length
I think your advice (in your Report)
will now be followed.

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about the poor little
Woolwich Day: Room.
If it were more
substantial, I am sure
the W.O. would do
something for it.
Meanwhile, I
venture to trouble
you about the
means of making
it so -
If I understand
right, the Officers
have taken the debt
with them.
Now I don’t at
all want to help
the Officers but to
help the men -
I think the
Officers might very

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of £67. And I
don’t want to give
anything which
might be seized
for debt-
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paper which I
have received from
the W.O., it appears
that the N.C. Officers
have doubled and
trebled their own
subscriptions.
I therefore venture
to hope that you will
forgive me, if I ask you to appropriate the enclosed £25 so as best to help the men on -
Perhaps a Bagatelle Board - perhaps Lectures - perhaps Subscriptions for Newspapers -
I have a quantity of maps & military prints (framed) for Soldiers’ Day Rooms - a part of which
I should be glad to send them - if only the debt could be paid off -
   ever yours sincerely & gratefully
   F. Nightingale
I have no doubt that, with your assistance & information, the “Victoria Library” Regulations & practice may be made more useful (at Aldershot)

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/signed/ F. Nightingale

{archivist:}
to Colonel Lefroy 5/12/1860
Dear Col. Lefroy

I once more venture to trouble you about these Victoria Libraries. The papers I enclose (and which please return, as I have no copies,) will shew you where we stand -

The first sheet is the questions which I framed to Genl= Lawrence upon your letter, as you will see. The second & third are his answers -

He is coming up to London on Thursday upon this business - And if you could let me have the enclosed papers with your advice back by Wednesday, we may be able to do something -

I sent Genl= Lawrence Extracts both from your School Report & Library Regulations. You will see that he specially desires that Garrison Libraries should be connected with reading= rooms & supplied with newspapers, periodicals &c -

Would you give your advice as to the
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manner?
You will think it both useless & troublesome to ask these questions. But no one seems to take any initiative – altho’ many are anxious to do something. Your Regulations permit Libraries to be established in Garrisons & C.O.s to provide newspapers – Could the Victoria Libraries be brought under this regulation? Who should get up

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& manage this at Aldershot?

Should there be one uniform subscription to Library & Reading Room? How much? How should the fund be managed? By a Committee of N.C. Officers or of Officers?

Forgive me for asking these questions, which really seem very silly to myself, & believe me

ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale
Jan 30/61

My dear sir

I am going to ask you for a great favour. It is what I have been longing for for months. It is about the Day Rooms & Reading Rooms, Libraries &c

I gave a copy of your proposed Circular for the S. of S.

to Mr. Herbert- But, whenever I have urged him about these Reading Rooms, he always says, We have no money. Then I pressed him to do something to improve the existing machinery & to come to conclusions which might serve for years when there was more money. He has now consented to a small Commission,

and, if you would serve upon it— and if you could anyhow spare the time, I am sure it would be worth while— it would answer.

I am afraid Mr. Herbert’s time at the War Office will be short- (I cannot bear to call him by his new name)
And if something is not done before he
Wellcome Ms 5481

goes out,) nothing
Wellcome Ms 5481

will be done —
    I believe your
colleagues would be
Capt. Galton R.E.
Genl= Lawrence
Major Buckley of
    Chatham
None of these men
have any experience
Altho’ Genl= Lawrence
is most eager in
the cause. But he
is somewhat of the
tract line of business.
Capt. Galton is a very
efficient man—

ever yours sincerely F Nightingale

5479/29/1-2 signed letter, 4ff, pen

30 Burln St.
Feb 6/61
Dear Colonel Lefroy
    Pray don’t decline
the Reading Room Commn,
on the ground you say.
    If you only attended
one Meeting, in
order to give inform=
    ation, it would
still be worth while
to keep your name
on the Commn=, because
you would have a
check on the Report,
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because the Report
would have influence,
if signed by you,
- & because you
are the only man
of them who has
any experience-

Mr. Herbert has
spoken to the C. in
Chief about it —
who took it up
quite warmly, which
is all right because
it must be worked
thro’ the H. Guards—

Certainly, as to

Day Rooms, we must
wait till there is
more Barrack
accommodation -
Nor is that the
most pressing -

Our object is
more, with existing
machinery, to do as
you say - render it
more attractive &
more accessible to
the men - & with
the means you say-
And perhaps the only
additional expence
at present need
be - more light &
a little ornamentation
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- the men’s own
subscriptions, if
couraged, will do
much – with profits
on the sale of Coffee &c

If the only result
of this Commn were,
to call out the ideas
& rouse the attention
of Regl= Commg Officers
on this subject, it
would be much-
2.

About the married
women’s quarters -
Of course I agree
- oh how much I

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agree- with you
on this subject -

A great deal is
doing - and a great
deal more ought to
be done -

Married quarters
are being built in
many places- In
others, many Hospitals
might be turned
into capital married
quarters, as soon as
new Hospitals can
be built-

I know of scarcely
any place where
the C.O. could not,
if he chose, at least separate the married couples- from the single men - now -
But this is not enough - We shall not be satisfied till every married couple has at least one room to itself.
In some places, lodging money, even if granted, would be of no use, because there are no lodgings.
Corfu is very bad - I myself but two months back, presented a Report & urged it upon Mr. Herbert, upon this very subject at Corfu. [upon Sir J. McNeill’s information]
He told me last Sunday it was still “under consideration” at the W.O.
But Gibraltar & Malta are as bad.
I will try, if something immediate cannot be done on your plan, so that the horrible immorality of the thing may at least cease, till permanent Married quarters are obtained

ever dear Col Lefroy yours gratefully & truly F. Nightingale
My dear Sir

C. in C. and S. of S.

have come to an

understanding about

the Commee- for Reading

Rooms- and, altho’

I think they have

made it too large,

each adding on his

own man, I am

glad to have got it

at all. Now it

stands thus: ----

Col Lefroy
Gen Lawrence
Capt. Galton RE
Major Buckley
Genl= Eden (of
Chatham)
Dr. Sutherland

Infy= Off. Col Peacocke 1/16
Cavy= Off. - Douglas

Ld Herbert desired

me to write the

Instructions - And

I wanted to ask you

whether you would

add (or alter) anything

in the enclosed,

taken principally [>

from your letters

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
30, Old Burlington Street, W. {printed address:} [15:445]

May 25/61

Dear Col. Lefroy

I hope that you will never allow my state of illness to interfere with your suggestion of anything of this kind.

I gladly send you my small contribution.

I have sadly doubted (from experience) of the good results of closed Penitentiaries of either of the R. Catholic Church or our own – [And I am not sanguine & therefore not easily discouraged]

The City Missionaries & the Bible women have, as you say, had the greatest success in this melancholy almost hopeless quarter – And tho,’ in many respects, I cannot help thinking the Bible women’s work superficial. Yet it is impossible not to feel that they have penetrated, where others have failed, especially among these unfortunate women –

I am very glad that you think the Day Room Committee will be successful & that Capt. Jackson’s
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Public Meeting will enlist sympathy in the object in general
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

It is singular & most creditable how often Army men have taken up the task of rescue, in the subject you mention, where Civilians have done nothing.

5479/32/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 4ff, pen

Private {up diag}

   115, Park Street. W. {printed address:}
   March 28/64

My dear sir

   You will be surprised to hear from me after so long a time. And I am afraid you will have forgotten me.
   My reason for troubling you now is that Col: Wilbraham told me that you had had 120? applications from capable women wishing to serve as Matrons at an Institution
emanating from your Patriotic Fund.

I said to Col: Wilbraham: Send them all to me. I could find places for twice that number, if trained, as Hospital Matrons.

Without hoping that I should be obliged to send for the Police to clear the street of “capable women”, applying for Hospial situations, I did hope that he would have

sent me one. But he has not.

[The case stands thus: you are perhaps aware that I have two Training Schools for Nurses, 1. at St Thomas’ & 1. at Kings’ College Hospital {overtop Hospitals}. We have far more situations to fill than we have trained candidates to fill them.

Besides this, I am constantly receiving applications from county Hospitals, Workhouse Infirmaries &c &c &c to send recommend
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them a “Lady Matron”  
[Most of these- are  
 paid situations.]  
   Besides this, St. John’s  
House, which nurses  
King’s College Hospital,  
is greatly in want  
of “Sisters”. [Most of  
these, but not all,  
are unpaid situations.]  
   I can truly say  
that I could find  
situations for ladies  
faster than we could  
train them -  
   I would never  
recommend any lady  
to fill a situation as  
Hospital  

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Matron, to whom we had  
not given some period  
of training at one or  
other of these Hospitals.  
And I think it would  
be just the best test  
of her capacity, if she  
thought it necessary  
to receive some special  
(Hospital) training.  
   The fact is, the  
harvest is ripe. But  
the labourers are few.  
   Of all the cant   
 talked now: a: days,  
the worst cant is that  
of there being no field  
for women’s work -
Wellcome Ms 5481

The work is there (& well paid work too) – the women are few to do it.

Not to take up too much of your hardly-worked time: I will only add that, if you have any candidates who would address me by letter, I would undertake to answer all their questions [I am afraid I could not undertake to see them, for I am entirely a prisoner laid up from illness now, & overwhelmed with business]

Or if they would see personally
  Mrs. Wardroper
  St Thomas’ Hospital
  Newington
  Surrey S
or Miss Jones
  Lady Superintendt-
  King’s College Hospital
  W.C.
they would receive every information] -

In sending out trained Nurses, I always struggle against the propensity to send them out by driblets, one here, one there: I
Wellcome Ms 5481

always try to send out
a Staff, with a Supt=,
trained with them,
to undertake a whole
Hospital.
E.g. [We are now about
to send out a Lady, &
eight nurses, trained
by us, to undertake
one of the largest
Workhouse Infirmaries
in the kingdom.]
This will explain to
you my anxiety to
Matron
ladies to train
as Matrons.

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

My dear Sir
I hope that you will
not have forgotten a
small correspondence
we had on the subject
of Lady Matrons &
Lady Supts- for Institutions
The Mrs. Moseley,
whom you were so
good as to mention
to me, wrote to me -
And I to her. We
would gladly have
found for her training
for & work, at either {overtop illeg} St Thomas’ Hospital or {overtop illeg} King’s Coll:, with a choice of Supcies= after= wards, of which we have the filling- But she shrank From the technical training necessary. She was right, I have no doubt.

This morning, a little to my surprise, a lady, Miss Maria Kingdon, cousin of a cousin of mine, (J. Bonham Carter MP.,) writes to me her wish to be elected Lady Supt= of your “Royal School for Daughters of Officers”, at Bath. I can only say, I think they will be fortunate if they can get her. [But, as she tells me that there are two candidates already in the field, “a Miss Moseley and a Mrs. Tuckett,” I think it so probable that the former may be your “Mrs. Moseley”, that in that case all your influence
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would be naturally in her favor.

If this should not be the case, I should tell you what I know of Miss Kingdon. She has great talents of management & of education - is one of the warmest, wisest, most modest Christians I know - most religious & self devoted - a person who, had she been a R. Catholic, would have been enlisted at once as a "Soeur Supérieure" - But when her cousin, my cousin, Mrs. Bonham Carter, died of a long & painful illness (cancer), she was her right hand, her nurse, the mother to her 7 children - And after her death, she continued her charge, till J. Bonham Carter married again (Miss Baring) this spring. She was then at liberty to do what I believe she had wished all her life. She consulted me. And I could have given her work at Workhouse or Hospital
She was making up her mind—shrinking a little, I believe, like others, from the "professional" training needful—when her inclination led her strongly to the "Daughters of Officers'" School. [Genl=Lawrence, the Chairman, who first spoke to her about it, wishes for her election, I understand.] I do not hesitate to say that I am very sorry to lose her—tho' I had not caught her. But I wish, above all, that she should go where she can work best.

She is, I guess, a little more than 40; but does not look so much—

When she consulted me, I understood that she wished to work without a salary. But most Institutions prefer, (& I think rightly) to give a salary.

I have known her, directly & indirectly, my whole life. And I have always thought what a valuable Supt= she would make.

I have said my say—& am ever

my dear Sir
Yours faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

B. [?] General
J.H. Lefroy R.A.

{printed address upside down:} 27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.
Wellcome Ms 5481

5479/33/3

With some hesitation & yet in full confidence, I send you this note, instead of putting it in the fire, as I feel inclined. It is a foolish note, as all notes must be foolish, which cannot give the whole case, (which would take a quire of foolscap to do.) Yet I have the fullest confidence that you will make it wise.

F.N. { Col. W. comes thro’ London
{ this week.

5479/34 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private {up diag}
Feb 15/68
35 South Street,
Park Lane, {printed address:}
London. W.

My dear General Lefroy

You will be surprised to hear from me after so long a time. You must have thought I was dead.

I should be much pleased if you could make the Pat:e Fund do something for the family of poor Dr. George Taylor, seeing that my relations with him were mainly your own work. If you had not “made” me Supt= Genl=, I should never have been sent for to the two
Land Transport Corps

Hospitals, where

indeed we women,

were much wanted - tho'

it was near the close of

the War.

Dr. George Taylor was one

of the most industrious

& disinterested Medical

Officers we had - &

fought hard for his men.

I heard of his death

from that frightful

Mauritius fever with

great concern -

As for me, I am going on

just in the same way -

neither dying nor living.

I am a woman overdone

with cares & business - but

my business is chiefly

transferred to India -

Also our Nursing (Civil)

business has, thank God,

taken a great extension-

e.g. we supply Sydney, at

the request of the Govt= of

N.S. Wales _ And we

nurse the great Liverpool

Workhouse, 1350 Patients,--

-- this to show you our

manner of business.

I know not what it is
to have 10 minutes leisure_

And I am an incurable

Invalid, a complete prisoner
to my room.

This must be my excuse

for so meagre a note to

so old a friend.

But I shall never forget

all your kindness to me

in strengthening often

my feeble hands

Pray believe me

ever yours gratefully

& sincerely

[end 14:1026]
Wellcome Ms 5481

Florence Nightingale
PRIVATE {up diag} {several squiggly lines beneath Private}

My dear Sir

Having found my pencil notes illegible, even by myself—

“Practical M.F.,” after some study, revealing to me that I had put F. as an initial for Physics—

I have ventured to send them to you written in ink—my four courses I have written out in full—I could however have done much worse. For I could have considerably enlarged on the subject of making this School a field for study for Officers returning on sick or periodical leave—which ought to be granted them.

I saw Mr. Herbert after he had seen you & tried to convince him of the difficulties—My man is Lord Palmerston,

a name not very popular either with him or you. However, I have had a good deal to do with two taints in my life, the Scorbutic Taint & the Office Taint—Of these the latter is the worst—And the three people in office whom I have found the freest from it are the Queen, Lord Palmerston & Mr. Herbert. Now Lord P.
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& Lord Shaftesbury, a very inferior man, tell me what is indeed sufficiently obvious that the Government has & will have all the evidence on its side & we shall fail - 

I have therefore urged Mr. Herbert to fight for 2 Army Medical Men, Smith & Alexander - (Alexander is the only independent man we have & it is essential [end]
Sir

I feel much hesitation in troubling you about a matter which may seem to you like an impertinence; if Sir Bartle Frere has not written to you on the subject.

A short time ago, he wrote to me (from Bohemia) saying that he wished me to have a few copies immediately of the “Memorandum on Measures adopted for Sanitary Improvement in India up to the end of 1867.” (that is, before the Blue Book of Sanitary Abstracts, of which it is to form a part, comes out —) & that he would request you to be so good as to forward them to me.

May I ask whether you have heard anything from him to this effect?

Pray, Sir, believe me ever our faithful servt

C. Plowden Esq Florence Nightingale
35 South Street, April 9/69
Park Lane, {printed address:}

W.

Dear Sir

I beg to return the Proofs with which you have favoured me -

viz. p.p. 56 to 106 - (Madras & Bombay)

The Abstract is excellent & represents most faithfully the facts in the various Reports.

After working them over carefully & with the utmost desire to criticize, I cannot do so at all.

The spirit is very good. The same tone runs through them which actuates your Committee - viz. a desire to bring out the evils boldly & carefully with a view to remedies - and a hopefulness which is strongly expressed but not more so than the case authorizes -

When the whole country is well in hand, an excellent future is warranted by these Reports.

It would forward our knowledge very much of the causes of disease in India, if they would send the Death=rates of children born in India of European parents for various ages: -

such as under I year

1 and under 2
2 and under 3
3 and under 4
4 and under 5
5 " 10
10 " 15

(if there are any, poor little things!)

At page 63 the Death=rate aimed at by the Royal Indian Commissioners for soldiers is stated to have been 20 per 1000
This is true as a practicable Death=rate
with existing agencies for improvement.

But the Commissioners also state that
Statistics appear to show that, when every thing is done that can be done, the Death-rate should be only 10 per 1000
It would be of great importance to give the Causes of Invaliding.

I am glad - and I am sure that you must be so too - that I have so little
to say on this occasion -

And I am always your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

5480/3 signed letter, 4ff, pen

Private {printed address:} 35 South Street, June 15/69
Park Lane, W.

My dear Sir

I have to thank you for your two notes of June 14 and 15 & their enclosures -
And then to arrange my reply to them under the following heads as conveniently as I can for the purpose. -

1. your own Report
Page 2 - third line from foot of page -

Does the Report of the Municipality of Calcutta fix “1869” as the date for the water supply? If so, would it not be better to place the words “present year” immediately before “1869”? to prevent an anachronism -

Page 4

Perhaps two additions would make this passage (about improvements) complete. viz
to insert at A the words “into which improved drainage, cleansing & water= supply had been introduced” and at B the words “the influence of these combined improvements in lowering the death-rate especially
2. Dr. Morehead’s “Sketch”
   Possibly it would be better to avoid any appearance of controversy with so good a man’s query: - I would suggest for your consideration whether, after having added the fact about the new nomenclature to your own Report - and the striking proofs of the utility of good drainage & water-supply in London & other English towns, it would not be better to leave out the three M.S. foot notes at p..p. 13, 221, and 37.
   Dr. Morehead’s objections are those of a Medical man - [I think when I was a school boy, they used to teach us that these “are solved when/ by walking;” - as you have already proved in the body of your Report.]
   x NB. In your own M.S.A, p. 2 of your Report (second half of M.S.) “Colleges of Physicians AND Surgeons” I believe it ought to be. But please look at the title of the book. You have the book.

3. About the omissions of terms of praise: - of work done in India -
   Your Committee knows the Indian feeling with regard to introducing such into official documents so very much better than I can possibly do that I should be very sorry if my opinions weighed for a moment in the scale when it differs from theirs.

I herewith send you my copy

The state of the case appears to be this: and something like the following might, if approved by you, be inserted at p. 7 of “Abstract (Municipal) Bombay” at A.

N..P. [The discussions respecting Drainage plans for Bombay are hence not as yet satisfactorily concluded.

Two methods of dealing with the question have been advocated – one, mentioned above, for providing sewers of large dimensions for carrying off the tropical rainfall of Bombay together with the sewage of the city - the whole to be discharged into the sea, leaving the sewers nearly empty during the dry season - the other, proposed by Mr. Rawlinson & adopted by Capt. Tulloch, R.E. who was specially sent to England by the Madras Government to study the various questions regarding.
town drainage & the utilization of sewage. This latter project provides for draining & sewering the city by sewers & drains large enough only to convey away the sewage & for applying the sewage to agriculture at a distance from the city.

It has been objected to the first proposal that the large sewers, being left almost empty during the dry season, will become generators of foul air & tend to deteriorate the health of the city - while it is objected to the second place that there must of necessity be partial flooding of the surface during heavy rains when the tide unusually high.

It appears to be an important element in the discussion to bear in mind that town sewers & drains are primarily intended for removing the foul water of the population, & not
for removing rainfall; while any attempt in such a climate as that of India to provide for rainfall (sometimes 14 inches in even if practicable, x must entail an enormous outlay for an occasional & temporary purpose.

It might be well in any further discussions which take place on this subject, to consider the two questions as separate problems - so that, while foul water only is removed in underground sewers, the point of surface drainage may be settled, & the proper out falls for this water into the sea provided for.

[Mr. Crawford &c &c

Something of the above might do - but it would be well not to complicate the Paragraphs too much. The fact appears to be that, in a place having 300 inches of rainfall in 3 months; the other 9 months are generally dry - & all attempt to remove the rainfall by sewers perfectly impracticable - while, in places where the rainfall is only 30 inches in 12 months, there is a little rain most days, which may be removed by sewers.
I am very sorry to have kept your papers so long - but the fact is business interruptions are my normal state of being - & have hindered me these 3 days. I shall be very glad to look at anything more that you please -

Pray believe me my dear Sir
ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

Charles E. Plowden Esq

My dear Sir

I return your Proof which I have looked through - not with regard to literal corrections, however, which I have left entirely to you - but as a whole.

As a whole, I think it is excellent - It steers its way very well through the disputed questions without taking one side or another And yet it will lead men to think in India - while affording to them much useful help & immense
ground for hope.
   It is much better than
last year's - And that is
saying a great deal in its
favour. It is one of the best aggregations
of Sanitary matter I have ever seen.
   I have merely looked
at the general arrangement
& matter.

   [To the Note at p. 173,
one or two literal corrections
are needed - as for 'place'
read plan - and for
'print' substitute 'question'.]

   Any papers which you
are good enough at any
time to wish to send me

will be forwarded to me in
the country from this
house.
Pray let me thank you for
all your kindness which,
believe me, makes me
always your obliged &
faithful servt.
   Florence Nightingale

   Charles C. Plowden Esq

P. 197 for 'Nitrates' read
   'Nitrites'
P. 198 ditto ditto
P. 200 for 'distillation' read
   'distribution'

   [You will
see that the Printers are sad
rogues - And I am afraid
that their errors will give
you a good deal of trouble
in comparing with the
original documents.]

   F.N.
March 31/70

The facts in your Digest are of the greatest interest & importance to the Public Service - And it is eminently well done -

Your Jail improvements show more than anything else what can be done in India to raise the standard of health -

I cannot bear to suggest an increase in your labours. But, for a rather obtuse British public, would it not be advisable to make your Report (now) not only an Abstract of other Reports but also a Report on the Sanitary question & progress in India?

There is a considerable amount of interesting matter, for instance, in the Monthly Reports 1868-9 from the 3 Presidencies which you are so good as to send me. And it has occurred to me to suggest that good use might be made of these in raising the interest of your Annual Report.

E. g. how remarkable is the experience of the Madras Sewage Farm! [v. “Proceedings” for October 1869 (Mad Minute 237, Page 549.)]

A good digest of all these Monthly Reports written as you would write it, would excite great interest in the British Lion - who, royal beast, knows very little of what e.g. China does in this line of agriculture - but who ought to care about his Indian dependencies & will be made to care by you.

I shall be very glad to do anything in my little power that you may wish in looking over the farther advance of your valuable Report.

Pray believe me
my dear Sir
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq
My dear Sir

I return you, with many thanks, my Revised Proof.

I have made one or two slight corrections - You seem to have done all things well - (as usual)

And I don't know any thing more that I have to say.

O yes: I have.

I could not but look on that man who had

Charles C. Plowden

been my kindest friend - as my direct enemy - who revealed my London address (I who am always in hiding from my creditors) - especially in print, especially at this time.

[I have carefully erased the smallest trace of it on the Proof, & substituted “London”.]

My creditors, my beggars, my “candid friends” & “all the ills an angry Heaven can send”
(it was either Sir B. Frere's father or Canning who wrote that line)
their name is: Legion:
My ordinary allowance in time of peace is: -
8 a day, each modestly desiring an hour's hard writing from me -
But, since this dreadful war has darkened the world, - and here I become serious; for people have a right to ask in wars, 'horrid wars,' for every help they can get - about 9 letters a day come of which each would require 2-4 hours' hard writing.

Don't let us talk of it -

I cannot think of the incalculable sufferings hanging over Europe - such as eye has not seen not ear heard in our time. Only let us do all we can to help them.
I think your patience is admirable about the delays of the A.S.C.
As you ask me, I think the impersonal ("cannot be better concluded") reads better than "I cannot better conclude" with the rest of the Report - ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale
My dear Sir

I am extremely obliged to you for sending me the Revised Copy of Your Sanitary Report & Abstracts - as well as a List of the papers you propose to constitute the Appendix with the two Cholera Maps.

It will prove a most valuable & exhaustive Report worthy of the great Empire. It is not an easy thing to make so complete a Report for an Empire of 200 millions of souls. It will undoubtedly require a Table of Contents & Index of reference, since there are such overflowing contents to refer to - I have not had time to look though the whole as I should wish. But I cannot find anything to suggest. And I have read the first 20 pages which I had not seen before with much interest.

I return the copy with many thanks. I am quite satisfied with the addition you have kindly made in my paper.
Allow me to congratulate you on the completion of your Herculean work for this year - & to wish that the other Herculean work of cleansing out the Augean stables you have laid bare were as well & promptly done.

Pray believe me ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq

5480/8 signed letter, 4ff, pen & pencil

Address 35 South Street, Park Lane, W. Oct 10/70

My dear Sir

I am extremely obliged to you for your kind note, & for the copy of the Annual Sanitary Blue Book {pencil} for 1870, {pen} which, under the pressure of more urgent work, I have only as yet been able to glance through.

The whole volume is excellent - & will give a practical direction to Indian work, which is the main thing.

You are so good as to ask
Wellcome Ms 5481

to whom I should like
copies to be sent:
if it is not too much to
ask for copies to be made
up & directed at the India
Office, would you send
one to each of the following:

1. Dr. Hewlett
   Bombay
2. Dr. Norman Chevers
   Calcutta
3. Dr. Cunningham
   with the Govt of India
4. Dr. Pattison Walker
   somewhere in the N.W.Pr.
   (he was at Chukrata)
5. Lord Lawrence
   26 Queen’s Gate W.
6. Dr. Farr
   General Register Office
   Somerset House
7. Lord Houghton
   Frystone Hall
   Pontefract
   Ferrybridge
8. Revd
   the Master of Balliol
   Oxford
9. Sir Harry Verney Bt. M.P.
   32 South Street
   Park Lane W
10. Monsieur Mohl
    35 South Street
    Park Lane W
11. W.E. Nightingale Esq
    Lea Hurst
    Matlock
12. R.G. Whitfield Esq
    St. Thomas’ Hospital
    Newington S.E.
Wellcome Ms 5481

15. C.H. Bracebridge Esq

Atherstone

13. W. Shore Smith Esq

3 Park Place
Grosvenor Road
S.W.

14. Hy Bonham Carter Esq

91 Gloucester Terrace
Hyde Park W.

and 6 copies to me, if you
will be so good (F.N.)

35 South Street
Park Lane W.

Do not suppose that I have
the audacity to desire
that all this trouble
should be taken - tho' I
think the copies would be
well bestowed.

If it is too much to ask

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the I.O. to direct them,
please send all the 20/1
copies to me - And I will
do so -

Also: I have no doubt that
to some of the first in my
List - the I.O. sends
copies of its own free will.
I do not think however
that a duplicate copy
would be wasted on them.
The Indians especially
complain that, unless copies
are sent to them direct (by
mail) privately, they do
not receive I.O. Blue
Books for 6 months or more.
But this is a matter for the
indulgence of the I. O. to
determine. I will gladly
do it, if sent to me.

Pray excuse a hurried note which a rational being could have made shorter. But I am grinding, grinding, grinding at this awful war—trying to do a little bit of good where no good can be—

Pray believe me my dear Sir ever your faithful servt. Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq

{pencil} If the I. O. prefers the course of sending me the 21 copies, would you be so very kind as to send me back this List, that I may remember my own friends—(not very friendly, you will say—)

F.N.

5480/9 incomplete, unsigned note, 1f, pen

{in another hand} (Oct 14th 1871. Miss F. Nightingale) I have just glanced through your Blue Book. It seems to me the best of any I have yet seen—which is saying a great deal. I shall read it carefully—

to Miss N.”!! [I am thankful for this anyhow, as I had rather have any small Surgical operation any day than the trouble of writing to the “Lancet” or any newspapers.]

Excuse a hurried note
My dear Sir

If you think I can be of any use in looking at your Proofs (Annual Sanitary Blue Book Abstracts)
I shall be most happy - & therefore send my present address to save time altho’ any thing which you may be good enough to send to me in London will be forwarded to yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Charles C. Plowden Esq

My dear Sir

I am come back here, like a bad penny -
And any communication which you are so good as to address to me here will find
yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Charles C. Plowden Esq
35 South St. W.
5480/12/1 (pencil) Oct. 11/72
My dear Sir
    I have according to your behest, & only because of your behest - [you who have done so much for India ought to command] written a few words - for -
    (But then you must say that you asked me - in -)
    your Report -
    You are quite at liberty to burn, as it deserves - omit, or alter, as you please -
    But I do not think it worth putting in at all -
If not too late, the words “for distribution” should be put in - pencil foot-note -
p. 45

in haste
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
Two years ago the privilege was given me of making a few Observations on Indian Sanitary progress. Since that time an immense number of Reports of current work having passed thro’ my hands, I have been asked now to give my small opinion.

What is most striking in those documents is: the strong & living interest taken by the authorities in India & their Officers in improving the people’s sanitary condition, as well as the practical character, increasing happily year by year, of the work done - Things are very different indeed now from the “Died by the invitation of heaven” days, from “Cholera the inevitable scourge” doctrine, “inscrutable judgments from on high”, these being Fever & the like - A holier worship & a better understanding of the laws of the Most High have taken the place of this jargon -

If this would be offensive better than the astounding spectacle in India we see now in a neighbouring nation where there is so much Fetish worship
public men - going on pilgrimages by rail (rail the usual concomitant of civilization) to a “Virgin” Fetish, actually condemned as an imposture by the very tribunals of the country & by the educated opinion of its own Church & co-religionists -
Are not the old helpless days of the “old Indians” (in Sanitary things of “untutored mind”) nearly gone? and has not the great discovery has been made in India that the diseases of which so many of these “poor Indians” had alas! died are largely mitigable or entirely preventable? - Indeed has not Dr. Fayrer shown that even infant life in India is by no means the frail plant supposed if only reared in due conformity with the laws of the Supreme Being? - “The very “small mortality”, he says, “as well as the small amount of sickness, proves “that the European child under proper “hygiene conditions & careful physical “training may live & thrive in the “plains of Bengal almost as well as in its native country”. And does he is even able to
not add “It is not merely in the
“absence of any serious disease, & in
“the low Death-rate, that this is manifested,
“but in the vigorous healthy appearance
“of the children generally” —

Now children are, as is well known, the very touchstone, the live tests of Sanitary conditions or sadly but too often the dying & dear tests of Sanitary conditions

What good hope for the future here!

Altho’ a little unnecessary theory still crops up now & then in the strata of Indian Reports, is there not growing — and most vigorously — evidence that the enormous Indian problems are being dealt with on their practical side? — as has already been done in the Home Army & among the home Civil population. Do not some of the results now obtained — & eminently so at Calcutta, at Bombay, & in many villages — show that many causes of ill-health are as easily removeable in India as elsewhere? — It is true that Sanitary works & measures for India must generally be somewhat bigger than elsewhere.
Last year (1871) the Death-rate among British troops serving in India was only 17½ per 1000: but there was little Cholera —
Alas! there is one great exception to progress: — need it be said that it is the Burdwan fever? — the causes of which are well known but remain unremoved while the people are dying off by hundreds — as in former times, so in these. Here is a case indeed in which it would be well worth while to try even an experiment in removing a Disease cause — [tho' experiment it would not be.]
The Bengal Government has done all in its power to alleviate — with but very partial success — the sufferings of the people — The one thing not done has been to remove the Fever=cause — by improving the natural drainage of the country, by supplying good water, & the like needful measures.
{archivist: [Oct 11 1872]}
What appears now to be most required in all these Indian Reports is an Annual Summary of works carried out. The absence of this information might give a most imperfect idea of what has been done: - indeed an impression that, because no "progress" is reported, there has been no "progress" to report.

Taking these Annual documents as a whole, there can be no two opinions as to their great value - & when compared with Sanitary Reports, in which scientific considerations have not seldom - it may indeed be said unintentionally - taken precedence of Saving of life - this value is a splendid gain.

May the end, without too much impertinence, be of this little homily - the repeating as emphatically as possible that in this matter of improving Public Health there can be no shadow of a doubt that this, joined with the increasing interest taken by the Native Population in that subject of paramount importance to their lives - an interest which is indeed only a revisal - for there was a time when the Oriental was far away ahead of the Saxon in sanitary as in metaphysical things - there can, we need not say, be no doubt that these motive powers will before long shew their results in the abatement of disease all over the country.

Florence Nightingale
London Oct 11 1872
My dear Sir,

I am quite ashamed of myself that I have been so busy & so ill that I have not sooner acknowledged your kind note & the Annual Sanitary Blue Book. Only last night was I able to look it through. It is quite worthy & indeed more than worthy I think of your former productions. Would that ‘promotion’ in the Courts of Government here below always went with well-earned success & good work done! But if the saving of millions of lives in the future is any compensation, that is yours.

In answer to your kind question, if you would send me 6 copies, I would send them at once to men in India - I will think of names in England. It occurs to me that if you would be so good
as to send a copy to
  Wm. Rathbone M.P.
  Liverpool
it would be well placed -
  Pray believe me
  ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Charles C. Plowden Esq

5480/15 signed letter, 7ff, pencil [8:

35 South St.       May 31/73
        Park Lane W.
My dear Sir
    Tho’ I cannot say that I
am not a good deal the worse,
yet I am ‘clothed and in
my right mind’ -
    [Or it would be perhaps
more correct to say: ‘clothed
but not ‘in my right mind.’]
    Your 4 Abstracts which
you were so good as to send
me appear to be as
valuable & as admirably done
as usual which is saying
Charles C. Plowden Esq

a great deal.
    They are in fact too well
done For unfortunately
a Master of Précis=writing
has to abstract all the errors
as well as the truths - and
so to give the official sanction
of your Mighty Nod to the
former -
E.g. in Dr. Hewlett’s Bombay
Report, do you not object
(not only to his comparison
of his outlay with that
of Liverpool but also)
to the Liverpool outlay itself -
p. 6 top of page -
Is not the real point that
great outlay has been
incurred which might
have been avoided in great
part by proper Engineering
work?

2. Madras Abstract
   p. 2 middle of page
It is quoted from Mr. Cornish
that Typhoid Fever was
imported from Ireland
into Cannanore -
Is this not a mere figment
of Mr. Cornish’s imagination?

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(in a Report being printed)
  that Typhoid at Cannanore
  Is a local product -
& that the Rajah of Cannanore
  - may his shadow soon be less! -
is the chief manufacturer of it? -
  It would do my health good
if you could put a Foot-note
to this Paragraph to this effect:
  *This statement rests on the
  opinion of Dr. Cornish
  but subsequent enquiry has
  not substantiated it’ -

3. Same Report
   p. 37 fourth Para. from top
“Contagion of Cholera “conveyed”
to men all at one “time” -
Is this not all fudge?
  Is there any proof whatever
of this? or indeed of the
existence of this “Contagion”?
would you not take this
expression out? -

Pray believe me
  my dear Sir
ever yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

[end 10:131]
N.B.
I have heard from Sir Bartle Frere - & rejoice, with you, that we shall soon have him at home again -
For my part however (but then you know I am not in my ‘right mind’)
I had a good deal rather
fight against Slave-Traders,
- & I think him of Zanzibar
& certainly him of Muscat,
a good deal easier nut to crack,
- than Govt. official authorities of -
- well, - a country in pre-historic times -

2nd N.B. They of the Army Sany Commn

have a good many papers to send you - WHEN READY -
What pilgrimage shall we perform that they may be ‘ready’ before the next Total Solar Eclipse in 1999?

F.N.

{5480/15/3} [4]
I have to ask you a question Mr. Acland M.P. who is going to bring in a Bill [you probably know its contents]
asks: “whether Miss Hopkins “is opposed to making general “in our towns the power of search “of bad houses, provided “that Civilians are in “co-operation with the Police”
Many thanks for your leaflet about the Brighton “Registry Office” &c for “young “Servants”. It is a blessed work.

This is one great engine for preventing sin, if only all the poor Girls who work with their hands, who are in trades (illeg class?)) could have such help –

there is a Society whose main object it is to enable women who work to gain the highest wage that the market will give them – It is called the “Women’s Protective & Provident League” – Its chief champion was a Mrs. Paterson, the wife of a cabinet-maker. She has lately died of this & other hard work – - It is an obscure little Society, numbering only a few hundred women belonging to various trades. This makes it all the more remarkable that it should have lived for 11 years a hard but healthy life on what has practically been its own independence & the sympathy of a few friends who have shared in its work
Wellcome Ms 5481

The funds of the various Sections of this Society have been created out of the weekly two pences of its members, invested in Savings’ Banks & utilized when the members are sick or out of work - We want to extend it to a Labour Registry Office where any woman can have indicated to her where she could get work & the value of it - Where both employers & employées might have a House of Call - the employers
to find the hands, & the employées to find the hands work, & the money which we do not wish should ever come without it to a healthy working woman.

2. to extend it to be a Fund where any woman may by paying in, receive weekly allowance in time of sickness - a Fund which, strange to say, does not exist for women in this England of ours - I enclose a circular - But, should a Public Meeting be held, the objects will be explained much more

fully I hope it has your blessing.
I did not mean to have written at such length -
God bless you & your great work

ever yours
Florence Nightingale
My dear Sir,

I am afraid that you will think that I have not been busy over your work -
But this is not the case -
It is the excellence of your work that gives no room for remark -
So far as we can see, your Abstract “of the 8th Annual Report of Sany Commisser with Govt. of India” gives the facts with Charles C. Plowden your usual economy & fulness -
& masterly power of abstracting -
Our Sanitary commission’s Remarks are in the hands of the Copyist - and are limited to the practical results -
And I hope that you will find that you will elucidate each other, when printed in the same Blue Book -

Are you engrossed with Sir Bartle Frere? or withe the Shah, ow owned by M. Renter?

[It is as if Pickford were to own the Pope -]

ever yours most faithfully

Florence Nightingale
My dear Sir,

This is a capital Digest: & will do much good
We have gone carefully over it: and I hereby return it. We have no suggestions to make: because it is perfect.

Do you know Sir A. Power’s “Sanitary Rhymes”? Do you not wish that he would set up in rhyme all that discussion about Quarantine at page 25? He might have it sung to a comic tune in the streets of Constantinople in perpetual memorial of the labours of the Cholera conference - Does it not put one in mind (illeg) of what takes place in America when a number of sportsmen fire at the same game, & find at last that they have only shot a skunk?

Might it be suggested to you that in all passages where the word “Contagion”, or “Contagious” discussions come in, the I.O. should use some expression which will show that they take neither one side nor another, but hold only a judicial position? “Contagion” is the witch craft, & “Contagionists” are the witch-finders of the 19th century: are they not?

Can we argue about witch-craft?
All the I.O. can do is not to support the delusion.
I am very glad that you are going to have a holiday in Scotland - The Gold Coast is salubrious compared to the I.O. & W.O. -.
And with renewed congratulations on your very able Draft, believe me yours sincerely my dear Sir Florence Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5481

5480/18 signed letter, 1f. pencil

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Oct 19/73

My dear Sir & constant help in time of need
Gulliver & Lt.Governor of Bengal has asked
me to see the enclosed gentlemen - Col: Haig -
And I can’t so much as learn his arrival
- much less his whereabouts -
Do not trouble yourself if you know neither
- I will try the Agencies: if you will return my note,
to ever yours sincerely
C.C. Plowden Esq

Florence Nightingale

5480/19 signed letter, 4ff. pencil

{5480/19/1} 35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Feb 25/74

My dear Sir
I am extremely obliged
for your kind note & for
the copy of your Annual
Sanitary Report for 1873
I have just had time
to look thro’ the Report
to see how it shines in
its Dress coat: having
read it all in dishabille
before its toilet was made
It is exceedingly good
Charles C. Plowden Esq
Wellcome Ms 5481

as usual.
You are so good as to offer
me copies -
I conclude that all our
own people
& Dr. Acland: of Oxford
will receive them -
& Edwin Chadwick Esq CB
    Park Cottage
    East Sheen
    Mortlake
    S.W.

Dr. Hewlett
    of Bombay
started this morning via
    Brindisi for Bombay -

Dr. Cunningham is I believe
    still in England -

So is Mr. Clark
    late Municipality Engineer
    for Calcutta

These should have copies
    of course

I think I will ask you
    kindly to send me
    6 copies.
When Ministers have a little
    settled down, I think I
will send 1 copy privately
    to Lord Derby, who first gave
me my India R. Sanitary
Commission & then was its
President: to recall the past to him compared with what you have now made it: & another to Mr. Hardy - to show him how to protect troops -

Would you send a copy to my brother-in-law

Sir Harry Verney Bt
32 South St
Park Lane W

also: to the Revd Mr. Jowett
Balliol College
Oxford

{5480/19/2} [2]
I will send any copies by overland mail to people in India who would not otherwise get their copies so soon.

I thank you for your kind sympathy - I have lost in the last month 2 homes: my dear Father, & Mrs. Bracebridge who went with me to the Crimean War: And Dr. Livingstone’s death & that of my dear old friend M Quetelet, of Brussels, the Founder of us all, pain me sorely -

Pray believe me my dear Sir ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Would you also send a copy, please, to Mrs. Harriet Martineau, Ambleside - [end 10:132]

My dear Sir, I had come down here, after my dear Father's death, to nurse my poor Mother, - whom we have to remove from her home of 56 years - And your kind letter of April 7 was forwarded to me here - I can see no objection to your re-printing my little pamphlet: "How some people have lived & not died in India" - if you wish it, in your this year's Sanitary Blue Book - with which I wish you all your usual success: & trust that you do not mean to threaten me with any changes in the I.O. which would affect our great advantages in having you for the most important Sanitary work -
Wellcome Ms 5481

I have ‘placed ’ all my copies, even my own marked one, of your last year’s Sanitary Blue Book - very profitably, I think: including one to Lord Derby, & one to Lord Pembroke, the new young under Secretary at the W.O. [Sidney Herbert’s son] And I think I will ask you to be kind enough to send me a copy now for myself. 

Have you observed that at p.4, first Para: [I have no copy to refer to] a decimal point (before 2 figures) is omitted - I however inserted this in all the copies I gave away. Pray believe me my dear Sir ever yours most faithfully Florence Nightingale
My Dear Sir,

I am so truly sorry that you have not obtained that position at the I.O., which your work so well deserved, that I think I am almost more sorry than you are yourself —

But I hope better things. Pray do not “regret” having written your “last letter” but one —

Be sure that I have Charles C. Plowden Esq always spoken & always shall speak to those whom it may concern of the high value of your work: & tho’ I do not expect much from my poor efforts, yet I think the work itself must find its level — high as that is —

I don’t know what we shall do it we have not you for the Annual Report -

I grieve to hear of such serious illness: tho’ I trust it is not hopeless - There is but {written vertically} one Father & one Mother to each of us: other ties may be replaced, “but a Mother I’ll never see mair” -

Yours very sincerely

Florence Nightingale
My dear Sir

Your kind letter & Abstracts were forwarded to me down here: & I have set to work on them at once.

I hope to cause you no delay, so that you may have the Blue Book “off your hands” by “the end of the month”

I am sorry to hear the reason which sends you abroad. But I earnestly hope that the remedy may completely restore your valuable health.

2. I send you, according to your desire, a copy of my pamphlet: “How some people have lived & not died in India”.

I forget what was my reason for thinking the “Irrigation” addition had better not go into your Blue Book. As I have forgotten it, I presume it was not a very valid one.

But there may be an objection to inserting any of it now: after a notice which appeared of it in the “Times”, Harrisons, the War Office publishers published it. I do not know whether this constitutes an objection. If you do not feel clear about it, would you kindly ask Sir Bartle Frere; and I will ask some official authority at my rival Blue Book Work-Shop, the War Office.

If you & they say yes, I will try to write a few words of introduction, as you wish.

[But I am at this moment lost in Zemindars & “Illegal Cesses,” at Sir G. Campbell’s desire] - I am so glad that even the Blue Book is still in your able hands that it somewhat (not much) abates my mourning that the work does not, as before, all pass through your hands -

I was very sorry to hear of your loss: all other losses may be replaced but the loss of parents
Wellcome Ms 5481

seems to carry with it half one’s life, at whatever age one is. [end

10:134]
I have brought my poor mother down here, so late in the year, because of her intense desire to see again ‘once more’ her ‘home’ of 56 years. This has been a most sorrowful year: & my health (you kindly ask) is as bad as it can be: but not too bad to fire away about India.

Pray believe me
my dear Sir
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq
63 P.

5480/23 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Sanitary Blue Book Lea Hurst
for 1874 Matlock

Oct. 8/74

My dear Sir

Anent your desire to insert my pamphlet into your forth coming Sanitary Vol:, my W.O. Mogul says that there is ‘no objection’ to its ‘going on’, Irrigation & all, if you wish it & that its having been published makes no difference.

The place for it which you propose “at the end of the Report” is a very good place And I will try to write a few words of introductory
Wellcome Ms 5481

Matter, as you propose -

2. But I am sorry to say that I have a thing of quite other importance to say: Mema. on the Madras & Bombay Reports for 1873, and on 4 others, 6 in all, (which came to the Army Sanitary Commission about a month ago), are all ready, & have passed the Sub=Committee. They have to circulate among the other members: & then to go formally before a Meeting: which will be done/called immediately 

Our men They describe these Mema. as of the utmost importance”; as contradicting “certain false principles”: & they attach the greatest value to your noticing them in your Report. These Mema. go far to settle the question of Indian fevers: & should certainly be printed with the other Mema. of this year. They partly accept certain Indian statements about the prevalence of fevers: & suggest enquiry. The new ones contain the results: & shew some Statistics to have been untrustworthy. [end 10:135]

The Army S.C. even beg you to stay/“keep back” your Report for them “until” you “have dealt with all this year’s matter”.

It is of course quite out of the question
that your journey abroad - unhappily, for health - should be delayed, even were we willing to delay it, for this:

I can only tell you, as I am directly what these Mem. are.

I am glad that Dr. Cunningham’s Abstract goes in full into the Appendix. The Army minute explains it: & uses all the Dr. C. has omitted.

Pray believe me, my dear Sir ever yours sincerely

Charles C. Plowden Esq Florence Nightingale

5480/24 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Lea Hurst
Matlock
Oct. 13/74

My dear Sir

Only a few lines to-day to answer yours:

I have written the substance of what you say to Dr. Sutherland of the Army Sany. Comm:

I need not say that I urge, above all things that no temptation shall be put in the way of your kindness to remain any part of November in London: I am too sorry for the occasion which sends you to winter abroad

I have also said to Dr. Sutherland that it would be best under the circumstances for you to be in direct communication with him or Mr. Frederick: to save time. [I am afraid that our dear old friend, Sir Ranald Martin, from his other avocations & want of time, does not know much enough of the business of the Commission]

I hope to write to you tomorrow & am ever yours most truly

Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq.

It grieves me deeply to hear you say that this may be your last Sanitary Blue Book. May it be quite otherwise for the work’s sake!

F.N.
Lea Hurst  
Matlock  
Oct. 14/74

My dear Sir,

You will think that I have taken a long while merely to say that the Abstracts show workmanship as superior as usual. But it takes longer to see that no holes are to be picked than to pick holes.

I enclose my short memo. which has nothing in it: you have given me nothing to say.

As I wrote yesterday, I will not trouble you with anything more till I have your further work except to beg you to believe me ever yours sincerely  
Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq.

Lea Hurst  
Matlock  
Oct. 16/74

My dear Sir,

In case you have not already heard yourself from the Army Sany. Comm., that is, from Dr. Sutherland or Mr. Frederick, you may perhaps like to hear the answer they make to me: that on no account would they be the means of even indirectly helping to detain you: [Of course not. F.N.] that they are very sorry on your account & also on account of the loss the cause will sustain
Wellcome Ms 5481

for your temporary withdrawal & its reason:

   Dr. Sutherland says that, although their Memda. tell the tale [their remarks were called for by certain statements in Reports sent to them:
   - these are 5 in number: Bombay 1873: Madras 1873: Madras fever Statistics: Oude fever (an enquiry suggested by them:) Berar 1873:
   he thinks it would scarcely be fair to put these in without the Abstract Reports:
   that he almost thinks that the whole had therefore better stand over for the present that it ought to be out of the question for you to wait.
   Mr. Frederick will be only too glad to correct all the Proofs of any of their Memda. that you put in.

   in great haste
   pray believe me
   (I am glad that I have not to say farewell yet)
   ever yours sincerely
   Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq

5480/27 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Lea Hurst
Matlock
Oct. 25/74

My dear Sir
   I feel sure that nothing can be better than these proofs: India, Madras, Bombay.
   They might, of course, be made much longer. But I think that they are better as they are. And nothing essential has been omitted -
   You see by the note enclosed how little we have found of required corrections in the Proofs.
   [There appear to be some press errors which we have not dealt with.]
   We think the matter admirable: & admirably condensed.
I cannot see that there is anything unbecoming in your notice of the change of Office, And what is more to the purpose our Commission do not.

If Lord Salisbury had only altered the word “Sanitary” to the good old “Public Health”, I should not have minded.

I will return you the proof of my own paper & your prefix to it to-morrow.
I cannot bear to think that this is ‘good bye’.

yours ever sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq.

5480/28 signed letter, 1f, pen

Revise of my paper in 35 South St.
your Annual Sanitary B.B. Park Lane W. Nov 13/74

My dear Sir
I return you my Revise in your Blue Book.
I have returned to London.
I could almost wish to hear that you were gone: (since you had to go: which we so much regret:) as November is here with all its darkness -
God bless you” & speed you:
yours ever sincerely
C.C. Plowden Esq. Florence Nightingale
My dear Sir

How little there is to be said: for matters seem to me at the I.O. to be all in the “Land of Promise”.

And how little I can say how exceedingly sorry I am that you should be obliged to leave the I.O.: and for such a cause.

We shall be for ever grateful to you for your invaluable aid at the initiation of the Sanitary work; your aid which we shall, I know, always miss. and we hope, more than we expect that the work may make progress under your Successor -

My health is not better (you kindly ask:) rather worse. But I have had many troubles and a heavy charge in my Father’s death: and my strength is not improved by seeing many public matters, for which I would have given my life - as I think, retrograding.

I will certainly claim your kind permission to write: & not, I hope, to write murmurs: but sorry I am not to be writing to you at the I.O.

And I am ever, my dear Sir,
yours most sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq.
Oct 11/87

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

Dear Miss Stocks

I have been making some more enquiries in order to answer your question more fully. The person to whom you ought to make a written application, if you are thinking of the Indian (Army) Nursing Sisters & to join the proposed Staff, is Surg Genl Payne

37 Courtfield Gardens
S.W.

No preliminaries are settled At the same time, none will be taken who have not been at least two years in Nursing Service after their year of probation is completed. I believe yours will not be till April next.

If you ask me candidly to say whether I should recommend you to persevere
in trying to join any future Staff that may be sent out, I should not. I have always been sorry that I could not have the pleasure of making your acquaintance before you left us -

And with my best wishes, pray believe me faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Excuse pencil
March 8/95
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane, W.

Dear Miss Stocks,

You know how interested I am in you & your working work. If you are going to spend a few days in London, a few days hence, before you go to America, I should be very glad to see you, if we could manage an appointment some afternoon - I do not feel as if it would answer any useful purpose for me to write a letter on that great subject, the present tendencies of Nurse-training, which would seem rather to confuse what makes a Nurse with what makes a Doctor or an “Inspector” of Sanitary things.

God speed you -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
March 13/95
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Miss Stocks

If it is on your own business that you are coming to London for “next Monday & Tuesday” it will give me great pleasure to see you, as you so kindly propose, at 4.30 on Monday, if that will suit you.

But I did not understand that you were not going to “America” till the “end of May” - I thought you were going almost directly; that made me say “in a few days”. If therefore it would be more convenient to you to come later, it would be equally so, if not more so, to me.

But I would not miss seeing your for the world - & if you are coming to London at all events on Monday, we will say Monday at 4, please, if that suits you.

ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

{5481/4/2} {in other hand, pencil: Florence Nightingale’s letters to Annie}

Miss Stocks
Cottage Hospital
St. Helen’s
Wellcome Ms 5481

13/3/95 Lancashire
30 Old Burlington St.

Thursday.

My dear Sir

Would you take the trouble to read the enclosed note from Dr. Sutherland - & give me your verdict upon it, or if equally convenient to you, tell it to me to night?

The first two Paragraphs refer to a Report upon quite a different subject.

The "Medical School Scheme" is the scheme I submitted to you, with Notes written almost verbatim from what I put down in pencil the night you were kind enough to come here - and the Four Courses almost as they stand in yours, with the substitution of your last sketch of the Operative Surgery course.

Believe me

yours very faithfully

F. Nightingale

Please return me Dr. Sutherland's letter -
My dear Sir

Remembering how much you have done & how much you may still do for the Army, I cannot but send you a copy of my Report to the War Office - It is really "Confidential" & in no sense public property - And I am sure you will keep it so, & not do, as so many people do, who, finding some one else knows a secret they know, immediately conclude it is no secret & make it public - You will see much of your own work in a part not strictly under my Instructions at all - viz. the part about a Medical School for the Army. We have never let that drop & hope still to bring it about - In fact, it is at this moment "under consideration" by the Govt. - Heaven knows how long that will be!

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
30 Old Burlington St
W June 8/59

My dear Sir

I was only able to open your kind note of June 3 yesterday -

I think the system of arranging the beds (in the Glasgow plan you send me) far better than that of arranging them against the dead walls but far worse than that of arranging them between the windows.

In the plan, the Patients cannot read in bed, without straining their eyes (and Scotch patients read much more than English ones)

If the windows are along both sides the ward, opposite the foot of the beds, as they ought to be, the light is then always just opposite the Patient's eyes - which, however

important light is to recovery, is by no means always desirable.

Again, the irritability peculiar to many diseases makes it distressing to the Patient to have any noise behind him which he Cannot see - A Patient dying or coughing or who required much fidgetting attendance
would make the bed, back to back with him, almost uninhabitable - Noise which a Patient cannot see (!) always partakes with him of the characters of suddenness & injures him - This is, believe me, the fruit of long experience with the sick.

Again, I think

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[2] in cold weather, when the doors are opened, or when the doors & windows being shut, the fire is acting, it will be found that the cold air will come right down upon the heads of the Patients from under the Ventilator in a way which is not at all anticipated.

The Forms for the eight heads mentioned in the Note to P. 2 of my "Notes", are under process of preparation by the Dr. Farr - And we hope to try them quietly at our London Hospitals & to propose them at the next European Statistical Congress, which will take place in London
The heart-breaking delays which have taken place about our Army Medical School are but too well known to you - I have however by no means lost heart - At the end of this week we shall know how Ministers stand politically - And whichever way it goes, I think we shall carry the School.

In the meanwhile, we have not been idle about Army Sanitary affairs - And I enclose you the Gazette of a new Commission in proof of the fact - for India -

Will you allow me to enclose a copy of the "Notes" for your friends, Dr. McGhie; there is a misprint at P. 30, which I have corrected in this copy - Please to look at it.

I enclose for your own private eyes a little Pamphlet I wrote on Nursing, (which is really "confidential,") -- perhaps the article Noise will illustrate what I have said about Patients -
My dear Sir,

I have to thank you very much for a copy of Dr. Lyon's Report on the Yellow Fever of Lisbon. It seems to me very well done - But I had wished the Govt= to send out an Engineer to that unfortunate city. Now, all Dr. Lyons has told us is (not how it can be prevented but) what it has done, which he has told very well -

I should like, if you could send me his direction, to thank him myself.

You have heard, I dare say, from Sir Jas: Clark that the scheme of the Army Med Sch.

has taken a further extension & is to embrace the Candidates for the Indian Medical Service as well as ours -

The buildings (temporary) are actually begun at Chatham - And we sent the proof of the Scheme to press last week. Mr. Herbert is really engaged in it. And I do not despair, though I...
dare say you do, of seeing it actually begun on foot next January – & the Professors appointed very soon –

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I am only here for a short time – And whatever is sent to 30 Old Burlington St will find me as before

F.N.

Wellcome 5471/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67362

30 Old Burlington St.
London W
Oct 21/59

My dear Sir

The only thing of importance to tell you is that Mr. Herbert told me last Sunday that he meant to speak to you this week about the Army Medical School – If you have not heard of from him, it is because they have been having Cabinets nearly every day this week: and today Mr. Herbert is gone to Hythe on an Inspection Tour till Sunday.

I informed Sir Jas: Clark of Mr. Herbert's intention. And you may have heard from Sir Jas:

I do not at all recommend that
My dear Sir
  Mr. Herbert was speaking frankly to me about the Medical School last night - so I asked him frankly about the deferring of your journey to Berlin. He said that he was obliged to leave London to-night* {'night' overtop day} & should not be
  *he only came back to London yesterday morning

back here till this day week -- that it would answer all purposes equally well for him to see you when you returned - & he thought it would be a needless delay for you to put off your journey in order to see him - He said he was so busy today that he could do nothing but the current business - I consider the whole thing as quite
safe now. Mr. Herbert is pledged to it - And the Ministers are in no danger of being turned out for many months -

I should therefore, if I were you, take Mr. Herbert's advice & consult my own conveniense about going to Berlin

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

My dear Sir

I yesterday submitted all your complaints (which are not a bit too much) to Mr. Herbert.

1. He will look after the requisitions about the fittings, which are sticking somewhere in the W.O. [They were sent in on the first days of April.]

2. he allowed me to write to Capt. Galton about the state of the buildings. - which I have done

3. he does not think it probable that the School will be removed
Wellcome Ms 5483

from Chatham
for some years at
least
4. he thinks it
will be easy to
enlarge the Museum
next year -
5. the state of
the Museum - No
one can be surprised
at what you say
of it. I believe
there is no Catalogue,
no Lists of objects

wanting, for which
duplicates might
be exchanged, or
the objects wanting
procured by the
different branches
of the Service -
But you will
remedy all this -
And it was quite
time that a
remedy should be
brought -
I imagine you
will be able to

5471/7/2
pack the things not
needed for the
School into small
compass, & to keep
out those which
are needed.
Please keep me
au courant of the
way the repairs & {'the repairs' overtop illeg}
fittings progress.
It is all I am
fit for now. And
I hope by Sept 1.
you will be in
working order -
II. About the "N. fund" affairs, I will write more at length.  
I think your suggestions very good—But, at present, whatever Nurses would learn at the Children's Hospital, would have to be unlearnt -- the Nursing is so bad. 200 cases are the annual average of admissions at St. Thomas's of children under 10. And I believe the variety, especially of Surgical cases, among children, which Nurses would see at St. Thomas's, actually larger than at the Children's.

I know nothing about the Nursing at the Samaritan Hospital but I had fancied that at Soho Sq. better. The Superannuation Fund I hope will be added in time.

The Candidates for Probationers have {'Probationers' overtop these} already filled up all the places at St. Thomas's.

Sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

We do not at all intend to confine ourselves to one Hospital. This is only a tentative experiment.
My dear Sir

I only write this line to tell you that I am not doing nothing, in answer to your letter. I have sent down to the W.O. several times - Your fitments, your repairs are progressing.

Mr. Herbert has taken a note about enlarging the Museum this ye next year - In the mean time, you are to receive a proposition about a Casemate. With regard to the most important thing, the procuring you assistance, which every one will perceive to be necessary, what I believe will be advised will be for you to make the application through the Senate.

But, about all this, I will write more at length to morrow - when I have shall have got more information as to the best way to proceed.

Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale
My dear Sir

I have been making every enquiry as to the proper means of forwarding what we both have so much at heart.

1. With regard to your Assistant, his appointment involves the financial question, and all such questions must go through the Senate to the Secretary of State for War.

I will do my best to back any proposal, after it is thus made, feeling, as I do, the essential importance of a good Assistant. But the only legitimate way is for it to go thro' the Senate, now the Senate is once constituted - altho' it would be also legitimate for me then to press it, if it remained sticking in the W.O., as in the case of the requisition for fitments.

The selection, I presume, will rest with you - & the man whom you think fit will
be the fit person.
2. It has occurred to me to suggest that perhaps the best way to meet the present case of the Museum would be to get one of the highest of the long Casemates at Fort Pitt, & to shelve it along the walls which would not cost much.

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You might then put into it the duplicates, the preparations not in good order, those not immediately required, labelled & arranged (according to the 5 Divisions you mention) so that they could be taken for reference & replaced at any time.

This would have the additional advantage of keeping up the Museum as a whole & avoiding packing away. The case for removal to better quarters would also grow in strength year by year.

The requisition for the casemate fittings would have to go through
the Senate to the Sec. of St. for War 
- the same as that for the appointment of your Assistant.
3. Mr. Herbert made a note for the enlargement (temporary) of the Museum next year - This will not at all interfere with your ultimate removal to a better locality

P.S. To make your case the stronger about the Assistant, would it not be well to state who is in charge of the Museum now? I presume there is some one beside a soldier.

Pray still keep me au courant & believe me ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

5471/9/3

P.S. Capt. Galton is coming down to you next week to hurry your repairs. Probably Sir J. Clark & Dr. Sutherland will {overtop illeg} go too.

As there is urgency for the appointment of your Assistant, would it not be as well for you to ask the Director= Genl= to call a Meeting of the Senate directly?
Wellcome Ms 5483

I will press the immediately
the matter of ye= casemate fittings. But this will not at all prevent the necessity of their being also made requisition for by the Senate.

5471/9/4
Private
I asked Mr. Herbert yesterday to sanction the immediate temporary employment of an Assistant to you (upon his own authority) at the rate of salary you mention –
He consented & made a note of it.
I asked him to sanction the immediate shelving of a Casemate for the Museum – (upon his own authority) – He consented & made a note of it.
I told him that he would receive formal applications from the Senate for these two things – in time.
F.N.
He told me of the note he had written to you --

[end 15:377]
30 Old Burlington St
W July 18/60
My dear Sir

I like your paper exceedingly. I would only make a few additions.

Would you not state, e.g. in addition, 1. that the whole arrangement can only be considered as temporary in character,

that, at the best, the provision afforded by the casemate would be inadequate for the purpose; but that it is absolutely necessary, if the Museum is to exist at all in any other way than merely as a heap of objects, without order or arrangement, that the inexpensive course suggested should be taken, in the hope that a proper School, Museum & Library may be provided before long.

Then propose that application be made to the S. of S. for War to sanction the appropriation of the casemate & the cost of shelving.

Would you not 2. propose that the
sanction of the S. of S. for War be obtained for a skilled workman to do the Modelling, putting up preparations &c at a salary of --- & that, until the necessary forms are gone through, sanction for a two months' employment of such a workman be obtained.

[end 15:379]

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

30 Old Burlington St
W. Aug 5/60

My dear Sir

I had the opportunity of speaking to (or rather "poking") Mr. Herbert to day about the points of your letter -

He wrote on the spot about the Instruments & fittings- and 2. the Estimate for the casemate fittings shall be passed immediately.

[It seems absurd for the Engineers to talk of two months being necessary]

I shall see Capt. Galton tomorrow
& will also give
him a "poke" -
    Dr. Parkes' plan
will apparently
answer. But in
a matter so new,
trials will be
necessary -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Sir James Clark
whispered
to me that the W.O.
had been dilatory
in paying your
Salary. [I am never
surprised at any
thing the W.O. does]
I whispered this to
Mr. H. and he
seemed very much
surprised. He
made a note of
it to put it righ[t]
    For my part, I
don't see that hom{e}
management, (of whic[h]
I have now seen a goo{d}
deal) is a bit better tha{n}
Crimean management.

My dear Sir
I sent to Mr. ['sent' overtop illeg] [15:381]
Herbert as soon as
I had your missive.
And I have just
this moment had
a communication
from him, headed {'headed' overtop illeg}
    "There! at last!!
    S.H."

and enclosing one
Wellcome Ms 5483

from Sir John Burgogne, stating "The work of the Medl= School at Chatham has been ordered for execution, the authority of the Treasury having been received" & dated "17 August".

More shame for them that it was not "17 April."

Capt. Galton is absent in the Channel Islands.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

My dear sir
I saw Mr. Herbert on Sunday week -- and one of the W.O. officials on Friday & Saturday about your misfortunes.

With regard to the first & lesser one, the fitments for the practical rooms, I do really hope that they
Wellcome Ms 5483

will be ready by
October 1 -
    Capt. Galton will
do all in his power
to urge them
forward -

2. About the
Estimate for the
instruments &
apparatus.
    I have not time
to tell you all the
places it has been
to {overtop illeg} - to the Tower,

where the answer
was, of course, that
they did not keep
instruments in
store - to some
other place equally
ridiculous where
the same answer
was of course
made - Then it
went to Dr. Gibson,
where it remained
"sticking" for some
months -
    On Friday, it
was hunted up,
(but not by him,)

and taken to Mr.
Drewry, (in the
absence of Sir B.
Hawes,) who is a
somewhat quicker
operator -
    And on Friday
Saturday I was
assured that the
money should be
granted that day,
that the authority
out of the "Sanitary
vote", without
more ado with
the Treasury - & that the authority should be forwarded to you for expending the money on Monday (yesterday).

I asked if I should write to you to inform you of this - in order that you might apply for the authority, if there were delay. And I was assured there was no occasion. Nevertheless I think it wiser to do it.

[I understand that Dr. Sutherland saw you yesterday. But he did not know of this arrangement with Mr. Drewry. For he has not seen any of us since his return. Therefore]

5471/13/2 if he discouraged you, - do not mind]. But, unless the you have already received the authority to draw the money, for the instruments - Apply for it without delay, I presume to Mr. Milton. And please let me know - People talk of my "terrible &
unprecedented experience" in the Crimea - I say my "terrible & extraordinary experience" in the W.O. Never could I have believed what I have seen of mismanagement in the last 4 years, of inefficiency, slowness, extravagance in administration, & want of unity, above all - No one knows what any one else is doing. [end 15:382]

yours sincerely F. Nightingale

My dear Sir

I hope that by this time you have your authority for the Instrument money.

I have made another poke at the W.O.

It is too much - This story of the School is the very type & climax of the working of the whole Office. It is well it has happened - For I do believe this & other glaring instances will bring about a change -

The first impression
upon the students being a bad one is most unfortunate. It may damage the School essentially in public opinion. Capt. Galton however, hopes to have the fittings done by Oct 1. And the Instrument money I trust you have by this time. Please keep me informed.

I shall be most glad to give my proxy for Mr. Couper, if you will tell me how - It is a matter upon which I can have no opinion. I can only choose my advisers. Perhaps you will tell me some Governor voting for Mr. Couper, who will take My proxy.

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

My dear Sir
I venture to trouble you with my proxy for Mr. Couper. Perhaps you know some Governor of the London Hospital voting for him, who would take it.
Dr. R.D. Thomson
Wellcome Ms 5483

sent me the enclosed card — Perhaps he is a Governor — Mr. Couper would probably be able to indicate one —

I am assured by Capt. Galton, that the fittings will positively be all ready by October 1.

I hope that you have had no farther hitch

And believe me

very truly yours

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/16 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67362

30 Old Burlington St
W Sept 28/60

My dear Sir

Thank you for sending me your Programme, which I like very much, as far as I am capable of having a judgement. The numbers too make it very useful.

I only opened it last night — For I had been
Wellcome Ms 5483

unusually ill & busy
And the people
had kept from me
My private letters
Otherwise I should
have thanked
you before
    ever yours sincerely
        F. Nightingale

I really hope you
are getting on well
now - But I
shall always be
anxious to hear
of your progress -

Private {up diag}
    Your letter about
    the Students shews
    the necessity of some
    communication from
    Mr. Herbert to the
    D.G. about the
    School. But at
the same time I believe
that the ten students
were taken into the
Service under the idea
that they would very
probably not pass
through the School.
It was, I believe,
considered that the
Service required them
before they could pass
the usual routine. I agree with you however that it would be a good opportunity if Mr. Herbert would either refuse his sanction to their entering without passing the School course - or if Dr. Gibson made a good case for the exception, he should be made to understand that it must not happen again. Flightiness.

30 Burlington St
W Feb 1/61
My dear Sir
The Glasgow Medl- Journal was sent me.
Dr. McGhie's article betrays either wilful misrepresentation- or helpless hopeless ignorance of his own subject. It is impossible to answer.

Many of his principal facts are wrong. I would instance
those about the 
Lariboisière Hospital.

It is nothing but
a defence of an
indefensible mistake
-- & not very ably
pleaded -

The best thing that
could happen to the
Glasgow Infirmary (&
what would save
much human life)
is that it should
be burnt down. There
will be no other
safety for it. Almost

all its air reaches it
over burial-ground.

Now the mistake
has been tripled.

But, depend
upon it, Dr McGhie
knows all this just
as well as you or I.

Norman Chevers'
four Numbers have
been sent me - If
they were condensed,
as you say, they would
be very useful -

I trust that the
Examinations will
work well now -

I agree with the
young men that it
would be cruelty to
alter their places,
won at the first --
by the second, if they
were not entirely
made aware of the {‘the’ overtop illeg}
plan - beforehand.

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Private

My dear Sir,

I hope that the present difficulty has been got over - But, if you have reason to think that any undue course is taken with your Minutes, you ought, of course, to represent it.

Also, the School is so nearly connected with the administrative part of the War Office that all your future proceedings, whether by Minutes or otherwise, should be concise and practical - pointing out a definite administrative course which can be taken - And this without entering much into detail.

You will excuse my giving these hints -- which are founded upon my knowledge of the characters of the present S. of S. and D.G.

The S. of S., can hardly be expected to look much into the Minutes himself. He must take the interpretation given him by his accredited
Wellcome Ms 5483
agent, the D.G.
    Now the D.G. has
not the least idea
of administrative
unity. he would
not hesitate to make
annotations on the
Senate's Reports - he
being its Chairman.
He is also vacillating
-- without intelligent
principle- & always
throws off his own
responsibility upon
the his own Chief -
  ever yours sincerely
    F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/19 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67361

Private & 35 South St.
Confidential park Lane W.
        July 20/76

My dear Sir
Mr. Hardy writes that he has not the least intention of transferring the Chair of Hygiene from Netley: & that Dr. de Chaumont is appointed. I am very much disappointed to have no special answer about "orders having been given for increased accommodation". Mr. Hardy certainly did give such orders:
Wellcome Ms 5483

I am afraid it is no use pressing about having Monthly Senate Meetings: or about Assistants' pay arrangements:

TILL we can get our Committee of Enquiry: - I wrote to its proposed Chairman: he is leaving home "for a few weeks". Another of its members is not yet returned: another is going away.

I am afraid it is no use pressing to have the Committee while every one is either away or thinking of nothing but getting away: - or too busy to breathe.

I will keep the copies of letters you kindly sent me, unless you want them back at once, till something can be done with them.

We will not lose sight of our Committee of Enquiry: In the meanwhile, I will, if possible, find out about the "orders for increased accommodn=". I should be most thankful, if you could tell me that there were preparations beginning. [I suppose you did not broach this part of the subject in seeing the D.G.]

We may consider the continuance of the School secured: & we must work on to obtain the necessary conditions of ever= increasing success -

Pray believe me ever yr sincerely

Dr. Aitken Florence Nightingale
My dear Sir, Mr Bracebridge, most gratefully accepts your kind offer 'to go to the Collegis Romano, if you will call for him here at 10 as he has an engagement at the Vatican with a party at 11 -

ever your grateful child

F.N.

Dear Sir

Mrs Herbert & I are very anxious to go to see a Cardinal made, would you, if not too much trouble, let me know by the Bearer what time we must be at the Quirinal tomorrow morning?

We are just returned from St. Peter's & from our beautiful little walk behind St Angelo, where my angel looked as if he had just lighted from heaven, (I am always afraid that he will be gone before the morning, when I take my walk on the Pincio) -- and the shadows were so purple on the Campagna, that it looked like playing at Jane -

Yours very gratefully for all your kindness to us. Florence Nightingale

Sunday -
My dear Sir

We cannot give up the hope of one more visit to the Vatican with you - could you give us an hour or two this morning before your dinner hour? & if so, what time would suit {'time' overtop illeg} you best?

yours ever in grateful love
F.N.

(on back of letter, folded like an envelope:)
A. Mons.
Monsieur Colyar

Dear Sir

I am very much obliged to you for this beautiful account of Sasordaire's "giving up the natural life" how interesting is his testimony to the Missionaries -

Many many thanks for your résumé of the history of St. Peter's- it is & always will be a valuable one to me, if you will let me keep it- I am ashamed of having given you so much trouble but I hope that it will not be lost upon me --

ever My dear Sir
yours most gratefully F.N.

(on back of letter, folded like an envelope:)
H Colyar Esq
Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5472/5 signed letter, 1f, pen {arch:} [1847-8]

Dear Sir, I send back your books with many regrets, & many many more thanks— they are not such as can be read in a hurry— and I have not been able to digest them properly— but shall hope to get them & read them again when I reach England—

I do not know how to thank you for all your kindness— but believe me, dear Sir, ever yours most sincerely & gratefully Florence Nightingale

Monday

Will you thank Mrs. Colyar very much for her Donne Italiene, which I looked at with the more interest as being her friends—

Wellcome 5472/6 signed note, 1f, pen {arch:} [1847-48]

If you are not tired of me, would you be so very good as to go with a poor fool to the {illeg} now {illeg to settle?} a little matter of business— Florence Nightingale

{on back of letter, folded like an envelope:}
Henry Colyar Esq

Wellcome 5472/7 signed letter, 2ff, pen {arch:} [1847-8]

Dear Sir
Should you have no better engagement this beautiful day, might we hope that you would have the kind- ness to take a walk with Mrs. Bracebridge & me— either to the Forum, to correct us of that perfidious Nibby, or wherever else you may propose. Mrs. Bracebridge would have written herself, had she not
been going out. Mr. Bracebridge is better -
   ever yours very gratefully
   F. Nightingale
Of course, if you have any thing better to do, you will say so “tout droite”.

(on back of letter, folded like an envelope:)
H. Colyar Esq

Dear Sir I return the Annali with many thanks. I should like the Archdeacon to see Miché’s other letter (in the first Nos you lent me,) when he comes back, if you will be so kind as to let me have them then -
   I went to St Peter’s this morning to thank for my pleasure yesterday -
      The Herberts send us terrible Sicilian news – the people took
the {illeg} out of the prisons & murdered 33 in cold blood. Roger 7th would have neither act nor part in it - & ordered the arrest of Santoro, who had originated it - he tried

a counter revolution, and luckily “got killed” in the Scuffle. An Austrian vessel came into port - but the authorities sent to implore them not to land - as they could not protect them from the people - who in the night
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broke into the fort & pointed
the guns at the frigate_ but
were happily stopped by the
Guardia Circa.  I think the
Sicilians are quite excusable,
if not right- & hope that I
am above all prejudices
with regard to murder.  Let
them answer for it who
have brought them to this.

I send back the Armenian
Service with many, many
thanks. Mr. Bracebridge is
better - ever dear Sir yours
in gratitude F.N.
What are those words which you

{in middle of folio, folded like an envelope:}
Hy Colyar Esq
{at bottom:}
said before that beautiful passage
{illeg O felix culpa, qua talem as tartum?}
Redemp {illeg Meruit Sabere Redemptosem?}

{front of envelope:} Hy Colyar Esq
{in other hand:} From Miss Nightingale

Notes &
Letters.-
Jan 4/91

Claydon House, {printed address:}

Winslow, Bucks.

My dear Sir

I kept Dr. Wilson’s valuable letter till I was able to write a letter with it, which alas! I cannot do yet”-

It is so encouraging to find that he considers the lessons must be conveyed to the cottagers’ wives in their own homes - & that it is essential to effectual technical teaching to find object lessons too in the closet, pig-stye & well -

Does he live at Warwick now?

He is not one who will be recommending great expensive works, in Village & Cottage

Thank you very much for the information on your post card - Please to send the Acct- of the books to me, if the Co. Co. money is exhausted

I have ordered the little book published by Churchill.

Dr. Wilson must be the right sort of man - & will be a great assistance

Excuse pencil

Hoping to hear of your first Lecture

ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

Dr. De’Ath
Wellcome 5473/2 signed letter, 2ff, pencil (black-edged paper)

(printed up at an angle:)

Telegraph, 2/1/92
Steeple Claydon. Bucks
(printed address:) Claydon House, Winslow, Bucks.

Thank you very much, my dear Sir, for your two notes & Dr. Wilson’s most encouraging one which I will return - I am afraid you are not able to see him & to-day or “Monday” - Perhaps you have sent him a Syllabus - I wish he had ordered to it. Thank you too for the charming little book - The {overtop A} highest blessings of the New Year to you & yours - And good cheer for the beginning of the Lectures They will work their work I am writing to you but have not time to finish Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

{vert. on page}
I think the way Mrs. Verney told me you were beginning your Lectures by touching upon the difference between health & sickness quite the best

F.N.
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Wellcome 5473/3 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Claydon Jan 3/92

My dear Sir

    I have not been able
to write to you to- day
as I intended but it is
only put off -
    I am sure tomorrow’s
Lecture will be a success
But we cannot build
Rome in a day, much
less build up an education
in a day, as you observe.
The more sure is ultimate
success - I shall be
anxious to hear from
your kindness - I will carefully
return Dr. Wilson - sincerely {‘return’ overtop illeg}
Dr. De’Ath) yours F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5473/4 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

{printed up at an angle:}
Telegraph,  10 South St.
   Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Park Lane W
   Claydon House, Jan 12/92
   Winslow, {printed address:}
   Bucks.

My dear Sir
    I hope your 2\textsuperscript{nd} Lecture
was usefully brilliant & successful
And I know it was.
The Anatomical Models
we use for our Probationer-Nurses
at St. Thomas’ were procured
for us from Leipzig by one
of our Medical Staff - {‘our’ overtop the}
The Card enclosed contains
the address of the man at
Leipzig from whom the
Models were obtained.
The Medical Officer
thinks that, if you would
write to Franz Josef Steger
My dear Sir

Most heartily do I give you joy on the success of your “Health at Home” Education Mission - the enthusiastic attendance on your Lectures of rural educated women from all over the County allowed to attend for their own profit - your sifting & re-sifting till you obtained a Class of 12, who appeared willing & able to become instructresses or missioners of Health to the uneducated rural women at their own homes - the object of the whole course being the new one
not simply to give Sanitary information but to teach how to teach -- the examination by an independent well-known Sanitary authority -- both in writing & by word of mouth (to test their power of speaking to the uneducated) And six of them passing the Examn= with the utmost success - three indeed about what had been expected - the main object of the Examn being to see not only if their book knowledge or theory were competent but if they could give in the most practical & plainest, in the most lively & dramatic manner their knowledge to uneducated women in their own houses - translate in fact the object=lessons they had received from your skill & kindness in the worst houses of the worst villages = into the cottage life with their own hands & tongue _ Your object was to teach practical work to the class - just as we teach practical Ward work at the bed-side to the Nurse Probationer in Hospital - the object=lesson of the latter being the Ward & the Patient - the object-lesson of the former being the Cottager’s home & its inmates
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- the rural domestic life -

Just as the District Nurse goes into the cottage to nurse & to teach to nurse the Patient by the family with her own head & hands - so would the Health Nurse (Missioner) teach what to do in the cottage for health with her own head & hands.

It remains to be seen how it is to be worked out - say a Meeting in a willing cottage -- visits to each cottage - and when she is in touch with the cottager’s wife, sent for by the wife-mother herself.

Of course it will take a long time before prejudice & ignorance are overcome.

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Geo. H. De’Ath Esq MD -

Wellcome 5473/6 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

June 25/92

10, SOUTH STREET, [6:592]

PARK LANE. W. {printed address:}

My dear Sir

I was exceedingly glad to receive your letter - Indeed Mr. Verney’s illness was a terrible misfortune to us all - [I heard how kind & skilful you had been, of course. I have good reports of him. But I am afraid he will not ‘he overtrop be] be careful]

A Miss Deane, of Chichester, Hon. Sec. for the Ladies’ Committee for Technical Education in West Sussex under the County Council, has written to me to know if her
Committee can have one of the "teachers trained in Bucks as Nursing Cottage "Lecturers" for 6 months to commence on Oct. 1" "And what salary" they "will have to give".

She speaks of a London Soc'y as having too "high "charges" -- & not an "entirely "satisfactory course" --

I understand that only one of the "Dr. De’Ath "Lecture Ladies has "definitely been engaged" could you tell me at what salary? & where?

& that Bucks would be glad" if the Sussex plan "comes off for another".

I have written to Miss Deane (whom I do not know) explaining the difference between Health & Nursing Lectures -- also saying why a definite answer cannot be sent her directly, if She still wishes for a Health Lecturer -- &c &c --

But I should be very grateful if you could tell me all you can as to engagements & salary

Success to the Cottagers

Pray believe me yours sincerely

Dr. De’Ath

F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5473/7 signed note, 1f, pencil [6:592]

10/10/92

My dear Sir

I will if you will allow me return your Draft "Missioner’s Diary" by post to-day with any suggestions --

God bless your work

yrs
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F. Nightingale
My dear Sir

We shall be very glad to see you on “Tuesday afternoon”, as you kindly propose — [And I will stay till Wednesday on purpose to see you on Tuesday] Would 4 o’clock or 5 suit you best? Please say by post-card — or any other hour,

I think we may be joyful thro’ all trials if only we are fighting such a valiant battle for the greatest work on earth, man’s health of body & soul, as you are —

God bless you
yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

Thanks many for your Cholera pamphlet — Please send me your account for printing F.N.
My dear Sir
   Many thanks for your letter & the valuable printed papers you have been so kind as to send me.
   Dr. Ord of St. Thomas’ to whom I wrote says that after first mentioning that he will “enquire for any process of hiring out Diagrams” he “suggests that, as regards internal organs, demonstration of the heart, lungs &c, freshly taken from a sheep would be in good hands, infinitely more useful than diagram or model - We use,” he says, “diagrams for large classes, but, for practical teaching, the specimen”. Do you agree?
   Dr. Ord, more than 20 years ago, “gave voluntary lectures at Brixton to poor women, dealing with sanitation, cookery &c. But the ladies at whose instance
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“he did this told him
“that the women, while
“fully understanding
“what was taught, would
“not alter their ways. The
“ladies did their best,
“& distributed large
“printed sheets, but
“‘poor people couldn’t
“‘take so much trouble’ ”

Dr. Ord wishes us
“better success”.

I think it is clear
why he had none -
As well “distribute
“large printed sheets”
 to school boys & expect
them to learn Greek from these

[I venture to send you a
 copy of a letter I had
 to address to Poona in
 Bombay P; , where I recommend
 the Lecturer, after having
 gained the confidence of
 the people, to take them
 round to their water-supply,
 &c &c - & to show them
 on the spot:
 It is notorious that you
 may legislate for ever to
 Hindoos, District Officials
 conscientiously believe all
 the legislation obeyed -
 Not a bit of it]

Dr. Ord does not appear to
know Pridgin Teale’s book,
but, as you have it, ?, that
does not matter - With every
best wish for the New Year, sincerely yours

Dr. De’Ath       Florence Nightingale
My dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your note -
I am very glad you read a paper at Liverpool -
But pray proceed with caution - This is the age of Associations & Lectures -
An Assocn- generally does not succeed, unless it is worked from a centre (by one person like yourself - but who can give his or her whole time & experience -- ) to the circumference -
If it is worked from the circumference by persons necessarily of little circumference experience, that is fatal
However, let me hear, please, as you kindly propose, the “details” of your scheme -
Some Associations are, (between ourselves,) such humbugs -
As to its bearing my name, as I could not give all my work, that is out of the question
I wish every possible success to your scheme, I need hardly say - & hope But every District will not have a M.O. of Health like yourself.
Very, very few people
My dear Sir

Pray excuse me: I regret exceedingly that it is quite impossible for me to see you this week on this subject. Plan of unequalled difficulty - which has been sprung upon me -- viz. the forming “an Association all over England” of persons ignorant of the subject - to embrace “towns” and “districts”.

But I am sincerely anxious to hear what you really propose - & to give any help I can, if
that be possible - [I hope it
   won’t be only Punch’s “Don’t:]
And I may be able to see
   you next week, or more
likely, the week after, for
which I am your servant,
“to do thoroughly the duty
“that immediately lies
“before me,” that is, to
give considered thought, & experience
to a purpose so sudden, –
which cannot be done in
an hour or a day by one
so overworked & so ill.
I have taken some advice –
   Pray believe me
   ever yours sincerely
       F. Nightingale
Geo. H. De’Ath Esq MD

II
   Might I ask you in return
a comparatively easy
question? A sensible
young lady (apparently)
has been reading the
pamphlet “Rural Hygiene”
& asks for some “fairly
“simple Manual for
“carrying out the study”
of “so many points &
“subjects named (in the
“Rural Hygiene”) upon which
she “would gladly have
“fuller information” -- “some
“work - not too learned -
“which she may study with
“a view to learning more
“myself & preparing to
  “give some little help
  “to others in our villages”. Kindly tell me what you
  would recommend: for
these are the sort of people
  from whom we might
  ultimately recruit “Health
  “Missioners” -
  I know of none no “work “Manuals” these
gentlemen’s “works,” too
heavy - the ladies’ too little
intelligent. Though my
allowance of books sent
me to “criticize” “and
“recommend” is
  2 from America
  1 “ India
  1 “ Home
G.H. De’Ath Esq MD F.N.

5373/12/1 signed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}  
Nov 26/94
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir
  I am sorry to be
unable to see you
to-day. But I
hope that you will
be coming this way
again some afternoon,
- not Thursday -
(& give us telegraphic
notice the day before)
  & give me the
pleasure of seeing you
  yours sincerely
Dr. De’Ath F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5473/12/2 {black-edged envelope}

Miss Nightingale {not FN hand}
  G.H. De’Ath Esq
25/11/94
My dear Sir

I am sorry you are so much disappointed about the Lectures on "Sick Nursing" by Miss Deyns & Miss Bartlett - because cannot the evil be averted? if any?

3. In Miss Deyns’ two Hand bills it is only put “Nursing”: not Sick Nursing.

In the other Handbill which you kindly sent me it is put Health Mission and Sick Nursing as if Sick Nursing were a part of the Mission.

But you have taught us that it may be & is a part of the Health-at-Home Mission.

2 After all it is not the name but the substance of the thing that signifies And no doubt you have told these ladies what they may touch upon of Sick Nursing in Health at Home & what not.

3. It is no use trying to do anything for December now. But we have from “January to June” before us - And we might see the two ladies I had not the advantage of hearing your 2nd Course of Lectures in which you taught, I believe, in your own striking way what you wished included of Nursing - Perhaps we might impress this or rather hear what the two ladies have to say - about this -

I hope to see you this next week, tho’ probably not on Monday?

yours most faithfully
F. Nightingale

Geo. H. De’Ath Esq MD
Claydon Dec 17

My dear Sir

I am so very, very much obliged to you for your kind & full information - I was so very anxious -

I don‘t ask you to see you to-day - because I think Lady Verney & Sir Edmund must be so very anxious to see all they can of you to-day

God bless you - yours sincerely   F. Nightingale

Dr. De‘Ath

Claydon Feb 26/95

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W. {addr. crossed off with diag. line}

My dear Sir

We are very anxious to know that you were not the worse for your kind visit here last week.

Also; whether your “Test” is completed - that would make a sort of Revolution -

Thanks for your District Nurse Report. Does your Nurse or will your Nurses keep a Diary? And do they always serve under Doctors?

Otherwise they are so liable
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to become a sort of quack.

We find it always desirable to print in our Reports of District Nursing a few type cases. It makes them Reports interesting & what is more it makes them instructive to others. The Report gives in a few lines the beginning of the case - what the Nurse has done for the Patient (and, if necessary, for the room) - the treatment, very briefly - the end of the case - [The Nurse does generally teach a friend or kind neighbour of the Patient some simple sanitary & practical things to do - Very often She, the Nurse, has to clean the whole room & utensils - Gentlewomen always do this best]

2. We have not yet received from you the Syllabus you so kindly undertook re Miss Deyns & Lady Verney’s criticism
3. - nor the eye-cleaning to prevent Infantile blindness re the unsatisfactory printed leaflets you were so good as to look at -

But we know but too well how over- occupied you are -

We hope you are not overdoing it.

Lady Verney prescribes a Lent abstinence from overwork -

ever yours sincerely
My dear Sir,

Thank you for your note - I could see you on Monday next at 5.30 p.m., as you kindly wish. But unless you are going to stay the night in London, that will be an inconvenient hour for you - I could make it 4 o’clock if I knew - but I am afraid not earlier - I do not know what your trains to Buckingham are =
I think your milk =
=test, if complete,
would be what is
most wanted now
in London - There
are such just complaints
And the poor people
get no milk at all,
good or bad
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Geo: H. De’Ath Esq

Geo: H. De’Ath Esq
MD
Buckingham

May 18/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE, W.

My dear Sir
Thank you for your
note of Saturday -
I could gladly see
you on “June 9 ninth”, 5.30 p.m., {‘9’ overtop illeg}
if that suits you - But
if it does not, I could,
if I knew directly (you
say you wish to settle
your plans) appoint
some other afternoon
that does suit you -
You kindly ask after
my health - I have not been up since before Xmas, except - & that rarely -- to sit up in my chair, for an hour or two, in my room - But I am full of work --

I hope you make holiday sometimes -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Geo. H. De’Ath Esq

M.D

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5473/19 2ff, Henry Verney to Dr. De’Ath, 21 Dec 91, Claydon House, Winslow Bucks, re: advice for a letter from Miss Bell concerning his cottages and faults he ought to remedy
Dear Henry

Thank you for your picture, and thank Aunt Anne, and all of them for the book and pictures. Yesterday somebody threw some gunpowder into the fire, and Betsy going to poke it, it flew into her arm, and set her gown on fire. Pop went into the room and she says that it was all in a smoke. Some towels were burnt. Here is a riddle. What can you add to 9 to make 6? For instance, A gentleman sent nine ducks to his friend: the man who carried them stole 3. Now you must know the gentleman wrote the number of ducks on the basket. How could the man alter the number nine into six so that there was no blotting out and so that he was not found out? You must recollect that he added something

We had a play which we acted on Twelfth Night. It was “Alfred, a Drama” in
Evenings at Home. Freddy, Pop, Clémente (our French maid) and I acted it.

Freddy was Alfred he had on a black
Pop --- Gubba cap and a smock
Clémence--- Ella frock Pop had
I -- I Gandelin a smock frock and
a pair of Freddy’s shoes. Clemence
had Papa’s cocked hat and sword, and a
large camlet cloak. I had a white shirt,
and a woollen shawl. A calico turban hanging
down behind. Mama went to the ball the 11th
of January, came home between 5 and 6 o’clock
and stayed in bed till after our dinner.
She had on a dark green gown, white
sleeves and diamonds. Good bye. Your
affectionate cousin Florence Nightingale
P.S. I send Aunt Anne, Laura, and all of
them my love. It snows here, and is
warmer to-day. We had a grand supper
Twelfth-Night. I drew the Sweet Pea.

5482/2 2ff, unsigned letter not in F.N. hand, [endorsed 25 June 1853],
re: a letter written re Miss Nightingale not being sure if she had
asked Mr Colnaghi to send to 9 Carlton Terrace for the engraving of
the Chevalier Bunsen by Mrs Nightingale

5482/3/1-2 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
April 5 1855

Dear Madam
I am truly sorry to
have such painful news
to communicate to you
of your son. We admitted
four hundred cases
all suffering from
Dysentery & Frostbite,
(from both of which your
son was suffering) in
the week of his
admission. He was
very low - Hot bottles
were put round him
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& his legs rubbed by myself & one of my Nurses. I gave him Arrow Root & Port Wine in small quantities & frequently. He was constantly attended by Dr. McGregor, then 1st Class Staff Surgeon in this Hospital—But he never rallied & sank from the effects of exhaustion in January. There was extensive ulceration of the bowels. Nothing could have saved
Wellcome Ms 5483

him. He had every care & attention. At that time the mortality here was fearful- The men said little - They were too weak to speak much- But we often said a prayer for them. And sometimes I heard them murmuring the words “mother” & “home” even when partially delirious- That was an awful time. The Chaplains were very attentive -

Hoping that I have been able to give you some comfort- & sorry that I cannot give more, dear Madam, as such has been the influx of patients under our care that I often confuse names & cannot recollect cases (we once admitted four thousand in 17 days) I am with truest sympathy

Yours ever

Florence Nightingale

5482/3/2 {envelope}

Mrs. Alexander
2 Star Hill
Rochester
Kent

{large two at top of envelope in other hand}
Scutari Bk Hosp= [14:232]
Sept 22/55

Sir

The enclosed small parcels are watches & trinkets belonging to dead men, whose last words were that I should “send them to their friends”- Will you kindly take charge of them? But, should you find inconvenience in sending them to their respective destinations, will you simply stamp them, register them & send them per post? I enclose 2/6 for the requisite P.O. Stamps & expense of Registration.

I remain, Sir,

Yr obedt servt
Florence Nightingale

Scutari Barrack Hosp= [14:233]
September 23/55

Sir

I deeply regret the sad intelligence which I have to announce to you - Henry A. Wright Esq. of the 6th Dragoon Guards, died this morning in Scutari Hospital. When you have broken this painful news to his mother she may perhaps find comfort in reading the enclosed which

I remain Sir
your obedt servt
Florence Nightingale
5482/5/2-4 3ff, signed letters by Arthur Wright to Mrs Wright, 11 March 1817, 20 January 1821, Bengal, re: comments on family matters and wishing to hear more of the regular family events

5482/5/5 2ff, Arthur Wright to Mr. William Wright, 1 Sept 1827, Almorah, re: lists letter dates when sent and received, small chance of recovering but a portion of 1700£ lost by the failure of a loan, financial and family matters

5482/5/6 2ff, printed program, 30 April 1906, re: funeral service program for the Late Albert Wright, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Braboeuf, Guildford

5482/6 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

Barrack Hospital [14:273]
Scutari
December 1/55

Madam

In answer to your note of Nov 19, I deeply regret to have to inform you that I fear there must be some mistake in the mother’s belief that she heard from her son in Scutari Hospital on June 30 For Corporal John Boxall 1st Royals No 3051, admitted with Fever on February 4/55, died
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in this very Hospital from which I now write, on February 13/55, nine days only from the time of his admission, & has been struck off the strength of the Regt= from that date - I trust that the mother will find comfort in the thought that he did his duty & was not neglected. During that fatal month, our Deaths in Hospital averaged from 70 to 80 per day - On the very day of poor Corporal Boxall’s decease, they reached their heighth, being that day 84 - And in that month we lost 1700 men in these Hospitals. The poor mother therefore must not be surprised, if few particulars’ about individuals can be gleaned or remembered With sincere sympathy for her loss, [end 14:273]

I remain Madam yr obedt servt Florence Nightingale
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5482/7 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

Sir

I have been desired [14:289] to transfer the Order
for the "Clyde" to the
"Cambria," if you have
room - & accommodation
I therefore take the
liberty of sending the
Nurse on board for
the chance - & will
send the proper Orders
before the vessel sails-

[end]

I remain Sir
Dec 21/55 yr obedt servt
Florence Nightingale

5482/8 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

Dec 28/55

Dear Sir

Might I trouble you
to look in this morning
at one of my Nurses
who has not much
the matter with her,
but who thinks herself
much in need of the
"Doctor"?

I shall be very
much obliged if you
will.

yours truly
Florence Nightingale
Barrack Hospital
Scutari
Jany 14th ’56

Mrs Byers

It is with the most sincere sympathy, that I am obliged to send you sad news of your Husband. He was for some time ill in this Hospital, during which every thing that was possible was done for his recovery, but I grieve to say that he died on the 7th of January last of Dysentery. It may be a comfort to you, though a sad one, to know that in his last days he talked much of his wife & children. He seemed extremely anxious about you, & spoke of you with the greatest
tenderness & affection.
He desired that you might
be written to, & was so
anxious to remind us of
writing to you, & of your
direction, that during the
last hour of his life, after
he was unable to say
more, he often repeated
No. 5 No. 5.
I hope it will be a comfort
to you to hear that every

thing that was possible was
done here for the relief of
his sufferings, & to support
him in death. I saw him
myself daily up to the
day of his death. My
head nurse was with him
when he died—& he had
the constant attendance
of the Doctors of the Hos:
pital, & of the Nurse belong
ing to his ward. The clergyman

{this folio filmed at end out of sequence}
attended regularly in his
Ward, reading to him, &
praying with him. He had
all the nourishment he could
take, & if he had a fancy
for any particular thing
it was taken to him.

I have sent today to
your direction, his Purse,
containing £1.3.6 & some
coppers, & his Medal, which
I hope will reach you
safely. I wish to add
Wellcome Ms 5483

that in case you should be in distress in providing for your family, now you have lost your Husband, you can apply to the “Patriotic Fund”, & if you write to me, I will mention you to the Directors of that Fund.

5482/9/2
You may direct to me
Miss Nightingale
Barrack Hospital
Scutari
With Sincere Sympathy
for your great loss,
believe me,
dear Mrs. Byers,
yours truly
Florence Nightingale

5482/10 signed note, 1f, pen

Please to deliver to the Revd Mr. Boudier
4 cases for Mrs. Shaw Stewart
1 " for Major Cox
embarked to day on board the “Ottawa”

Florence Nightingale

Scutari February 14/56
Mrs Byers

In answer to your letter, I can give you the fullest assurance that your poor husband was dead at the time he was buried. He was so extremely weak, that we had been expecting his death for some days. I saw him a few hours before his death, & was quite aware that he was dying, & my Head Nurse was with him when he died. Moreover, all the bodies of those who die in Hospital, are ordered to be seen by a Medical Officer before they are buried, in order that it may be certain that death has really taken place.

With respect to the state of the soul of your poor Husband, I have spoken both to Dr. Blackwood, a clergyman of the Church of England, & to Mr. McNare, the Presbyterian
Chaplain who both attended him frequently during his illness. Both say that he was most earnest in his desire that they should pray with him, which shows him to have been in a religious frame of mind, & may give you the assurance that in the hands of a merciful Father, he will be mercifully dealt with, & the hope of meeting again when the trials of this world are over.

I remain, dear Mrs. Byer, with Sincere Sympathy for your great loss

yours truly

Florence Nightingale

Should you not be in the receipt of the allowance granted by the “Patriotic Fund” to widows & that granted to orphans for your children, you may write

5482/11/2 to Lt. Col. Lefroy
Royal Artillery
Secretary to the “Patriotic Fund”
16 A. Great George St.- Westminster
London

stating full particulars as to yourself & children & asking for this allowance. A printed paper will then be forwarded to you for you to fill up - by the office of the “Patriotic Fund” - & you will receive the proper allowance -
Scutari
Barrack Hospital [14:351-52]
8/3/56

Dear Sir,

Hearing that the Russian prisoners are in some want of clothing & the weather being cold, I have taken the liberty of addressing to you

7 Bales containing
200 shirts
150 Jerseys
300 prs Turkish socks &
some Old Clothes

thinking that you would kindly take the pains of ascertaining where they were wanted & distributing them or giving them to the proper person to distribute—

I should have come over myself had it not been for the want of health & weather — Yours very truly [end 14:352]

Florence Nightingale

Barrack Hospital [14:426]
Scutari
July 5/56

My dear Sir,

You were kind enough to offer some advice as to the nature of Stores which I might send to our Mediterranean Commands; at Corfu principally you thought warm clothing desirable. If you could kindly give me some idea, from your greater experience, as to the
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quantity & quality of Stores to be addressed to the Ionian Isles & to whom they should be addressed, you would greatly oblige me. [end]

I remain dear Sir yours very truly F Nightingale

{illeg smudged} Linton Esq M.D.

5482/14/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 1f, pen

30 Old Burlington St [14:462]
Nov 7/56

My dear Sir

Wednesday I shall have the pleasure of waiting upon you at dinner.

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48 Norfolk Sq
Brighton
is the present address of Miss Erskine, late Supt- at the Naval Hospital at Therapia

very truly yours

Florence Nightingale [end]

5482/14/2 {envelope}

Sir Benjamin Hawes K.C.B.
&c &c &c

{Miss Nightingale 1856 vert. in left marg in other hand}

{back of envelope} Nightingale’s insignia
Dec 12/56

Dear Lord Napier

I have been moving about in or near town since your letter was dispatched, or I should have answered earlier.

I can truly say I feel a great interest in the welfare of Capt. Keatley & his family - & I have formerly done my “possible” to forward it & if I have not interfered in the case of the particular appointment at Malta to which you allude, it is because I do not see how I can do so with propriety, having no knowledge of Mr. Labouchere in whose gift (not in that of Sir George Grey) it rests. It is with regret I find myself obliged to say this. For I assure you I have often, with anxiety, recurred to the cases of Capt. Keatley & Dr. Holton, his son-

Believe me dear Lord Napier ever most faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale
30 Old Burlington St
W
Jan 24/57
My dear Sir
I have only just heard that Dr. Dickson has been appointed to the vacant post of Physician to the Embassy at Constantinople. I know that this has been done in opposition to the request of Lord Clarendon & Mr. Herbert who both wrote in favor of Dr. Pincoffs -

But I know Lord Stratford better than he does -
I think it my duty to give you this bad news as soon as I heard it myself-

Many thanks for your last note & little book - which is very interesting, tho’ it does not embrace all it might do -

Believe me ever faithfully yrs
F. Nightingale
Madam

I regret that I am unable to mention any one for the Office you are seeking to fill.

If I should hear of any one whom I could with satisfaction propose to you, it would give me the greatest pleasure -

But, as I am unable from being much engaged with business to make the search generally necessary in such enquiries, I hope that you will not trust to my success but that your want may be otherwise supplied.

Believe me Madam,
faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale
My dear Madam

I found that my occupations multiply upon me so much that it becomes impossible to me to recommend or to search out persons with whom my Crimean business has not made me previously acquainted.

The only three ladies whom I can think of as at all likely to be suitable for you are persons with whom I am only acquainted thro’ their application to me for employment & whom I have never seen -

Two of them I have mentioned previously to you - I think -

4. Mrs. Flemyng
   5 Clevedon Terrace
   Kingsdown
   Bristol

formerly Matron of the Westminster Ho. of Correction,
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refers to her cousin, Sir W. Page Wood, for his recommendation -

5. Mrs. Barnett (overtop Bartlett)
   27 Upper Albany St
   Regents Park

widow of a Medical man, whose references I think you took.

6. Miss Macdonald
   79 Milton St
   Dorset Sq.
   London N.W.

writes to me a very good, straightforward, educated letter, asking for employment. But I know nothing more of her -

Believe me, in haste
faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

London
April 20/57
5482/18/2 {front of envelope}
The Honble
& Mrs. E. Cropper
Dingle Bank
Liverpool
{stamped on flap of envelope:} Magston Vale

{back of envelope, postmarked:} LIVERPOOL JA 7 1857 A.U.
from Florence Nightingale {in other hand}
July 1/57

My dear Sir

Pray keep Dr. Pincoffs-
I don’t want it back -
I fear, however, you will be disappointed in him- I have not seen the book since it was printed - But I saw, in M.S., the parts about the foreign & English Medical Army Systems, & about the foreign & English Army Medical Schools- That about the French School appeared to me the most valuable- But he missed the great point of the French system, which is the perfect & practical education, which the French Army Surgeon receives, during eight months, at the Val de Grace, in Army Hygiene - It is the most perfect thing I know - For, after all, as to practice, there is about 6 times as much Medical & Surgical Practice in one London Civil Hospital in a year, as there is among 150,000 or 200,000 soldiers in time of peace- But the Sanitary matters are what we so awfully neglect- And, when we consider that the lives & healths of
these men are absolutely in the hands of authority, it ought to be considered a real responsibility, to educate those who are to have the charge—

I told Dr. Pincoffs that I thought, it a pity he had not made his book more professional. He said it would not be read. But a professional man might have said so much that was true about the real causes of our disaster, which it would not become an unprofessional person to say—

I do not think that you could learn much from the Russian Sisters in your Civil Hospitals— I only spoke of them as being infinitely the best system I saw in the Military Hospitals of the four nations engaged during the War, French, Sardinian, English & Russian.

I could not bring our system at all up to theirs for various reasons which I will tell you. At the same time, they had not a Sister to compare with some of our old Surgical Sisters in London Hospitals, Mrs. Roberts, for instance. But our Military Hospital system was one scene of confusion—
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However, I need not say all these things to you who know them far better than I -
Believe me
faithfully yours
F. Nightingale
I will tell you all we have done about Netley when I accept your kind invitation to the Hospital -

5482/20 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

Dear Sir
Should you be able to come here & see me this evening, you would be doing me a great favor, as I much wish to consult you upon a matter of Hospital Furniture
yours faithfully
F. Nightingale
29 Old Burlington St.
July 3/57

5482/21 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1ff, pen

      Tuesday
Florence Nightingale
My dear Mr. Hallam
Many, many thanks for your very kind invitation to breakfast on Friday or Saturday.
On Saturday I have a business engagement at that time- On Friday I could come, & I need not say now glad I should be - But my father is in town for a very few days- And I want to be with him-
I know that it is often impossible to you to make another place at breakfast & therefore I do not ask you to answer this note, which I am afraid must be to decline -

Should you include my father in the invitation, them please merely say “Come” by Bearer -

Believe me ever most sincerely & gratefully yours, dear Mr. Hallam

Florence Nightingale

12 July 1857

Dear Mr. Herbert

Herewith comes the first Draft of Regulations for type, including
1. General Duties of Medical Officers
2. Regulations as to General & Regimental Hospitals.

We shall require several proofs of this, before we are satisfied with it ourselves. For it is an affair of memory & comparison. And therefore I would not, if I were you, trouble myself more than to glance over it, & certainly make no further use of it, before we have looked over it several times. For it is a matter of
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no little time to
put consistency, logical
arrangement & so on
into these Regulations.
[The Amended Health
Act took two years’
preparation]-
The General Hospital
Regulations, herein
specified, are at
present only trans=
cripts of my little
Report, & will require

much careful sifting
on our parts.
The sooner I can
have a Proof of all this,
the better for me -
ever faithfully yrs
F Nightingale
You shall have
the rest to morrow.

5482/23 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

Dear Mr. Herbert
Has Ld. Panmure
granted the Sub= Commission
for the Organization &
Regulations, or for the
Regulations alone?
Any way I am
so glad -
Would you give me
one line per Bearer?
ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

Nov 12/57
April 13/58
My dear Capt. Galton
I can see nothing
to add, alter or
take away in this
Table- It seems
to me quite complete.
When published, it
will give the most
complete body of
information on
Ventilation which
exists- or rather
one more complete
than any which
exists -
For, as a Science, tho’ {'as' overtop As}
Ventilation is
perfectly understood,
as an Art, is it not
at all.

Yours most truly
F Nightingale

Can you hear any
thing of what
Capt. Laffan, & Co. are
doing on your
Netley Report?
Yours is to be moved {'Yours' overtop I}
for in the Ho. of C.
to-night.

5482/24/2
{envelope} Captain Douglas Galton R.E.
April 15/58

Dear Sir

I am greatly indebted to you for the interesting Volume of your valuable "Transactions", which I shall read with the strongest sympathy - I send you some= thing of our Transactions, which I hope you too will look at with some sympathy.

Yours very faithfully & obliged

Florence Nightingale
at the beginning of each Vol: to come just before or after “Contents & Digest” - If not too late, I enclose M.S. 
For one -

As there is a double number of Lariboisière plans; I would insert them in both Vols: as far as they will go placing one to face P. 479 in Vol 1.

I would in both Vols:, place the Plan higher up the page, i.e. leave less Margin above the Title.

This too great Margin above the Title is, I think, particularly remarkable in the Diagrams P.P. 315, 320.
I should have been inclined to make them the same length as the Page, as in specimens I enclose.

The Vols: are not very well bound, but probably they were done slightly- The page of Illustrations at P. 402 is awry.

In the cover of both Vols: but particularly
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Miss F. Nightingale
in that of the smaller
one, the Title is much
too near the top &
the printer’s name
too high from the bottom.
And the printing is not
quite straight parallel
with the edge.
Otherwise I like
it very much.
Mr. Clough will
call upon you & decide
about the distribution
of the copies -
I remain
Your obedt servt
F. Nightingale

5482/27 {black-edged letter} signed letter, 1f, pen

30 Old Burlington St
Oct 12/58
Dear Sir
I presumed upon a
very slight acquaintance
with you (made when
you were kind enough
to take me last year
to the London Hospital)
to send you some
days ago a copy of a
Report of mine to
the War Office -
Even if you do
not read it yourself,

I know I may depend
upon you not to let
any one else read it,
as it is really
“Confidential,” and
Secretaries of State,
(being bothered with
such things as
“faithful Commons”),
are jealous -
Yours sincerely
Wellcome Ms 5483

F. Nightingale
30 Old Burlington St
6/11/58
Dear Sir

You will probably hardly remember the Florence Nightingale who now writes to you & as a beggar too -

May I venture to ask you (and to hope to be refused, if it is unreasonable) to send for me a parcel of official Reports to Mrs. Shaw Stewart, who was with me in the Crimea, & who is now pursuing our vocation at the Hôtel Dieu at Paris?

I am desirous that, if possible, this parcel should be sent to her from the Consul’s Office at Paris & delivered to her at the Hôtel Dieu -

Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

The bearer waits with the parcel. [end]
30 Old Burlington St       [14:571]
6/11/58
Messrs. Harrison
Please to send by
this day’s post copies
of my Precis (both Vols:)
to the Very Rev.
    The Dean of Hereford
    Deanery
    Hereford and to
The Right Revd
the Lord Bishop of Bath &
    Wells
    Palace
    Wells

with the “CONFIDENTIAL”
written in a large
hand & underlined
near the right hand
top corner of each Vol.
    Please to inform
me how soon the Proof
of the last M.S. sent
for the Diagrams can
be sent me -
    F. Nightingale

T. Southwood Smith Esq Md
    The Pines
2 Vols: Weybridge
Wellcome Ms 5483 

Sir John Richardson CB-  
Inspector of Hospitals R.N.  
Lancrigg  
Grasmere  
Westmorland  
2 Vols:  

_______________________________  
Rear Admiral  
S.C. Dacres CB.  
2 Vols: Bath  

_______________________________  
(the thick Vol: only to  
be sent to the first  
on the List)-  
  yours faithfully  
F. Nightingale  

Please to send me  
my account for  
printing the two Vols:  
of the Precis- for  
lithographing the  
Diagrams - for  
binding 4 Copies  
for sending out  
&c - immediately  
  Turn over  

Sir Wm Page Wood  
informed me that  
he had received  
two copies of the  
Précis at about  
a fortnight’s interval-  
Can you inform me  
how this happened?  
  Please to inform me  
what progress the  
"Sanitary Contribution  
has made -  
F. Nightingale
Great Malvern

January 8th/59

My dear Sir John Richardson,

I have sent you a “Sanitary contribution to the History of the British Army” that you may not think we are doing nothing. I read your contribution to us at the Birmingham Meeting last year, & was delighted with it.

Your letter is a treasure to me. It is so seldom that I receive that kind of wholesome criticism. With regard to the question of a Hospital Governor, the army is under very different circumstances from the Navy. At all the places where you have hospitals, you have everything required for hospitals. During War, the Army has to organise General Hospitals & requires a Head for each with absolute independent power to find every thing.

In peace, the principal object of having a Governor would be only to prepare him for his duties in time of War. In fact, in time of war, without a
governor, the principal Medical Officer would have to be invested with powers & responsibilities which would virtually make him a Governor, if the hospital is to get on at all.

The army inspecting Medical officers have also very different functions from any which can fall on the Navy Inspectors-General, & except in special circumstances could not attend sick as you do in the Navy.

The defects you mention at Haslar ought to be remedied. I think some few have recently been in.

The defect in the Office of the Captain - superintendent or Governor there would be (in a Military hospital) that he has another command & other duties & his interests are not wholly wrapt up in the hospital: if they were I do not think he would be inclined to oppose the improvement of his hospital. It would keep up his responsibility.

I should like to write a great deal more in answer to your invaluable
letter, but I am not able.

Pages 11 & 12 are the only ones I will trouble you to read in the “Sanitary Contribution”.

Believe me
dear Sir John Richardson,
with my kind compliments to Lady Richardson,
ever faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

PS. If you could send me any precise details about the Sanitary defects of the Trinidad (?) Barracks (where your son is) mentioned by you, I think I could make use of them so as to have a practical effect.

5482/32 {black-edged paper}{in other hand, signed by F.N.} signed letter, 1f, pen

Great Malvern
Jany 15/59

Sir,

Messrs. Harrison Printers have forwarded to me your letter of the 12th- inst relative to a Report of mine upon Hospitals.

The Report in question was prepared by order of the Secretary of State for War & is a private document.

It is therefore out of my power, as you will readily understand, to comply with your request for a copy

I will gladly send you a
paper of mine upon Hospitals that was read at Liverpool, as soon as it is printed, altho’ I fear it will not be of the use to you which you indicate I remain, Sir, your obedient servt-
Florence Nightingale
W.H. Brace Esqre

My dear sir
The subject of the removal of St. Thomas’s Hospital is one of such public importance that I would fain hope you could find room for some further notice of it in your “Builders”-
It is now before the Ho. of Commons Committee
Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale
G. Godwin Esq
My dear Sir,

I do not know whether you are at home but I am inclined to ask you a favor, as your many acts of kindness towards me encourage me to trespass upon you –

I have had a set of new Forms prepared for Hospital Statistics. I should be very glad if the London Hospital would be so good as to fill up one set for trial – But before presuming to send them on for this purpose, I should be very much obliged to you if you would take the trouble to ascertain to what extent the information is forthcoming from the Hospital books.

The following are the data required to fill up the Forms:

Of these will be required the Remainings on the last day of any year (say) 1857: and the

1. Age
2. Sex
3. Disease

{large ‘}’ between Remainings at the end of 1858. (a full year.)

Also the Admissions Discharges Deaths Discharged

Incurable & the Duration of the Cases.

NB. The Age, Sex & Disease is to be shewn for each of these headings –

If you would be kind enough to
answer this question, you would
very greatly oblige, my dear Sir,
yours very truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

I am now in Hampstead, but I shall
very soon be back in Burlington St.,
where I send every day: so that
anything you are good enough to send
there for me will suffer no delay.

F.N.

5482/35 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen, also 9097/6

Hampstead NW
22 Nov/59
My dear Captain Galton
Mr. Herbert told
me on Sunday that
you were to be applied
to for a plan for a
Civil Hospital at
Lisbon -
From what I know,
of that odious place,
it will be very
important before you
begin, to have
1. a plan & section
of the ground & its
elevation above the
Tagus -
There is scarcely
level ground of the
size of a sofa in
Lisbon- And there
are horrible gullies
in which no Hospital
ought to be built
2. the number of
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beds, of course, which Mr. Herbert did not know -

3. the building materials to be used - Has there not been, since the great Earth quake, a kind of wattle stuff used? Do not however take any trouble about or make any use of this information till you are properly applied to.

The King of Portugal wishes to erect this Hospital to the memory of the dead Queen - and consulted Albert about it - who consulted Mr. Herbert who spoke to me -

yours ever most truly

F. Nightingale

I think it is rather a triumph for Albert to consult Mr. H. about a Hospital, after having been thwarted by him about his Netley!
30 Old Burlington St.
London W.
May 5/60

My dear Madam,

I have only to do with the passages in your Preface which are extracted from my letter. I would ask you to leave out what I have scored out in red.

Ink [I am accustomed to hear from Italian Sisters of “San Vincenzo dé Paoli” & San Francesco di Paola.]

Without any modesty, I am quite sure that your Italian is better than mine. I only submit the above to you; & really, not hypocritically, defer to your better knowledge, in this trifle as well as in all your translation, which I only desire to see, after it is
Soeur Cordero was chosen Superioress of the “Sisters” who attended the “Ambulances” of the wounded & sick soldiers after the campaign of Maqueta, Solferino &c - She has well worthy of such a post. I have heard from her since; & of their sufferings & lack of means of relief - in the Hospitals - She has only just returned from Milan to Sienna - Nothing that can be said of her & hers is too much coloured for the truth. But I do not think she would think well of me for putting the connection between her & me (which I value so much,) too much en évidence.

Believe me to be most sincerely & I may say gratefully yours Florence Nightingale

A. Mademoiselle Mademoiselle Sabilla Novello Casa Quaglia Nice Maritime
My dear Sir,

The only observations I have farther to make upon Dr. Combe is in reference to the statement that he has (in the “Builder”) pointed out other sites for the Woolwich Hospital. All these were carefully noted -

at the time - and examined.

And I beg to enclose to you the following statement, upon the accuracy of which you may rely.

Yours faithfully,

F. Nightingale

My dear Miss Carpenter

Any request of yours I would always fulfil, if I could -

In my Schoolmistress days, I used to see the great want of what you propose - At Aberdeen and in Ragged Schools, one rejoices to see the effect of it.
But I have the same objection to giving my name to what I cannot effectually help, as to being a godmother to a child, of which office the obligations cannot be fulfilled.

You have the right to give your name to this good cause - I have not -

I have been so ill and so busy that I could not write myself before -

And yet I would not let any one acknowledge your kind note but myself -

ever yours most truly
Florence Nightingale

Upper Terrace
Hampstead NW
Dec 27/60

Dear Sir,

The evidence collected by Mr. Chadwick on the half-time system of school training, & on the advantages of School drill, is so overwhelming that it would require strong reasons indeed on the other side (& which they
won’t find) to resist it.

Your own Digest makes a most satisfactory case.

The whole of it is so obvious that no more argument can make it plainer than it is. But its very plain ness affords a strong reason against it in the eyes of many. i.e.

against its general adoption at once -

Dryden, I think, said of one of his works, It was so bad I was sure it would take -

Now this is so good it won’t “take”.

Half time & drill should be the rule in Schools of a certain class. Drill should be the rule in all Schools, male & female.

Body & mind must be trained together.

Discipline, or teaching how to obey, is the most important part of education, as I can testify who have served in the Army.

Health & development of body, both of which are ignored in the present School system, would be best obtained while creating this habit
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of ready obedience
I am very much obliged to you for having let me see these valuable papers, which I now return -

I have received the Vol: of your Journal, which I will gratefully read & faithfully return.

Yours gratefully

Florence Nightingale

30. Old Burlington Street {printed address:}

W.

April 20/61

Please to send 6 copies of my (17d) “Notes on Nursing for the Labouring Classes” to the Revd Stephen Hawtrey Church House Windsor

and 6 copies to Dr. Farr Southlands Bromley charging the same to me.

F. Nightingale
April 20/61

Messrs. Harrison

Please to send- of my (sevenpenny) “Notes on Nursing”-

6 copies to
Mr. W.A. Shields
38 Hill St
Peckham

2 copies to
Mrs Nightingale
Embley
Romsey

1 to Dav. Dickson Esq
16 George Sq
Edinburgh

1 to Rt Honble
Sir John McNeill G.CB_
Granton Ho=
Edinburgh

1 to Mrs. Harriet Martineau
The Knoll
Ambleside

and charge the same
to me

Florence Nightingale
5482/42 1f, unsigned letter in unfamiliar hand to W.B. Spain E, 13 June [61], Embley, re: ‘To give an autograph is the last thing Miss Nightingale ever thought of doing’

5482/43/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 3ff, pen, also in Times published 15 November 1861, but his name not on

    Hampstead NW
    Oct 22/61
My dear Sir
    I very well remember the kindness of your 1800 men when they addressed me some years ago from Newcastle.
    It is the remembrance of that kindness which makes me feel now that I must answer your note with my own hand, altho’ ill health & overwhelming business seldom allow me to do so even to my nearest friends.
    I have ventured to send you by post 6 copies of my little book on Nursing, which you may find useful among
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your people -
Also two books
on the Crimean Army
published some
years ago & which
I think I may
have sent you before.
If so, do not
trouble yourself
to return them -
In answer to your
kind enquiry, I have
passed the last
four years between
four walls - only

varied to other
four walls once a
year & I believe
there is no prospect
but of my health
becoming ever worse
& worse, till the hour
of my release -
But I have
never ceased during
one waking hour
since my return
to England 5 years
ago labouring for
the welfare of the

5482/43/2
Army at home
as I did abroad.
And no hour have
I given to friendship
or amusement
during that time,
but all to work.
To that work the
death of my dear
chief, Sydney Herbert
[sidney?]
has been a fatal
blow.
I assure you
it is always a
support giving
Wellcome Ms 5483

strength to me -
to find a national
sympathy with
the Army & our
efforts for it -
such a sympathy
as you express -
Believe me
dear Sir
sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale
Wm Brown Esq

5482/44 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen
{in other hand.} Florence Nightingale

London Jan 30/62
(6 Whitehall)
S.W. Miss Harris

My dear friend ^ if you {'Miss Harris' in other hand}
will allow me to call
you so) I can never
forget you nor all
your kindness to us
in Egypt. And it
was a great pleasure
to hear from you -
But I was very
sorry indeed to hear
of your anxiety about
your father. It must
be great indeed.
And I can only trust that he may be spared to you many years. I like to think of your going up the Nile with him, as I used to see you (at Philoe) perhaps copying hieroglyphics for him:

You kindly ask after me. For five years (ever since I came back from the Crimean War) I have been working for the Army without the intermission of one single waking thought.

It has pleased God now to recall to himself every one of my fellow-workers - all men in the prime of life, from 41 to 51 years of age. I am the last who is left- And I am dying, tho’ very slowly. For the last 4 years I have been confined to my room. But it is not till the last 6 weeks that I have been unable to work (by writing)

I send you, by parcel, a book which I trust that you may like. You
will see in the concluding verses a true mention of the best, the dearest, the most efficient of my fellow-workers, Sydney Herbert, the late War Secretary.

Mrs. Norton (who writes it) knew him & loved him well as who did not? And her friendship was not unworthy of him. He has left a wife & 7 children; some quite babies. The Bracebridges are at Florence (in Italy) for the Winter. She is far from well.

Farewell, dear friend
God bless you
ever yours affectely
Florence Nightingale

5482/45 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [6:626]

9 Chesterfield St
Ap 19/62

{large X}

Dear sir
Would you be so very good as to inform me whether, in the Asylum of which I believe you are the Physician, a case of Idiotcy from Epilepsy would be received?
Perhaps you would
Wellcome Ms 5483

kindly read the letter (from Kertch in the Crimea,) which I enclose, & return it to me, with the information it desires.

The writer of it is quite unknown to me -

If you would not receive such a case, would you recommend to me any place where you think it would be likely to be received? And would you give me such information about terms &c as would enable me to answer the letter?

Believe me
faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

5482/46 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

9 Chesterfield St
W
May 24/62
Messrs Griffin & Bohn
Sir

I shall be most happy that my “Notes on Nursing” should answer any purpose you may devise to make it useful. But I have no power over it. You must ask Messrs. Harrison 45 St. Martin’s Lane your obedt servt Florence Nightingale
Hampstead NW
Aug 23/62
My dear Dr. Anderson
I shall never forget your kindness to me at Balaclava, never.
I heard with great pleasure of your return to England & of your promotion, of which I am sure than yourself there is no man more deserving.
And I heard with still greater pleasure that you were going to Chatham. Because you will promote the interests of the School in every way. It is already doing much good, & may do a great deal more, to the Service.
You are kind enough to enquire after my health, which you once saved.
The last twelve months have been
Wellcome Ms 5483

a year of bereavements
to me, beginning with
poor Sidney Herbert’s
death just this time
last year. And my
health has failed
much more—Indeed
since Christmas I
have hardly left my
bed, except to come
here—

    Thank God, I am
still able to do some
work. But I have
often much difficulty
in writing, which
must excuse this {overtop my}
note, too short to

[(III)]
express my remembrance
of all your kindness,
as it should, & to
say how much I am

    yours ever gratefully
    F. Nightingale

I dare say you are aware
that there is an Indian
Sanitary Commission
Sitting. It has an
immense body of most
valuable evidence,
which will interest
you much, including
Reports from all our
Stations in India. These
have all been abstracted
And Digests printed
of them for each of the three Presidencies. The Report is nearly ready.
And Lord Stanley who is its Chairman as successor to Sidney Herbert,
will hold a Meeting in September to consider its final form.

F.N.

up side: would prevent this. That is all I meant. [end 9:121]

32, South Street, [printed address:]
Grosvenor Square. W.
Nov 22/62

Dear Sir Charles Trevelyan

At least you will let me thank you for the precious five Hindustani books—
I am afraid I am too old to learn Hindustani, tho’ I should have thought nothing of it, ten
year ago
But they will remind me, if that were needed, of all the good you are doing in
facilitating communication between our poor men & the people among whom they have
to live.
I wish I could go out to India.
We are forcing for-wards the printing
of the Indian
Sanitary papers,
both because it is
high time that the
Commission should
finish its labours
& because I hope
to put a good many
into your hands
by Dec 4. But that
(dreadful) Genl= Register
Office has not finished
our Statistics yet

Believe me
ever yours gratefully
& Lady Trevelyan’s
Florence Nightingale

About the Ruam, it does
not follow as you say that intercepting
sewers are required
to cleanse it: This is an
Engineering question, which
only a first rate Sanitary
Engineer, could settle. In
Sanitary experience, any
influx of sewage into a
river is bad (even here-
& must be worse in India)
And any delay of water
in a river bed requiring
a periodic flushing is
also bad. Sanitary engineering

{this line vert in left marg of 1st folio of letter:}
would prevent this. This is all I meant.
32, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square W.
Jan 7/63

Sir,

I received this morning a piece of grey honeycomb, but without any bill to let me know how much there was in the piece. Please do send me as much more; & also, reckoning that piece as 3 yards, (tho' Mrs. Bracebridge tells me it is what is called 2 3/4 yds at 7/6 per yd) two pieces of 5 yards, or what would be 5 to 3, - in all 13 yards, reckoning the piece sent me as 3.

Please to send the account with it.

I enclose a pattern, which appears to me the same as the piece sent me -

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale
32 South St W
Jan 16/63

My dear Sir

I know nothing of the Bearer of this except that he is an Army Pensioner, (wounded in the Crimea) & in the first stage of consumption & wants me to get him into the Consumptive Hosp--

- the story or hundreds, as you may suppose, who come to me.

You are so kind in listening to my beggars. that I venture to ask, do you think him a case for St. George’s, at least to try for a time what you can do for him?

Yours very truly

F. Nightingale
My dear Sir

It is long since we have had any Communication.

Would you allow me to send you the enclosed Tables for Surgical Operations, in pursuance of the common object we once had to improve the method of keeping Hospital Statistics.

They are intended not only to register cases but to enable the results of particular operations to be better ascertained (statistically) than they are at present.

I drew up these Tables for this purpose. I have had them tried on a large scale & they are found to answer the purpose.

I intend to bring the whole subject before the next Meeting.
Wellcome Ms 5483

of the Social Science Association, if I live so long. But in the mean time I send you a set in the hope that, without the explanations then to be given, they will commend themselves to you, so that you would perhaps bring them before the Surgeons of the "London Hospital" for introduction into a Hospital which is probably the best known in Europe for its Surgical cases.

I am, my dear Sir ever yours faithfully Florence Nightingale

Dr. Little

(Please note: letters out of sequence on film)

5482/52 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [8:721] envelope addressed to Lady Ashburton Champs Elysee Paris

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

March 31/63

Dear Mr Milnes

I have got a Nurse from King’s Coll: Hosp: (St John’s House) who will be at your house prepared to go to Paris at 3 P.M. to day

Could you give such directions as that the junction may be effected there
Wellcome Ms 5483
(at 16 Upper Brook St)
with Lord Ashburton’s servant- so that the two may start from for Paris with as little fatigue to the Nurse, as possible- if, as seems likely, she will have to enter upon her duties at once -

You know St John’s House is a Society- which lets out Nurses, affiliated to itself - the Nurse remaining the Nurse/servant of the Society & not becoming the servant of the Patient

ever yours
F.N.

{response:} Milnes to Lady Ashburton, re: sends Nightingale’s autograph which is to fetch £1 at their Bazaar (the letter is addressed to Lady Ashburton in Paris, postmarked AP 3 63)
4 Cleveland Row  
London S.W.  
April 23/63  

Private  
My dear Sir  
Surely I “remember” you  
& all about you & am  
proud that you should  
call me your “fellow  
worker”. The results of  
your Hospital at the  
Castle, Balaclava & of  
your work there will  
not be easily forgotten.  
It produced the best  
results during that war.  

But to come to your  
query at once.  

Long before your  
letter the D.G. had named  
Mr. Blenkins in place of  
Mr. Longmore (We are  
quite aware that you were  
disappointed of a post-  
actually given & well  
deserved- by the formation  
of the Army Med= Sch=)])  
But there is great doubt  
whether Mr. Longmore will  
be transferred to the Army  
Med= Dept=. There has been  
a misunderstanding (by the  
D.G.) of the School Constitution  
in the way in which he  
(the D.G.) made that  
appointment. And in future  
it is not likely that  
similar transfers will be  
permitted. The R. Commission  
& the Medl= Schl= Warrant  
certainly contemplated life  
appointments after a  
period of trial. And the  
D.G. appears not to have  
been aware of this, when  
he promoted Mr. Longmore //
In all such transfers (if ever they occur) & in all nominations of Professors, the Senate should be consulted, & its opinion laid before the Secy of State, upon whom the school & its appointments are made directly to depend.

If the proposed transfer of Mr. Longmore, should take place, the proper course would be for the Senate to name the Candidates & to recommend one for a two years' trial, who, if found competent, would be appointed permanently. This, or something like it, will in all probability be done, i.e. if the Secy of State agrees to transfer Mr. Longmore.

[But Sir G. Lewis' death & the appointment of Lord de Grey, who will in all things try to follow in Ld Herbert's]
track, (whose pupil & Under Secretary he was) will make Ld Herbert’s plan almost certain to be carried out.\]
//Under these circumstances you will see that no recommendation of any candidate would be of service; farther he must apply personally to the Senate. But at present nothing even in this way can be done until the question of Mr. Longmore’s transfer be decided.\/

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In the strictest confidence
I may mention that the D.G.’s underhand conduct (in appointing Mr. Longmore & Mr. Blenkins,) without reference to his colleagues on a private Committee, at the very time he was sitting upon it, to organize the transfer of the School to
Netley, to report upon its efficiency, & especially upon this question of the permanency of the Professorships, has created the deepest disgust at the W.O. The question was referred from thence to the Committee (the it being the same which originally organized the Sch:) & is now being reported upon to the W.O. (Operations were suspended by Sir G. Lewis’ death. Hence the delay.)

I may also confidentially {overtop illeg} mention that I sent in your name (privately) to the members of this Committee- in case of Mr. Longmore’s ultimate transfer.

All this I commend to your honor, which I well know -

Surely I consider you as an “old friend” & should be very sorry to sink that “title”.

My strength protests against my writing which I don’t much wonder at, for I am much of the same opinion myself. You kindly ask after my health. I am now quite shut up in my room & have been for the last two years- without any prospect of anything but greater suffering till the end, which that I long it may not be far distant I can hardly say how much. But in the mean time
I am thankful to be able

to work to the last.

Believe me
ever your faithful “old friend”

Florence Nightingale

5482/53/3 {black-edged envelope}

Private {up diag}

T.P. Matthew Esq MD.

(Army Medical Staff)

Valletta

Malta

5482/54 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

Hampstead

London NW.

July 29/63

My dear Sir

I confess I had [9:233]
some faint hope

that you might

write one review

yourself. But I

scarcey expected

it. I knew you had

no time

If you will ask

the Editor of the

Edinburgh Medical

& Surgical Journal

to give us a good

Review of the India

Sanitary Report, we

shall be very much

obliged. And I

will, as soon as

you have been so

good as to ascertain

that point, send

the two folio copy,

which is not

published, I am

sorry to say, & not

to be sold, to my

great disappointment,
for Officers (whom of all men one most wants to interest) & people of all descriptions are asking for it & even complaining that the Govt- is keeping something back from the press & the public. It will soon be a very rare book. It was a great relief to me to hear no bad news of Sir John McNeill

Believe me ever faithfully yours Florence Nightingale Professor Christison

My dear Sir

I am extremely obliged to you for sending me the Statistical Tables of the London Hospital. They are the best I have hitherto seen of any of the great London Hospitals. But I think, without altering the form,
they might be drawn up so as to lessen the expence. Would it be too much to ask you to send me two or three copies? I would return one to you, with the suggestions which occur to me. 

yours very sincerely
Florence Nightingale
W.J. Little Esq MD.

My dear Sir
I have sent a paper in the India Sanitary subject to your Section of the Social Science Meeting. Will you be so good as to get some one who can read to read it? In making this request, my object is rather to make another - which is, would you, in your introductory Address, draw public attention.
Wellcome Ms 5483

strongly to the India Sanitary question? It would be the making of us, if you would.

    My paper is quite general, & enters into no details.

    A powerful notice, on your part, of the Report would have great influence in hastening the Govern-
ment’s tardy steps, & enabling us to get our working Commissions to carry out the practical measures in India – which is the main point now.

    The home advising Commission we carried yesterday. The India Office appointed its two members, Sir Proby Cautley & Sir Ronald Martin on the Barrack & Hospital (War Office) Commission, x which consists of
    
    > the Quarter Master General
    > Dr. Sutherland
    > the Asst- Under Secretary of State
    > the Director of Works
    
    & a member of the Army Medical Council

    Also, after a great deal of fighting, we passed the Instructions x

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Mr. Rawlinson C.E. is to be added.
we wanted, which
were written by us {overtop a}, at
Lord de Grey’s desire.
So far so good.
But what we want
now is the appointment
of the three Commissions
of Health in India,
one for each Presidency,
to be put in connection
with the home (advising)
Commission.
2. Any remarks of
yours about the personal
hygiene of the soldier in
India, the dieting, the
drinking, the want of
exercise – a subject

5482/56/2
which you have made
so peculiarly your own
would tell with
the Military authorities
both here & in India.
They are very difficult
to convince & we
require whatever help
we can have.
viz. as to the need of
more vegetable &
farinaceous diet to
suit the climate–
of disuse of all spirits,
except under Medical
advise– of more
exercise, occupation,
gymnastics &c &c
I venture to send you a pamphlet (overtop illeg) of my own on the popular part of the subject, reprinted (not by me) out of the big Blue Book - It is at all events light reading tho' it leaves a smell in the imagination. Ever yours faithfully Florence Nightingale

Dr. Christison

Dec 14/63

Dear Sir

As a general rule, I entirely decline such consultations as you press upon me -

But with all the force of conviction of which I am capable, I warn you against the dangerous course you propose.

If you wish to try the Water= cure, go to Malvern to Dr. Walter Johnson, a safe, a careful & experienced man and not a quack.

But were it a case in which I had influence, I should recommend it to be seen by Mr. Paget 1 Harewood Place Hanover Sq-

the first Surgeon in
London, I had almost said in Europe - & one who, I pledge you my experience, will be more likely to save you "from the knife" than any one.

I am your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
Wm Brown Eq

5482/58/1-2 signed letter from FP Verney to Lady Blackett, 30 May, Embley, re: denies a request for an autograph from his sister as she 'holds autographs in horror', encloses an envelope in her sister’s hand to compensate

5482/59 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

115, Park Street.W. {printed address}
March 24/64
Dear Madam
Pet (the cat) will come up by rail to day- whither I shall send for her. If she comes in time, she will have the honor of coming to your house to night, if she is late, she shall be sent on Saturday. I hope, as Pet does not require a bed- room & dressing= room
to be prepared, the uncertainty will be no inconvenience to you -

My eyes water at the idea of seeing the country at the beautiful time of Whitsuntide in your beautiful house - But I am so much weaker & business is at all times so pressing now, that I dare not promise myself the pleasure. And, therefore, tho' I feel your very great kindness in offering it, yet, as you probably are deciding now on your movements I fear I must decline it.

Should I, when Whitsuntide is nearer, be able to hope to come, I shall venture to write & ask whether you are going to leave home at Whitsuntide & if so, whether you will receive me for a few week or two - but with the full expectation that it may not be convenient to you then to arrange this.

Believe me dear Madam
yours gratefully & sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5483
Miss Mayo
My dear Mrs. Clive

It is not want of interest, as I am sure you know, which prevented me from acknowledging at once the arrival of a grand daughter of yours into our world which, I do think, is really good news - May all good attend her & you & her mama ever yours overflowingly
F. Nightingale

My dear Mrs. Clive

I have twice seen {overtop read} the inscription on Sir G. Lewis' statue, as ending thus: -

"Secretary of State for War, from 1860 to 1863."

I thought it was a mistake of the reporters- But you may perhaps like to know the real dates-

Sidney Herbert died August 2, 1861. He resigned about a fortnight before his death.
have a letter from him, dated July 16, 1861, (he was then at Spa) telling me of his having put his resignation in Lord Palmerston’s hands & of Sir G. Lewis’ being his probable successor. I have also copy of a Minute, signed by him on July 16 as War Minister. [War Department boxes went to him to Spa up to July 16, 1861] {= beneath the 6 in 1861 only}

Sir G. Lewis was War Minister from the end of July 1861 at earliest (indeed I have seen no Minute signed by him as S. of S. for War earlier than August 1861) till Easter 1863 when he died. [He was not a year & three quarters in the War Department.]

Was it Fox who said, – “don’t read me history for that, I know, is false~”

Is it not likely to be
Wellcome Ms 5483

so when, while all
those are living into
whose hearts these
dates are branded
with a fiery iron (overtop pan),
there can be on a
public monument such
a mistake, if it is there
ever yours
F.N.

Had Sir G. Lewis been War
Secretary in 1860, I, for one,
could tell of many a
historical fact which
would not have been
(historical, I mean, not
in Fox’s sense)
F.N.

5482/62 {black=edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [8:976]

Hampstead N.W.
Sept 21/64
Dear Miss Thornton
I was a little puzzled
at receiving a note to
Ann Woollett enclosed
to me from you this
morning- on the ground
that I might be parting
with her.
So far from being
about to part with her,
I retained her for 6
months (from January
till August) this year
in a hotel where I had nothing for her to do, because I did not wish, & she did not wish, to part. And it is not a fortnight since I have reorganized my tiny household - no small addition to the trouble of a very busy invalid- on the very ground that she wished to remain with me -

When Mrs. Forster returned in the spring of '63 (?), I gave Ann Woollett the option of returning to her. And again I did so, when I was compelled to go into a hotel in January of this year- Ann Woollett has uniformly refused to part with me. She is a very good girl. I have twice raised her wages- once quite recently. But her desire to remain with me was her own. I shall, of course, make her an arbiter of her own fate - it would be very unfair to do otherwise. And it may be that she has herself written to you, announcing her wish to return to Mrs. Forster. But I shall wait two days, before giving her Mrs. Forster’s note, in case you may wish to answer this.

Believe me ever yours full of the deepest regard

Florence Nightingale
Dear Madam

I merely write one word, because I cannot bear that you should think yours of the 4th unnoticed by me, who was proud to call Surgeon Major Matthew my friend, & who know, perhaps better than any, the extent of the irreparable loss you have sustained.

But I am entirely a prisoner to my bed - often, & especially now, suffering so much that I cannot even have my position altered, so as to have my bed made, for 48 hours at a time - & overwhelmed with business. This must excuse my delay in answering yours.
I assure you I did my very best with the Patriotic Fund. I even received a promise that, if it could be done, it should be done —
I will always bear you in mind.
But I have very little hope —
I will try again now.
But I anticipate no farther result.
I will only repeat at this moment how much I feel for you the heavy lot it has pleased God to lay upon you, & beg to remain
yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Mrs. Matthew

5482/64 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

June 21/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Mr. Rawlinson
On Friday (23rd) at 2 p.m., please, to meet Mr. Ellis here at luncheon — He is very glad to be instructed.
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
5482/65 {black-edged paper} initialed letter, 1f, pen

June 21/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.
Will you meet, at
the General Register
Office, to morrow
(Thursday) at 2 p.m.,
Dr. Sutherland & Farr
& other men, who
are going down to
the Herbert Hospital.
Your Committee Meeting
at the W.O. is put
off in consequence -
F.N.

5482/66 {Please note: 5482/66 is duplicated in MS, with a notation
from the archivist as being a ‘Numeration error} signed letter, 2ff,
pen {black-edged paper}

Private {up diag} June 30/60
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.
My dear Sir
It was very kind of
you to think of me
as wishing to see
M. Jules Simon -
I wish I could -
But I am a complete
prisoner from illness,
and never leave my
bed, except to see
some of my business=
=Sanitary= people,
which always
incapacitates me
from work for some
time.
   We are in all the
misery now of winding
Wellcome Ms 5483

up our unfinished business, which means=
leaving it unfinished.
   And I am afraid
I could not do any thing merely for pleasure, however
great the pleasure thank you very much.
   Yours sincerely
   F. Nightingale

5482/67/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil

Private {up diag)
    35 South Street, {printed address:}
    Park Lane.
    London. W.
Dear Madam
    I have nothing good as yet to
tell you - but I should
like, (if you can give me an address) to write to
you, merely giving you an account of the steps
I have taken {no success {as yet }
{as yet
as it may be some guide to you for the future)
yours sincerely
   F. Nightingale

5482/67/2 {postmarked envelope:) LONDON 3 JAN 11 66
Mrs. Matthew
   Nelson Street
   Lynn
   Norfolk
12 Jan/66

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Madam

A person, named Emma Mail, who wishes to {overtop illeg} enter my service as maid & housekeeper (housekeeper, that is, of my tiny household) has referred me to you - & to Lady Wodehouse - for her character -

I am an Incurable, & entirely a prisoner to my bed. No duties of a Lady’s Maid are required. But constant waiting upon me, & constant surveillance of my small household, are necessary.

Entire trust: worthiness is the main quality required-

Of course, she must be sober, honest, respectable, cleanly, quiet.
It is unfair, I feel to ask these minute searching questions, when Emma Mail was probably never in this confidential capacity before -

But I should be truly obliged, if you would tell me the character which you received with her - & the reason why she left your service so soon -

My sister, Lady Verney,

would call upon you for this purpose, if you permitted it - but she will not be in London till next week - Or I could find a lady friend to ask you for verbal answers, any day that you would allow-

Pray pardon a hopeless invalid, & permit me to remain

Your faithful servt-

Florence Nightingale

The

Lady Harriet Ponsonby

5482/68 {not on film}
June 5/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.
My dear Sir John Liddell

It does seem a long time since I heard from you - And it was a great pleasure to me to see your hand writing again & your kind remembrance. Though I am only now acknowledging your note, I did not fail to honour your introduction and I answered your Italian correspondent, who appears to wish to organize something of the kind of the United States Sanitary Commission, at once.

I am afraid the last hopes of averting war are over. I am a hopeless invalid, entirely a prisoner to my room. But I am, thank God, still able to do my work - & shall always remember the kind assistance you have always been ready to give.

Pray believe me dear Sir John Liddell ever yours truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale
Dear Madam,

I reproach myself that I could not find time to write to you by last night’s post that, after my letter to you was gone, I received the joyful news that the Patriotic Fund “will be able now “to give, as they think, “assistance” to you “for the support & education” of your “children”

It was agreed to “sanction the application of a portion of the “balance to the purpose “above stated - that “is, for the children “of those who suffered “in the late war with “Russia, though they “should have married “after the war.”

Your letter to Lord Grey came in very opportunely. For Lord
Grey “thought the case a “hard one - if the facts “were true”.
And we had an opportunity of saying they were.
I will write to you in greater detail about this.
At present there is such a pressure upon my time & strength that I am unable.
We hope also, when the New Act of Parliament is passed, to secure some provision for yourself -

Believe me, dear Madam,
    you have no more anxious friend
    than yours sincerely
    Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Matthew

5482/71 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [auspr]

    July 22/66
    35 South Street, {printed address:}
        Park Lane,
            London. W.

Dearest Madame Schwabe

    Should not you get out your advertisements for your “Sick & Wounded” as fast as possible?
    The great ladies, who, (to their shame be it spoken,) subscribe only for the Austrians, have already got out their Second List of Subscriptions.
    I would have sent
you my subscription before, but that I did not know whether you were in operation yet. Nor do I now. I hope Sir Harry Verney told you that, if your son-in-law at Königs pratz would send me any specific questions I will gladly answer them. But I have had so many to answer that I could not write a Treatise at a venture — I think, with regard to sending “goods or money” to your Sick & Wounded, we must wait to know what they want. I have not seen any of your Circulars yet, & scarcely know what to call your

Association

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

Madame Salis Schwabe
Dear Madam

You were kind enough to ask for a Photograph of me - I am told that the only one for which I ever sate, by command of the Queen, is not like me - I have sent your little girl a book which perhaps, as she grows older, she may read with interest, as it is about other people than myself - If the beginning is a vignette from a statuette done, since I have been ill, & without my knowledge by my cousin, Miss Bonham Carter - the dear author of which is now, alas!, herself gone from this world - I am told this is more like me than the photograph. I was not even aware of the fact if its existence till I came to ask, in order to comply with your request. I also enclose a thing done of me, many years ago, from a drawing by my sister, Lady Verney, with a little owl, which I brought from Athens in my pocket some 15 years ago - & which was a great pet with my family.

Pray believe me, with great truth, dear Madam

ever your faithful servt-

Florence Nightingale
Private {up diag} Nov 30/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.  

My dear Madam  
On the 28th=, as you have doubtless heard, the Committee of the Patriotic Fund determined that you shall receive in future the £14 per year promised for each child. I hope & believe that this determination is final & to be adhered to.  
I shall not give up the hope that when the Commissioners next meet, your own case will be farther taken into consideration-, (besides that of your children, which is, I trust, now settled.)  
Pray believe me ever yours faithfully  
Florence Nightingale  
Mrs. Matthew
Jan 19/67

2 Pheasants 35 South Street, {printed address}
1 Hare Park Lane,
    London. W.

R. Rawlinson Esq
    11 Boltons
West Brompton
with F. Nightingale’s
    kindest regards

Feb 28/67

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

Dear Madam

    I cannot tell you how
    much I feel for you,
    when I think how you
    must mourn for your
    only boy - your noble
    little fellow -
    And I am grieved
to hear that one of your
little girls is so delicate.
    I should have
written to you some
days ago to offer my
most heart- felt
sympathy - but that I
    have been so knocked
down with a very
    serious attack on the
Chest - for 17 days & {& overtop illeg}
    nights I could hardly
breathe. But I
    have written to the
    -Patriotic Fund to ask
how it is that you
have never heard
from them.
    There has not yet
been any time for a
reply.
Wellcome Ms 5483

No general Meeting or
Parliamentary discussion
has as yet take place.
I have been so extremely
busy that I have had to
carry on things, in spite
of my illness - And
this must be my excuse
for only saying now
how much I am
yours sorrowfully
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Matthew

5482/75/2 {postmarked envelope:} LONDON W X FEB 28 67
Mr. Middleton Esqr {this line down to Norfolk in other hand}
Fletcher Abby
W Lynn
Norfolk
Mrs. Matthew
Gothic Villa
(illeg Main Walk?)
Tunbridge Wells
(back of envelope) with monogram and postmarked TUNBRIDGE WELLS A MAR 1 67 and A LYNN MAR 2, {London postmark unclear)
McElliot

What am I to say about this?

FR 30/5
May 30/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Sir Frederic Rogers

I am afraid that you will have forgotten me and, what is worse, that you will very justly dislike being reminded of me.

I come, as usual, in the posture of a beggar—on all fours.

It is on a matter of some considerable importance connected with the “charitable institutions” of Malta.

These places disgraced disgrace until they were taken in hand by their present “Comptroller”, Mr. Inglott, a man of high ability & integrity (an Anglo-Maltese.) And he has raised them not only to a state of great efficiency— but there are few Institutions in Europe which can rival them.

Whether Mr. Inglott is to remain in charge of these Institutions or whether he is to leave them for another office— depends on the following question.

[Mr. Inglott himself knows
nothing of my writing to you]

Mr. Inglott’s salary (£400 a year) is £100 lower than the salary of other Government Officers, although he is responsible for the expenditure of one-sixth part of the revenue of the Islands.

Besides which, it is the only salary of the class which has to be voted: And he has to beg his salary, so to speak, from persons not enlightened enough to appreciate his value or his efficiency.

He has long been considered as entitled to be paid the same salary, £500 a year as other Officers of the grade. But there is little chance of the addition being given, without annual cavil by the Minority {overtop illeg} on the Council.

Mr. Inglott, who has a wife & children, might be obliged therefore to take his promotion out of his own special Department, for which he is so well fitted - And were this to be the case, the whole work he has so successfully accomplished, would be endangered or destroyed.
In 1864 the question was referred to the Colonial Office— and the result was communicated to Mr. Inglott in a letter, of which the enclosed is a copy.

But it appears that the course followed was not in strict accordance with law— & that some other course would have to be taken, in order to transfer the salary from the “Voted Services” to the Consolidated Fund. (?)

Could a full consideration of the question be obtained?

I know what Mr. Inglott has done for the “Charitable Institutions” of the Islands— of Malta. It would be a great misfortune if his services were transferred to any other Department. I have never seen Mr. Inglott— but I have for years been in correspondence with him. He was in England some years ago about his plans for a Hospital for Incurables & for an Asylum for Aged at Malta— which plans I have given in my “Notes on Hospitals.”
Dear Sir

I should be very ungrateful (if it were not for my incessant occupation & my continual illnesses which much plead my excuse) for not having written at once to follow up my hurried acknowledgement for your most kind note & its enclosure - of June 23 -

But you will hardly believe that I have not known for 15 years what it is to have 10 minutes leisure. nor for 11 years what it is to be well enough to sit up or leave my room except twice a year in an Invalid Carriage -

I must now beg leave to return your Cheque for £5-

John Ridley Esq
-but with as much gratitude as if I had kept it. The Fund for Training Nurses is sufficient. We do not now receive subscription for it. And, although, as you may suppose, I have plenty of objects which require money, yet there is none to which I could devote it more urgent than objects to which you yourself could apply it, - in other words, tho’ I am engaged in certain specific pursuits which require money, yet I do not like to spend your £5 on any object which may not be yours. For training Nurses & Matrons, “silver & gold” we do not want, but living heads & hearts & hands like those of your daughters.

How gladly would I see them, as you desire, if I could!-

But at this moment I am not in my own house. I have been obliged, owing to the enormous pressure of work which has been telling upon me for the last 18 months, to be moved & not even to give my address. If at some future time I should have a little more strength & leisure, & you still wish it- how gladly will I comply, & for my own sake & pleasure!

And now I must again thank you for your kindness. It came to encourage me at a time- I will not say of despondency - but a solemn time to me - (every life has its solemn times, if people would but mark them!)

For this first week in August
saw, 15 years ago, my first undertaking of the Matronship of a Public Institution — 12 years ago, my return from the Crimea home, since which time I have not revisited this home — 7 years ago, the death of the best friend & fellow-worker man or woman ever had, Sidney Herbert, the War= Minister, whose great exertions were the highest good as his early death was the deepest loss the Army — I had almost said the Country — ever had 5 years ago we finished the Report of our R. India Sanitary Commission, which has, praise be to God & thanks to the appointment of Sir John Lawrence as Governor-General of India in the same year, 1863,
borne good fruit both for natives & Europeans in India. It is also 11 years this very day since I was taken ill with the illness from which I have never risen again. You see how much I have to thank God for who has indeed led me by a way I have not known - At the same time He has seen fit to send me troubles & trials like torrents of waters to cross which one must never look downwards. For, if one did, one would be too much terrified to cross at all. I am almost the last survivor, of my fellow-workers, tho’ many were but little older than I. And this year has seen the death
of my “Una”, who was many years younger than I. Life, under this, loses - shall I say? - or gains- all its value. It becomes but as a part of eternity. And past & future would seem almost more a reality & a presence than the present - were it not for pressing duty. I don’t know that I ever wrote so long a letter about my own things before. For indeed I am overwhelmed with business. I thank you, again & again for your kindness which makes me truly ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

If at any time you should wish to communicate with me & if you would kindly acknowledge the receipt of your restored Cheque, a letter will always find me, addressed to me, care of
H. Bonham= Carter Esq
91 Gloucester Terrace
Hyde Park
London W.

And, if marked “Private” on the Envelope, it will reach me unopened.
F.N.
Private {up diag}  London 17 Nov. /68

Dear Sir

I have never acknowledged your last kind note of Oct. 19— It was not however forwarded to me till some days after Mr. H. Bonham= Carter had received it (by some mistake) And he informed me he had acknowledged it.

I keep the £5 Cheque in your name (which you were kind enough to re= inclose,) as you insist upon it— And in your name I will give it away, when I have found an object which I think you will believe suitable— writing you word of its destination. tho’ I had rather you had found this destination yourself.

You sometimes speak sorrowfully of the overwhelming evil of this world. So indeed do I. But I hope you think hopefully as I do of the crisis of to- day.

Looking at the social reforms, the free trade, the Corn Law repeal, the administrative reforms, the educational [this folio is also 9097/8] reforms, reforms in governing our great dependencies, such as India, religious reforms, financial reforms, Sanitary & commercial reforms which have followed, directly or indirectly, the great Political reform of 1832,— may we not trust & believe that greater things than these may flow from the Political Act of this day, 1868?

You know perhaps as I do what it is never to have 10 minutes’ leisure— & will excuse this short & tardy acknowledgment.

Pray dear Sir believe me ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

John Ridley Esq
London January 7 1869

Dear Sir

I have now the pleasure of informing you what I have done with the £5 which you wished me to employ for you.

Believing, as I do, that the only real charity is to put persons in the way of productive & remunerative work who, from physical defect, intellectual defect, moral defect, are incapable of fending it for themselves - and this the Poor Law might do for them, at least to a considerable extent but declares it impossible- I have given in your name £2.10 to the East End Emigration Fund which has, by migration & emigration, provided permanent employment for about 1750 poor persons, of the most unpromising materials, nearly all of whom are doing well - and this at a cost of less than £4 per head. -And I have given in your name £2.10 to the Adult Industrial Home which is a private Institution issuing no reports, set on foot by 3 poor ladies, who have, under their own
supervision, enabled poor women, deficient in intellect, deficient in habits of temperance, - who would be otherwise picking oakum in the Workhouse or doing work, - to do Laundry & other work, by which they earn considerable wages & have besides a share in the concern= according to the productiveness of their labour & their good conduct. But these ladies, who furnished the original “plant” themselves are now desirous of building a Laundry & making the Institution otherwise independent, which they continue to supervise. I trust that you will approve of the use made of the two sums, both of which have been acknowledged with many thanks - & beg that you will believe me, dear Sir, ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale
I had almost forgotten to say,--
in answer to your generous
wish to “contribute towards”
a “monument to ‘Una’”-- that
a rich merchant, whom I
am forbidden to name, but
whose singular generosity
first made “Una”’s work
possible-- for he actually
undertook the whole
expences, about £1200 a
year, of her Workhouse
Nursing Establishment,
till the Vestry, convinced
of its value, assumed them
itself-- and these and
many other works has he
done for his native town--
has insisted upon defraying
the whole cost of the
“monument”, which he has
undertaken to erect to the {overtop illeg}
memory of her public
service F.N.
Sir

The question you have put to me is one very often put to me - & one impossible to answer except by those on the spot.

I could certainly send you the names & Regulations of Cottage Hospitals already established- or refer you to persons, as at Wrington, Warminster, Wirksworth (in Derbyshire) who have established Cottage Hospitals & would send you their Regulations.

This would be the way to rid myself of all trouble & responsibility-

But in each case, the people & especially the Medical Men about a place should first judge of the necessity of a Cottage Hospital. And then & not till then, if all are agreed that a Village Hospital is necessary, then let them proceed to obtain the best site, the best plans, to fulfill all Sanitary conditions.

Within my knowledge, a Cottage Hospital has been the means- not of lowering but of raising the Death-rate of the sick.

For 1. whenever it is proposed to construct a new Hospital, the first & most important question which ought be to be answered is: whether the Hospital is necessary.
2. Hospitals are a hard necessity of an inferior imperfect civilization- in which they are (& were) great boons to a certain class of poor persons- But as it is a proved fact that, supply the same Medical treatment, Nursing and Medical comforts to the sick poor at home, these recover better than in Hospitals, we may hope that they will be gradually replaced by such a system of District Nursing.
3. It is a serious thing to introduce a Hospital where from time immemorial there has been none - & where no public demand has been made for one - And this for many reasons.
4. There are other great dangers attending the agglomeration of sick in large Town
Hospitals- But these dangers are of course
very much less liable to occur in small village Hospitals. The chief question in regard to projected Village Hospitals is the one already put, viz. are they necessary?

5. It may be safely admitted that, in certain Districts, -(principally large Mining or Pottery Districts, where there are many accidents- or {overtop illeg} no convenient rail= road= or other communication with County Hospitals-) a Village Hospital would be an advantage. But it by no means follows that in other Districts similar Hospitals are necessary.

In the proposed case, is there a necessity which has been pressing on the public notice & conscience of such a nature that the establishment of a Village Hospital ought no longer to be delayed? To this question a clear & decided answer ought to be given- And, while giving it, the projectors ought to show that the need, if it exists, cannot be met by sending cases to Plymouth or Exeter.

The moral aspect of a Village Hospital
ought also to be considered with reference to the classes for which it is intended. Except in, e.g. severe Surgical cases & the like where all the appliances of a first-rate Hospital may be required, is it wise to withdraw the sick from under the care of their families & neighbours & from under their own roofs, & to have them tended by other hands elsewhere? -

6. This is a very peremptory question. Suppose all the circumstances are favourable for establishing a Village Hospital, the next question is one of position, & amount & kind of accommodation the proposed building is to give. It is always dangerous to bring sick poor from very humble country dwellings where they have fresh air about them into even better quarters in an unhealthy village. Hence, unless the building be well placed & well constructed, it may become a source of danger instead of benefit to the sick poor concerned.

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The greatest care should be bestowed on this consideration, if the Village Hospital is to exist at all.

In short, a mere benevolent desire to benefit the poor in this matter can never exempt from the responsibility “of looking at the proposal on every side - & then deciding whether it is best or worst to give effect to the idea.

By the same post, I send you an account of District Nursing, as it exists in a large town where, of course, it undergoes many more difficulties than it would have in nursing the sick poor at home in country districts.

I am a woman, overwhelmed with cares & business & ill-health- business which for 15 years has never left me 10 minutes’ leisure- ill= health incurable which keeps me a constant prisoner to my room
But, should you finally decide on a
Wellcome Ms 5483

Village Hospital & wish me to revise the plans, I will gladly give them all the attention in my power.

I beg to remain
Sir
    ever your faithful servt-
    Florence Nightingale

Wm Lavers Esq

5482/81 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

{up diag:} No: as you say the present War Ministry will not do much for us - 35 South Street, Feb 20/69 Park Lane, W. {printed address}

Dearest
    I send back your two notes about & from Mrs. Berridge-
    I am very sorry to say that we have not the shadow of a vacancy at present. But Mrs. Wardroper has written to Mrs. Berridge saying that if she would fill up the required Form &c &c &c - 
    When we are in new St. Thomas’, we shall, on account of the very much larger No= of Patients, be much more elastic in being able to admit extra
Probationers. At present, it
is not because we could
not create more
accommodation for
Probationers, as because it
is such a bad thing to
have too great a proportion
of Probationers to Patients;--
there is not work enough
or experience enough for
training properly.
I am sure that our Committee
will stretch a point to admit
Mrs. Berridge - as soon as
possible - provided she is
not afraid of 'training'-
as many are -

We should be so very glad
if she is competent & turns
out well, to have one
recommended by some one
'near of kin' to our Founder.
We have some very nice
women too - but many
ups & downs of course-
I heard from the Sisters
of St. Elizabeth’s Hospital
of your coming & support.
They were so much pleased.
Thank God, as you say, that
the Hospital is re-opened.

God bless you-
ever, dearest, yours
F. Nightingale
Dear Mr. Chadwick

How can we thank you enough for your bold onslaught at the Society of Arts? I had already heard of your prowess there—And now you have been good enough to send me copies of the Debate—Which is one of the greatest importance. I had already said all I can at present say—In the R. Indian Army Sanitary Report. My paper is in the Appendix, & has been reprinted by Stanford of Charing Cross, as a small red book. I think I sent you a copy. But, if not, I will.

Also, I think I sent you a copy of a small paper of mine, called: How to live & not die in India—published now by Longmans at 6d—

ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale
35 South Street, May 14/69
Park Lane, 
W.          {printed address}

My dear Sir

How can we thank you
enough for your new (& Third)
Edition of the “Practical
Hygiene,” of which you have
had the kindness to send
me a copy.

I have only had time
to read the first few
pages on Water - But
I mean to read it straight
through - & will then try
to thank you as it deserves.
It is, I am sure, the
most complete Digest of
E.A. Parkes Esq MD

facts regarding the great
Sanitary cause which
at present exists.

Pray believe me
my dear Sir

ever yours sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale
Madam

I hasten to an
swer your
note of Aug 25, which I
have only just received.
I sympathize most deeply
with your desire to help
the Wounded in this awful
War.

May I beg to suggest
that you apply to the
“Society for Aid to Sick & Wounded”
2 St. Martin’s Place
London W.C.
where you will receive & give
every information, & where
the names & qualifications
are registered of ladies
willing to volunteer as Nurses.
None are sent except on
a written application for
them from some authority
of either Belligerent.
The Society requires
some Hospital experience,
besides being able to speak
& write French or German,
& an engagement to the Society
- which pays expences in
some instances.
I wish you God speed
with all my heart & soul
in your desire to be of use.
There is an use which
almost every lady can be of
in this dreadful overflowing
of Wounded which has
baffled all calculation,
& which appeals to all
who can do anything for
them. This is to collect
any of the Articles of
which I enclose a List
& to transmit them to
the Storekeeper
  2 St. Martin’s Place
   London W.C.
Enough cannot be sent to
the Wounded on both sides.
We are earnestly solicited
for more & more. In many
of the Field. Hospitals all
appliances are wanting – as
well as a sufficiency of
Surgeons.
It is urgently requested that
local Sub-Committees of
Ladies should be formed
for the purpose of
collecting such like Articles.
   With every kind wish
for your success in the
desires of your hearts,
   pray believe me
      Madam
ever your faithful servant
  Florence Nightingale

Miss Alice Rowland
  Scarborough
My dear Miss Torrance,

I hope you will know that I have never ceased to think of you & your work - which is one of the pleasantest contemplations, tho' an anxious one, I have & that I can never forget what is ever present (to my mind & heart).

I think of you as you will be by, I suppose, Michaelmas- & how great a work you have undertaken in God’s name - And I hope that you will be so good as to remind me to do what you want - anything I can.

I have been & am so busy, as you perhaps may have supposed, in the “Aid Society” for the Sick & Wounded in this awful storm of war which darkens the world. At first there was such confusion in efforts to assist, that it was almost despairing {overtop despairing} work. But God does put things to rights. And I do
think real & efficient help is being given from here-at the different battle fields. Even if you have time to read the accounts in the "Times", you cannot conceive the horrible details we have from the agents of our "Society"—

At Gravelotte on the 18th= there was "a space of 4 miles by 8 covered with the dead & wounded". And the neglect of the French wounded, perhaps inevitable, after the battles of the 16th= & 18th= surpasses every thing even I could have imagined.

To one who have seen that kind of thing on a small scale (for really now I look upon the Crimean War & the American War as on a small scale) - seen & tasted of its horrors-you cannot think how unutterably hideous & ghastly this War is & this unimaginable carnage—-it is not a War but a massacre.

Neither do I believe that the Hospital & Medical arrangements on either side, French or German, or of their "Aid Societies,"
can have been so good as was said- as such awful want of every necessary could not have been seen so long after each battle (among those who could not be removed by Rail).

The contributions which flow in to us now to our “Society” are most generous & unwearied. Still there is no pause in the pressure & need - every week has double the numbers & necessities- they were so unparalleled & unforeseen - & the numbers passed all calculation (of Wounded & Sick-)

We have now Depots not only at Luxembourg but at other places. We pour in about 4 Tons a day of light goods by the quick trains- concentrated meat, biscuit, other food, wine, chloroform, surgical instruments, lint, linen, &c - besides heavy goods, like blankets- which go direct from the Warehouses.

These Depots are under the charge of our best Agents- who are in daily communication, as we are ourselves, with the chief centres of necessity -
the **country** temporary Hospitals in the whole country & villages round Sedan & round Metz- & with the French & German “Aid Societies”- & telegraph to us what is most wanted - which is sent off at once -

The chief Agents & Surgeons in our employment have also credits of money to spend on the spot. But much of what is sent, waterproof sheeting, old linen, English lint, chloroform &c &c &c, can’t be had on the spot. And the poor sufferers say, there is nothing like what the English send them.

I try to tell you only what you will not hear from the papers. We have now 45 Surgeons & Agents at work on the spot, & at the two centres of the most pressing suffering.

I could not tell you the difficulties we have ourselves had to struggle with in organizing anything useful & in establishing communications.

Here in England as well as there we have been very much touched by the excessive kindness of poor people, National
Schools, people giving of their necessaries as well as of their superfluity, schoolchildren & working girls, giving either their play time or their whole time to make lint & bandages, &c. Clergy even in poor parishes giving their Offertories & collections, bedridden infirm people working for us. &c. -

Yet, the wants of the Sufferers grow & grow, always larger & larger than our supplies. I cannot think that there are less than 200,000 Wounded - besides Sick.

We have sent from Paris some good French “Infirmiers” to the field near Sedan. Nurses at this moment we are not asked for - because, wherever women can go (& be efficient) there are at present, both in France & Germany, quite Volunteer women enough, in addition to their numerous Nursing Orders, both Protestant & R. Catholic [- I heard from Kaiserswerth that they have sent 60 Deaconesses to the front.]

And, in the most exposed places, like the country round Sedan & Metz,
where all the Hospitals
are extemporized places
in the fields & villages,
you can fancy that men,
like the French “Infirmiers”,
who take their cooking
utensils & a fourth of
a tent in each man’s
knapsack, & shift both
for themselves & their
Patients, are of use,
where women are of none
or only in the way.
I thank God who has made
our “Society”, in the midst
of this dreadful hurricane
of war, of some use, tho’
it be but a drop or a
crumb of comfort -

French Clergy, both Protestant &
R. Catholic, are attached
to our Field Hospitals.
Thank God that there is even
a prospect of peace-
And pray that it may
be soon- Pray for all
these sick & dying men
- & for the starving wives
& children- the poor people
driven from their homes
& entirely beggared- I saw
a little of that in the
Crimea- But oh what
was that to this? -
Such an unutterable woe
& horror has never fallen
on Europe, not only not
in Christian times but hardly even in barbarous times. The Guillotine in the French Revolution seems to me a merciful death compared with this suffering. Acres of wounded, especially French, even after they had been removed under some kind of shelter & received some kind of first dressing, appear to have been left with nothing under nor over them, no food, water or wine, cleanliness or attendance. From the proportion of Dead to Wounded, which is unspeakably larger than anything I ever heard of before, thousands must have died of sheer want after having been wounded. But perhaps this was in mercy - I trust that you are well. I shall be so anxious to hear of your arrangements about Nurses & Assistants, Cook & Steward & the like. I am sure that you will excuse a very hurried note - for I am overdone with writing, writing, writing - thankful only if it does the least good in the end.
Wellcome Ms 5483

But I thought you would like to hear how we are getting on.
Don’t think of us. But pray for the sick & dying & the famine stricken people,
Oh pray for them!
Would you, if you see Mr. Wyatt, tell him that he does not know what a pleasure & a comfort his most kind note was to me - that I have been meaning to write & thank him for it every day - but that the quantity of writing which has devolved upon me has been so large that I am obliged to ask you for the present to make my excuse & give my thanks. But I do not mean to give up the privilege of writing to & hearing from him. I must always look at the improved Workhouse Hospital work as his work.

If you are so good as to write to me, please write to old address, 35 S. St._
I must not forget to apologize to you about not answering your Telegram
Wellcome Ms 5483

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[5]
on the July 24 or 25 - It came to me some hours after I had returned the List of “names” to Mr. B. Carter— they were only sent me for a kind of general opinion— And as I was in a sort of “drive” of business at the time, I begged him, while sending on the Telegram to him, to explain (& answer it) to you —

        God bless you - And He will bless you -

        ever yours
        F. Nightingale

I send you our Circulars, not to trouble you - but merely because you may like to see the sort of things we are asked for. I have been interrupted continually while writing this hurried scrawl—

        Excuse it.

Take care of yourself.

        F.N.

Sept 7/70
7.a.m.

5482/85/6 {postmarked envelope}: J DERBY SP 7 70
Miss Torrance
    Highgate Infirmary
    Upper Holloway
    London N
My dear Sir

I send, with very many thanks, the £2.2 for which I am indebted — I am afraid I shall have to trouble you again.

But, at this moment, I am up to my chin in the countless horrors of this most horrible of all Earth’s Wars.

I do not hesitate to say — that the State of the Crimean Hospitals when all England rose in horror & at its worst was better than that of the Prussian Hospitals before Paris & before Metz when at its best —

& that the Death- rate (tho’ of course information is still most imperfect) in these German Hospitals is so high as to be almost unparalleled.

I do not like to give you any figures— because they are still untrustworthy — It is higher than that of the French — However, you will be glad
Wellcome Ms 5483

to hear that we have
    most gracious & graceful
letters from both Crown
Prince & Crown Princess,
    “speaking in the names
of all Germany” - so
that Germany is at least
    not ungrateful for all
England has done -
[Since Sept 1, we have sent
    £57,000 (odd) in goods
& £30,000 (odd) in cash
to Germany alone, for her
    Sick & Wounded -]
Nor is poor France, (who
    has received at least the
same,) ungrateful, I assure
you. We receive such
touching letters - Not to
mention what England
is doing for the Starving
Peasantry round Metz &
round Sedan!-
One letter says that the
French Peasantry “look
upon England” as “like God”.
Indeed England has been very
generous-
Will you particularly thank
{illeg name crossed out with thick line} for me for
so kindly choosing for me
the Masticating Apparatus
which is come & promises
to be very useful?
    Pray believe me
    yours sincerely
    Florence Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/87 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private {up diag}

35 South Street, March 31/71
Park Lane,
W. {printed address}

My dear Sir

I cannot help writing to you a line by this mail, though it must be a hasty one, to say how truly grieved I was to hear of your illness— a matter of the deepest regret— as your recovery which I trust is perfect must be a matter of sincerest congratulation to us all.

With regard to the chief subject of your letter, viz. its scheme, our own view has always been from the very beginning that all Medical Officers (Civil) paid by the State for any purpose should be fit, & also available, for all purposes. We would include, so far as we know, not only Vaccinators but all Civil Surgeons throughout India. Jas M. Cunningham Esq MD &c &c
They should all pass, so far as we can judge, under the Sanitary Commissioner; - they should report to him, & execute his instructions. Sir C. Adderley’s Royal Commission here has recognised the propriety of making all Poor= Law Medical Officers in England Sanitary In= spectors. This R.C. have included it in their Report, & have placed the whole Sanitary administration including Mr. Simon, the Privy Council Medical Officer- not under the Director General (which is what you fear for India) but under the President of the Poor= Law Board. This is a great reform. Of course circumstances differ so widely between England & India that, where we speak positively in England from our own experience, we can only collect
* [paragraph at top of page]
[I see that you say, in your letter to Dr. Sutherland, that “to make him” (the Local Sanitary Commn) “hand of the Medical Civil Officers of the Province” would be to “abolish his Sanitary work altogether, for he cannot possibly do both” - This is undoubted.] from India the best experience we are able to command from the best Indians.
But your scheme will have, so far as we can see at present, our best support. *
I had meant, before this, to write fully my opinion in detail,- (which is one only of admiration - & encouragement to go on & do more)- on your last Annual Report- on your devotedness to our great cause - & also about your opponents - “The more difficulty, the more Glory” -
But again I must put it off. [end 9:649] [end 9:649] [15:785-86]
You know now heavily this outrageous War - the Sick & Wounded on both sides & then the dreadful starvation in Paris & France- (wretched Paris! who seems determined on Suicide & on destroying her own child, the Republic.) have weighed
Wellcome Ms 5483

on my strength & time. England has
strained every nerve & every purse to
help both French & Germans. I do believe
that not one man, woman or child
above Pauperism but has given what
they could - & more than they could,
to those who can never give again-
[Indeed, we have had no “halfpence”
but many “kicks” from those
whom England has served so largely-]
- I include India in England -
And I have been quite touched by
repeated small sums I have
received from poor negro congregations
in the West Indies from National
Schools- from illiterate Chapel
congregations for these purposes ] -
Our “International” (Red Cross) Society
alone raised £300,000, besides
valuable contributions in material,
for the Sick & Wounded - our
“Mansion House Fund” poured in
£125,000 worth of food into starving
Paris - our “War Victims’ Fund” operated
about Sedan & Metz- & several other “Funds”
I am now trying to get back to my usual
work. But my strength fails me severely.

Believe me
yours ever sincerely
Florence Nightingale

5482/88 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

Dear Mrs. Schwabe
Do not put me to the pain of refusing to see you -
It is for me impossible
There are no degrees in the impossible -
ever yours affectely
F. Nightingale

April 13/71
Sir

I beg to thank you for your kind note with its accompanying pamphlets - & to wish you all success & God speed in your wise efforts to promote one of the greatest causes of the world in this day.

I have thought, ever since I have been able to think of these things at all and wiser heads than mine- abroad have thought- that Emigration it is which, by allowing the enterprise & energies of England’s working men to find their proper outlet & exercise in colonizing new lands, saves England from these tremendous convulsions which now, by rending & destroying Paris, agonize all France & disturb all Europe.

If France would or could emigrate, she might be saved too.

Such is the opinion even among some wise men even in France -

The cleverness & vigorous life which exist so pre-eminent in Frenchmen find no use in spreading population & “civilization” (the Frenchman’s favourite dream) except in ideas of conquest.

The inborn longing to possess land, which must appear natural enough when one considers that all food must first be got out of the land - that, as Populations increase, all the Free Trade in the world will not feed them in abundance, prosperity & vigour of mind & body, if more land is not put under cultivation & habitation -

[In France there is no more land to be put under cultivation- in England, very little-nothing in proportion with our enormous increase of population - but England has colonial lands which may well be called immense, immeasurable. France has none but ‘play’ Colonies]

this inborn Land= longing, this natural Land= instinct, implanted in us for our very
preservation, drives the enterprising Englishman to the Colonies—The enterprising Frenchman can only have land in France— and he is taught from babyhood that everything out of France is exile, (unless indeed it be conquered in war.) The very best & wisest motives in our common human nature are thus diverted & distorted in the Frenchman to the engines of destruction— to the wildest, maddest theories— theories meaning nothing but a denial of the first elementary principle (known to every child above Pauperism here) — that capital is & can only be the result of work, honest toil & saving— theories that capital, the fruit of the frugal, industrious population (none more so than that of France) is to be divided among the idle— with arms in their hands.

We see the end of all this in the last week at Paris— most dreadful week of our life-time— of this world’s life— time— This French Commune, the origin of some of whose ideas is perfectly sound, takes to itself literally 7 Devils worse than itself— (and it is curious to mark how all these come from countries where the same causes have been at work as in France— warping the vigorous principle of manly independence & toil & enterprise) & burns itself down with its own hand
And thus our first & most natural instincts become the remote causes which drive Frenchmen to terrible excesses than which the history of Barbarian affords no worse— to this most barbarous of disasters in that most ‘civilized’ of worlds — And all in the name of Liberty, prosperity, Public Right & ‘Civilization’!-

But who can tell what England might do, did she not pour her multitudes over the Atlantic & over the Pacific, & found fresh nations, as the Parisians dream of?

England really is, or might be, the civilizer of the Earth, as the Frenchman pretends to be, did all here understand Emigration as you do. And may this frightful example at Paris open their eyes!!

Excuse my long delay — excuse still more this rambling answer written among interruptions. I am so overwhelmed with pressing occupations & increasing illness that any general correspondence is almost impossible to me. Pray believe me, Sir, ever your faithful servt— Florence Nightingale

Were the French Govt=, instead of shooting the workmen, to sentence them to rebuild the buildings they have burnt down, it would not only save life, but it would teach these working men the first principle— that it is dearer to burn down buildings & destroy capital than to work for it.

F.N.

5482/89/2
{postmarked envelope:} LONDON W 11 JU 3 71
Frederick Young Esq
10 Russell Road
Kensington
W.

2/6/71

5482/90 {black-edged paper} initialed note, 1f, pen

London July 17/71
Florence Nightingale begs to thank Mr. Colin Rae-Brown, very much for his kindness in sending her his work “Noble Love”— just received
Wellcome Ms 5483

F.N. in great press of business & illness)
Dear Mr. Whitfield

I have been a long time answering your last kind note, in which you apprised me that you were going to write to our Committee about your "altered position". I should have answered it immediately by begging you not to desert us at least for the next two or three years, but see us safely started in new St. Thomas'—but that I deemed it more respectful to you & to our Committee to ascertain first what you had written to them—Finding that you have not yet done so, I can but reiterate my earnest hope that you will stand by us & give us the benefit of your invaluable guardianship at least for the present—though I should be sorry to think that we were a trouble to you in your new position, when perhaps you want rest.

[I cannot but deplore exceedingly, (altho' it is not my business to do so,) what I am sure is detrimental to the success & good government of any Hospital- viz- its not being under a permanent Resident Medical Officer with undoubted charge & authority but only under temporary changing House Surgeons & Physicians, (House overtop illeg) by whatever name called-]
Wellcome Ms 5483

This arrangement, if it is made,
I fear St Thomas’, who ought
 to be a model in every thing,
will find reason to regret.]

I do not suppose that anything
much can be done, ( I am now
returning to our Probationers) in
“Medical instruction” till October
- I mean that the new Hospital
will not be function= ing- excuse
a mongrel word- regularly till
then-

I trust that we shall then be
able to induce you still to
consider us, tho’ only women,
among the number of your pupils.
And in the meantime let me
thank you again & again,
dear Mr. Whitfield, for the
{illeg} care, assistance &
instruction which you have
given to our Training- School

& for these 11 years past, ever
since its beginning,- which
beginning indeed could
never have been made but
for you- In saying this,
I am but appreciating the
more our invaluable Matron
who would, I am sure, echo
what I have said.

I will not now take up your
time further, which is, I am
sure, fully occupied, but
will only ask you to believe
me, dear Mr. Whitfield,
ever yours sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

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5482/91/2
(postmarked envelope, showing in part:) MAT{LOCK} AU 12 71
R.G. Whitfield Esq
Manor House
St Thomas’ Hospital
Newington
London S.E.
Madam

No “introduction” is needed to me if anything can be done to further the cause which is always nearest my heart, the Soldiers’ good —

And, tho’ I have been obliged to make it a rule not to give my “name” where I cannot give my work, yet where the proposed course seems such a good one I would gladly do all in my power.

There are however many considerations, doubtless not foreign to you, which need to be looked at: —

the primary cause of the evil is that troops coming home should be quartered at such a place as Portsmouth and secondly that they should be paid their savings in a lump.

Practically the two things together operate by making the men look forward on arriving to a course of licence until they are either ill or until their money is all spent.

It appears to have often been considered whether it would not be better to send the returning men to other Garrisons & to refund their savings by degrees. But nothing has been done & the present proposal is to hold out a more healthy inducement to men than the Public-houses.

It is feared that the men who arrive with the expectation of a debauch will not be restrained by any such consideration as that proposed to be held out to them. There may be some, but the great majority would, it is stated, not avail themselves of it.

Moreover, Portsmouth cannot be judged of by Aldershot, where the circumstances are quite different.

This, however, does not appear to me to detract from the duty of trying. At all events, it would enable the better men to escape — & their example might influence others.
If one felt that there was a chance, one ought to try to start it. I don’t know that one could say more without more information. It is stated that there is a good Sailor’s Home at Portsmouth which is successfully worked. In a Report on Day-rooms 10 years ago we showed that there was then a Soldiers’ Institute at Portsmouth supported by voluntary contributions (& at which the Officers gave lecturers.) Every Barrack is slated now to have its Day & Recreation Room. And there are several Missionary agencies for soldiers & sailors doing much good. Great change has taken place within the last 20 years. This would seem to indicate that those desirous of starting a new Institute should be able to shew all the facts to prove that they are not perhaps undoing somebody else’s good work.

Of course your correspondent is aware of what is being done already. Would it not be advisable for her to send me & others an account of this for information in order that we might, if possible, co-operate with her? Will you excuse this letter?—I am so overdone with work & with illness which keeps me a constant prisoner to my bed that it is difficult for me to write one not absolutely necessary line— I wish this work God speed with all my heart & soul— & am only anxious to know how best to help in it.

Pray believe me
Madam
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

Any letter to the care of
Miss Torrance
Highgate Infirmary
Upper Holloway
London N. will always reach me.
35 South Street, Jan 27/72       {'27' overtop 28}
       Park Lane,
       W.       {printed address}

Sir

Again I must say: I cannot thank you enough for your never-to-be forgotten kindness in supplying me with invaluable information upon this subject of home Lying- in Statistics & in so generously offering to procure more which but for you would be unattainable - I do most eagerly close Dr. Braxton Hicks

with your kind offer out of your "consulting practice" to obtain "privately the "amount of deaths during "the past year. Suppose "I could" (you kindly say) "before 3 months are over "obtain those of 20- "probably equalling 100 each - "in town & country- this "would be an instalment."

   It would indeed- I do not know whether I any way

should bring out a "second Edition" of my little book on "Lying- in Institutions" (which you are good enough to enquire) "before 3 months hence"- But I know that it would be quite worth while for me to wait- even a longer time for so precious an "instalment". I will therefore most thankfully snatch at your offer.
I have carefully studied
the most useful packet
you were kind enough
to send me.

Do you think that his Form
(the M.S. one I re-inclose)
would be better for having
the Date of Death – altho’ that
would appear in the ‘Result-Date’ certainly–
– & also some provision for
registering the state of the
Lying-in woman 30 days
after Delivery?
I see however that you think
this test insufficient.
I beg to enclose a printed

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35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W. {printed address}
form of Registry which the
Birmingham Lying-in
Charity have adopted
at my instance & to
ask you whether you
would think well of this?
I am extremely grateful to you
for your remarks on the
first part of my little book. {my overtop q}
Doubtless you are right
as to the general Pathology
of Puerperal Fever– But
this may be almost an
impertinent thing for me
to agree with you - since
I do not of course consider
mine a competent opinion
on the Medical aspects
of Child-birth- I am
the more obliged to you
for giving me yours- the
experience & ability
brought to bear upon your
practice being so very
large.
If I could make you
conclusions more popularly

known in any new Edition
of my little book this
in itself would be a thing
worth doing.
I must again apologize, tho’
I will not weary you with
repeating this, for the
unavoidable causes which
have delayed my answer
& beg you to believe me
ever your faithful
& grateful servt=
Florence Nightingale

5482/94 {black-edged paper} signed note, 1f, pen

Jany 1872 {in other hand}
Accept I pray you, my old & only apology
- that of over work & increasing illness -
for this long- delayed & meagre answer
to your kindness-
And pray believe me
Sir
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
Madam

I should scarcely have ventured to hope that you wold have remembered one, to whom you were so kind as to send rather more than three years ago your valuable sketch on the domain of women-

But Madame Ida Schmidt - Zabiérow encourages me to do so - And she also thinks that you will not disdain a copy of a little book of mine on “Lying= in Institutions”, which I hasten to lay at your feet - by no means Frau Agusta von Littrow- Bischoff

thinking that the Midwifery part of it will interest you - but only hoping that, as your great subject is how to raise & educate & employ women, you may find some attraction in the object object we have in England to make Midwifery a career for educated women -

In this the instruction given at Vienna & Berlin used to be far before that of England - Indeed there is not now at this moment any recognized course in London which a woman must go through before she can act as Midwife-
And I have hoped that you would perhaps kindly furnish me with a simple sketch (in answer to Questions) to be obtained from the authorities of the Midwives’ Clinique at Vienna of the Instruction & Examinations required there. But I have not ventured to send these alarming Questions to you - If you are graciously disposed towards a view of our necessities, I refer you to Mme= Ida Schmidt-Zabiérow to whom I have sent them, knowing that from her hand may be acceptable that which I could not presume would be tolerable from mine - tho’ I am aware of your great kindness in permitting applications to you - Mme= Schmidt- Zabiérow has been good enough to send me the Compte Rendu of last year of your “Frauen=Erwerb Verein”, which & its great usefulness have I need not say interested me extremely- I wish it all the progress in prosperity it deserves- which is saying a great deal!

And now, trusting, Madam, that you will favourably receive my very humble little book, nor think me too presumptuous, permit me to call myself (tho’ in great press of business & illness) ever your faithful servant Florence Nightingale
Sir

I beg to thank you for sending me a copy of your "Hospital Prayer Book" -

I am afraid that, overladen as I am with illness & business, some time must elapse before I can do what you ask in the way of examining it thoroughly -

May I beg you, as you seem to require an answer, to accept a very brief one for the present?

Dr. Waring

In all the Hospitals with which I am connected, what is recommended in your Preface is done, more or less closely.

We have great satisfaction from the results of morning & evening prayer, conducted in their wards by 'Sisters' of the wards (Head Nurses).

In many Hospitals with which I am not connected, the same thing is done: each following its own method: very good, in many cases -
I do not quite understand for whom “Part II.” is intended. If for a ‘Minister,’ he will certainly choose his own method. If for a ‘Lay Reader,’ as certainly almost. If for a Head Nurse, a great deal more variety is necessary (& ought to be given in a published work) - for daily prayer.

Omit “General Exhortation” p. 78

Omit “Prayer for Bishops & Curates” p. 86

Omit “Prayer for Queen & Royal Family” except on Sundays - Give a much larger selection of Collects, to be chosen amongst & varied

Have a Morning Service different at least for Mondays & Wednesdays Tuesdays & Thursdays Fridays Saturdays

& an Evening Service (different) - prayers, Collects & Benediction different for each- & even a variety to choose amongst.

Hymns printed too small: “One Hundred Large Type Hymns” (Taylor: Edinburgh-)
a favourite selection for sick.

Excuse the brevity of these remarks which I understand you to ask for & pray believe me ever your faithful servt= Florence Nightingale

[end]
Dear Sir

I have been compelled to delay this further answer to your letters of October—, October—, Oct. 16, & Oct. 27.

And you will no doubt agree that it is unnecessary for me now to enter into any discussion on the various points mentioned in your letters.

It is right however that I should distinctly state with regard to any supposed alteration for {overtop fix} the plans of instruction to be pursued in our Training School that my only wish is & has ever been to see carried out the system begun by yourself— and it is because I am satisfied that (in addition to other serious difficulties R.G. Whitfield Esq &c &c

which threaten the welfare of the School) for some time past the services formerly & at the beginning so ably rendered by you could no longer be counted on that I concurred in thinking that your retirement was expedient.

To arrive at this conclusion could not be otherwise than most disappointing to me.

I might add that the strong expressions used you in objecting to the appointment of Miss Torrance— a step which after much deliberation & as the result of an intimate personal acquaintance & in accordance with Mrs. Wardroper’s desire I had recommended
to the Committee appeared to offer but an additional obstacle—I regret much this difference of opinion on a subject of so much importance. It is impossible to suppose that you are not aware of the feelings of gratitude always entertained by me for the kind, able & fatherly part taken by you in establishing our Training-School—which without your aid would not have been effected. And it is one of the deepest regrets of my life that this part was not continued. I have ever acknowledged your powerful advocacy both before & since the establishment of this School of principles which I have sought to enforce. Those principles are still the same; and I am still the same—I will most gladly avail myself of your liberal offer to present the School with the valuable objects mentioned in your letter of Oct. 27 which I will communicate to the Committee—(by some mistake this was not done at their recent Meeting.) I thank you sincerely for your good wishes & beg to remain dear Sir ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale [end 12:229]
Miss Cameron  
    July 14

My dear Miss Hill
    First of all: let me tell you
how very much interested I am
by Miss Cameron’s letter.
    I should tell her clearly
my view of the enormity of
the C.D., Act.
    But it appears as if this
“Act for the Immunity of Sinners”
might while it lasts be used
for reclamation.
    The Government may say
what they like: but the Act
makes no practical provision
for any reclamation
    You might ask Miss Cameron
what she thinks of such a
scheme as that of St. Michel,
    it is this:
to let the Government for the
present stick to its own
“most filthy bargain”-
    but to separate the
subjects into classes
    Sick Class
    Education & Work Class
with Religious Training Class - &
with the {overtop &} various agencies for
strengthening the wills & souls_*
of the poor girls
for the awful future contest
& then placing them out
   either at their own homes
   or to gain an honest living.
This is what I mean by using
the Act for reclamation.

The Government assert that their
object is: not to 'provide
healthy prostitutes', but to
shield these poor girls
from the danger of seduction-
Will you
   and, when seduced,
diseased, & cured, to send them back to their homes,
   & place them under the
best influences-
Will you ask Miss Cameron

what steps the Government
can take to further the
objects that they have
in view?
If the efforts of the Government
have been unsuccessful,
do not let Miss Cameron
believe that to "license
& regulate sin" is their
object.
Let Miss Cameron consider well,
   & consult with any she
may think right, and
then say
what steps the Government
can take -
whether they are ill served-
what, in fact, can be done -

P.S.
[One thing proposed is
to bring both sexes under the
C.D. Acts. seeing that no
individual, man or woman, is
justified in spreading disease-
- and the man or woman
who being diseased, has
connexion, ought to be punished.

Ask Miss C. what effect
she thinks that such a Law
would have-It is thought
that it might prevent many
a man by a wholesome fear
[I do not myself hope much
from such it- or from any Act.]}

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If Miss Cameron could
spare a day & night
within the next 3 weeks
-or from Saturday till Monday,
I could give her a bed,
- and it would perhaps be
more agreeable to her to
talk all this over with a
woman, like me, who has
had but too much
experience of these matters.
She must kindly give me
several days’ notice, if
she comes:
because I am so busy -

She would of course
kindly allow me to
bring her up & back
without expence to her-

God speed the work
which will not brook
delay!
ever yours affectely=

F. Nightingale

14/7/73
35 South St
Park Lane W.
March 14/74
(night)

My dear Miss Cameron

I am going to write to you
to offer you a Matronship: & at the {offer overtop illeg}
same time it gives me the
greatest pain to do so -
I fear that you will
accept it.
It goes to my heart
to think of your leaving
Portsmouth: for then
farewell to all the good
you are doing:

And I feel almost sure
that the Admiralty will
raise your salary, if
you stay: perhaps by
annexing a Home -

We are asked for a Matron
to the Soho Square Female
Hospital in London:
- salary £80 rising to £100 {rising overtop illeg}
per annum: And we are
asked for an immediate
answer.

There is a Ladies’ Committee:
-also a Hospl= Committee,
composed of Gentlemen- & the
-Medl- Staff,
- there is Matron (to be replaced
 Secretary by us)
 one Head Nurse
 a Staff of Nurses

At the present time the
government of the Hospl=
is not satisfactory:
Medl= Staff & Hospl- Committee
at variance:
& also Medl= Staff at
variance with Matron
The Hospl= is good &
comfortable, especially the
Wellcome Ms 5483

wards for paying Patients:
there are 65 beds, of which
25 for paying Patients:
good ventilation, but
wholly neglected:
lifts }
baths } sinks } on each floor W.C's }
good Operating Theatre.
wards from 2 to 9 beds each - one of 10 beds.
Nurses' sleeping rooms fairly good: 2 in each room
Head Nurse 2 rooms: apart

from other Nurses.

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Matron 2 good sized rooms,
rather shabbily furnished
Out= Patient Dept= on ground floor
Kitchen, Scullery, Nurses' Dining Room in Basement:
also Wash house & Laundry (VERY bad plan)
Only 50 beds now occupied:
some wards closed - House Steward (or Secretary) does Housekeeping & Stores Matron supervises Nurses & Nursing &c &c

(as of course she ought)
But Medl- Staff are trying {are overtop is} to take Nursing into their own hands.
Present Matron can only stay till 25th=
But temporary arrangements might be made, as of course they will get no Matron worth having to come at 10 days' warning:
But they must have an answer BY Tuesday evening -
Wellcome Ms 5483

Now, dear Miss Cameron,
pray consider this
as a decision so serious
that I grieve . to give
you so little time to
think over it.

Write your decision to
Mrs. Wardroper at
St. Thomas’ Hospital:
if you cannot make up
your mind on so
important a point
before Tuesday morning,
then telegraph to Mrs.
Wardroper- on Tuesday
MORNING

We would recommend you
for this -

But I must earnestly tell
you that we never
think it wise for any
lady (& I always
impress this upon every
lady)- to take a
Matron= ship with
a number of Nurses
neither engaged by her
nor trained by us -

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without our making
conditions for her that
she is the Female Head
(in reality as well as in
name)- responsible
solely to her Committee-
& with the Nurses
responsible solely to her
-part to engage as well
as dismiss them: subject
only to appeal to the
Committee - & reporting to them:
At Soho Sq. we are NOT
Wellcome Ms 5483

asked to make such
conditions as we deem
necessary: always-
And there appear a great
many warring elements
in the Management -
Much tact & judgement & patience
will be necessary.

At the same time, I cannot
GUARANTEE the Admiralty
raising your salary at
Portsmouth: tho’ I believe
they will.

I enclose an account of the Wards
of Soho Sq. Hospital, which please
Return to Mrs. Wardroper.

I have laid the whole
case before you -
God speed you in
whatever you do for
His sake -
yours affectely but anxiously
F. Nightingale
I am compelled to go to
my poor mother (my
Father died) again at
once. Please write to me:
Embley Park
Romsey
(Hampshire)

(not F.N. hand:)
I am using the Admi
ralty to raise your
salary, but can not
say with what success.
H. Verney-
April 16/74

Sir

I feel very sorry that the constant pressure of overwork & illness makes it very difficult to reply to all those who have long- standing claims upon me: & almost impossible to give general answers: especially as it were miscellaneous answers in absence of all knowledge.

The first question is: what is meant by the “Medical profession”- (for Ladies)?

William Nightingale Esq

-I have given my view on this subject, tho’ not as strongly as I could,-- after long consideration: especially in the Appendix to my “Notes on Lying- in Institutions”- Longmans -

My view is, generally, that ladies should devote themselves either to Nursing or to Midwifery: & that, if there is ultimately to be a Female “Medical Profession” in this or any other country, the best, or rather the only, way
Wellcome Ms 5483

is: thro' ladies really making themselves accomplished Midwives - i.e. Physician Accoucheuses.

Perhaps you contemplate a M.D. degree.]

As your daughter is too young for a Nurse, I suppose a good general education & household management would be the best preliminary.

For Midwifery, some Latin & French would be useful: but she should only enter on professional education after a certain age: of course I wish her God speed in so noble an object & pray believe me Sir ever your faithful servt-

Florence Nightingale
Abbotsleigh
Church Road
Upper Norwood S.E.
July 6/75

Sir,
I am very much obliged to you for your kind note of yesterday's date.- in answer to an application by Sir Harry Verney to you for us for a Saloon Carriage on Thursday & Friday [Our plans are little altered by circumstances connected with illness with which I need not trouble your kindness.]

Could we have now
(1.)
(1.) a Saloon Carriage (with conveniences for Invalid & door through to Servants' Compartmt.) & a Carriage Truck & Horse Box
on Thursday July 8
St. Pancras' Ambergate {as mentioned Cromford by you
11.50 4.5 4.18
(2) and only a Saloon Carriage (with conveniences ditto ditto)
on Friday July 9
Crystal Palace High Level Station Cromford { same
to meet same train 4.18 train
(11.50 St. Pancras') as above
Wellcome Ms 5483

Would it be possible by your kind intervention to have the Saloon Carriage on each day or, if that is not possible, the one from St. Pancras’ on Thursday put on between 4th to 7th carriage from Engine? in order to avoid the shaking? I beg to thank you again for the trouble you are so kindly willing to take: to request that you will be so good as to telegraph the answer. & to remain Sir To the your obedt servt. General Manager Florence Nightingale

5483/2 signed note, 1f, pen

To the School-mistress 35 South St at Wellow School Park Lane W. July 10/76

5 old sheets &
2 very old “

Please to darn,
turn where required:
& if necessary use one of the 2 oldest sheets to patch the holes in the corners & middle of the better ones:
return when done:
& oblige yrs ffully Florence Nightingale

Mrs. G. Wright
Lea Hurst  
Cromford  
Dec.3/76

Dear Madam
I am sorry to find that I cannot send  
“Mr. Darky”, the cat, to Derby till, I believe,  
Thursday. I hope this will not  
inconvenience you. I will write the  
moment I can fix his train. And he  
will also write his habits by my hand:  

Yours very faithfully  
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. G. Wright

Lea Hurst  
Dec 6/76

Dear Madam  
“Mr. Darky” will be taken to Derby  
to-morrow Thursday: & will be  
started from there by the train  
which I mentioned to you before  
arriving at Nottingham, I think, 1.50  
if you will be so good as to have  
him ‘met’.  
I enclose his “habits”, according to your kind  
desire.  
He will be strange at first: but I am  
sure he will soon attach himself  
to you: he is such a very affectionate  
animal. And if your servants  
are as fond of him as ours are, he  
will give no trouble: his conversation  
is so very agreeable - tho’ he is shy -  
If you are so good as to write to me  
about him, please address  
35 South St.  
Park Lane V  
London W.
It is curious how human, animals which live with humans become - He knows quite well that he is going away: & is sad. but you I am sure will be patient with him: & soon comfort him.

in haste

yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Mrs. George Wright

5483/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Address: on Popular Culture
35 South St.
Park Lane W.

Dear Sir

It is very good of you to respond to my appeal.
I do think your Address would be most useful to Elementary School Teachers Lately: on a Schoolmistress of this kind asking me to give her Carlyle’s Hero-worship, I, tho’ always overworked by business & illness, wrote out for her (as an antidote) on the fly leaves the last two pages of your Address -
I should have been very thankful both for her sake & my own to have given her the whole.

If you are so good as to “direct” your “Printer” to send me 50 copies:
I shall be truly obliged. Cheapness & “cheap paper” not so much an object as to save the readers’ eyes -
I would willingly invest in the magnificent sum of /6d a copy

I shall look forward with eagerness to your further address - promised us to the “Elementary Teachers” in particular I think I can engage that your proposed Volume will find one large purchaser, at least; & many readers.

With many thanks, pray believe me ever your faithful servt

John Morley Esq    Florence Nightingale
Dear Madam

I am quite sure from my own experience in long past years that the way indicated in your little book “Work in Brighton” & in your letter which accompanies it is the only true way:

I agree with Mrs. Vicars whose work will be as immortal like herself that to begin with Penitentiary work is like beginning at the end.

I could back your & her much larger experience with my own of past years: when e.g. being a young woman I tracked a motherless girl of 13 years ran her to earth in a vile row of houses in the suburbs, left a fly standing at the end, & entered one of these vile houses after another till in the last I found my girl. She let me take her hand & so lead her down the row, put her by me in the fly & drive her off to a Home, not a Penitentiary, where late at night we were taken in.

I cannot think how ‘ladies’ can call it ‘loathsome work.’ Those were blessed days to me. (but our Heavenly Father ordered my path)

What is ‘character’ given to us for but to help those who have none?

I bid your work of “Associations of Ladies for the Care of the Lost” ‘God speed’ with all my heart & soul & strength. It is the one true way: the only way of reaching & putting the lost into safe places where salvation may reach them.

[To smuggle them into servants’ situations at once is to lose them, selves & to destroy others.]
I will give about your little book wherever I see a chance of its being useful. Possibly, if I live till “next winter” which I believe is unlikely, I may be able to help in recommending people in Liverpool & London who would form “Associations” I do not quite know what you would have me do when you ask me “to give merely my name”. I have never ‘given my name’ without my work: & surely whatever of value attaches to my poor name is simply from the circumstance that it is never given without work.

To give my work is simply impossible. With illness increasing every month: (I am entirely a prisoner to my bed: it is difficult to me to find strength even to write this letter:) with duties already ten times as great as a person in robust health should undertake, I should be a ‘foolish fool’ to take anything more to do, fancying I could do it to any purpose.

May I send my earnest love & greetings to Mrs. Vicars; & again bidding God speed & the strength of God - not my poor speed & strength - to your Associations for the care of the Lost, pray believe me ever your faithful servt

Miss Ellice Hopkins    Florence Nightingale

London May 27/77

I have already sent numbers of copies of your “Work in Brighton”: all have read it with ‘entire sympathy’: & will send about copies in their turn. A young married lady, a relation of my own, says: “I have always felt that having such a “happy life as Wife & Mother is the strongest reason for me to do something to help “those who have no Home & no happiness”:

This I am sure many will now feel.

O God: who has in His mercy made us all,
these poor prostitutes as well as the happy homes, He will help your Associations or whatever scheme he judges best to save them.

It is not altogether from the dislike I have to presumptuously giving my poor name where I cannot give my work, that I hesitate considering what would be best for the cause in considering your request —

Indeed I do not think it recommends a cause for me (or any one) to give as it were an Advertise-
ment or a Testimonial “on a slip” in the way you propose

Still I will do as you like. But would it not be better, if you print a new edition, that anything I should write should be introduced some how by you in a Preface

I enclose something of what I think might be said: tho’ if it is to be put as a sort of ‘avant coureur’ advertisement, the part about “prostitutes”:
& also perhaps the words “pure” & “sacred” & “imperilled” will for the reason you give have to be left out.

I re-inclose your own slip: & will acquiesce in what you think best:

May God be with the prostitute & her helper!

ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

Miss Ellice Hopkins
Lea Hurst  
16/7/77

My dear Sir

I am very sorry to trouble you: but it would be a great comfort to accept your kind offer of sleeping here.

The Patient has been out of bed, shouting, & I believe stripping off his shirt - And the Nurses had great difficulty in getting him into bed again. They are very much alarmed by his paroxysms: especially as I could not allow a man to go in to help them. His cries could be heard all over the house, poor fellow - tho’ He is quiet now.

Yours very faithfully
C.B.N. Dunn Es Florence Nightingale

Lea Hurst Aug 30/77

Dear Mrs. Swann

We had felt very uneasy at not hearing anything from you: I was afraid you were ill.

I am thankful to hear that you are quite well now; & able to come home, please God, on Saturday:

I send a Cheque for your acceptance of £2 to help you to leave Manchester more comfortably:

yours ever faithfully
F. Nightingale
Sir

Pray forgive me for writing to you:
Your speech at Manchester on the necessity
of water to render future Famines impossible
for the poorest, the most industrious peoples
in the world, - makes me cry for joy &
pity. If we had given them water,
we should not now have to be giving them
bread, - & to see the children die by thousands
for the want of it.
When I read your noble speech, I knew
that God had heard our prayers: - that
some statesmen, like Mr. Gladstone
agitating for Bulgaria & Bosnia, might
agitate the country for India & Irrigation:
so as to say to the Government: 'You shall.'
I venture to send you a poor pamphlet of mine
on the subject. & may perhaps take the liberty
of sending you something more, which has at least
the merit of being short.

Pray believe me, as I rejoice
to be, ever the most faithful of your servants
Florence Nightingale
Rt Honble
John Bright M.P.
Lea Hurst
Oct 23/77

My dear Sir

I am sorry to say that I have another applicant for your kind attendance, that is, Widow Henstock: (next door to the parents of Adelaide Peach who died)

Her ordinarily weak state is now aggravated by a severe cold:

2. Widow Limb:

I have the blank forms sent me from Buxton to fill up, including that for a Medical Certificate which, it appears, must be filled up by you within 3 days of the date of Admission, Oct 31.

I will forward it to you on the 28th.

I think Widow Limb would very much like to be ordered a stimulant by you: but do not trouble yourself to answer this, unless you wish to order such.

3. You have not been kind enough to send me your Acct. for the departed troops &c &c &c

Yours very sincerely
F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq
Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/12 signed letter, 2ff, pen

London March 1/78

Sir

Believe me that I deeply feel - as who can help feeling? - an interest in the “Balaclava Commemoration Society”. Will you accept yourself, & will you present to your comrades the warmest thanks I have for the pleasure & honour you have done me in sending me the precious little red book with the names of the survivors of that never to be forgotten day?

Mr. C. Aldous: Secy.

I should like to send my warmest good wishes to every man of them, if it were only possible: - as I do in my heart. And these are my heart’s wishes: that those who have shown themselves such noble men in the field, such gallant & true subjects of our God, & our Queen & Country - may show themselves at home, where there are perhaps more terrible enemies to our country to fight - in vice & meanness, selfishnesses, & pettinesses of all kinds - as good & gallant British men & soldiers. May the “Balaclava Commemoration Society” commemorate its glories daily in such a glorious fight as this!

And may I be admitted as one of them!

“Onward, comrades, onward, go!” if I may honour myself by calling myself ‘comrade’ of yours.

Your letter to me is dated last June: but I have three excellent, tho’ very unwilling reasons for not having answered it sooner:

one is: that I am, & have been for years, a prisoner to my room from illness:
another: that I am overwhelmed with work:  
but the principal reason was that I wished to have offered for your kind acceptance an engraving of Miss Thompson’s picture of Balaclava  
I find it will still be some months before this engraving is finished: perhaps not till your next Anniversary.  
Where may I send it, when ready?  
Again thanks & again for your kind remembrance of the Soldier’s ever faithful servant  
Florence Nightingale  
5483/13 signed letter, 2ff, pen  

23/3/78  
Dear Mrs. Swann  
I am always glad to hear of you - and I hope you are quite strong now.  
I had heard from Mr. Haywood, the Lea School Master, that good little Patty Cottrell did not come to School. (which I was almost sorry for: as I hoped, now especially that attendance at School is compulsory, she would be let go to School till she was 13 years of age.) But if she has a good place & is likely to keep it & if they look after her to keep up her reading & writing, I hope she may do well - 
I will give a sovereign to help her with clothes = & you will judge best whether to spend half for her now: & half 6 months hence if she keeps her place - 
I will send the money to Mr. Dunn.  
I am glad that Mrs. Cottrell goes on improving: I wonder whether the house is any way improving.  
[I have not heard before from you = you ask] Thanks for your news about little Independent & for your enquiries after me = I have had a very heavy winter;  

God bless you = yours sincerely  
F. Nightingale  
London: March 23/78
My dear Sir

I hope you will be good enough to let me have your Acct. of this Quarter for all your kind attendance upon our poor Lea Hurst folk -

Very many thanks for your kindness to old Lyddy Prince whom you have pulled through wonderfully.

And I hope if any others of our old friends still want attendance, indeed I am sure, you will give it: & if, when it gets a little warmer, you think Widow Limb would benefit by going to Buxton, I would gladly pay if you would kindly arrange it: - & also look after Lizzie Holmes.

Mrs. Swann wrote to me to ask, if I would do something in the way of clothing ‘Patty’ - the daughter of your old Patient, Mrs. Cottrell, - who it seems has a place in Crich. And I told her that I would send her £1 through you, if you would be so very good as to trouble yourself with it:

I hope to God this terrible storm of impending war with Russia will pass away, Miss Irby is still at Knin in Dalmatia, feeding 6000 starving fugitives at Stermice & many thousands at different places: besides her 2000 children at school.

I trust that you & Mrs. Dunn are well notwithstanding this second winter. Pray believe me ever yours sincerely

(in haste)

Florence Nightingale
Dear Mr. Yeomans,

A poor cow or beast in the pasture has such a very bad cough - I don’t think it stopped coughing for 10 minutes during the night. It tried to eat but could not. It was under the birch at the corner of the garden wall below the Drawing-room windows till long past day light this morning. There were two there with bad coughs: but one much the worst.

yrs sincly
F. Nightingale

35 South St W Lea Hurst
My London address
Cromford, Derby

Messrs Gunter Sept 14/78
Gentlemen

Would you be so very good as to prepare at once a pint of Chicken Panada send it as soon as possible to a great Invalid

Madame Werckner
6 Stannard Road
carriage paid Graham Road
by Parcels Delivery Co. Dalston
if you do not send so far (WITH ACCT. TO ME) & oblige y

[2]

I have told Madame Werckner to order anything at your house (in my name that she likes. & you can have the Acct. immediately paid by sending it with this to my housekeeper

Mrs. Legg
35 South St. W.
Florence Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/17 signed note, 1f, pencil & pen

Lea Hurst
Oct 11/78
Dear Mrs. Holmes

I am glad to say that dear Lizzie can be admitted into Buxton Hospital on Wednesday the 16th. [I am writing to accept the bed: & to say that should she require 3 weeks more at the end of her 3 weeks, I shall be only too glad to pay]

I will take care to have her Medical Certificate signed by Mr. Dunn to go with her

Could you or Lizzie come & see me on Monday about 4 or 5 o’clock?

Please say which, if either, is convenient.

[I am afraid I shall be gone before Lizzie returns.]

But if there is anything particular that Lizzie requires to go to the Hospital & you would let me know before Monday I would get it for her.

May God speed her recovery!

affectly yrs, & always thanking

you for the milk F. Nightingale

[end 6:634]

5483/18 signed note, 1f, pen

Lea Hurst
Cromford. Derby
Oct 25/78

Sir

Pray accept my thanks for making up the “Nurses’ letters” into so pretty a little book.

I enclose Cheque for £2.11.

& remain your obed serv

Florence Nightingale

Mr. George Marsden
Jan 27/79

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

My dear Miss Helmsdörfer

I have had something like an attack of prostration with trifling Erysipelas which I am afraid must prevent my having the pleasure of seeing you again to morrow.

I am so very sorry - Could I see you, shall you have time, the last opportunity before you leave England?

My whole heart is in your work. God bless it & you

yrs ever

F. Nightingale
Packet from Miss Frere
   returned to Mrs. Forster
   by Lady Verney’s desire
with Florence Nightingale’s very warm
thanks for these most interesting papers
& very anxious sympathy for our terrible
sorrows in S. Africa:    God speed us
14/2/79   {printed address, vertical} 10, South Street,
           Park Lane. W.

5483/21 signed note, 1 f, pen

   London June 4/79
Sir
I assure you I have not forgotten
the engraving of Miss Thompson’s
picture of the Charge of the
Light Brigade which I was
anxious to send the ‘Balaclava
Commemoration Socy’ -
    I had already ordered it.
And it will be delivered to me
as soon as published. [I believe
it is not published yet.]
   Under press of business & illness
    pray believe me
your & their faithful servt
   Florence Nightingale
Mr. C. Aldous
Secy to
Balaclava Commemoration Socy
Sir,

In reference to the ‘Note’ or ‘P.S.’ at the end of my paper with the above title to be published in your next No., – in which ‘note’ it is stated that the Poona fires form part & parcel of the present agrarian Deccan riots, – you will have seen by the Telegram in yesterday’s “Times” that the “incendiaries” have been tried & have “confessed” that they were defaulting Clerks, who burned the palaces to destroy the proofs of their guilt & that they had nothing to do with the Dacoits.

I believe those who are best informed consider that this “confession” means nothing beyond the every day experience in India, viz. that any amount of false witness can be had, even at the cost of their own lives, (which will not be the case in the present affair) from witnesses for the sake of their ‘caste’ or their league, ‘agrarian’ or otherwise: & that the Poona business & the Deccan riots are from the same source.
Wellcome Ms 5483

viz. agrarian ‘indebtedness’ & agrarian troubles.

do with each other.

But as the Judges on the trial have found otherwise, & as my ‘note’ may possibly give rise to some disagreeable correspondence for you, I write to ask whether you would wish me to make some alterations - (a few words would do it) - before the type is broken up & the Number published:
in order that there may be no statement in the paper which can be successfully challenged.

Pray believe me
your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

[end 10:263]

5483/22/2 signed envelope, 1f, pen

Immediate (pencil) Wait

To the Editor
of “Good Words”
56 Ludgate Hill

Florence Nightingale
17/6/79
In answer to your kind note, may I say that I am not “disappointed” at the curtailing of my article by you, who are the only person to decide on these matters -

But may I also say that I cannot but be “very much disappointed” at its having been thought right to curtail a paper without referring it back to the writer, who is the only person to say how it is to be curtailed?

Is it usual for an Editor to take any other course than, when he wishes a paper in any way recast, to return the proof to the writer, with his own remarks & wishes noted upon the margin?

No instance recalls itself to my remembrance of a different course: & I need not say that in every case, the Editor’s wishes were scrupulously obeyed.

To me this Article was not so much an Article as a means of calling popular attention to one of the most burning of India’s burning questions: And this was the cause of its being published for July. Yet that very part is left out, rendering it useless for my purpose - And in August it will be too late: & the ‘note’ or P.S., out of date calling attention to the stoppage of public works, out of date & out of
Wellcome Ms 5483

place. Would you be so good as to inform me what space is available for Part II, as you wish to have it?
    I could not write a paper, (especially under the severe stress of overwork & illness under which I always am), without knowing what I may expect to be inserted:
    And I am sure that you will not only pardon but agree with me in saying this.
    Would you be so good as to send me the Proof/Revise of the whole "8 ½ p.p." , from which the present Article was abridged?
    I need hardly remark to your experience that it is impossible to give any account of a Sanitary Commissioner’s annual work, (which was to have been the subject of the second Part,) worthy of “Good Words”, in 1 ½ p.p. and the ‘Note’ or P.S., with other parts, in the first, will have to be entirely recast for the second.
    Pray believe me
    Sir
    your faithful servt
    Florence Nightingale
Dear Sir

I am obliged to you for your kind note. I am sorry for your troubles with “publishers” & “contributors”.

I beg to return the parts - not inserted, - recast & enlarged, (for your August No., if you wish) please.

It is impossible, as you will see, to hook on to this ‘note’ Part II, - which is a narrative of some years’ Sanitary labours previous to the Famine, whose the only unity of which with Part I is: that they are labours of the same man & in the same country but illeg they have
Wellcome Ms 5483

absolutely nothing to do
    with the Deccan famine
    or the Deccan riots.
    I will give In fact, the only reason for putting Part I,
    (which is Part 2 in point of time) first, was
    because it seemed important to have that about the Deccan riots now in the July number,
    when people are startled by them
[Else, Part I, & Part II, when you see it, - might as well, as you will observe, appear next month or next year]
    I will give you Part II for a subsequent number, if you wish -

Would you be so good as to let me have a Revise (or Proof) as soon as possible? of this?
    And, if you would be so good as to let me see any alterations that you propose making, I shall be truly obliged.

I very much regret that, entirely a prisoner to my own room from illness, & unable to see any but with long standing claims of business upon me, whose name is "Legion", - it is impossible to me to make an appointment to see you
{bottom of the page missing}
Wellcome Ms 5483

any changes or curtailments
made before they go in.
as any papers I write
are merely an offset from
my other work: & I can
ill spare the time, - but I
cannot spare it at all
except for a practical object.
Begging that you will
excuse this explanation &
hoping that I have met
your wishes & the wishes
of your 'Space',
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[end 10:264]

5483/25 signed letter, 2 ff, pen, black-edged paper [1:215]

10. South Street,
   Park Lane. W.
   Feb 10/80
Dear Mr. Buxton
   I send you a Cheque
for my Acct., which I am
sorry did not come before.
   I thank you very much
for the Oak Table which
is a very precious
recollection to me.
   You know that my
dear Mother is gone
home. She rests by
my Father at Embley.
All the people followed
her to the grave: I could
have wished that you &
some others from Lea Hurst
which she loved so well could have been there.

The coffin was quite covered with beautiful white flowers, wreaths & 2 crosses, & a crown - Our trained Nurses sent a beautiful cross & wreath.

You & I can remember Lea Hurst almost from the first: & go over our recollections together.

My dear Mother came to me on January 5, the 6th anniversary of my Father’s death. She took a long last look which I never can forget at the picture of his monument, murmuring to herself his name afterwards - as tho’ she would say - ‘till we meet together in the Heavenly kingdom I shall not see this again.’

A fortnight after she went out for the last time. She then had a bad cough, but that passed away: but she could take nothing & on Sunday night, just after midnight, Feb 1-2, she closed her own eyes, her own mouth, folded her hands, & passed away like a tired child. She had repeated her favourite hymn, “My God,
“my Father, while I stray” & the Lord’s Prayer, with a clear voice, (which she did repeatedly). Then when she could neither speak nor swallow, Mrs. Shore repeated the Lord’s Prayer - And she stretched out her arm, & beckoned, & waved it over her head in a Gentle triumph, as if she would say “I’m dying, it’s all right.” Then she saw someone we could not see, & a smile like a bright light overspread her face - With kind regards to Rebecca & your family sincerely yours Florence Nightingale

5483/26 signed letter, 8 ff, pen & pencil, black-edged paper

10. South Street, [8:987-90] Park Lane. W.
Xmas Day
1880
My dear Miss Mochler
As soon as I received your welcome letter, I answered it: but alas! my answer was never destined to be sent - Our troubles were so great: Shore’s illness - he was at Lea Hurst unable to move when his father died at Embley - poor Mrs. Shore’s Irish afflictions: & many others, too sad to tell.
I will therefore try & recapitulate now - (I have only been back 3 days from Lea Hurst, where I had
Wellcome Ms 5483

to crowd weeks of parish
business into the last
fortnight) - about
the people you care most
to hear of & have been
so kind to.
    I have no good news
to tell you of Adam Prince
tho’ I beseech you to go on
writing to him. He drank
for a whole week at
Crich Wakes. At Holloway
Wakes Mr. Wildgoose or I
gave an entertainment
every night but one. And
much drinking was
prevented. But Adam
Prince was too sick to come.
What his mother calls
‘labourer’s wages” are 19/
or 20/ a week: but he rarely
makes up the whole week
    - he is either too ill or too drunk,
or pretends that he does
not go to work, in order not to
pay his mother - She looks
broken down = I saw her of course
Mr. Dunn has been attending
her again.
    I am afraid Adam is
getting radically unsteady
& of broken health, thro’
drink. He will not
now belong to the Institute.
He might easily earn 28/
or 30/ as quarryman
during this open weather -
But he does not.
I fear he blackguards his
mother sometimes. He will
not pay her rent.
    I know not what to do.
Wellcome Ms 5483

2. My account of Alfred Peach is still worse: he has drunk 10/ out of 20/ sometimes. And his wife has left him! & gone with her baby to live with her mother: {pencil} still working at the Mill. {pen} He was found by Mr. Rendell, the preacher, dead drunk in the road at night: & had to be dragged out of the road by Mr. R {pencil} His mother too is quite broken down: I believe he does not pay her. [His wife earns as much as himself] Louie is so much better that Mr. Dunn is able to pass her to go on ye Women’s Club: but she is still on meat & milk. Or she would starve.

[2]

3 I don’t know what you will say to me: but instead of taking any off the milk List, as I fully intended, I have actually had to put more on. It is a misery & humiliation to me: but while the men are drinking; the & smoking - (smoking is immensely increased) - the mothers & sisters are starving & working to the bone - No good comes of the high wages.

[Chr. Day 1880 to Miss Mochler]
4. The two poor little Platts
with their father & stepmother
had Scarlet Fever - and
Beatrice, the younger, after
everything had been done
{pen} to save her, & we thought
she would pull thro’,
died. [I wrote this to you
at the time, but never
sent my letter.]

Jane Allison remained
at Lea Hurst till the
day I came away 21st: &
looks quite another
woman. But she is
terribly on my mind.
She is quite unfit to
live alone. She has

consented to give up her
father’s house: (lodgers
will not stay with her.)
& I have tried to get
the Manchester nephew
& the Sheffield brother
to take her: hitherto
in vain.

This is now pending.
She is no more fit than
a child to take care of her
money: I have {pencil} commended
{pen} left her to the care of
Mr. Dunn, who however
thinks her well, & Mr.
Yeomans:

Her only idea is: that
she will be taken back
again to Lea Hurst when (if)
we come back. {pencil} So she does nothing.
Miss Henstock is gone to live with her son, Charles, at Matlock — a very good move:
daughter remains at Holloway
The "nice little rascal" at Derby I am enquiring about.
Emily (Mrs Shore’s) was married end of last month
— Barbara her bridesmaid
Nisbet is come out strong — Charles has not yet ♠
become a Coffee room Manager.
Arthur Coltice is steady & permanent — as a footman

Would you kindly answer this question at once?
I have taken Ellen Foot on trial to be my cook. I fear it will not succeed: (not cooking — ly — she may improve — but) morally
Would you tell me — What it was you saw in her you so disapproved?
[I meant to have asked you this long ago: but had no time].
{pencil} And if what you do tell me must I not tell to her?
(pen) 6. Mrs. Broomhead is sinking: but not fast. I saw her: of course - still patient & cheerful & cheers up when she talks of her good son Sam but I thought her much altered not only in body but in mind
7. Mrs. Limb: still the same: like a Saint I saw the daughter in law: & did not much like her. She keeps Mrs. Limb so dirty. I have appointed Mrs. Swann to go once a week & clean her -
8. We are trying to establish a Coffee-room at Whatstandwell for the Quarry men, where Messrs. Cowlishew & Sims, the two Quarry Masters, will pay their men.
9. Lizzie Holmes has been very ailing for months. Dear Mrs. Holmes, as good as ever, paid me a visit, of course. (pencil) I fear Lizzie will never go to work again.
10. *Sisters Allen* much better & bravely - came to tea - would not lay down their carpet till now. have books from the Institute

11. *Mrs. Thompson* has been our constant charwoman & latterly housemaid at Lea Hurst: foolish but good: now on milk, Doctor’s attendance, & other things: but 2 girls to pay into Women’s Club, & boy to save, me to double. Does she cant? I don’t know

{pencil} Poor little *Harry Lee* is gone back to Ascot Convalescent Home. He does not get materially weaker, but he lies now kept *in bed* entirely

{pen} 12. *Martha Sheldon* accuses *Mrs. Yeomans* of adulterating the milk, (1 qu.) she had there - Yeomans will have nothing more to do with her. put on milk at *Mrs. Holmes*, on blankets; 4/ a week for 13 weeks, &c on condition she will save. *Mrs. Bratby* manages it.

13. *Bratby* has had a sad fit of the gout - *She*, poor woman, is much aged = but so fond of Rosy, who really made a part of her life.
Rosy stayed with me all the while I was at Lea Hurst till a week. Shore is come back from Embley: not very well. He does not regain his strength — all 4 children at home — bonny — Louis has done very well at Rugby — Mrs. Shore very tired, one can scarcely expect otherwise: she has been so tired. Sam went to his grandfather’s funeral at Embley: his father could not.

I saw Dr. Webb: he said your attack at Lea Hurst was rheumatic & feverish. Mr Haywood, the Schoolmaster, is staying here till next week. I think I shall send you a list of the milk s for you to criticize: but cannot today.

All Christmas & New Year’s blessings be yours the best & highest:

About Ireland I can only pray:

every yours affly

F. Nightingale

Hughes, they say, will turnout in April! of the Holloway Institute — !!
And Mrs. Higton will have it.
10. South Street,
    Park Lane. W.
    1/1/81

Dear Mrs. Swann

I am hoping to hear
that you are going to
Mrs. Limb, & how she is
And I should like to
know how my poor
Independent, the cat, is, &
whether he is quite
happy.

If Thulè, the cat, at
Mr. Booth’s, is not
happy, now Mrs. Booth
is dead; or if thy do
not want to keep her,
I can very well find
her another home -
I don’t want them
to have her if they don’t
want her.

Mr. Dunn may
perhaps tell you of
another Patient, Mr.
Bratby, you may be
wanted to nurse for
me -
I trust your daughter
is pretty well again.
God grant you all
the blessings of the New
Year & many New Years
& believe me
sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
London May 26 1881

Madam

I bid ‘God speed’ to every one who wishes to devote herself to the noble art of Nursing. But there is no ‘Royal Road’ to it – A year’s training is the very “shortest” time in which anything worthy of the name of Nursing can be acquired.

We do not admit any Probationer for a “shorter” time at our Training School for Nurses at St. Thomas’ Hospital. And we find Hospital & Infirmary situations, mostly “well paid”, for our trained ladies & Nurses afterwards, for whom we have always a greater demand than we can supply.

I enclose our Regulations You might be admitted to a free vacancy under these, should you wish it. The proper course would then be for you to fill up the questions.
Wellcome Ms 5483

at the back of the Form
& send it to
Mrs. Wardroper
    St. Thomas’ Hospital
    Westminster Bridge
    London S.E.
subject to whose selection
candidates are admitted.
She will inform you
when there will be a
vacancy.
    A personal interview
    with her would be
desirable.
    You have, I assure you,
my best wishes that
you should succeed.

Under the severe pressure
of constant illness & ever
increasing over-work,
I must ask you to excuse
a short note
& beg you to believe me
    ever your faithful servt.
            Florence Nightingale
Miss M. de Horne Best
10. South Street,  
   Park Lane. W.  
   July 23/81  
Mr. Sparkes Hall  
Sir  
I am very sorry that I have two engagements on Monday, & therefore cannot try on the boots, as intended. I must put off the appointment till Tues Wednesday at 1.30, if that will suit you. 
Your obed serv  
F. Nightingale  
Messrs Sparkes Hall  
308 Regent St.  
23/7/81 W.

January 10 1882 [6:479-80]  
10. South Street, (printed address:)  
   Park Lane. W.  
Sir  
How can I thank you enough for your great kindness in sending me your magnificent volume on “Charitable & Parochial “Establishments” I call it a glorious volume, because - when I remember how we may say as lately as 14 years ago the sick of our fellow creatures whom we {ink blot obscures words} paupers were laid in Workhouse bare wards - where order was H. Saxon Snell Esq
Wellcome Ms 5483

kept sometimes by having 
in the Police, as in the 
Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary 
{pencil} (but which had the glory of first introducing Nursing) 
{pen} - where the pauper sick 
were nursed not by trained 
Nurses but by drunken 
brutal paupers whose pay 
was perhaps a glass of beer. 
- I feel as though, if 
Annual Festivals or occasional 
Jubilees were the way to 
commemorate & perpetuate 
the blessed change, which 
is however but just 
beginning, we should

have the highest & best 
Festival to strengthen 
that reform, in which you 
have had so conspicuous, 
I might say illustrious a 
part.

Much, very much, however 
remains to be done. 
The Workhouse Infirmaries, 
models in construction, 
administration, & trained 
Nursing - are still few 
& far between.

Of your noble volume, 
the part which interests 
me most is of course the
new St. Marylebone Infirmary
for which we had the honour
of supplying the Trained
Matron & part of the
Trained Nursing Staff.

At the International
Medical Congress of August
last many American
gentlemen attended. Amongst
others some who, being
Trustees of a very large sum
left for building a Hospital
in the United States, had
travelled over all Europe
& America, indeed all the
civilized World, - inspecting
every Institution for the
sick, in order to find

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models for their purpose
Their model was, they
told me, St. Marylebone
Infirmary. It was the
best Hospital in their
opinion taking it as a
whole of all in the civilized
World that they had seen.

Yet America has done
much for the Sick poor {pencil} in
construction -
{pen} I give you joy
Florence Nightingale
Is it not rather a pity that the
soot doors, or whatever you
call them, of the flues or
‘chimneys’ of the Ward fireplaces
Wellcome Ms 5483

open inwardly into the
Wards, as I understand,
instead of outwardly on the
outside Walls?
If I am not misinformed,
whenever these are opened
to sweep the flues, the
Wards & Patients are deluged
with soot.
It is 14 years next month
since we lost our Trained
Matron, Agnes Jones, the
pioneer of Trained Workhouse
Nursing, at her post in
the immense Workhouse
Infirmary (1700 beds now in winter)
at Liverpool. When she came
to the place, 3 years before,
with our Staff of Trained Nurses,
the Police had frequently to
keep order in the Wards.
Now instead of this, the
Workhouse Infirmaries
where Trained Nursing has
been introduced – & Liverpool
was the first – are themselves
Training Schools for others.
And I trust that you
will be called upon to
build a “Home” in order
that St. Marylebone Infirmary
with its generous, reforming
Board – may become a
nucleus, & centre {pencil} of order & reform, {pen} & a Training
School for itself & other
Infirmaries.
Wellcome Ms 5483

Pardon me that, under the severe pressure of business & illness, I have not thanked you for so great a gift before - And pardon me that I have run on so discursively now -

In the great & essential reform which has, in Hospital construction, made of Hospitals no longer places to do the Patients harm but places to cure them in, you have a large & honoured share: {pencil} Pray believe me Your faithful servt

F.N.

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

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Private Feb 4 1882
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W. [13:392-94]

Dear Madam
I trust that you will excuse my not answering yours of Dec 29 before - for not only am I always under the severe pressure of over work & illness - but also I wished to see some of our Trained Matrons of important Hospitals - some out of London - who train Private Nurses (which we do not at St. Thomas’) in order to be able to give answers somewhat more worth having to your questions
1. I am sorry to say that
we can none of us recommend a “Handbook” for “private Nurses.”

Nor do we any of us believe in teaching Nursing from a book.

All the successful ‘Classes’ that I know given by our Trained Matrons & “Home” Sister (Mistress of Probationers) are given from notes of their own - notes from “Handbooks” & Lectures, particularly from Clinical Lectures - but chiefly from actual bedside Nurses’ experiences: notes roughly put together & gathered up partly from own practical experience during years of Hospital life, & partly got out of books.

Going in & out of the Wards & constantly talking to the Head Nurses & Nurses about their cases helps one to remember about things & prevents one from getting rusty.

2. Surely the first thing is to reform the Hospital Nursing, if the Probationers are trained & taught by “Doctors” & students” & not by the Ward Head Nurses.

This is a must, not may is it not?
Men can never train
women to be Nurses, can they?
They might make Doctors
of them but certainly not
Nurses.
Where the Nurses receive
all their training from the
Medical Officers & students,
it speaks badly for the
Hospital Nursing, & would
have a very bad effect
on the women.
Our Ward ‘Sisters’ (Head Nurses)
are all practical good Nurses
& are not “rough” with the
Patients, but ought to do
& do do, as a rule, the things
quite as nicely & carefully
as they would do them
in a private house -
There used to be some good Nurses at Belfast

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3. I have often thought
of printing, not publishing,
a Monthly Sheet for all
our trained Nurses,
wherever placed: telling
them of their comrades
far away - of the Nursing
methods, of which the
standard rises now so
rapidly year by year,
in use at each of their
Hospitals: giving them
little friendly exhortations
which they so welcome.
But I have never had
time to ‘get up’ such a
monthly sheet, which
requires the greatest care
& accuracy.
As for a “Monthly Serial”, my experience is all against publishing such a thing. It is done at at least one great Training Nurses’ Institution abroad, (at which I have made long stays) & the effect, tho’ very much attenuated by German simplicity, is what our English notions would not approve.

As to “Stories of good done”, they would have a tendency to make people wish to be the subject rather than to do the good. Does it not take the bloom off the peach - to put people’s good deeds into print?

Then, as to new Nursing methods, these must, after all, be prescribed by the Doctors, & ‘got up’ by the Ward Nurses, Lady Supt & Class Mistress - To publish any such & send them to other Hospitals - would it not be just to set the Doctors against them?

[It would be different in a private sheet, because it is entrusted to the discretion & care of the Supts. But even this is risky.]

It is certainly not for us even to appear to teach the doctors “more advanced methods of Nursing”: tho’
in my time, & specially
during the last 5 or 6 years,
“Methods of Nursing” are
“advancing” - & so rapidly.
e.g. the antiseptic treatment,
- the requiring from Nurses,
by the doctors Urine - testing,
temperature - taking &c &c -
all these compel more
“advanced” Nursing by the
Nurses.
The Training = Schools, against
which the Doctors used
to be so ferocious, have
indirectly & insensibly
had a large share in
inducing this.
Nothing to me is so
{printed address, upside down}
10. South Street, remarkable as
Park Lane. W.
their change of tone:
[Some excellent old 'Sisters’

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of 17 years’ standing we hear of now resigning,
because they are not
'scientifically' trained as
"Doctors now expect them
to be!"
Nothing should put us
more on our guard
against asserting ourselves
than this change of tone
in the Doctors.
Let them not see that we
perceive it.
4. From others of our
Trained Matrons I have
learnt:
Private Nurses cannot
be so trained in Hospitals
as to do
Wellcome Ms 5483

without special watching -
  9 months in Hospital Wards
then 3 months upon special
Hospital cases - & learning
special things - such as
internal leeching & the like
  Niceties of Private Nursing
cooking, tray & napkins &c
cannot be learnt, as you
say, in a Hospital Ward,
where only the feeding cup
&c is wanted: but may be
taught in the special Wards x
  Taking notes of case
is wanted in a private Nurse.
But this we do teach our
Hospital Probationers, &
ev require it/ case-taking most carefully
from our District Nurses
at the poor bed-side.
x In St. Thomas’ we have now a paying
block for private Patients, where all the
niceties must be learnt.

All our trained Matrons
who have Private Nurses
see them most carefully/at great length before
going to the Private Patient
- always, when they report
themselves on their return,
have a long talk with them
- if the case is in the close
neighbourhood the Private
Nurse just runs out to see
her (the Matron or Lady Supt)
during the progress of the
case, & she always corresponds
with the Nurse during the
case.
Wellcome Ms 5483

I trust I have answered your questions.
    God speed your work –
    & pray believe me
    ever your faithful servt
    Florence Nightingale

There used to be some good Nurses at
    Belfast
I had forgotten to say with
    regard to the “Monthly Serial”:
as to Advertising, is it not
much better done by the
“Times” & “Lancet”? 
Also: publicity is not only a protection but
sometimes a failure – Two can play at that game 
Nurses, if not allowed to go to an entertainment when
the “Sisters” go, will may threaten to “write to the”leading 
periodicals” that they are “not treated” with “Christian 
charity”{printed address, upside down:}
10. South Street, So the ladies would not have it
Park Lane W. all their own way in writing in 
    Magazines &c
    or “Stories of good done” 
    F.N.

Miss Townson
    Lady Supt.

Private
from
Florence Nightingale
    Miss Townson
    Lady Supt

Nurses’ Home & Training School
    Frederick St.
    Belfast

3/2/82
Private May 4/83
10. South Street, Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

Your beneficent activity is still, I am sure, directed India - way, tho’ we do not see so much of it in your XIX Century.

Thank God, the times in India now are tremendous – I mean, the dumb ‘scream’ & make themselves heard. but also the gagging efforts are tremendous.

I have long been asked by the East India Association for a paper on the condition of the Ryot, & have been obliged to put them off more than once but am now getting it ready.

[I may tell you that it is a summary of all relating to the Bengal Rent Law Bill, than which nothing so important has happened since the Permanent Settlement of 1793, but which just on that account because it is so important, imports the British public little.

The rest regards Agriculture, because there is no Agriculture in
India (it is like the 'Snakes in Ireland') - & the new Agricultural Dept -, & Agricultural Advances Bills, & Agricultural Banks Schemes, which used to interest you - but not England -

The moment I have got my paper off my hands, I shall begin, I know, re-casting it.]

This morning, much to my surprise, one of your 'contemporaries' asked me for my paper for his Review, (tho' it is not ready) -

Without this, I should not have thought of troubling you - It did not come into my head.

Do you think it likely that it might be of some/more use to India if inserted in your XIX Century? If so, should you be likely to have room for it? If so, would you like to look at it, when ready?

Pray do not trouble yourself to write more than 'No' on a post-card if you do not wish for it.

Ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
James Knowles Esq
The Officers of the Indian Contingent who were in Egypt came too to see me. In the truest sense of the word, they too were Volunteers. In the time of the great Sir John Lawrence & the Indian Mutiny, one of these raised & disciplined a numerous band from the lands of his own family, & himself commanded & led it on our side. Another garrison, as it may be truly called, the Khyber, the great Indian frontier pass, for us. And scarcely one of these grave, modest men but could tell, if he chose, a noble tale of what he has volunteered to do & done, for our national honour & Crown. Once they fought against us. -Sir John Lawrence won them round, trained them; Now they are faithfully for us. So may all we volunteers & Nurses, tho’ of different in many things, be fellows in duty - So may we 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
the anniversary of the
  battle of Plassey
  in India

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postmarked: London [illeg] 25
Mrs. Greig
  Estate Office
  Claydon House
  Bucks
25/5/83
so very glad of the dear little
new comer & yourself being
so well. but rather afraid at
seeing your hand -writing. Pray
do not over - exert yourself -
I should as soon have expected
a letter from the little mite.
God bless you both.
  May 25/83  F. Nightingale
Claydon House 6 a.m.
Bucks Sept 15/83
10. South Street,
    Park Lane. W. {printed address:}

Dear Mrs. Dowding

Lady Verney is a little better in herself since I came - But as to the disease itself I fear it is only making progress. Her sufferings are truly pitiable. And she scarcely ever has an hour’s sleep. May God bless her & grant her patience!

As for me, I wish I could have written to you all regularly. But for I think of you all. But the strain upon me her is greater than I have had these 25 years. And now, anxious that you should have this before Sunday,

I am putting off other important letters to write to you at six in the morning. My kindest regards to Polly.

I hear of her from Fanny. As for Fanny, she looks much better since she has been here. But I hear from her here for the first time that she has been spitting blood “all the summer”; & I have of course had to put her under Medical advice. If you or Polly knew anything of this, would it not have been better for Fanny’s sake to have told me?
About my return home
or my going to Lea Hurst,
where Mr. & Mrs. Shore
Smith are with their four
children, it is of course
impossible for me, in Lady
Verney’s state, to say anything
I might be able to come
back any day. Or, while
neither of the Mrs. Verneys
is able to come, it might be
impossible. It is impossible
to leave her & Sir Harry alone.
1. Would you be so good as
to tell me exactly
what has been done
in the house & kitchen
premises - both by Mr. Vane

& by Mr. Thomas? & say how each
thing has been done:
and also as far as you
can what was put off
to be done till I
should have returned &
gone away a second time?
Till I know this, I
cannot say what ought
to be done now.
2. But I think you had
better have Mr. Murrell
directly to renew the
Distilling Apparatus, if
he thinks it necessary
& finds it wearing out.
3. Also: I think Mr. Vane
had better have the blinds
at least the Drawing room blind which is in a dreadful state, & the Dressing room blind; & such others as want doing, but not to put them up till I come back -

4. Pray then tell me all the things which we agreed should be done & which have not yet been done by Mr. Vane as soon as possible.

I hope that you have been comfortable. It has been very unsatisfactory to me, as you may suppose, to leave you all in this uncertain state. There is nothing certain except that it cannot be God’s will that Lady Verney should be left. Mrs. Verney is coming here to-day (till Monday) to see her & think about it with me.

But Capt. & Mrs. Douglas Galton are in dreadful affliction. Their son-in-law, Signor Fenzi, at Florence, has been shot dead by an accident. Capt Galton took his poor daughter who was here out directly. But she arrived too late even to see her husband’s face in
wellcome ms 5483

the coffin. Her two children were sent out after her. He was a most admirable man, useful in all reforms in his own country, & not yet 30.

Pray give my kind regards to Mrs. Rumley. I should like to hear from you of her husband. I was very much pleased to know that he had been able to go to his work. I dare say Mrs. Rumley has some message to send me.

Pray mention particularly how the Drawing room floors & Dressing room floor have been done.

I am sorry for poor Cyrus & Old woman, not to have their country run - I hope they go up stairs every day. I am still sorrier to think of all the Starving cats in the neighbourhood.

May God bless you all three is the fervent prayer of yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

{printed address, upside down:}

10, south st.
park lane. w.

Lyddy is here in the house
Sept 2/84

Claydon House,
Bucks.

Dear Mrs. Higton,

I received your letter this morning saying (very naturally) that you “do not feel” you “can take any situation till” you “have had a long rest.”

If you had come tomorrow, as I invited you by Telegram, you would have found that that is the very thing I was planning for you, namely that you should have a “long rest” before taking any situation.

I did not write to you when, as you say, you “expected to hear from” me, because Mrs. Hy Bonham Carter did not propose that I should do so.

I should like to see one who had been with my aunt 17 years, whether you take my place or not.

It is too late now to come tomorrow, Thursday.
Wellcome Ms 5483

I could not have you.  
Friday Mrs. Hy Bonham  
Carter is coming to London  
& probably could not  
spare you.  
   But I could see you  
on Saturday, if you  
come by the train  
leaving Euston at 9 a.m.  
& you could return the  
same day.  
   I think it will be  
a pity if you do not  
do this. And I think  
you would enjoy the  
trip.  
   With kind regards  
yours faithfully  
Florence Nightingale

5483/37 signed letter, 1 f, pen

Oct 3/84  
Claydon House,  
   Bucks  
Dear Miss Hurt  
   How sorry I am  
to wish you good-bye -  
fare you very well -  
how glad I am to  
have seen you - & how  
kind you are to me -  
   Please, my love to  
your young lady.  
ever yours overflowingly  
   F. Nightingale
Oct 9/84
Claydon House,
Bucks

Mr. Thomas
Sir
I shall be back at
10 South St.
on Friday Oct 17, I hope
And will you be so
good as to arrange with
my people left in the house
when the Drawing room
floors shall be polished
up, if not done already.
   There must be cleaning
of windows, putting up
of curtains & putting
down of carpets
done afterwards, I
suppose -
Will that spoil the
floors?
   With thanks
   believe me
   your faithful servt
   F. Nightingale
I hope & am sure
that I shall find
the floors perfectly
sweet & fresh.

Mr. Thomas
   4 Cadogan Cottages
   Pont St.
9/10/84   London S.W.
My dear Sir,

Pray excuse me for asking your kind indulgence, as you will know how interested & grieved I am on account of this most unpleasant affair which has befallen our friend Miss Williams - & really not less on account of St. Mary’s Hospital, to the good Nursing of which such an affair must be most damaging, if not ruinous.

I know how much you have worked in the Good cause & how much is due to your Great influence. Might I ask whether you think that a successful fight be made at your next Friday’s Board where your presence will be so essential?

ever your faithful servt.
Florence Nightingale

Dr. Sieveking

Private
E. Sieveking Esq MD
17 Manchester Square

F. Nightingale
21/10/84
Nov 7/85

10, South Street (printed address:)
Park Lane. W

Dear Sir Richard Temple

I am encouraged by your old kindness for me to believe that you would be so good as to consider the desirableness, which we Sanitarians feel very strongly, of appointing to the post (which will now be immediately vacant) of Surgeon Genl to H.M. Forces in Bombay, your old friend - may I say? Dy Surgeon Genl Dr. Hewlett tho’ of the Indian Medl Dept.

- and, if you think well, of pressing it upon the Secy of State for India, without whose confirmation it cannot be made.

Capt. Douglas Galton will kindly furnish you with the circumstances.

Pray believe me dear Sir Richard Temple ever your faithful servt Florence Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5483

I have still your invaluable Minutes & Reports which you were kind enough to leave with me. They shall be returned to you whenever you wish.

F.N.

Had I thought that there was the least chance of your being at leisure enough to be in London, I would have hoped for the pleasure of a call from you.

F.N.

5483/41 signed letter, 6 ff, pen

Private
Village & Confidential Sanitary Organization Nov 19/85
10, South Street Park Lane. W {printed address:}

Dear Lord Reay

You granted me a great boon in allowing me to write to you. You will not censure me for making use of it. My heart is in the villages & the Village Patels:

in Village Sanitation what to do & how to do it

‘What to do’ is most ably & clearly set forth in Dr. Hewlett’s “Memo for the guidance of Village Patels” Sept 5 1885 which I understand is under Government discussion.
The main difficulty lies in ‘how to do it.’ And two methods are proposed, viz - the Governmt Bill & Mr. Crawford’s plan.

To you we look for the decision (with great faith) in this question supremely important - for the methods employed should be in conformity with habit as far as possible.

As the Govt. of India have usually said - ‘they observe that nothing has been done for the villages’:

The reason is: that every district has its own habits & customs [No one law will do for all].

and that we have destroyed the village organizations of old time which could easily have been put in working train

A village community with local interests & feelings could cure itself well enough: but if this cannot be restored, the plan of an elective representative body will have to be adopted, - a sort of village municipality, as Mr. Crawford puts it, in which the will of the majority, instead of the good will & tacit consent of all, must do the work.
'Most humbly, & only in accordance with your kind wish, I venture to suggest

(1)
that you will allow MDr. Hewlett’s "Memo." of instructions to "Village Patels" to be translated & circulated

(2) - by the Bombay Village Police Act of 1867 power has been entrusted to a few Patels only, selected by Collectors - has not the time come when this Act should be extended to a much larger number (also selected in each Collectorate)

(3) - & that the people should be taught what to do and what not do

[2]
by their Patels & "Panchayets"

NB You who know so much better than we do need not to be told that the power of "Punch" is well nigh illimitable. They can do at once what no District Officer can do, or do only by a process of law. [I have a mine of instances in which e.g. whole villages have been removed bodily by the "Punch", - properly approached by our Sanitary Comr. - in a few hours, - villages that had been nests of Cholera - where District Officers had worked in vain.]
The present Village Police Act is however, as you have seen, deficient - or indeed absolutely obstructive in certain clauses - and Mr. Crawford’s Draft Bombay Village Conservancy Act (which I have seen) would appear to provide a better machinery for introducing Sanitary measures into villages -

- As it proposes to re-establish Village Panchayets - & to give them a legal status with the necessary powers for carrying out Sanitary measures.

Altho’ Mr. Crawford’s Act does not go so far as we might wish, yet as a beginning it would seem based on sound principles.

Now two things seem required.
1. facilities provided by Governmt, such as suitable areas of ground &c &c in the neighbourhood of villages - increased powers should be given to Panchayets as recommended by Mr. Crawford, to protect their water-sources (see p. 6 B of Mr. Crawford’s Memo - & Sect. 9 of Draft Act)
   - facilities for the people protecting themselves from
local filth are provided also by Mr. Crawford’s Draft Village Conservancy Act.

2. Thus a short Municipal Act for making the people avail themselves of these facilities (not ordering them to do what they have no means of doing & punishing them if they do it not) would meet the case.

   It is we who have done the mischief —
   It is you who must undo it — & do the good.
   And how to do it we may safely leave in your hands.

   [3]
Pray forgive me, for I have been for years at work on this Village Sanitary question, so important in a country of villages, like India. and your advent has filled us with fresh hope.

2. Bombay has been foremost in making a grand first step towards executive organization, by appointing a Sanitary Engineer as part of the Sanitary Staff of the province. This is the great & important lesson taught by Bombay. And we trust it will be learnt elsewhere in India. Col: Ducat’s appointment is a real advance,
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and after experience it will
lead to more -
The Bombay Govt., we know,
will give every facility to
Municipalities for taking
advantage of Col; Ducat’s
Services as Consulting
Sanitary Engineer.
And we hail with hope the
prospect of Lord Reay
organizing the whole
administration for Sanitary
purposes.
No organization for Sanitary
improvement has yet been provided
except for the Municipal towns
- & this as yet imperfectly -
tho’ the Sanitary state has
reported on usque ad nauseam

3. The system of utilizing the
services of the Zillah Civil
Surgeons, as in the Punjab, as
Sanitary Officers is as much
a part of the question as the
Sanitary Commissioner himself
And they should report to him.
But this is beyond my sphere

4. We are so very glad that
Dr. Hewlett is to go on tour
round India as Sanitary
Commissioner, & see what
other Sanitary Commissioners
are doing.
I end as I began:
we must gladly leave details
to you: we have not the data
With renewed jubilation for
all you are doing, especially
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for the appointment of two
such real representatives
as Mr. Ranadè &
Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji on
the Council - which has
rejoiced every native of
thought & action in the
Presidency
& for the Thana Forest matter,
as well as for many other things,
pray believe me
dear Lord Reay
ever your faithful & grateful
servt.
Florence Nightingale

5483/42 signed letter, 1 ff, pen

June 30/86
10, South Street {printed address:}
My dear Sir Park Lane. W
May I ask what the Election
prospects are?
Good speed attend you
yours most faithfully
F. Nightingale

Dr. Evatt
A word on a post-card, please

5483/43 signed letter, 1 ff, pen

Oct 7/86
10, South Street {printed address, line drawn through}
Dear Madam Park Lane. W
In answer to yours, the Hospital
for which a lady was required
as Matron is a “Maternity &
Women’s Infirmary” at Melbourne,
Victoria. You will hardly wish
to undertake such a Hospital,
would you? All the particulars
that were given me I gave to
Miss Jones who communicated
them to Miss Lloyd, from whom
you will doubtless have heard them. No information was given me as to "terms". A Lady from Melbourne is now in London, seeing candidates who are recommended to her & who wish for the post - I regret that I shall not be in London for a few days; in haste yours faithfully  F. Nightingale

Miss Henrietta Stewart

5483/44 signed letter, 2ff, pencil  [6:651]

Dec 8/86
10, South Street {printed address:}

Sir Park Lane. W

Mr. Richmond when he went abroad left it in charge to me "to let" you "know" if your "boy will find a place in the Hospital for Epilepsy at the end of a month" (from Nov 17)

I am very glad to be able to say that I have obtained admission for your boy in the Hospital "for the Epileptic", (Queen Square, Bloomsbury)

A "bed" will be "reserved "for him" "in a fortnight" from Dec 4.

Kindly tell me whether (illeg illeg) will be able to enter then.

Mr. Richmond told me that he had so far recovered from his
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accident that he would
then be able to move
from Brighton Hospital -
And I assure you that
he has my best wishes
that his stay at Queen
Square (Epileptic) Hospital
will result in a good
success - Poor fellow -
he must have suffered
much

   Excuse pencil

With my renewed good
   wishes,
   pray believe me
        yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

[end 6:651]

5483/45 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Jan 2/87
   10, South Street {printed address:}

Dear Sir  Park Lane. W

   I am so afraid that
   we shall lose the “bed”
   altogether, which I have
   secured for {illeg illeg}
Rocco at the Queen Square
“Hospital for Epilepsy”,
that I write to ask what
you hear of him, &
when the Brighton
Hospital authorities
think that he will be
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well enough to move -
You are aware that I have already had twice to put your son Rocco off at Queen Square: the second time his Ticket of Admission had actually been sent me for him, or rather for you - And I had to return it.

In your last letter you appeared to think that Rocco would be well enough to leave the Brighton Hospital by the New Year - Probably it would not be thought desirable by his present Doctors for him to move at all this weather.

But I write to ask you kindly to remember that, the sooner you can give me notice of some definite day when you hope to be able to take advantage of the "bed", the less likely we are to have difficulty.

[end]

With kind wishes for your son Rocco, yours faithfully Florence Nightingale

(Illeg)
22/2/87

10, South Street (printed address:)
Messrs Spottiswoode   Park Lane. W

Gentlemen

I am exceedingly indebted to
you for the expedition &
care with which my small
job has been done -

Would you be so good
as to let me have

105 copies of each of
these Proofs [you will see
they are corrected
differently]

by, if possible, 10 o’clock
on Thursday 24, morning

& oblige

your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

If you think a Revise is
required, would you be
so kind as to send me
one tomorrow morning?
(Wednesday)

F.N.
May 2/88
10, South Street {printed address:} Park Lane. W

My dear Sir

Sir Harry Verney told me that you would be so very kind as to make an appointment to pay me a visit, - precious as your time must be, about India -

Any afternoon after to-day that you would kindly fix, at 4.30 or 5, would be most welcome to yours ever faithfully

Florence Nightingale
Rt Honble
John Bright M.P.

{83/47/2}
Please forward
Rt Honble
John Bright M.P.
Reform Club

Florence Nightingale
2/5/88
Private June 8/88
10, South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

Dear General Higginson

Many thanks for your most kind note & its enclosures, with Genl Tyndall’s answers to questions.

Is it to be understood that you kindly wish to give the “Southern Ward: Upper Floor”, 19.6 by 12, for the “Matron’s bed room”? This should be for the present only, as, being the best Ward or room in the Hospital, it would doubtless be for the Patients most ill - The North Ward being very inferior to it. Query,

will this North Ward have much sun, except from the E. window? - that the “present Surgery” - “ground floor” - [is that the room next the Kitchen, 10 x 15 - or the larger room to the South 19.6 x 12, ground floor?] is to be given as the “Matron’s sitting room and Surgery” - “dispensing with a complete surgery & receiving room for “the present”. If she is to have If there are “wretched lads,” poor fellows!, by which I understand boys with something serious the
matter with them, yet not confined to bed, for her to have charge of, the room 10 x 15 would be, would it not?, rather close quarters - But as you speak of the “so-called “Matron’s room down stairs,” I conclude it is this room to the South, 19.6. x 12? “Sister” Constable shall go “on “a visit of inspection to the “Hospital” & to see the Home, “as soon as possible” after I have received your kind directions, if they are to this effect - & she shall do as you say - You are so good as to let the Commandant know -

You are, I know, kindly aware that she will have to give notice to her present employers, if you engage her - - **not less than a month’s** notice by the rule of the Local Govt. Board (under which are the Parochial Infirmaries) -but for the convenience of the Infirmary work itself, (Matron & Guardians) **3 months’ notice** is often desired - Even if appointed she could not therefore enter upon the Gordon Boys’ Home at once
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You will yourself, of course, kindly not only have her before yourselves, but take her character from the Matron, Miss Vincent, &c of St. Marylebone Infirmary, Rackham Street — Ladbrook Grove Road W. (where “Sister” Constable is now). personally & independently of us.

As to the “payment in lieu of “rations” for your Matron & “woman servant”, (see Genl Tyndall’s answers to questions) — what that is to be will be a matter for future kind decision, as well as the “requirements” for furnishing the Matron’s “rooms”, which you are so good as to mention —

Again, very many thanks for the extreme kindness you have put into this matter — I write in haste, in order to catch you at your Committee.

Pray excuse a torn sheet:
& pray believe me ever your faithful servant & Gordon Boys’ Home’s Florence Nightingale

It is to be regretted, as you say, if “lads” with any grave disease are admitted which might be injurious to the other boys. It is so bad for them to see e.g. epilepsy — especially for those of the Gordon Boys’ class — And skin diseases are of course most catching — F.N. [end 13:245]

Private to await his arrival
Lt. General Higginson &c &c
Office of Gordon Boys’ Home 20 Cockspur Street

Florence Nightingale 8/6/88

5483/49 signed letter, 3ff, pen
Oct 2/88
10, South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

Dear Mr. Burton,

I am full of hope that God will bless your labours for the good of Lea & Holloway population thro’ the School. And therefore I give you joy. Though these are early days to judge by, I hear that they are “all much pleased, “so far,” with your work – with the “marked improvement “already”, in the “discipline”, which was “lax” – & that they are “most hopeful”. This is a great encouragement for a beginning – And I wish you ‘God speed’ with all my heart.

Is your Examination coming on now? I hope it will be satisfactory. But there are things, as I know you think, more important than success in Examinations – tho’ we cannot do without these - And that is: the effect of the whole discipline & tone of the School upon
Wellcome Ms 5483

the characters for
school-time & for life-time.
God’s world is a great
Training -School - is it not?
And as long as we are
in this world of His, we
go on, or ought to go on
learning - And the thing
is: to put our boys &
girls in the way to learn.

In our Hospital
Training Schools, we give
our Nurses a year’s
training - But this is only
to train them to train
themselves all their lives,

& to train others. A
Hospital Matron is or ought
to be a good ‘mother’ to
all her Nurses - tho’ some
are older than herself -
just as a good School
Master ‘fathers’ his pupils.

I do hope you will be
happy at Lea School - &
when Mrs. Burton & your
children arrive, full of
happiness -
By & bye when you
are settled, perhaps you
will be kind enough to
give me a word on the

progress of “my” School children.

And I dare say we
shall some day be thinking
together of botany that is, leaves & flowers, for the
School. & spars & ores,
this being Derbyshire,
just as you used to
show them fossils in the
pit at Burton.

God bless you

yours ever faithfully
Florence Nightingale
My dear Sir

You kindly ask me to say what hour would suit me best to-day for your visit.

Would 4 o’clock, or as soon after as you can, be possible to you instead of “five”?

ever sincerely yours
                        Florence Nightingale
H. Power Esq

Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil: rejoiceth not in inquity, but rejoiceth in the truth,

Please illuminate this, either on a large square card or on a long large card - Do not cramp it - It is to be large enough to be framed as a small picture

9/9/90 Florence Nightingale
10. South Street
Park Lane
Private

London Feb 17/92

Dear Madam,

In answer to your note, we consider that Dr. De’Ath is singularly fitted for searching & striking Lectures on “Health at Home” – for eliciting what the pupils have made their own, & what they have not – & for accustoming them by note-taking to show what they can do.

But there appears a misconception on what is the real object of the Lectures, and infinitely the most difficult to attain, The object, as you will see by the Syllabus, is to give practical, not only word=instruction to poor rural mothers & girls how to maintain health their own, their children’s & their cottages’ health.

We do not expect to cure the bad habits of ages, the ignorance & superstition of years, by a few Lectures or by a Legion of Lectures –

The object is: to select out of a class those few educated women who will be capable of being in touch with & of training the poor rural women & girls how to maintain health: the Lecture room has to be transferred to the cottage by Dr. De’Ath the cottage itself to be the object-lesson

This is the hardest work of all. But Dr. De’Ath we believe is up to it.

He has already given nearly half his Lecture-room Lectures with the utmost success in sifting, as in fixing an almost breathless attention. But after this comes the real ‘crux’ – to teach the Lady teachers how to use the plainest, simplest, commonest words – how to choose a few salient points of practice how to have such tact as never to give offence – in training the cottage women –

The fault of all young Lady beginners is to reproduce the Lecture they have received going over the whole ground of what they have
been taught in words intelligible to them but which are Hebrew Greek to the poor mothers - with these cottage women. E.g. the ladies must never use such an expression as this: “Ventilation is essential”. The poor women don’t know how to ventilate - & very likely the ladies don’t either.

And the ladies must teach with their hands as well as with their mouths - and, above all, each lady must teach the poor women as being one of themselves & not as one above them

Is not all this very different from giving merely a Course of book Lectures to educated women?

[2]

In answer to your other questions: the Syllabus is intended, as you see, not for London but a rural District. But Dr. De’Ath might easily adapt it for London.

And he might possibly be able to spare time for London, & might well be asked - An Excellent Medical Officer of Health of a County or part of a County is, of course, a very busy man. [These questions however are not for me to answer] yours faithfully Florence Nightingale

Miss Rose Adams
March 31/92
10, South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

Sir
I beg to acknowledge your
letter of March 25,
signed by Sir Douglas
Galton, & asking me
to give my signature to
an application for the
grant of a Royal Charter
to the Sanitary Institute.
  I will ask you to be
so good as to attach
my signature to the
E. White Wallis Esq
  Secy &c &c

Petition

And I beg to remain
  your obdt servant
Florence Nightingale
June 25/92

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

Dear Madam

In acknowledgement of your kind letter of June 22 as “Hon: Sec: for the Ladies’ "Committee for Technical Educn." in West Sussex under the “County Council” anent "Cottage Nursing Lectures” the “teachers trained in "Buckinghamshire as Nursing "Lecturers," & our “health” Lecturers are not for Nursing disease but for preventing disease & teaching Cottage Mothers & girls the elements of how to preserve health –

which is of course the opposite of disease & necessitates in many respects quite a different course. I venture to enclose a Syllabus of our Lectures, - & I may add that our Lecturer, Dr. De’Ath, a Medical Officer of Health, supplemented his Lectures with practical object-lessons in some of the worst cottages in his District, without offence to the cottagers, which must of course be jealously guarded against -
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As Miss Fanny Calder of Liverpool who knows all about us & whose own teachers on other subjects are so admirable has recommended us to you, I suspect that your "Nursing "Lecturers," who are supposed to give object-lessons in the cottages too, are really one & the same. Ours are of course the property of the Bucks County Council, who must have first choice. And the most important member in this matter has been ill but is recovering. Therefore there has been some delay, and

I believe one only of the Dr. De’Ath Lecture=Ladies has definitely been engaged at present. So I have little doubt that, if, after this explanation, about Health v. Nursing, you still wish for one, one can be put at your service for the 6 months you desire. This is all I can say at present -

I know the "salary" (you kindly ask" was not to be high -

I will write to Dr. De’Ath to-day & come to particulars.

Pray excuse a woman overwhelmed with business for not answering you by return of post. And believe me your faithful servant

Miss Emily Deane} Florence Nightingale
Dear Miss Deane

I am so sorry you are ordered abroad for your health
May you make a perfect recovery is the fervent wish
of yours sincerely

22/7/92 Florence Nightingale

Dear hard working friends

I am a hard-working woman too. May I speak to you? And will you excuse me? tho’ not a mother.
You feel with me that every mother who brings a child into the world has the duty laid upon her of bringing up the child in such health as will enable him to do the work of his life.
But tho’ you toil all day for your children, & are so devoted to them, this is not at all an easy task.
We should not attempt to practise dress-making or any other trade without any training for it. But it is generally impossible for any woman to get any teaching about the management of health. Yet health is to be learnt.

And, altho’ you are the more skilled in the practical work of every day life, yet this Lady Lecturer has had special opportunities of studying the reasons why certain things are good or bad for health.

But it depends very much more upon you than upon her that these Lectures should be of any use to you. You must make use of her & get out of her the particular knowledge that you want.

The Cottage Homes of England are after all the most important of the homes of any class that they should be pure in every sense - pure in body & in mind.

Boys & girls must grow
up healthy with clean minds & clean bodies & clean skins
And, for this to be possible the air, the earth & the water that they grow up in & have around them must all be clean: fresh air not bad air - clean earth not foul earth - pure water not dirty water.
And the first teachings & impressions they have at home must all be pure & gentle & firm. It is home that teaches the child after all - more than any other Schooling.

A child learns before it is three whether it shall obey his/ its mother or not. And before it is seven, wise men tell us that its character is almost formed.

There is too another thing:: Orderliness. We know your daily toil & love. May not the busiest & the hardest life be somewhat lightened, so that each duty has the same hour?

Now you may compare this lady’s inexperience
& your practical
knowledge of the things
of every day life. But,
Tho' she may be inexperienced
in the things you have
to do, yet she may by
her knowledge in a
humble, not patronizing
or positive or prying
way, help you to help
yourselves.
This is not a Lecture
so much as a talk - a
homely talk about homes.
If you would make a
friend of her, & ask her
questions, it would be far
more possible for her to
help.

Then think what enormous
extra trouble it entails
on mothers when there
is sickness. It is worth
while to try to keep the
family in health - to
prevent the sorrow, the
anxiety, the trouble of
illness in the house, of
which so much can be
prevented.
When a child has lost its
health, how often the mother
says: O if I had only
known. But there was
no one to tell me.
And, after all, it is health & not sickness that is our natural state – the state that God intends for us – There are more people to pick us up when we fall than to enable us to stand upon our feet.

God did not intend all mothers to be accompanied by Doctors: but He meant all children to be cared for by mothers.

{pencil} God bless your work & labour of love.

{pen} Now after our kind wise Doctor who cares for your health as much as for your sickness has left, will you not settle down to a friendly homely talk & try to get out of the lady what you can -

And God bless us all –

And He will bless us

Florence Nightingale

Oct 10/92
Dear Madam

Thank you for your kind note. I send, according {pencil} to your wish, & have great pleasure in sending. {pen} a doz. copies of the Health-at-Home Missioners under the Bucks County Council. [Tho’ the outward ‘man’ of 6 of the copies is different, yet it is all the same pamphlet]

With regard to “furnishing a paragraph” on “cleanliness” to the leaflet, of which the M.S. enclosed is the substance,

cleanliness could not possibly be pushed in in that way - could it? Our experience is that uncleanliness both before & after the lying in is the cause which sows the seed of most/much of the distressing suffering of the poor mothers (with large families) in after years - an uncleanliness which certainly the “kind neighbour” cannot remedy, for she has not the cleanliness herself - And the uncleanliness of the POOR infant is the cause of many a puny
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after growth.

The monthly Nursing of the POOR at their own homes is one of the gravest Subjects we have. Midwives do not practise it. Doctors cannot of course. Lying in Hospitals do not teach it.

The uncleanliness of the bedding - a feather bed or flock bed which may not have been picked to pieces or cleaned for years & years - which may have had several Lyings-in on it - is most serious for both mother & infant - is it not?

Then the personal cleanliness of the mother after lying-in - which she can’t attend to herself, & which no one but a competent District Nurse can attend to [pencil] [as ignorance is now] [pen] Then there is nothing about cleanliness of the BOTTLE in/for hand fed Infants in that nice little Leaflet.

I could not possibly, as you will see, undertake the responsibility of writing about all this for leaflets. You have
doubtless responsible Editors & a responsible Editing Commee.

But I will tell you what I will do if you wish it. As soon as I can, I will ask a District Lady Nurse to help me in putting down the main heads, together - And you shall have them not for publication but for submitting to your responsible Editors -

I am very much overworked - & I can hastily only, write at this moment a rough & ready answer to your request.

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Miss Rose Adams

You will observe that your M.S. which I return asks for 3 weeks when your printed Tract only asks for a fortnight

F.N.
10, South Street August 14/93
My dear Sir Douglas

Thank you very much for your visit.

I am so anxious about “Dr. Russell,” “Lord Provost of Edinburgh”, his great enthusiasm, his £350 a bed for “Infectious Diseases” - his letting out Nurses like “Plumbers”, (his own expression) - his theory that we have too many Nurses in a Hospital, & that Nurses ought, like Cherubs, never to sit down.

If you are on the ground of “Infectious Disease Hospitals,” I wish you could hook him on to you. He is going to spend a fortune from the rates.

If such good luck were to befall that you should go to Edinburgh, & you would allow me, I would write him
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a note that you
were coming -
He is so doctrinaire.
    [He lives in a Villa
near Edinburgh - He
gave me his address]
I am sending to your
house to enquire
after Gwendolyn. God
grant she may be all
right -
    ever yours most truly
    F. Nightingale

5483/59 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

London Oct 21/95
My dear Sir
    How good you are
to these men -
    I could not resist
your appeal - tho’ it is
an effort to me who
know not what it is
to have a leisure hour
to “write a few words”.
    I have not ’time to
’make it any shorter.’
But you will - If you
find anything in
my letter to your
occasion, you will
kindly pick it out & use it.
It seemed as if the most profitable way of answering your appeal was to show the great virtues of our soldiers in time of war & discipline - & to ask them to cultivate/show the same virtues in times of home-life in peace. As some great writer says: we hate war, we admire discipline as an aid to duty -
It seemed useless to enunciate this without giving a few splendid examples which I could multiply a hundred fold -
But I know it is much too long -
And I generally resist all invitations to write, except on ever=pressing business.
So I ask your kindness to remedy my fault
& to allow me to send you £1 as a tiny token of sympathy with your work -
Good speed to it.
yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

The Revd
Thomas G. Clarke
April 2/96
10, South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

Dear Madam,

I trust that your kindness will pardon a stranger to you for writing to you. You have, I believe, an organisation of Health Missioners to the poor, visiting them in their own houses - whatever they are called.

I should be so very much obliged to you if you would kindly send me any printed Rules, particularly as to how they are trained,
- the method & kind of training given them,
- whether by & in Hospitals, by Lectures, or by more experienced people/ladies taking them round the houses of the poor, & showing them practically what is wanted - or by all three - And how situations are appointed for these Missioners.

Also - whether you prefer Hospital
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trained or non-Hospital Missioners

I have a little pamphlet of my own, which began a little experiment of our own under a Provincial County Council, which is still being carried out.

But I do not ask leave to send the pamphlet, because I am quite sure that you have a great deal more to tell me, than if you will be so very good, than I to say.

Pray grant my request & pray excuse pencil & may I be, dear Madam, yours faithfully & hopefully Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Redford

Chorlton-cum-Hardy
Manchester

21/4/96
5483/61 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Aug 29/96
10, South Street {printed address:}
    Park Lane. W
Gentlemen
Mrs. Roundell desires me to send you these few lines to be added to her “Agnes Jones” & to ask you to “reproduce them in “facsimile”
    your obedt servt.
    F. Nightingale

5483/62 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Sept 1/96
10, South Street {printed address:}
    Park Lane. W
Gentlemen
I am sorry you have had this trouble. But I have only acted on Mrs. Roundell’s orders. She desired me to
    write out one of these sentences for a facsimile = And I did so & sent it to her. She then desired me to write out the other for a facsimile & send it to you - And I did so on Saturday - She then sent me a whole sheet of Extracts from my letters, for her to use - I understood in her “paper”. But I
Wellcome Ms 5483

may be mistaken in
this. and asked
me to telegraph “Yes” –
And I did so on
Monday, not having
a moment of time
to consider –& she told me you were waiting I
received a letter of
thanks this morning
from her in her
usual gracious way
And this is all I
know    F.N.

5483/63 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Sept 10/96
10, South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

Gentlemen
I am sorry to refuse any
request of yours – but I
am obliged to decline
giving my address in
any public way whatever
  I should be besieged
yet more than I am
already, for/with requests
not only from England
but from America for
‘interviews” – with
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for photographs &c &c
- begging letters of every possible kind,
including requests for some portion of my life

F. Nightingale

5483/64 signed letter, 1f, pencil [6:670]

10 South St    June 23/97

9 a.m.

My dear Sir

The Belladonna

plasters for the Patient are not come -
Was your order left at Squire’s? - Now Squire never forgets anything.
What are we to do?

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Dr. Armitage

5483/65 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:728-29]

No 2    22/11/98

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

My dear Sir Douglas

My friend Mrs. Dacre Craven (you may possibly remember her under her maiden name - Miss Florence Lees - she was our first Probationer & our first District Nurse) writes to me about her son, my Godson Waldemar Sigismund Dacre Craven
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will receive his
Commission as 2nd
Lieut in the Royal
Artillery next month
(the youngest Cadet, she
thinks)
He is very anxious to get
appointed to a FIELD
Battery (instead of to a
Garrison Battery) as a
better chance of active service
on “passing out from Woolwich”.

His mother wants me to
mention his name to the
W.O. Authorities (or to Sir
Evelyn Wood if I know him
—but I don’t) With Sir
Evelyn Wood these
appointments rest?
It is not a question of
preferment or pay.
There is immediate hurry
if it is to be done at all,
I am told —
I am very anxious
about it —
Could you kindly
help me? I don’t
know that I know any
one now at the W.O.
who would do it.
Would not you?
ever yours
F. Nightingale
Dec 1/98

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

Dear Captain Armitage,

We are glad that you are come home - And I know not how to thank you for the beautiful cloth worked by the natives & for the delightful Teneriffe oranges - I am rather subdued by a cough - but I shall hope to see you before long, as you kindly propose.

We hope that your 'leave' is a long one & that you will be some time in London - With best Christmas greetings & thanks for your kind note faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Poll is in high feathers & voice & forms the gratification of many
persons - but he prefers living in the kitchen in this bad weather, where many go to talk to him & to hear him talk - but he is silent not to say sulky before strangers whom he greatly disapproves of. He is very much grown & has been presented with a new cage, upon the top of which he sometimes sits.

F.N.

Capt. Armitage &c &c
39 Grosvenor St.
1/12/98

5483/67 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10, South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane, W
Dear Capt. Armitage
How can I thank you for remembering me so kindly & sending me a brace of beautiful pheasants & a pair of rabbits wild With every good wish for the New Year Yours sincerely F. Nightingale

{4583/67/2} [envelope]
Capt. Armitage The Sports Club St. James Square
14/1/99
March 22/99

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

Dear Miss Knight

I am so overcrowded with appointments, as people here generally are before Easter -
I had just given away my Friday which you so kindly offer me - It is quite full
Could you possibly come & see me on Saturday or Thursday at 5 - I should be so very sorry not to see you -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

June 17/99

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

Dear Capt. Armitage

I could gladly see you if it were quite convenient to you to come on Thursday or Friday at 5-30, and if I knew soon on which day it will be Yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

ask if you shall wait for an answer
Capt. Armitage
39 Grosvenor St.

17/6/99
June 19/99
10, South Street {printed address:}
Capt. Armitage Park Lane. W

Dear Sir

Thank you for your kind note.

Might I have an appointment tomorrow (Tuesday) which I cannot possibly put off.

But might I see you at 4.30 tomorrow (Tuesday) for a quarter of an hour?

yours most faithfully
F. Nightingale

{4583/70/2}
Capt. Armitage
The Sports Club
St. James Square

19/6/99 S.W.

May 20/99
10, South Street {printed address:}
Capt. Armitage Park Lane. W

My dear Sir

Will you allow me the pleasure of sending you a little match box with your initials to accompany you on your travels. It is a small thing but if it will recall us to your remembrance, I shall be

yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale
July 4/99
10, South Street {printed address:}
All hail Park Lane. W
Dear Lady Aberdeen
I am so afraid of causing you instead of saving you trouble, as I would so gladly do.
Unluckily for me, I am unable to see any lady to-day (from illness,) were you kindly desirous of sending any one -
Fortunately for me, no one came yesterday.
yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale
{written in the right margin}
I hope to be able to see some one tomorrow
To
H. Hurbert Esq
President of the Balaclava
Commemoration Society,
My dear Sir

Thank you for writing
to me about the
Anniversary dinner of
our survivors of the
Balaclava Charge.
Hail to them, & our
dear brethren.

The last words of a
General dying in battle
were:
“Charge: charge: On, on”
So should ours be –
Life is a battle. We can
always say these spirited
true words to each
other, and to our
successors. They are
always to the survivors
timely, never too late.

I am now entirely a
prisoner to my room
from illness: but
none the less do I
cry out to you:

“Charge, charge: On, on”
And still I can do a
little: [I have been
interrupted by business
even in writing this:]}

God bless you all:
and he will bless
you. ‘Fight the good
fight: lay hold on
eternal life’
Our brethren that have
gone before have
fought the good
fight. And we are
left to continue it. 
St. Paul as our leader 
fought it well. 

    I have sent you a trifle, 
wishing it could be more, 
for our anniversary 
    yours faithfully 
Florence Nightingale

[end 14:1047]

5483/74 signed letter, 1f, pen

10, South Street {printed address:}
    Park Lane. W
    Aug 28, 1905.
 {not FN’s hand}
Dear Miss Tidy,
    Many thanks for 
the beautiful Devonshire 
wild flowers which 
you were so kind 
as to send me. 
    I hope you are 

having a refreshing 
holiday - 
{FN’s hand} yours very sincerely 
Florence Nightingale

5483/75 initialed letter, 4ff, pen

{5483/75/1} 

[1:469]
I must write our [illeg] wel- 
come of your return to the 
natives, my dearest, tho’ 
I dare say you have had many, 
& at the same time tell you 
how sorry I am not to have 
had the letters you wrote 
me from Berne, Milan 
    Frankfort 
& especially that from Ve- 
nice, which told us how 
you liked Tipaldo & his 
little wife. but I have 
written to all the Directeurs 
des Postes to rate them
soundly, & have sent lawyer’s letters all round threatening rigorous prosecution, if the letters are not given up. It is the more provoking as Joanna Horner & others have had theirs safe - & I am not sure that my case is not one of War, authorizing England to act immediately on the offensive. The natural desire of food, inherent in the human creature & manifested in your desire for a cook, was the first thing which apprised us of your landing & again the old cover, lithographed to “Miss Nicholson, Waverly”, comes forth from its Second Thousand. Miss Clarke left us, alas! at 7 am this day, Ly Sitwell & Mr. S. Wright ditto. Last week we had Major Jebb, Mr. Weld, the Speaker, Sir D. Le Marchant, Baron Rolfe, the Mills, Mr. Keith Mackenzie &c & much we missed your sweet presence – but you will we hope, grace our next this November. Miss Clarke was called off suddenly by a letter from her sister – & nothing but the judicious arrangement of Parsons in carrying off the knives from the half past 6 o’clock bkfast, wd have preserved my life another moment after she drew off. We have not the remotest conception where you have been since Milan, & therefore I
am shooting in the dark - but have a great deal to tell you when we have re-tied the thread between us. Meanwhile I am sure, contrasting these pluviose scenes with those left behind you, you must long since have been asleep while I have been talking, (two lines scribbled out) (six lines scribbled out)

The poor natives salute you & all yours. I mean to hold on tight to life till I hear from you, which will immediately transport me to a better world, till which time I am in haste your ever humble slave FN

A day of incessant rain has tempted JB.C, Alfy & Capt. Gifford to a long day in the turnips, from which they are just returned - with the birds they found dead from drowning.

once more farewell & pardon
at Waverly! Ever your beloved FN.

I was much delighted at our friends’ anxious wish for our honour, Jack having also written about certain Tea paragraphs in Nants Paper — as without the same, I should have missed the said agreeable testimony to our deserts, not having had the same spirit of research —

{archivist: ? to Marianne Nicholson}

Best thanks to Aunt Anne for her most hospitable offer. I will write again as soon as I can get Mama to speak more decisively — & leisurely —

Miss Nightingale
{in another hand} Florence Nightingale

My dear Mrs. Clarkson

Though you will not remember who the Florence Nightingale is who is writing to you, I hope you will not be sorry to receive the enclosed account of Madame Christophe, which “Aunt Patty” has sent me, mentioning in her letter that you might like to hear it. Aunt Patty writes from Lucca, where she saw Mme Christophe & was going on to Florence. She is in better health — & inquires
particularly after you and Mr. Clarkson - With the best love of all my people, believe me, my dear Mrs. Clarkson, your obliged & affectionate Florence Nightingale Embley. Jan 10

5483/78 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper, env

{5483/78/1}
Dear Capt. Galton
  Soyer has appointed himself here at 4 o’clock today to talk over the Chatham Kitchen - If you could come, it might be settled at once - If otherwise, we would forward to you the kitchen=conclusions we come to for your imprimatur ever yours most truly F. Nightingale Thursday 1 P.M. 30 Burlington St.
Capt. Douglas Galton R.E. Board of Trade

5483/79 signed note, 1f, pen

Please to order the carriage to be here for Mrs. Moore to take her to Bermondsey - to be here at 1.30 today Florence Nightingale Tuesday Sept. 6 Hampstead
Dear Freddy

I had already sent over & got the comfortable news of your dear Mother’s journey being so well accomplished & I have also heard of her from Mr. Harcourt, who is, I am sorry to say, now a professional caller - I having a violent attack of influenza.

But I was not the less obliged to you for thinking of me. I assure there are few people upon whom such thought is better bestowed; for I take the deepest & most affectionate interest in her recovery.

May God grant it may be complete, & till then, that she may have patience & hope & faith granted to her abundantly.

I hope you continue to
like South Lea.
It seemed to me a cheerful place
   You will like to hear that Janet Ross has been here to day with her husband - quite well
   I don’t know what your father does with his evening, when he does not go down.
Tell him he has a lonely neighbour who would always be glad to see him if he is alone
Yours dear Freddy
very sincerely {signature seems to be torn off the paper}

5483/81 signed note, 1f, pen

To the Nurses
   It is a noble calling, the calling of Nurses; but it depends on you Nurses to make it noble or not.
   Florence Nightingale

5483/82 {5483/82/1} signed receipts, 3ff, pen

{printed form:} Establishment for Gentlewomen during Illness

No. 147
   [end 12:98]
Wellcome Ms 5484

{5483/82/2} Received

belonging to the late Mr. John Store
the Sum of Three Pounds 2/0
Paid to Mrs. John Store
£3.2.0
Florence Nightingale
Scutari Sept 15/55

{5483/82/3} Received from Mr. James Quick
the Sum of Ten Pounds 0/0
Paid to Mrs. Jane Quick
£10.0.0 Florence Nightingale
Scutari Dec 8/55

{5483/82/4} 27.4/55
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Florence Nightingale
My dear Sir

I return Dr. Conolly with many, many thanks. We have read it with the utmost interest. It is truly beautiful. I see his view of Idiots agrees with that of Dr. Fowler & so many others - that, as is the case of the Deaf & Dumb, so in that of these unfinished creatures the sensorial apparatus must be first aroused by Art, in the same way in which, in the healthy infant, it is done by Nature. That the intellectual deficiencies are merely from want of the food supplied by the senses, which, in the perfectly healthy infant, having each their appetites, are aroused to seek for their own information concerning the objects without, whereby the Intellectual faculties receive their education naturally. But, in the idiotic infant, comparison remains limited, judgment imperfect," not on account of any defective Mind, but because the "adjustments" had not the requisite stimuli to educate themselves from the senses being, as it were, closed to natural influences - not placed in contact with exterior objects, & the "Muscular Sense" being incomplete. If now the appetite of the Perceptive Powers can be roused, by objects being presented to them artificially,
Imitation existed, the muscular adjustments exercised, then the miracle is performed the Child learn to adjust its attention, its senses, its muscular powers, more or less, & Intellect, more or less, follows. I cannot sufficiently thank you for having given us the opportunity of reading this admirable book. I have had a very good answer from Dr. Fowler, to the paper on Duality, which you were good enough to send him. I would send it you, but that I am afraid that you would not be able to read his blind handwriting - I was truly sorry to hear that you had not been able to accomplish your visit to Paris, as the Idiots at the Bicêtre are alone well worthy as visit, & quite equal to Dr. Conolly’s account of them.

Some medicine, which the Gentleman who sometimes attends your patient, promised to send Mrs. Flint, has, by some mistake, not yet arrived. I should also be very much obliged to you for the Prescription for her, which you wished her to continue & for the Prescription for my sister. The old lady’s leg (Mrs Else) is so much better for your Lotion, that she would be glad of some more. And E. Allen has found so much
I should have been very glad to have heard any think about Mrs. Henderson’s projected foundation. With many thanks for your letter, most interesting to me, believe me ever most truly yours Florence Nightingale (in great haste) We are daily fighting the battle with our London Vestries - the most awful of all jobbers - & Boards {local} of Works.

Miss Jones left me this morn. I want to add this to my letter to Mrs. Fowler - 6 wards are not under “Sisters” at all (at King’s Coll. Hosp=) but under Nurses entirely - i.e. rather more than half the Hospl. I send you a little sketch in print I had made of my views of Hospital Nursing. And I can only say Miss Jones answers to these views perfectly. It is “Private”, as you see - But Mrs. Fowler might see it. ever your F.
with what (in itself
{7 lines scribbled out}
5483/83/4 signed letter fragment, 1f, pen, black-edged paper

some alterations, & , if
I can, abridgements -
so as to enable it
to be read without
the Appendices which
will save you the
trouble of doing so.

Yours very sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Miss Craig
Pray allow me to
thank you for your
kind wishes for the
New Year - & to hope
that you may have
many; & happier ones
than I can - But I
wish to be grateful to
God who allows me
still to carry on His
work, altho’ in the
midst of heavy sorrows,
{illeg} from having
lost by death nearly
all my fellow workers
- and I only am left
to continue, (such a
poor creature as I am)
what they did so
manfully. I would not
speak so openly but that your
{written in the left margin}
kindness encourages me - FN.
Indeed it is now 2½ years since I was told that I could expect nothing but an increase of illness till my death.

I am too so overwhelmed with business - such business as can be transacted on a sofa - that it must excuse my delay in answering your kind note -

But I was unwilling that any one should answer it but myself & still more unwilling that you should attribute my declining your request to indifference or to any but the real motive -

Believe me to be dear Madam
sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

The great cities of the North, Liverpool, Manchester &c are to me so interesting that I wish I could help

{4 lines scribbled out}
5483/83/6 signed letter, 1f, pen {archivist:} Autograph of Florence Nightingale

MS

Sir

In beginning a new Hospital, it is of the greatest consequence to obtain the best information I therefore take the liberty of applying to you, in common with many others, & of begging that you will kindly take the trouble to answer the following queries -

5483/83/7 signed letter fragment, 1f, pen

“And when their legs were cutted off
They fought upon their stumps” -

It seems to me that the Sanitary “legs” of India have undergone amputations lately. without however poetic genius being evolved.

Pray believe me ever your faithful servt.

Florence Nightingale
act sufficiently.
    I cannot find out that there is any love affair.
    But indeed if I did not know her well enough to be all but sure there is none, I should not be likely to find it out now.

    She herself attributes her state entirely to her brother’s death -
    Her father died of heart disease: her mother & brother of consumption. She has no home.
    I thought I would write you this account before you sent her Medicine.
    In the night I made up my mind that I would ask you to look in today
as if to see me: feeling it impossible that I could run the risk of such another night for her, with no old (woman) servant in the house whom I could trust.

But you will judge best what to do: & what about seeing her to day: & what the danger may be.

[Mrs. Swann came here asking last night at 9 o’clock to see me. I could not see her but she slept in the house: & is here till this evening.]

I wrote to the man at Nottingham for his Acct. for the Lithia & Potl Typhons: but he said he had sent it to you. Pray let me pay it.

I trust you will not think me unduly nervous:

Pray believe me ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq
& Hospital Improvement
Commission is to be
adopted as the basis,
then Sir Proby Cautley
& Sir Ronald Martin,
with Mr. Rawlinson,
will have to act on
it, when Indian
questions are discussed.
If an India Office
Commission is appointed,
it should consist of
Sir P. Cautley
   R. Martin
   Dr. Sutherland
   Capt. Galton
   Mr. Rawlinson
But this is only for
your own information.
The necessity of the
four Commissions
must be urged on
the public - the names
must be left to
the W.O. and the
I.O., with whom
I am in communication.
   I will not
write a long letter,
because you are so
thoroughly up to the
subject.
   My kind regards
to “Maria”. Ever yours
gratefully & beseechingly
   F. Nightingale
Wellcome Ms 5484

5483/83/10 envelope, 1f, pen postmarked: CROMFORD D SP23 6?1

S. Dixon Spain
2 Lansdowne St.
Anlarby Road
Hull
23/9/81
{archivist: Florence Nightingale}

5483/83/11 envelope, 1f, pen

[2] 3 pamphlets
1 fly sheet
Sir Robert Rawlinson &c &c &c &c
11 Boltons
Brompton
F Nightingale
23/1/93

5483/83/12 envelope, 1f, pen

Colonel H. Yule CB R.E.
India Office
Florence Nightingale
26/5/83

with Florence Nightingale’s compliments
Barrack Hospital
Scutari
12 April 1855
I am very sorry to have to communicate to you the illness of your poor son, Private John Cope, 95th Regiment, No. 2884. He was admitted here about ten days ago suffering from diarrhea. He was immediately attended to by surgeons, by one of my nurses and myself. He was fed in small quantities and frequently with port wine and arrowroot. He wished very much to have a letter written to you, and two or three times I went to him for the purpose, but he was always too weak and put it off, and once he wandered and said it was done. He often murmured, “dear, dear mother!” and tried to say many things to you—that he was well cared for and wanted for nothing—that he had no wish for anything. I sent for the chaplain, who came twice, and both times he was quite sensible and prayed fervently, and said he was quite happy in mind and could follow all that was said. He spoke little after this, and sank rapidly and died at 2 o’clock on the morning of Easter Sunday, quite quietly and without pain, in the full hope of a resurrection with Him who rose again on that day.

I remain with true sympathy for your grief,
yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

P.S. I would have sent you something of his, but he left nothing.
LETTER FROM MISS NIGHTINGALE--The following
is a true copy of a letter from Miss Nightingale, to the
parents of John Cope, of Spondon, near Derby:--
Barrack Hospital, Scutari, April 12 1855.--I am very
sorry to have to communicate to you the illness of
your poor son, Private John Cope, 95th Regiment, No.
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your grief, yours sincerely, Florence Nightingale.--
P.S. I would have sent you something of his, but he
left nothing.--Derby Mercury

Your words of affectionate sympathy come home to my heart and will be
ever treasured among recollections dear to me. I have read each well
remembered name, in your memorial with grateful pleasure in having
been thus remembered by you.

My friends, if I have been permitted a little to labour in God’s
work I may not call your kind words my reward, because our Father’s
work needs no reward, and to soothe such sufferings as we saw bravely
borne was a solace which could only make us grateful to be so
employed. But this I will say—your words shall cheer me on, while
life lasts, in doing such work as may yet be permitted to me. The
country you live in is, indeed my well-beloved home. Its woods and
fields, and cottages are cherished, in my remembrance. It will gladden
me to see them again whenever my work shall permit. But I shall best
show the value of your sympathy if, in it I find encouragement still
to do what I can, even though it keep me at a distance from my home. We can do no more for those who have suffered and died in their country’s service. They need our help no longer. Their spirits are with God who gave them. It remains to us to strive that their sufferings may not have been endured in vain, to endeavour so to learn from experience as to lessen such sufferings in future by forethought and wise management.

God bless you all, I say with all my heart, and I will beg of you to think of me always as your faithful friend and wellwisher

Florence Nightingale

Lea Hurst
Matlock
23 October 1856

My dear Lydia

The purpose mentioned to me in your letter has my deepest sympathy. It would have been most congenial with my feelings on my return from the death beds of so many brave men, to take a part in it. I shall be with the men of Sheffield in spirit, whenever they execute their proposed plan. It is with real pain that I feel compelled to decline the privilege which they offer me--of laying the first stone. But I believe I shall best honour the cause of those brave dead by abstaining from appearing to court that publicity which I consider to have been my greatest impediment in the work I have been engaged in for their sakes, impeding it by arousing in some minds care for worldly distinction.

I will ask you to give this letter to Mr Overend. And I should be glad that Mr Overend should make known to those who had expressed a desire that I should lay the first stone my reasons & my sorrow for not doing so, and should say also that I feel an especial regret in declining this at Sheffield from old & dear family recollections connected with the place. I must apologize for so late an answer, as I have only just returned home.

Believe me, my dear Lydia, ever very truly yours

Florence Nightingale
Miss Shore, Meersbrook

5484 f38v printed extract no date, evidently at Lord Mayor’s meeting. “Sergeant Holloway, 32d Regiment, having been called upon to bear testimony to the kindness, attention and exertion of Miss Nightingale and the nurses under her control said, my lord mayor, my lord lieutenant and gentlemen, I have great pleasure in bearing out what my friend Mr O’Dwyer said relative to the nurses in the Crimea who attended on the sick and wounded soldiers. (Cheers) I myself was
Wellcome Ms 5484

ordered to one of these hospitals for medical attendance and that worthy lady, Miss Nightingale, was there. I was admitted and treated as a soldier under her superintendence (hear hear) and I can appreciate her exertions. I was a patient in that hospital for three months suffering from my wounds, and when I recovered I was employed as wardmaster in the hospital, which appointment gave me an opportunity of appreciating the attendance which she gave to the sick, the wounded and the dying, and when I was told to parade the hospital through the different hours of night I found her in attendance with her jug of wine and arrowroot for the sick and wounded. When I was called upon to attend and tender my assistance in carrying out those duties she required me to perform, in keeping the stores which the hon gentlemen of England so generously sent out to us, I have always found her present there to see that they were all correct, and to issue orders to the wardmasters and to take care that the wounded and sick men of her division were treated as soldiers ought to be treated—to see that they were properly attended to.....if ever we are called to the field again, may we never want a Nightingale! (Great cheering)

5484 f40 printed letter from FN looks n.d. The workmen in a large manufactory in the neighbourhood of Newcastle-upon-Tyne sent an address to Miss Nightingale congratulating her on her return. FN replied:

23 August [1856]

My dear Friends, I wish it were in my power to tell you what was in my heart when I received your letter; your welcome home, your sympathy with what has been passing while I have been absent, have touched me more than I can tell in words. My dear friends, the things that are deepest in our hearts are perhaps what it is most difficult to us to express.

“She hath done what she could.” Those words I inscribed on the tomb of one of my best helpers, whom I left in the graveyard at Scutari. It has been my endeavour, in the sight of God, to do as she has done. I will not speak of reward, when permitted to do our country’s work. It is what we live for. But I may say that to receive sympathy from affectionate hearts like yours is the greatest support, the greatest gratification, that it is possible for me to receive from man. I thank you all, the 1800 , with grateful, tender affection, and I should have written before to do so, were not the business which my return has not ended almost more than I can manage.

Pray believe me, my dear friends,
yours faithfully and gratefully
Florence Nightingale

f40 copy of a letter by Nightingale

30 Old Burlington St. London W.
21 May 1860

Dear Madam
I have long wished to contribute, if I could, to the good you are doing, and to know more about your own idea of the way in which it should be extended.

I will ask you to accept the mite I send.

I am myself overwhelmed with business and illness, from which there is no prospect of release for me but death.

But it would give me the truest pleasure to know a little more of (and to help, if I could) the effort you are making so successfully and in a way so interesting to me.

Yours most truly

Florence Nightingale

Forgive my addressing you not like a stranger.
The accounts of articles thus distributed in the hospitals of Scutari, up to 15 February 1855, have been printed in the "Blue Book" entitled "Report upon the State of the Hospitals of the British Army in the Crimea and Scutari." I have, besides, given to each soldier on leaving hospital a set of warm clothing and of articles of comfort, such as soap, brush and comb, housewife with needles, thread, buttons, scissors, etc., to repair his own clothing--the choice of such articles depending on whether he is returning home invalided, or convalescent to his regiment.

The difficulties existing in the distribution of the gifts of our general friends at home are, perhaps, hardly appreciable excepting by those who have been in the Crimea, but will be at once recognized by the excellent agents of your association.

1. That the authorities here, firstly, object to an indiscriminate generosity, the soldier being frequently liable to exchange superfluity for drink.

2. That the soldier is necessarily limited as to baggage, and cannot carry with him more than a certain quantity.

3. That were I to send articles unasked for, and which the purveyor’s, quartermaster’s or barrack master’s stores already possess, this would be to ensure the waste of the valuable property so liberally contributed and committed to my charge, upon which account I have made the rules above-mentioned. When, however, I state that in the three months ending 15 February 1855, upwards of 17,000 shirts, cotton and flannel, had been distributed by me in answer to medical requisitions in the hospital[s] of Scutari alone, it will appear that the generosity of our country has not been wasted. I beg leave only to add my conviction that the whole of this property, which the Crimean Fund Association would entrust to my care may be usefully applied during the present war. My report of the distribution of all articles committed to my charge will be printed, in order that they may be thus accounted for.

I have written a much longer letter than is at all convenient to your lordship’s time, feeling it to be my duty to offer an explanation before undertaking a charge, of the manner in which it would be discharged.

I have the honour to be, my Lord your obedient servant Florence Nightingale

The Earl of Ellesmere, &c &c

Mrs Pratt.
I am most sincerely grieved to be obliged
Wellcome Ms 5484

to send you sad news of your Husband. He came into this Hospital 4 days ago, He then appeared exhausted from long continued Diarrhea. My head nurse & myself saw him immediately that he was brought in. He appeared very glad to get here - he said to me “Now I shall get food that I like --now I shall get well.” For a couple of days he went on very well. He took much food to build up his strength, which was given to him, a little at a time, as often as he could take it. He liked our tea & broth & pudding & appeared to take all with pleasure, but yesterday he appeared to yet worse, He took his tea, however, from the nurse, at 5 o clock as usual, but at 7, I grieve to say, he sank, while the nurse & wardmaster were standing by his bed. His death was at last rather sudden. I hope it may be some comfort to you that he had all the care possible here- The Doctor who attended him was very attentive, as was the nurse who attended to his ward, & I saw him myself everyday as did also my head nurse. He had also the attendance of the Chaplain. He asked me to write to you, though at that time, he did not appear to anticipate that he should ot recover.
he asked me to send you
£2.10 which will reach you
by Post Office order. The last
time I saw him he could not
speak very distinctly &
I was not sure what he
said, but I think he

desired to be remem-
bered to your Father
& Mother- He was most
grateful & patient &
quite resigned. I am
truly grieved for the
sorrow this letter must
give you. I hope you
may find comfort
in your sad loss in
thinking that his earthly
trial is over, & in the
hope of a happy
meeting in a better
world.

I remain
yours truly
Florence Nightingale

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Castle Hospital
Balaclava
Oct 29/55

My dear Mrs. Pratt

Your letter to Miss Salisbury
was forwarded to me here, where
I have been call’d by my Hospital
duties - I think you are entitled
to assistance from the “Patriotic Fund”
You must apply to the Secretary -
16a Great George St
Westminster
& you must state as follows -
Ellen Pratt
28 Tenton Row, Hyson Green
Nottinghamshire
Widow
Here state your age & your Parish
widow of Edward Pratt
No.1717 Land Transport Corps - serving in the same when he fell sick
died Sepr 26/55 of Diarrhoea at
Scutari Barrack Hospital -

Sickness contracted while in
discharge of his duty, (enclose my
certificate, state when & where
you were married -
shew your marriage certificate
to the Person who signs your
application -

Three boys
  aged 8 years
  4 years
  1 year
{state if they are all actually
dependent on you & then state
if you have other relief & what,
also your means of obtaining
a livelihood, & how much, &
if you or your children have any
infirmity - get a surgeon to
certify it - Have the statement

sign’d by a Magistrate or
Minister, & sent to the above
direction I will apply to
the Land Transport Corps here
for your late husband’s arrears of
pay to be transmitted to you, if any.
I sent you all the money he had
by him at his own desire - He had
no watch His clothing will be sold
& the proceeds transmitted to you

I remain with true sympathy
for you great loss, yours

Florence Nightingale

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Wellcome Ms 5484

send it to you, with another which he was already reading, a New Testament, and a letter of yours, which was under his pillow, and his purse, containing 1l 1s. He was taken worse on the 13th, and became delirious. He was most carefully attended by two doctors, by the chaplain, by myself, and by a kind, and skilful nurse. He was very grateful and good, but alas! nothing could save him, and he died at eleven o’clock the same night. How sorry I am to tell you this bad news I cannot say. From the little I saw of your husband, I should say that his was a heart turned to God and accepted by Him. Let us hope that what is your loss is his gain. He often spoke of you. Believe me yours, with true sympathy, FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.”