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Dear Miss Fisher

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

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

I do not quite know what you refer to when you say that you are "hardly judged" by me. But that too is a matter we can better discuss by word of mouth— as well as other matters.

Believe that all your matters touch me tenderly.

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

Boston College, FN letter to Mrs Lewis, ink

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
April 1 1855
My dear Mrs Lewis
I am most happy to
be able to inform you that
your friend Charles Knight,
of the Gr Gds, is gone home,
& that Aymer is so too -
So they will be seen
again by their poor wives.
Alas! Lowden is dead -
of Dysentery - here on the
28th Feb. So is poor Barfoot.
I have no time but
to say that I am ever yours
Florence Nightingale
May 27 1882
[printed address] 10, South Street
Park Lane, W.

My dear Sir
An article on the Army Med. Dept. in a recent No. of the 'Army & Navy Gazette' is attributed to you. In it you are supposed to say that Medical Officers should have titles of Major Genl, Colonel, & so on— that they should all hang together to obtain this.

I said that I did not think such at all were your opinions from pamphlets I had read of yours.

If you could be so very kind as to let me see this number, I would faithfully return it to you.

2. The authorities (favourable) say of the A. Med. Dept is made 'Royal,' the Commissariat will wish for the title of 'Royal.'

What do you say to this?

In haste ever your faithful servt.

F. Nightingale
G. Evatt, Eq M.D.
My dear Sir,

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

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

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

God speed you.

Pray believe me
ever yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

W. Clark Esq
Boston College, typed copy of FN letter to Alice Fisher

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
July 27/81
Dear Miss Fisher,

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

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

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

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

In haste
yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Boston College, typed copy of letter

Scutari Hospital
March 26 1855
My dear Madam

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

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

Perhaps I may still have the pleasure of seeing you here.

Pray believe me
In haste
Florence Nightingale
Dear Sir,

My poor Matron,

Mrs. Walford died yesterday, after a few hours' illness, of Cholera. She is to be buried today.
The coffin will leave this Hospital at 3 o'clock. I propose to meet at The General Hospital to attend it about twenty minutes after three. And it would greatly please me, if one of the Officers now here would join us, & pay this tribute of respect to the memory of one who has served the Hospital well and faithfully.

I remain dear Sir

Yours Truly

Florence Nightingale

Scutari Barrack Hosp=

August 31/55
Scutari
Barrack Hospital
January 27/56

Sir

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

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

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

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

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

I have done my little utmost to serve as a Savings Bank & transmitter of money home for the men & have exercised the latter office {‘exercised’ overtop an illeg} at
the rate of £1000 per month in small sums in this Depot alone —

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

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

I assure you that I will do all in my power to promote the Savings Banks, which I shall always consider as your children — & that no one, not even yourself, has felt more deeply than I have the cruel injury to the soldier’s moral character in the Crimea, consequent upon his being driven into drink by plenty of money & nothing to do with it —

Matters are however greatly amended there— I rejoice to say

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

Sir,

your grateful & obedient servt

Florence Nightingale

Sir Howard Douglas

General

&c &c
Scutari
Barrack Hospital
January 27/56
Sir
In reply to your letter of January 20, I beg to inform you that Private James Ryan states that Corpl- Trollope 62\textsuperscript{nd} Regt=, then Acting Pay Serjeant, did offer him his pay, (sent down by Dr. Alder, sick,) for Dec/54 Jan/55 & Feb/55, that, on Pte Ryan stating that the money for Feb/55 was not due to him, Corpl- Trollope said that there was some mistake, & would not give him the two months’ really due to him, but returned the money to a Captain ----, Pte Ryan does not remember his name - I warned Pte Ryan before that the consequence of his persisting in a falsehood, if it were me would be his trial by Court Martial - But it does not appear that either he or even Capt= Trollope have been guilty of dishonesty- And he
repeated his story without an appearance of confusion. With regard to his remittance home, I must have this, mis-expressed myself, if I conveyed to you the idea that Pte Ryan transmitted it thro’ any but the regular channel- Had he sent it in a letter, he would have had no right to complain- But it was transmitted thro’ the same Corpl= Trollope Acting Pay Sergeant, by means of the Pay Master,

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

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

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

Sir, your obedt- servt

Florence Nightingale
Castle Hospital
May 6/56
Dear Sir
I have consulted Dr. Matthew, Principal Medical Officer here, & he thinks that, with regard to Mrs. Sloman, (of the Regiment under your command), it would be the easiest plan for the Regiment to pitch her tent close to our hut here & to ration her from the Regiment- Our women will attend to her & give her Extras from our kitchen- Dr. Matthew will give her treatment- He thinks, upon hearing what her complaint is that she will be fully as well off in a tent as in a hut- But, should it prove better to move her into a hut, it can be done- Only for this the Inspector General’s leave must be asked.
I conclude that she will understand that no one but her husband must visit her- But in a Regiment so well disciplined as the 50th=, it is hardly necessary to mention this. There is a Sentry close to where the tent would be pitched-
I am obliged to
keep the female “Regiment”
“under my command”
dery strict orders
too - & if it were
found that Mrs. Sloman
secreted drink or
performed other such
feats, I should be
obliged to withdraw the
attendance of my women.
These hints are perhaps
all unnecessary, as I
have never seen any
Hospitals in such
good order as those of
the 50th, owing, I believe,
to the personal superintendence
given by its officers- I
remain, dear Sir, yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

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

Combe Hurst
Kingston on Thames
S.W.
Dec 21/56
My dear Sir
I received your two kind notes
of Dec 15 & 16, & forwarded to Martha
Orton the same day your most
considered appointment. I have
heard of her acceptance & her joy, &
only hope she will give as much
satisfaction as she feels - I am truly
obliged to you - She is all that I
said of her. But I have women of
better education who were out with
me in the East -, of the same class,
whom I could really recommend to you,
should you require at any future
time a hard working & intelligent
woman who understands cooking &c.
I am very anxious to see your
Fulham & am truly grateful for your
offer to let me see it under your auspices – I am so driven with business now that I cannot fix a day – But I hope you will let me do so soon, & believe me with kind regards to Lady Amelia Jebb,

ever most truly yours

Florence Nightingale

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

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

My dear Sir
I dare say that you have forgotten the subject of your Nuns of Séez in Normandy, about whom I was to make inquiries of Messrs. Burns & Lambert, from whose house their “Directeur,” M. Roullin, wrote to you – I have done so, without using either your name or my own. And I regret to find that my “compagnes de dévouement” are not connected with any of the three Communities or any who sent me out Nuns – or with any others in England or Ireland – Nor are they connected in any way with the Soeurs de Charité de S. Vincent de Paule, who furnished all the French & Sardinian troops with “Soeurs.” And, altho’ my informant assures me that your Nuns of Séez were
with the French troops
in the field, they must
have been there in the
spirit & not in the
flesh, a valuable power
which I wish I had -

Believe me
faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

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

30 Old Burlington St.
W
July 17/58

My dear Sir

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

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

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

yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

The printed paper was
presented by Mr. Herbert
privately to Genl= Peel,
being our answer to the
defendants of Netley. [end]
Great Malvern
Aug 17/58    [16:279]
My dear Sir
If you still think that the question of the general improvement of Hospitals can be raised with profit, & that the “Builder” would take in two or three Articles, will you take the trouble to glance over the enclosed & if you think it useful, to alter or add to it in any way you think fit? Any succeeding Article ought to be illustrated with wood-

cuts of what ought to be done & not done, which I would gladly furnish-

I have been so impressed with the idea that Hospitals, in their present condition, are a curse & not a blessing, (and I am so little likely, I believe, to recover enough to make any great improvements myself) that I should feel a real consolation in thinking that you & the “Builder” would lend your powerful aid to this cause -

ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale
If this paper is too
little architectural for
a “Builder,” perhaps
you would kindly
have it returned
to me, as I think
I should make some
other use of it-     [end]
F.N.

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

Gt Malvern
Aug 31/58   [16:279]
My dear Sir

Thank you very
much for what you
have done – I think
the tracings will do
very well as indications.
You & I should make
some further criticisms
even upon those we
have recommended,
if adopted exactly.
I have no copy

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

{ Lariboisiere
{ Beaujon
{ & Vincennes at Paris
{ S. Pierre
{ & S. Jean at Brussels     [in Sept 11 1858 article]

I have two letters to
thank you for. All
that you say is
admirable- And
what you propose
(the pamphlet) I
must consider -
the plans you
allude to I must
get. Jebb’s I have.
The internal
arrangements of
Hotels &c, upon
which you make
such a just
 crusade, are too
common every where
[end]

1/1/10 signed letter, 2ff, pen RP 851

30 Old Burlington St.
Sept 9/58 [16:506]

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

in our best Hospitals.
More cubic space is
required in London
than in Paris for
sick. Each ward
is for 32 sick.
Either I should think
a very good ward.
But less than No= 1
I would not accept.

ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale
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1/1/11 signed letter, 5ff, pen, RP 851, rawlnson
30 Old Burlington St. [16:507-08]
Sept 12/58
My dear sir
I am always very slow, (as a person with nothing but practical experience & no scientific knowledge, generally is,}
I believe) in criticizing plans.
Upon going over yours again, I think A. that it would be inadmissible to carry up the chimney breast [?] thro’ the ceiling of the ward. The fire must have its chimney carried under the floor & up the side wall, if possible. [I have been told this is now done with success.] If not, then we must have the fire-places in the side-walls. Are not the fire=
places too near each other?

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

3. The ventilated ceiling introduces a new element. We wish to ventilate solely by doors & windows. If we go farther, we must study farther & determine the best way what the effect of the ceiling would be with doors & windows.

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

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

[2]

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

5. I think we will keep, please, to shewing the arrangements for a single ward, not a duplicate one- For a duplicate one, which however I don’t want
to consider just now,
I think I can imagine a re-arrangement, which would be better than a repetition, of the same parts, viz. Nurse’s room, scullery & stair-case.

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

P.S.S. 1. We have collected a great deal of information about Hospital ventilation - We find ceiling ventilation often very unsuccessful. If you would like at some future time to put a paper in the Builder upon Ventilating Methods, all our experiments should be at your disposal, if you would put them into form -

2. Also, I see in a note to the present Number, you offer a detail plan of the
Lariboisière - I have plans drawn to scale of that Hospital & Notes (or I could write Notes) if they would be of any service- But the plans being rather dilapidated I should not like them to go farther than your Office.

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

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

4. I have made a summary at the end of the paper, taken out my evidence, & made a few alterations. Upon measuring steps for sick, I doubt whether the rise should be more than 4 ½ inch. I need not say how unfeignedly I feel
that I ought always
to be cautious in
differing from your
better judgement
& how much I feel
your patience and
kindness in doing
all this -

ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

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

30 Old Burlington St.
Sept 15/58 [16:279]
Dear Mr. Rawlinson
I think I had better
see the proof before it
goes to Press (for the
"Builder",) if you would
be so very good as to
send it me to
Great Malvern -
Because I rather think
instead of put Infantry Barrack
I should have been put for
"Cavalry Barrack" in

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

[poss change to military]

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

Gt Malvern
Sept 22/58 [16:280]
My dear Sir
I trouble you with
the Proof, because I have
not the Builder’s address.
I am so driven with
business to day that I
can do no more than
thank you for all the
trouble you have taken
& for your plans which
I liked very much.
I hope to see you
when I return to London
next month -
I have corrected the Proof - I have made
no alteration in your
Remark on Artificial
Ventilation in the Note.
I hope your Note
will not be taken
for an approval of it.
I should like to
know the Death Rate
in the American Lunatic
Asylums – When buildings
require artificial
ventilation it betrays
an original defect
in construction. When
nations, a poverty in
fuel –

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

The Paris Hospitals otherwise
so superior to ours are never
fresh

yours ever sincerely
& gratefully
F. Nightingale

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

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

My dear Sir
I am going to ask
your most valuable
advice- & in doing
so, I must be allowed
to ask it professionally
or not at all –
A friend of mine
has built a school
for 120 boys & girls.
and is desirous, instead of the usual
barbarous out=offices, to introduce water closets or water latrines with lavatories- The water supply is from a well, 21 yards deep & between 4 & 5 ft across, in which the water stands 4 ft deep. It is proposed to raise it to the surface by the labour of the boys- the mouth of the well being 14 ft above the ground where it is proposed to place the water closets.

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

It is proposed to conduct the drainage to a field about 30 yds from the school wall. The place is a hilly spot in Derbyshire - Please write me your advice on the subject- I know no other upon which I can depend - I think what you were so good as to send me last night on Hospital Construction most important - so
much so that I do not think it is my place to use it -
My paper (as you will see, if you hear it at Liverpool) is written without any more knowledge than any experienced Nurse might have, (I wish I could say has.)
What you ought to do with what you have sent me is to write a paper yourself from the Engineering point of view & back mine with it at Liverpool.

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

Believe me to be yours sincerely & gratefully
F. Nightingale

If you will not make any use of the enclosed, I should like to have it back very much, as I approve cordially of every sentence. But I think it would be of essential use if you were to draw up, were it but a few sheets, a Paper on the subject for Liverpool. My paper refers exclusively to observed defects in
1/1/15 initialed letter, 3ff, pen black-edged paper

30 Old Burlington St
London W
5/11/58

My dear Sir

I send you a little Vol: which you may have seen - I knew the man, a good but by no means unusual specimen of the manly English solider - I think P. 41 to P. 50 & P. 59 are worth looking at as proofs of his our men’s simplicity, their good sense, their unalterable patience - The English solider is worth suffering a good deal for - poor fellow -

I agree with you about the Medical Profession- But, if you read the Army Medical Warrant of Oct 1/58, you will see that we have given the greatest lift to
the Army Doctors a
Scientific profession
has ever had - With
regard to the Civil
Doctors, if such a
man as you would
enter the profession,
nothing would give
it such prestige -
But this is just
what such a man
as you will not do.

Thank you for
your kind wish of

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

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

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

ever faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale
With regard to the
Crimean rewards, I believe
it was only necessary
for a man to have a
cloud upon him, &
he might be made
a K.C.B.- Any share
in the bringing about
the catastrophe,
however serious such
a share might be,
was a qualification
for a reward or an
honor. But surely
that is not what
we covet.

F.N.
1/1/16 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
29/11/58
Messrs. Harrison
Please to send copies
of my Precis to
Honble George Waldegrave
4 Harley St.
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The Lady Noel Byron
11 St. George’s Terrace
(2 Vols:) Regent's Park
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John Thornton Esq
Clapham Common
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11 King's Bench Walk
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Edward Marjoribanks
jun. Esq
59 Strand
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the "Notes on Matters" &c
(& not the "Subsidiary
Notes") to be sent to
all these, excepting
the names under which
(2) Vols: is written - & the
"Confidential" to be
written on each Vol:
as before
=======================
Please to send by Bearer
the last Revise of "Contribution
to the Sanitary History of the
British Army", of which
I have received a copy
made up this morning.
Florence Nightingale

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

Hampstead N.W.
Sept 27/60 [16:374-77]
Dear Mr Rawlinson
I have only just read over
Dr. Combe’s paper in the “Builder”
describing a plan for a Regimental
Hospital. There are some points
in it, which I do not like
to pass over, without writing
to you. Perhaps you would
think well to write to Mr.
Godwin about them. I cannot
enter into any controversy. But
principles are at stake. And
as there is an appearance of
knowledge in the paper, I ought,
at least, to state my opinion
on the plan, in order that, at all
events, you may not think that
I acquiesce in it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. I am not able to go into the
errors of detail in the Offices.
There are 30 separate apartments
(or places) for 92 beds- or nearly
one for every 3 Patients. Of all
things, avoid unnecessary holes &
corners in Military Hospitals:-
additional places to clean (also to
skulk in.)
5. The large hall is an unnecessary expense.
6. The Hospital Serjeant is placed exactly where he ought not to be, viz. at the greatest distance from the wards. The Hospital Serjt= ought to overlook his wards by day & by night. Military Hospitals are to cure the sick, not to be married in.
7. There are two wards of 4 beds each, which have only one window each, & are not ventilated enough for a dog to sleep in. Dr. Combe, it is true, condemns them wards, but at the same time counts the beds into his “ninety= two beds”. The first thing I should do in an old Hospital, would be to close them altogether. I have seen such (in a Brit. Mil. Hosp.) for Ophthalmic cases, (as he recommends,) which were nests of disease & of Ophthalmic disease too

8. The administrative Offices are so placed that, besides there being an entire absence of anything like Architecture in them, they would increase the difficulty of administration.
9. I am no Engineer, but I would ask you whether his drainage is not as original as it is unnecessarily costly.
10. I am told that his Estimate of £100 per bed is nearly double that for which better (one=story) Hospitals have been already estimated for.
11. Lastly, Dr. Combe appears never to have apprehended the idea of a “General Hospital;”--- he considers it necessary to “agglomerate” sick together, in order to realize a “General” Hosp-

The Pavilion structure was [2]
introduced expressly, in order to make possible a General Hospital, without any one of the risks of “agglomeration”. There are General Hospitals at this moment with fewer sick under one roof than Dr. Combe puts in his “Segregation”, which he justly insists upon, will be effectually carried out in the new Woolwich Hospital - if by “segregation” he means the placing but a small number of sick in each building, & the isolating each building so as to form much more separate than the houses in a street are -

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

1. that Dr. Combe, who is an extremely able Medical Officer, supposes that the new Woolwich Hospital is to be an “agglomeration” of “Regimental Hospitals”. Such is not the case- It is to be a General Hospital under the new Regulations. [An agglomeration of Regimental Hospitals is simply an absurdity.]

2. that, judging by the style, the same hand has several times supplied the “Builder” with a criticism on the Woolwich Hospital site.

Once, he proposed a site which would have required the Repository, where men are drilled to their duties, at Woolwich to be abolished.
He proposed another, past which the Mortar practice takes place. He proposed a third, which Sir Thomas Wilson would not sell, and now he objects to the site chosen, “because it is on clay”, which it is not. It is, I am told on the Woolwich pebble bed, clay mixed with shingle,-- to obviate even the risk of damp from which the whole building will be raised on a basement, mostly above the level of the ground.

It would have better served the public interest, had Dr. Combe said where a better site was to be had. I merely mention this, because I have taken at least as much interest in it as Dr. Combe has. {Illeg word goes off page} I watched anxiously for every {illeg word goes off page} the “Builder” might contain, & found none only helpless objection-
This letter is, of course, only for yourself (&, should you choose to shew it to Mr. Godwin, for him)

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

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

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

Thank you very much for your two parcels of Books & Reports- Your Article on “water” I had not seen. Most of the others (by you) I have - Yet not the Woolwich one - Marked by you, they are the more useful to me. But I {'me' overtop you}
would return them to you, if you 
want them – for presents. {want overtop illeg}
Thank you very much for 
the beautiful little compasses –
   Ever, dear Mr. Rawlinson
   Yours very truly
   Florence Nightingale
R. Rawlinson Esq
Dr. Combe invites criticism in 
express words– And I believe is 
very fairly open to it – He is on(e) 
of the best Officers the Dept= ha(s) 
There are some curious little err{ors} 
about orderly attendance on sick. But 
don’t think these are things for the 
Builder’s pages –

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

Hampstead NW
Oct 8/60
Dear Mr. Rawlinson
   I take shame to 
myself for not having 
answered sooner your 
most kind & generous 
letter of Sept. 28.
But I really was 
not able –
   Your offer of help 
is too valuable to be 
declined. I am certain {declined overtop rejected}

that I should never 
now be able to bring out 
my cheap Edition of 
the Nursing book, 
(or the Hospl: Constrn: 
Manual which you 
suggest) without such 
help as yours –
   What would you 
think of putting 
down, in the first 
place, a few Notes 
as to your large 
experience in the
Boston University

drainage of Cottage
Property, especially that which the people can make themselves?

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

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

Believe me ever sincerely and gratefully yours

Florence Nightingale

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

Hampstead NW
Dec 17/60

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

You must have thought me very ungrateful never to have thanked you for three valuable letters I have had from you — for a paper on Cottage Construction & for sundry Board of Health {sundry overtop illeg} forms—
They will all be noted & made use of, if not in my cheap Edition of Nursing, in something else --

Also your letter about Lord Shaftesbury shall be noted

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

ever yours sincerely

& obliged

Florence Nightingale

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

30 Old Burlington St
W

Jan 9/61

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

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

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

But (as no one has contributed more than yourself
to shew the world) in every instance where water can be used, it should be used—
& this in preference to all other methods of dealing with house refuse. It is the least offensive & least expensive. Civilization is too far advanced to allow of these contrivances being adopted now, except in quite exceptional cases.

The waste of manure consequent on the present system can be prevented by the exercise of a little common sense. And the lack of such common sense is no reason for adopting such contrivances as this model shews to supply such lack.

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

In Barracks, the Barrack Commission have set their faces against it, as far as they could. It is such an exertion to me to write that I think I must ask you, when you have communication with Mr. Muir, kindly to thank him
for me & to say that I wish
my experience led me to
think better of his invention.
   I am come back to
town, as you see -
   You will have heard
of Mr. Herbert’s failing
health and his retirement
from the Ho: of Commons.
Our plans are of course
modified by this- altho’
he retains Office- And
Anxiety has made me
a good deal more
incapable than I was
before.
{bottom corner:} ever dear Mr. Rawlinson
I wish I yours sincerely
could somehow F. Nightingale
replace the
carriage=cost
to Mr. Muir

1/2/21 signed letter, 3ff, pen RP 851

30 Old Burlington St.

W.  
[16:589-90]

Jan 13/61

Dear Mr. Rawlinson
   I am very sorry to be
able to give you so little
assistance in my own County
town in such a good work.

   With regard to the
Sewerage the your only hope is
to convert the farmers & to show
them the advantage of the Sewage
in agriculture. They will not
let you turn the Sewage into
the Itchin. And Winchester
is without an outlet- We
had all this up, á propos
to the Winchester Barracks,
two years ago.
With regard to the Hospital, it is many years since I was there. But my impression is that nothing but rebuilding & removing it would be of any use—That this impression was shared by others, with recent local knowledge, you may infer from this:—that two years ago I was consulted about the rebuilding of this Hospital, and I offered my assistance in plans, etc. but the plans never came.

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

I am happy to say I know at least one Surgeon in a city of the North who, to his own great personal inconvenience, rather chooses to attend his own poor Patients, (accidents,) at their own homes, than to send them to the Infirmary in the town—And this, altho’ he has vast distances to traverse. Gangrene and Erysipelas, he says, are what they will find there—And these Winchester people dare to say that, in what ought to be as healthy a little County town like that, as any in England, these Hospital
diseases are “inevitable”!! They don’t have a Hospital at all.
You have so little notice-
else I could have helped your good work by writing to my Cousin, Mr. Bonham Carter, MP., Sir Wm Heathcote, Lord Ashburton, Lord Eversley, all of whom I believe might be enlightened - & stirred up- My father has little or no influence in the Northern Division of the County. But I hope, if you are going to sleep out, you would do so at Embley (Romsey Station) And I will write to him & say so-
Would you give me an answer as to these gentlemen?
yours every sincerely F. Nightingale Many thanks for Emerson.)

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

30 O B. St. Jan 20/61
Dear Mr. Rawlinson
The W.O., with unusual promptitude, which shews it thinks itself getting off very cheaply, “will certainly be “prepared to “support the “proposal of “paying £1000 “towards sewerage
“for Winchester
“Barracks.” x x “We
“have never been able to
“get any outlet.”
I could not ascertain
whether you thought
I had better write
to Sir Wm Heathcote
& others about the
removal of the
Hospital – When
you saw them –
what was their
temper about it?
Sometimes one only
complicates matters
by putting one’s foot
in the dish – I

asked Dr. Sutherland
to find out from
you what you
thought best.
My sister is
going down to Embley
on Wednesday &
would drive over
to Sir Wm Heathcote’s
& say anything we
wished–
I certainly never
would advise any
of the old Hospitals
to spend money
on alterations – [end]

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
15 February 1861
30. O. B. St.
Feb 15/61
Dear Mr. Rawlinson

1. My ideas about the Reading Hospl= are much too vague to help you. I have a general impression of inefficient drainage. The same description would do almost for every small provincial Hospl= in the Kingdom -- a private house, ill = fitted & worse adapted for a Hospl= - light, air & cubic space about half what is requisite - all that has to do with sewerage imperfect -

As to Nursing to which you alluded in re Winchester Infirmy, I have had recently Returns from all the provincial Hospls=. And even I was amazed at the ignorance & penuriousness,
which called that Nursing, & which consisted of employing women so ill= paid that they could not have been fit to be maids of all= work, - without any system of Upper & Under Nurse - all equal among themselves under a Matron who was almost always the Steward - & never had any knowledge of Nursing [end] [hosp add]

2. I enclose a fragment about Winchester -

Would it not be desirable for you to send them the account of some town by you drained & sewered, with the actual cost - where you have been within or exact to your Estimate. This would remove the distrust expressed in my enclosure, as to expence
I shall be most happy to place my services at your disposal in all that concerns the Reading Hospital. It is quite possible that you may find it capable of improvement—& not necessarily to be removed or rebuilt. And I shall be very glad to help in any such plan.

3. I will send you the specification for the Regn1= Hospl=, as soon as I get it. I am asked to tell you that the plans are private & for you alone, till they are lithographed & published. [end]

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
Feb 20/61

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

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

There are a good many questions which I should wish to ask, before I could have any confidence in the opinions I should like to give - But it would take you too long to answer them in writing.

Dr. Sutherland says the same thing.

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

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

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

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

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

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

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

In India we say feet where we here should say inches. Could you contrive for India my No= 2? they are singularly deficient there in such things. [end]
April 10/61
Dear Sir
I am much obliged to you for your note and the Circular- (of yesterday) I am printing an addition, sanctioned by Dr. Farr, to the paper on Hospital Statistics - And

as soon as the thing is complete, the required number of copies shall be sent to the Registrar General’s Office -
Believe me
dear Sir
Yours faithfully & obliged
Florence Nightingale
W. Clode Esq
Dear Mr. Rawlinson,

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

Please return them to me.

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

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

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

Depend upon it, other Hospitals, if as well enquired into, will give as
disastrous results
or more so -
I mean to
threaten the Hospital
authorities with
publishing this, in
order to make them
do what we like.
Sir W. Heathcote
is quite come round
to our side.

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

on the new Male
Convalescent Civil
Hospital there- near
Vincennes.
I think it more
nearly approaches to
your idea of the
separate cottages
for Convalescents
than anything that
could have been
planned -
There are obvious
defects in it, on
which we could
improve. But I

am afraid we might
have waited long
before an English
architect’s ingenuity
would have produced
such a plan.
It strikes me
as so very good.
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Please return this
Report to me as soon
as possible -
1/2/27 2ff, printed paper, re A Public Meeting May 28 for raising funds for the Soldier’s Home at Gibraltar
{at top in F.N. hand:}

with F. Nightingale’s earnest hope that
Dr. Farr, who has already done so much
for the Army, will aid the object of this
Meeting - & that Messrs. Hammack, Williams,
Clode will do so
likewise- The object
of Soldiers’
Institutes in general
is so important,
both in a
sanitary &
moral point
of view, to the
Army.
25/5/61

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

Hampstead NW
Sept 26/61
Sir
I beg to
acknowledge your
letter of the 24 th: encl. a Return
from the Borrella Lunatic Asylum, Ceylon -
And in offering my thanks for this,
I beg to re=iterate,
2. my acknowledgements for the Ceylon Native School Returns, (previously sent me on the 6th:) which are of immense value in determining the question as to how Native Children & races can be civilized without being destroyed -

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

I am Sir
Your obliged & obedt Servt
Florence Nightingale
William Robinson Esq
{upside down on bottom page in other hand:} Miss Nightingale
Hampstead NW
Oct 7/61

Private {on diagonal}
Dear Mr. Rawlinson
I heard with great regret that your daughter still continues in ill health - I should be very glad to hear from you how she really is. Has it ever been recommended to you to let her spend a winter in a Southern Climate?

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

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I have been engaged during your absence in
furthering the cause removal of the Winchester Infirmary. A Sub: Committee has met for the purpose - but had adjourned decision till November 5. Strange how little the best men will take the trouble to master the subject! I have had to write out the Substance of your Report all over again for Sir Wm Heathcote. Lord Ashburton has however promised £1000, if the Hospit is removed. If not, nothing.

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

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

yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale
Hampstead N W
Oct 30/61
Dear Mr. Rawlinson
I must congratulate you on having taken the Home Office position - & congratulate you all the more because I am afraid it involves a considerable money sacrifice on your part. I don’t know any man (or hardly any man) but yourself who would have done it.

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

Yours ever sincerely & admiringly
Florence Nightingale

Dear Mr. Rawlinson
Since I wrote this, I have your note about Winton Infirmy-

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

Stat (on Hospitals)--

Still, I have done it, altho’ these gentlemen might have read the originals

I do not think that I have anything to add to you -

2. The Bucks Infirmary was contracted for

at a cost of £7377, including polished Parian cement for walls & ceilings of wards, & oak floors for wards (beds 54)

x exclusive of cost of site

But Mr. Brandon, (the Architect) himself, estimated that the beds might be doubled, at a farther cost of only £1500. i.e. two wards under the two present ones, where the Administrative Offices now are (much too good) - these put out behind— [This does not include the cost of Out Patients’ Offices, which it is not fair to put down to cost of beds]
The plans (which you saw) are, as you will perhaps remember, two Pavilions end to end. And the elevation is by no means an inexpensive one.

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

But this is a wonder of cheapness. Also, the cubic space is only 1200 feet per bed.

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

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

I speak of Pavilions

x exclusive of cost of site & also of Out Patients’ Offices
of reasonable size i.e
Wards of 28 to 32 beds
at 1500 cubic feet per bed
And two floors of wards

If you will look
at the Barrack Report
of this year, p. 185
Fig. 87 you will see
the Regimental Hosp=
now building at £70
per bed
The N. Staffordshire
Infirmary is also going to
build: And they have
all my plans and
Estimates now to look
at.

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

31 Dover St W  [16:573]
Feb 24/62
My dear Mr. Rawlinson
I have not yet
thanked you for your
Report on West Ham
Sewerage – one of the
most interesting
things, I think, you
have done.
I am very glad
that you found the
drainage of Windsor
in so good a state.
But one of the great
evils of the present
time is to ally
typhoid fever exclusively
with bad drainage
or nuisance. And
hence the real cause
which no doubt exists
is overlooked.

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

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

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Dear Mr. Rawlinson
We hope to have
your views fully stated
about the sewering of
Indian towns.
At present they
use a vile system of
open cuts in front of
the houses, into which
all the filth goes, &
festers there.
As a general principle,
and where there is
good surface drainage,
no doubt the rainfall should mainly sweep over the surface. But in India the great evil in that, after the rains have soaked the ground, & as soon as the water level begins to descend below the surface, all kinds of fevers & bowel diseases shew themselves; & in fact this state of the subsoil is the main cause of Army Mortality.

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

In stating therefore the general principle that flood waters must be allowed to escape in the most
natural way, it will be necessary carefully to distinguish between flood waters & subsoil water, the removal of which latter by the most speedy method is the key to the sanitary improvement of Stations, so far as draining can have an effect.

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

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

This is the real Engineering work required.

==== There is this difference between English & Indian towns:---
English towns are paved & surface = drained, by which the water is carried to outlets or underground sewers.

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

English towns require “sewerage” in your sense. Indian towns in their present state require “sewerage” & “drainage”. [end 9:870]

Ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

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

Private {up diag}

4 Cleveland Row. {printed address}

S.W.

July 13/63

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I hasten to send you a copy of our India Sanitary Report. It is not yet presented. And the Ho: of Commons will only have the 8oo= edition.

If you can do any thing to publicize it for us, I am sure you will. It is always necessary to use much pressure
Lord de Grey and Lord Stanley are arranging with Sir C. Wood the home Commission, consisting of yourself, Dr. Sutherland, Capt. Galton, Sir. P. Cautley, Sir R. Martin. I only hope & pray that it may be done this month, before London disperses – As to the India administrative arrangements, we are putting what pressure we can upon authorities out there, to have them carried out. The question is nothing less than the creation of a Public Health Department for India. The report proposes Commissions of Health, one for each Presidency;– possibly a fourth will be necessary for the Punjaub a consultative Commission, with a responsible administrative head, would appear to be the best – And the whole might possibly be raised into a department of Government. If you can do any thing for us in the newspapers, urge these things. Every day’s delay is a loss.

Ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale
Hampstead N W.

Aug 15/63

Dear Lord Shaftesbury

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

It was however understood by us that it was to be of course presented to Parliament. "By mistake" Sir C. Wood presented (so he writes) a paltry 8°=, containing only the Report & a Precis of Evidence simply ludicrous from its incompleteness.

"By mistake" the type of the two folio Blue Books is broken up "By mistake" it
is not to be sold at the Parly Depots.

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

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

Would you apply for the two folio Blue Books for a copy for yourself?

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

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

your faithful servt Florence Nightingale
32, South Street, {printed address}
Grosvenor Square, W.

Dec 12/63

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I have had you & your great sorrow always in my heart this sad, sad time.
I fear she suffered much- And it is vain to say that the blow will be softened to you & her mother by the previous separation.

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

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

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

In three short months I lost all - & was left behind to strive after what they could have accomplished, after what they had worked at with me,
not daily, but hourly, for five years.
I know what you must feel. And with all my strength I say, my heart bleeds for you & her poor mother.
Pray offer her my respectful sympathy.
I scarcely like to talk to you of work. Yet such work as ours, work in God’s cause for mankind, is the only comfort—because it ties us up, as it were, with God & makes us feel, even at this sad, sad Christmas time, that His “good will towards men”, & towards us, & towards our dear ones, is still the same, in darkness & in light.

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

Florence Nightingale

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

F.N.
Dec 15/63
I have had a small quantity of very beautiful honey sent me from Malta, taken from the back of the island, (opposite to where St. Paul was wrecked, as is supposed) where the bees feed on thyme & aromatic plants. I have often eaten this honey myself in the East where it reminds me of our Lord, and the “broiled fish & piece of a honey = comb,” which is just what one sees still there.
If you, my dear Sir, could make any use of this honey, I should be so glad to send it you –
Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

8/1/64
Dear Mr. Rawlinson
Dr. Sutherland & I have been preparing the India drainage subject for the Commission. And I have written down the result, for the purpose of sending it to you –
The peculiarities of the India drainage
Boston University

question are
1. want of sufficient
   fall
2. difficulties of outlet
3. the long dry season
4. excessive rain floods
5. peculiar habits of the people
In some places, it might be necessary to obtain a fall by pumping the sewage. But then fuel is scarce & dear, and steam unavailable. Would you be good enough to look over the enclosed which has reference only to cities - & return it to me, after you have had time to consider it & improve it?

The Public Works Department which would carry out the works, contains the cream of all the Indo-European Engineering talent. But what they require is mainly information as to what has been done
in solving drainage questions, similar to theirs, in Europe.

The paper therefore should have this aspect.

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

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

Ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

32, South Street, {printed address}
Grosvenor Square. W.
Jan 9/64
Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I think it better to answer your note at once. What you contemplate doing & what we are authorized to do for India are two, alas! totally different things. The Barrack & Hospital Improvement Commission have no authority whatever to enter into the minute details of drainage
works in any suggestions to be sent to India. I believe that, even if they were asked, they would refuse to do so. The work required of them by their Instructions is of two kinds:---

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

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

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

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

   We have information so minute as to the most important Stations that we could almost do without
any farther information. But still such farther information, if you are not satisfied, can of course be asked for. All that is required of us now therefore is just to state the general principles of the subject. The woodcuts & general descriptive matter applicable to all kinds of sewers & drains, such as that contained in the pamphlet you have been so good as to send me, will be very useful; & to the extent to which you approve, should be introduced. They are the very things wanted. Pray let me thank you very much for your Bombay Sewerage Correspondence & for Messrs Fulton & Williams. Ever yours most truly F. Nightingale
32, South Street, {printed address}
Grosvenor Square. W.
14/1/64
Dear Madam
I have struck off
the Appendices, & made
some verbal alterations
so as to enable the
paper to "read without".
I am afraid it
cannot be abridged -
The last page only
could be left out -
And that would be
a pity, for it contains
the confession of the
Colonists that they
have been & are
killing the natives.
Please do send me
a proof for revisal.
yours most faithfully
F. Nightingale
Miss Craig
Dear Mr. Rawlinson,

We are very anxious not to hurry you, knowing how laden with a weight of work you are – already. This is only a reminder that, when you can let us have your “Water supply”, the work of the War Office = Indian Commission can go on.

And sir John Lawrence was very urgent that their general scheme for Sanitary Works should be sent out as soon as possible.

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
Dear Mr. Rawlinson

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

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

He proposes not to destroy the type but to transfer it to an Appendix.
Would you be so very good as to look over the Engineering detail & mark passages which an Engineer of ordinary education ought to know?

All strictly sanitary points should be kept in text.

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

Sir P. Cautley says they don’t make tanks in India as in England (as you say too) He says all material for embankments is more or less plastic. It is carried by coolies in baskets on their heads—& the whole mass trodden down solid by incessant walking of hosts of labourers—each carrying a few lbs. of earth & treading it down. They never use puddle walls, as the entire mass is solidified & made water tight. I dare say you know all this as well as he does.

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

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

We hope to have a
Meeting of Commission
on Monday week - I
wish we could have
had it before! [end 9:287]

I read every word
of your evidence on this
dreadful Sheffield
business - It makes
the causes very clear -
ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
R. Rawlinson Esq

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

Private {on diagonal}

115, Park Street. W. {printed address}

April 19/64

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

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

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

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

would save time to
have all the matter
ready to proceed
to press with,
immediately after
the next Meeting
of the Commission
This is why I
trouble you.       [end 9:289]
F.N.

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

Hampstead N.W   {N.W underlined and overlined}
Aug 19/64
Private {on diagonal}
Dear Mr. Rawlinson
Since I wrote to you yesterday, [9:373]
Mr. Delane, of the “Times”, has offered
in the kindest way to “do all & more
than” I “ask if” I “will but give” him
“the materials”.
This being the case, I think it
would be better, if you would kindly
send me what it would be well
to have said on the Indian “Suggestions”,
leaving me to negotiate the putting
it in the “Times”.
I hope this will reach you
in time, & believe me         [end 9:373]
Ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
27. Norfolk Street.  {printed address}
   Park Lane. W.
   22/2/65
   Dear Mr. Rawlinson
I have to thank you
very much for your
paper on the Lancashire
Works - I think that
is the greatest work
which has been done
yet.
   I should be very [9:872]
much obliged to you,
if you would be so kind
as to give me an
opinion, such as I
might send to Calcutta,
on the enclosed paper
regarding Disinfectants,
sent me from thence.
   I had just sent
Lord Stanley (privately)
Your opinion regarding
the Bombay reference
about Disinfectants, in
the Minute by which
you replied to Sir C.
Wood.  [end 9:872]

   Believe me
   ever yours sincerely
   Florence Nightingale
Private {on diagonal}
       June 17/65
       34, South Street,   {printed address}
             Park Lane
             London. W.
Dear Mr. Rawlinson
       Many thanks for your
Alkali Works Report.
       Mr. Ellis, President of the Sanitary Commission of the
Government of Madras, is in England, on 6 months’
leave, to possess himself practically of what you
have been doing in the various classes of works
which have been introduced in this country.
       Would you kindly put
him in the way of seeing
what has been done in
Civil Life in the following, among other, matters: -
1. the best sub-soil drainage
   works
2. specimens of town
   drainage, with fall & without fall
3. Methods of constant
   water supply by
   Sanitation & by
   pumping from wells
   &c &c Filtering
   on a large scale
4. specimens of house
   sanitary works adapted
   for the poorer classes
   (Irish labourers & such like)
5. completed examples of improved towns, in which constant water supply is combined with sewerage & the sewage applied to agriculture.

6. manufacturers of Sanitary appliances - e.g. Macfarlane’s (at Mr. Begg’s) Mr. Jennings, Doulton’s &c.

There is no end to the information you can give him. I have only mentioned a few points. Could you some day after next Wednesday meet him here, - say at luncheon, about 2 o’clock, & go into the matter with Mr. Ellis yourself, which you would do & much better than I can? [end 9:527]

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

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

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

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Would you be so good as to tell me what were the results you arrived at with Mr. Ellis on the subject of the systematic surveys of Stations and Native towns? From all the recent documents which I have seen, this is the point in which they were most defective. And I was very desirous
that you should have the opportunity of going personally over the subject with Mr. Ellis. Will you also tell me any points in which you think I could be personally useful in pressing the subject? [end 9:528]

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

1000 thanks for your inspiring letter about the Herbert Hospital

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

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

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I have been asked to send you the enclosed (from India,) containing an Extract, marked in red, from the Engineer’s report about the drainage of Calcutta— & to ask your opinion generally on the “insuperable” difficulties in the way of drainage, shewn,

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

F. Nightingale

Who would ever have thought of building a great capital on a quicksand, and then complaining that it was unhealthy? Was
it the true sons of Old
Leadenhall Street who
did this?  [end 9:546]
F.N.

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

Private {up diag} London March 20 1866
My dear Madam
I should be quite
unpardonable, if I had
not answered your
letters before from
neglect- But I hope
you will know that
the very reverse has
been the case. I did
not lose an hour in
putting your invaluable
information & papers
into the proper hands
(-not those of the
Colonial Office, which
I had tried before in
former years.) I also
communicated to these
gentlemen Your last, dated Dec 22/65
I know that they have
taken action upon this
information. And I
am to hear farther
from them - Whenever
I do, I shall of course
communicate with you.
I hope you will find
that, besides your other
inestimable labours,
is this also will have
borne fruit.
I do not think that I
should do any good
by communicating x directly
with the Officers of the

x as to “matters of detail & methods of management”
Sydney (Tarban) Asylum my comments upon your “papers”, as you incite me. Every thing depends upon the classes of cases, construction &c &c. And I might do absolute harm - I trust you will believe that I have done every thing in my power (& text cut out of letter) to you before is that my business always far out-weighs my strength - I being entirely a prisoner to my bed from illness - Pray believe me Dear Madam with overflowingly wishes for your complete success, a complete as you deserve ever Your faithful servt Florence Nightingale (additional text cut out of letter)

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

Private {up diag} April 26/66
35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London. W.
Dear Madam
In reply to your note, I am most anxious to help you, if I could - But I have never “made an engagement” with any person like that you describe. Nor have I ever had any correspondence (even) with any “maid, whose initials are K.R.”.
Your note has therefore thoroughly
puzzled me. But, as "K.R." "refers you to "Mrs Jervis" & "Mrs. Lowe", I may as well mention that, in January, I saw a person named "E. Baker", (from 7 Clarence Place Gillingham Kent) as an applicant for my situation as maid & housekeeper- that I applied, by her desire, to Mrs. Lowe & Mrs. Jervis for her character- both ladies answered, giving me an excellent character of her- that Mrs. Baker perfectly understood, as I see from her letters now before me, not only that I "made" no "engagement" with her - but that she was to hold herself at liberty to take any other situation - & that she might refer any lady to me for these characters
from Mrs. Jervis & Mrs. Lowe - once Mrs. Baker came to London accidentally & calling here, saw Mrs. Sutherland, an excellent friend of mine, who re-iterated to her the same thing. This is absolutely all I know of “E. Baker”. As Mrs. Jervis’ & Mrs. Lowe’s letters are rather confidential, & evidently not intended for E. Baker herself, I delay giving you farther information till I am quite sure we are speaking of the same person. I may as well add that it was from no fault I did not engage “E. Baker.” On the contrary, I certainly should have engaged her, had I been well. But I felt she was overpowering. And I felt she would not go on well with my other servants - I am an invalid, entirely
a prisoner to my bed. 
I am overdone with 
business. My illness 
was much aggravated 
by my interview with 
E. Baker - And I felt 
that to add one more 
item of over-doing 
to my already over-done 
life was quite 
impossible to me = 
But I did not come 
to this conclusion, being 
prostrated by illness, 
for some time. And 
E. Baker perfectly 
understood she was 
not “engaged”, & not to 
wait for my decision. 
If it is E. Baker of whom 
you are in search, 
I would rather she 
did not know what 
I have now told you— 
things which would 
not prevent her 
suiting you, I am 
glad to think. I 
will gladly answer 
any farther enquiries 
as well as I can from 
Mrs. Jervis’ & Mrs. Lowe’s 
letters - which indeed 
faithfully yours 
Florence Nightingale
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London W.
Sept 18/66

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

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

I have not been so ungrateful as I appear-
For a question about the “outlet main sewer” of Calcutta which you wished to have elucidated nearly six months ago, I addressed at once to Sir John Lawrence himself - the only way, I find, to get a question unanswered. I wrote to him on April 10. In a letter dated June 17, he acknowledges mine & encloses the Memo- which I send you -

But by an inconceivable fatality which seems
to me to attend every thing
the India Office does
(which has never yet
been able to learn the
calendar difference
between months & days)
I have only yesterday
received Sir John
Lawrence’s letter of
June 17- with its
enclosures, which were
important - & which
reached England on
July 20.
I am afraid the Memo,”=
which I enclose to you,
does not contain what
you wanted. It would
be easy however now
to obtain more information,
by putting precise questions. [end 10:33]
Please return me this,
when done with, with
any observations of your
own - or farther questions.
Dr. Sutherland is at Gibraltar,
or gone there- as I dare
say you know.
I have heard of your
frequently from Beatrice
Lushington & from Oxford
people -
I scarcely know where this
will find you -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Private {on diagonal}

August 6/67

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

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Can you tell me what is actually being done about the drainage & sewerage of Bombay? –

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

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

And, therefore, I trust that you will not have wasted your time, if you are so good as to answer.

I communicated immediately with the authorities at Madras as to your kind information about the possibility of having Civil Sanitary Engineers out there – & will let you know the result – as soon as I hear.

Ever yours sincerely & gratefully

Florence Nightingale
August 29/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.
My dear Madam
I made enquiry about
the “appointment in China”
offered to your son on
Lord Stanley’s nomination.
I find that these
appointments must be
filled up. But I have
a promise that your
son’s name shall stand
at the Foreign Office, so
that he will have the
same chance which he
has had, when he becomes
of the proper age. I
need scarcely repeat
however that this
depends on a vacancy
occurring.
I am very sorry to hear
no better account of
your daughter’s illness.
You must kindly excuse
my not writing at
greater length. I am so
driven with business
& illness that I can
scarcely write at all.

Wishing you hope & comfort,
pray believe me
dear Madam
ever your faithful servt=
 Florence Nightingale
Mrs. Trench
{in a rough circle below: aged/different FN hand?}
{illeg Nms}
Mrs. RP. Marsh
9.th Jany 1875
To the Editor of Macmillan's Magazine.

Sir,

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

Otherwise, as I do not think this subject is best treated by female ink-bottles, or by any receipt process, I certainly should not have troubled you as Female Ink-bottle No- 2 or No- 10.

My experience as an old Nurse is now nearly that of a quarter of a century - And therefore without entering farther into discussion, controversy or contradiction with estimable ladies who were perhaps hardly born when I began my trade, I may perhaps be excused for rushing at once, (if at all,) in medias res, in order to tell you in what I think their theories fatal to any progress in my trade -
And 1. My life has been passed in the aim to make Nursing an art —
May I preach a few words on this text? —
begging you to pardon the garrulity of an old woman —
Is the first my question of importance asked in regard to
any art, whether the painter, sculptor or poet is a "lady" or a person working for her bread, a Volunteer or a person of the "lower middle class"? (I take the female gender, for the sake of the parallel)

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

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

We are much pleased to hear that the weather was fine & that the riding-habit
was blue - but we do not see what they have to do with it -
Neither Sir, do I see that all this *galimatias* about "ladies," "volunteers" &c &c has to do with it.
By dint of intense study, I have at last arrived at the meaning of the word "lady" - which I transcribe for your use.
Lady = an ignorant person who serves without pay.
Now, Sir, is a lady less a lady because she has trained herself to such a point as that she can command the highest pay? - I protest against such a definition.
Is a lady less a lady because, placed by God in such a position as that not only her own maintenance but that perhaps of an infirm mother, or of orphan brothers & sisters, is laid upon her shoulders, she nobly braces herself to the heavy task & says - I will serve God in the His poor & in His sick, and I will serve God, for the charges He has laid upon me, as well & at the same time for pay.
Sir, I protest against the distinction
which has been made in your pages
   between the "mercantile" & the "religious"
   "motive."
I protest against such a blasphemy -
   such a corruption of God's purpose
in this His world of work -
I protest against such a corrupt
perversion of the noble science of
Political Economy, which, however,
fortunately, as has lately been so well
said; "if it is true, can take care of itself."
The test of being allowed to serve God in
many, if not all, Religious Orders; has
been:- to be able to serve God without
pay.
Are we not now learning.
   Rather that we may be trained, so as to be able to serve God
   so well as to be able to do it for with pay:- should not this be
the
   wiser test of our wiser generation? -
Sir, in my younger years I knew a great
deal too much of the class occupations & of the
sufferings of the class called Governesses.
I say, too much, because I was wholly
unable to do anything to alleviate them at the
root.
In the usual sense of the word, certainly most of these would be called "ladies" by all. They Many were daughters of clergymen, of professional men - [Many had relatives depending on them- Fifty pounds a year was (then at least) rather above an average salary. Few, if any, had embraced this profession from a love of education - but only because there was supposed to be no other which a lady could embrace. Many had not the accomplishments, many had nothing but the accomplishments, to cause them to embrace a governess; life. Many were of mature age, far more fitted for the sick than for children. Of all my governess acquaintance, I have never known but one who had achieved a comfortable independence. Now, Sir, I am told that I must learn:- 1. that a Salary of £50 (the salary of a Head Nurse - called "Sister" in Hospital language) is to be despised by a "lady" - 2. that nursing is on par with "cooking" or "dusting."
There is no more similarity (allow me to speak with an experience of five & twenty years) there is no more
similarity than there is between
Monmouth & Macedon - [we know
that each begins with a M - & there
are Salmons in both.]
E.g.
The situation of a Head Nurse in a
Hospital is one quite peculiar, as far
as I am aware, in the world. In a man's ward,
She is the only woman in the world- in real practical
charge of grown-up men
[Queens have been in official, fictitious
charge - but] the Head Nurse of a man's
ward in a Civil Hospital has the
absolute control of the actions of 30
or 40 men at every moment of the
day & night - besides those of 3 or 4
women Nurses in a position
peculiarly exposed to breaches of
decorum & discipline.
The character which can really &
effectually fulfil this charge is a
rare one - It is by no means the
exclusive apanage of the "lady" class,
of the "lower middle" class or of any
other class.
I am not anxious to unfold the secrets
of the "prison- house"-- I mean the Hospital- house - which I have studied in many a country of Europe. But I might tell things about the charge of a female ward which are shew it at least to be nearly as onerous as a charge. Now, Sir, I ask you to say whether there is anything in domestic service which bears any more resemblance to this than Monmouth does to Macedon - or whether a "cook" or a "duster" could, without training undertake these duties - by virtue of the qualifications which make her a "cook" or a "housemaid."

And here, Sir I come to the key of the whole matter, which is the short little word:- Training. Sir, there is I think an "Open Sesame" in this word, which will unlock the caves & difficulties of many of my friends - of those who, on the one side, as I understand, say that the "Bishop's Commission" constitutes an "apple - woman" a "Deaconess" & of those who, on the other, say that "ladies" should not be (Deaconesses or) Nurses at all - but
should leave the field open to those who
serve for the "mercantile" "motive" -
& are of the "lower middle class" - as if
there were the slightest danger that "unpaid
ladies" would come crowding into Hospitals
to thrust out of the market those illeg who
must earn their bread.
Sir, if there is any such danger, may I
whisper into your ear a quite
infallible specific? - and that is:- a
Year's Training.
And, Sir, where does your contributor
find that a "lady", "with very little
training", "does Hospital Nursing in a
first-rate way"?
Sir, I stand upon my experience - And
I emphatically deny this. And when I say,
my experience, it is not upon my own
puny, petty experience that I stand,
altho' it reaches over five & twenty years,
& nearly over the Christian world (by
the relations which I have with Hospital
orders,) I stand, Sir, upon the experience
of the Christian world which has fixed
the period of training for "ladies" (I presume)

[3]
that nuns are generally admitted
to be ladies) at from 2 to 5 years†.
I myself consider that the training of
one who has to superintend others in
Nursing should not be less than 2
years.
The wild way of speaking which calls
ladies (who, without experience, interfere
in Cholera & other emergencies, however
useful that interference may be,)
"first-rate Hospital Nurses", is, I presume
is a figure of speech - & as such need
not be seriously answered - Any more
than the calling a school-girl who
draws makes a clever sketches of horses or dogs
a Rosa Bonheur need be seriously
criticized.

{text changes to pencil}
liberty of labour

What else than Trades' Union principle
is it to say that Nurses shall come from
the "lower middle class" & shall "not have
"more than £50"?
average [1]
Governesses salaries consult columns of newspaper
Governesses' Institutes
from £20 to £50
Governess (superior) advertises for £50

If Sir it be an exception that ladies undertake education
without taste or talent for it, without any other
"call" or qualification but that of poverty,
my experience lies among the exceptions - If the £50
salary be an exceptionally low salary for a Governess,
my experience lies among the exceptions -
Miss Garrett a Trades Union
restricting wages, work, classes -
That Nursing is an Art -
That training is necessary for this as for any other
Art
That there is no evidence that a "lady" acquires
this art with less training than any other woman
or than with less training than is needed for any
other Art.
That to restrict the pay or the class of the labourers
is to act on the same arbitrary principle as a
Trades Union.
That the true test of being able to serve God in this art
is not to be able to serve Him in it without pay
but to take the training which will command the
highest pay -
That this training should be offered accessible to all women
of any class, of any sect or church - without exception -

[2] {text at top of this folio at end}

That the class from which Head Nurses as {overtop &} well as
Superintendents are taken can no more be
restricted than the class from which any other
Artist is taken -
Will you say, all sculptors shall be taken from the
"lower middle class" -
That the difficulty at present is, not in offering
it as a profession to ladies, lest there should
not be sufficient career places for them - but in
finding sufficient persons to fill the places
That India & the Colonies, as well as Great Britain
are crying out for them - & that an immense field
for nursing the sick poor at home, as well as for Hospitals & Workhouse Infirmaries, is gradually opening, which it will be a work of scores of years to stock with competent trained persons volunteering to serve God in his poor & sick for pay - whether "ladies" or others

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

the service most according with the purpose of God of which we are capable. [end 12:174]
Private {on diagonal}
London 7 Nov. 1868

Dear Madam

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

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

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

I presume, from your reference to Liverpool, that the “Training School for Nurses in Birmingham” is likewise to send out District Nurses for the poor.

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

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

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

I venture to send you a paper (which I wrote by order of the Poor Law Board)
which, although not strictly applicable
for your purpose, inasmuch as it
is chiefly for Hospital & Workhouse
Nurses, nevertheless may contain
some hints which may be useful -

Pray dear Madam

believe me

ever your faithful servant

Florence Nightingale
Mrs. C.C. Matthews

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

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

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

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

And, tho’ I regret more
than I can say to hear
you speak of your own
health = sufferings, yet
I am sure that you do
not regret them in so
noble a cause, in so
great a work for humanity
- the de-pauperizing work.
But I trust that you will
take care not to squander
more strength than you
can help. So noble a
worker can ill be spared. I have received lately very strong complaints from the India Office on the dilatoriness of the Army Sanitary Comm: in sending in their answers & Minutes. This, I am sure, is in no way to be attributed to you or Dr. Sutherland. And I believe I know where the fault lies. But I wish it could be remedied. The India Office is dilatory enough in itself. I think I shall venture to send you “Fraser” for March, in which there is a very humble little “Note” of mine on Pauperism – which I cherish a hope that you will approve. Ever, believe me, dear Mr. Rawlinson, yours most truly Florence Nightingale
Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I am sometimes asked (confidentially) to write a bit for India Off: Reports & Despatches. on one subject or another - such as this Drainage question - in as few words as possible & as impartially as possible - so as to lead people to give up their hot partizanship. Would you be so very kind as to look at the enclosed & tell me if it is right - if possible by Messenger - who waits. 

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
London Jan 8/70

Dear Sir Richard Baggallay

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

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

His age & the nature of his disease were such that one could scarcely expect or even desire the prolongation of his life. And yet one could have wished him to live a little longer too—to see the completion of his work, St. Thomas’s Hospital.

I am right glad that his last years were so well tended by the Nurses, whose Training = School whose able & admirable Training = Matron, Mrs Wardroper,
he had fostered, supported & encouraged. That Mr. Whitfield, for whom as you know I have the highest respect and regard, did for his old friend all that could be done, I am quite sure. I shall always preserve Mr. Baggallay’s in memory in grateful remembrance for his efficient solicitude in promoting improved Hospital construction & administration, & a reform in Trained Nursing - two points which I have had all my life so much at heart - two points which Mr. Baggallay promoted in the wisest way- by developing the opportunities & leaving full scope to the abilities of those who had to carry out these measures. Pray believe me ever your faithful servt= Florence Nightingale
Feb 11/71
Private {up diag}
Dear Mr. Rawlinson

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

== A propos to the “attempt to “provide sewers & drains to “remove rain- fall” at some Stations in India, could you give me some information as to a rather unlucky reference which was made to the India Office about an Engineering scheme of the kind said to exist at Cawnpore but which it seems does not exist?
The India Office applied to you, at i.e. the Army Sanitary Comm:, (in accordance with a request they received) about this Cawnpore scheme of sewerage. You wished, I believe, to be able to raise the case - But when the enquiry came to be made, no data could
be found for the statement, tho’ the data were said to be in one of the India papers sent for perusal by the I.O. to the A.S.C. But every effort at both offices failed to trace the document, it is said.

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

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

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

&c &c &c &c

that, in order to prevent an enormous & quite useless expenditure
& to prevent in dry weather
the sewers from distilling
fever and Cholera
the I.O. should require
oversight of these
Municipal plans?
Upon the faith of this statement & view
I applied to the I.O. (in
obedience to a request – I received –)
I had not an idea that the
“Sub- Committee” had not
all the facts before them
in black and white in an
authentic form satisfactory
to themselves as to correctness.
[For I have made it a rule
tho’ life to make applications
(especially to Govt.= offices)
only in such case – or where

I myself had such facts
in a form to satisfy both sides
as to their authenticity]
And I “proposed” to the I.O.,– still
in accordance with the document
I had received, – that “oversight
of Municipal plans” should
be required, on the ground
of this flagrant instance of
the Cawnpore plan. [end 9:648]
And now I am told that no
such “instance” exists.
You will understand, I am
sure, that, knowing your
great accuracy and wide
information, I should apply
to you to give me the facts,
as far as it is possible, about
this Cawnpore plan.
And believe me
ever, dear Mr. Rawlinson,
with kindest regards to Mrs. Rawlinson
yours very sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Yes Indeed: in this most terrible moment of all history - When Neo = German Militarism is even more terrible for the future of Europe than the prostrate misery of trampled France. What can one wish but that such a Year may never come again- what can one do but try one’s little all to lessen the starvation and suffering? 

F.N.

Sir
I trust that the earnest interest I feel in the work which you have been successfully conducting for so long at Guy’s Hospital may excuse me, a stranger, in your eyes, for venturing to offer you a little book of mine on lying- in Institutions.
It is put forward simply as a beggar for criticism - & for information - And I Dr. Hicks
should, if I dared, ask you
with the first word you
read (if you do honor
me by reading any part
of it) to note on the
margin wants, omissions,
to be supplied- alterations
additions required-
for a future and (it is
to be hoped) better Edition.
I shall hope at least that
you will be kind enough
to send me your current
Annual Reports- & any
larger Report, containing
your valuable rules
& experience at Guy’s
Hospital ---- if you
would kindly indicate to
me where to procure it
and by what Title, I should
instantly begin its study-
especially as to the causes
of Puerperal Fever, in
dwellings-
also as to your wise exclusion of
Students from Anatomy rooms
& General Hospital wards
while attending Midwifery
cases at home - or if a woman
has Puerperal fever, from any attendance
for a time -

Your experience has been
so very valuable that
I trust, Sir, you will
pardon this intrusive note
from
your ever faithful servant
Florence Nightingale
35 South Street  
Park Lane W  Jan 28/73

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I have not seen or heard of the “Globe” you speak of—

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

If also you will take the trouble of looking at the Report corresponding with this of 2 years before it, wherein there are 2 papers of mine. [I have not a copy by me]- you will see that I am perfectly orthodox on the subject you mention—

the [illeg] ‘doxy’ — yours

[I purposely cut my paper of ‘my’ overtop the]

this year as short as possible]

Do not trouble yourself to return this Report to me.

but believe me ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Many thanks for your “Times” letter- & also for your remarks on Mr. Clark —
35 South St.  
Park Lane W.  
Jan 27/74

Messrs. Fisher

Gentlemen

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

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

be so good as to repair
& send both back, or at
least one, in not
more than a fortnight.

Have the goodness to answer
this note:

& to believe me
your obedt Servt-
Florence Nightingale

Lea Hurst  
Oct 17/74

To the Gardener

I beg to enclose 30/ with
Mrs. Nightingale’s kind thanks for all
the pretty nosegays she had when at
Claydon by the Gardener’s care: & for the
fruit sent by Sir Harry’s desiree
Florence Nightingale
Boston University 127

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

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

Sir

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

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

on a (to us) very important point:

whether she had better be moved to a purer

air just out of London

and whether she would be more likely there
to gain strength to be moved to her former

home of 56 years (in Derbyshire) once more:

which was her passionate wish; [I took her

there last year: & could not have conceived

such a revival possible in any one: in one day she

was 10 years younger:]

or whether she would be more likely to regain

strength to see her old home once more by

remaining where she is.

Excuse this long note: [I should consider

your kind visit as a “consultation.”] Please name

the hour. My mother could see you between 5 and 6 o’cl

at 32 South St. to-morrow: If that is not

convenient to you, between 11.30 and 1 o’cl:, before

she gets up. Or if neither of those hours

is convenient, we would get her ready at any

hour you would kindly name. [ She gets up at

one, & drives out at 3 o’clock.] And I should

hope for the great kindness of your reporting your

much prized opinion immediately afterwards to

your faithful servt=

Dr. Andrew Clark   Florence Nightingale

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op
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Dear Sir

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

Pray believe me, dear Sir,
your faithful servt=
Andrew Clark Esq MD. Florence Nightingale

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

Dear Mr. Yeomans

I have much pleasure in sending my contribution (£5) to the Fund which it is proposed to raise as a Testimonial to Mr. Chawner, for whom I know the great respect held by my dear Father. I regret very much Mr. Chawner’s resignation of Crich: & still more the cause of it. You ask after my Mother: & I know that you wish to know
I am now in charge of her --- by the orders of the
Doctor who attended her in London, at a small
Villa which we have taken for her in Norwood:
as the only chance of her recovering strength enough
to see her old home once more in Derbyshire
after which she craved; & she now asks me
every day ‘when we shall go’; & to fix the day-
Yet she is happy here: happy at least in
comparison with what she was in London -
She has not made the progress here which
we had hoped: still the Doctor here thinks it
by no means impossible to move her to Lea Hurst.
Both he & the Doctor in London, see how
essential it is for her, body & mind, if
only possible-
Her memory fails: but I do not see that
her mind does: On the contrary: it is brighter
than it was in the days of her prosperity.
I must add, out of gratitude to God, that
He has blessed her adversity to her in such a way
that it would be profane for me to wish things
otherwise: this may be the most valuable
experience of her life: the most precious
preparation for another world. Otherwise
we could hardly but pray for her release. But
this we must not do - but thank God for her -
I cannot conceive a greater trial:-- the greater
from her loss of memory: which prevents the
comforts from being always present to her:
to a widow of 87 than being placed in new
surroundings with new companions: perplexing
to one very many years younger: [I have
never before known such a case for one so old:]
especially as for 56 years she had never known
any thing but beautiful homes: & husband &
surroundings all her own:
but she exercises a self-control which I could not have believed possible at her age:
both Miss Irby (who is with us: & without whom I cannot think what we should have done.)
I have seen her stop herself when she was going to speak of Embley: [not because She does not think about it, but because she thinks too much of it; she will not speak about it:]
no word of complaint but only of thankfulness, ever leaves her lips.
Every day she & I look together at the photograph of my dear Father’s grave in Wellow Church=
yard: & go through the whole thing. Nothing soothes her so much.
Her interest in good news, in the Abolition of the Slave Trade, & such like things, is fresher than that of most young people.
I never can see anything but the most Christian generosity to every one in her feelings.
The only thing she asks is to be taken to Lea Hurst before it is too late: she says “I shall never be any better: take me there before I am worse
And this I believe we shall do: as soon as the Doctor gives us leave.
As for me: I am here to the detriment of my life’s work: but on my Father’s grave=
stone we have placed this: Scripture: “And in Thy light shall we see light:
for my Father was always seeking "light": & when all things are made clear in God’s light, then we shall see the unravelling of all that has perplexed us.

I have said so much, because I know my dear Father’s regard for you, & that he would have wished it
but I have not been able to finish this note till to day from want of strength:
ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
1/5/68 signed letter, 1f, pen

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

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

1/5/69 signed letter, 2ff, pen

35 South St
Park Lane W
Dec 7/75

Dear Mr Yeomans
Perhaps, as the weather is so very severe, you
would yourself give the £2.2.6 (which
was meant for Miss Julia Smith to provide
Widow Gregory with 2 or 3 dinners a week
from her kitchen during the winter)
to Widow Gregory,- who seemed to me the
poorest person of those we gave kitchen stuff
to: & not at all a beggar- (?)
in the following manner:
2/6 a week for 13 weeks: = £1.12.6

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

£2.2.6

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

Florence Nightingale

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

35 South St
Park Lane W
Jan 5/77

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

I have to thank you most cordially
for two most kind & interesting letters:
& for a copy of your valuable work.
   Somehow I find I cannot write much
now: but all the more do I wish you &
Mrs. Rawlinson the highest New Year’s blessings:
& I think of your past, your present & your
future so valuable life: & beg you to believe
me as ever sincerely yours.

Florence Nightingale

Have you seen this little book “Our Coffee room”?
35 South St
Park Lane W.
Feb 7/77

Dear Miss Marsh,

How can I thank you for much kindness?
- Except indeed be telling your kindness that it is not lost.
Your little book of “The Hero” &c is very dear to me.
And I have already given away copies.
Every thing that you write has in it so sweet a savour of holiness that I believe it seldom fails to touch & do good.
Your “Harbinger” was very precious to me while it lasted: & introduced me to many things to introduce to others. I learnt with very great regret that the “Harbinger” was discontinued: but I hope it is only for a time. I have found it very useful:
My immense family of Hospital sons & daughters, Patients & Nurses, increasing of course every year, makes me like a cormorant in snatching at all these good things. One of my ever- recurring anxieties, however, is, - while preaching to our Nurses that they are ‘Missionaries’ - to show them the only way in which their ‘mission’ can be acceptable either to God or the Patients.
[A poor old man, a dropsical Patient with a bed-sore, in ileg Ward of St. Thomas’ Hospital, said recently of one of our Probationers: “If Nurse M. would but look more to my back, I should be more inclined to ‘repent’, as she says - I do ‘repent’ - but there is my back.”

They must be true Nurses to be true Missionaries
Nurse M. who is a truly religious woman, I think has laid the thing to heart. She is now gone to another London Hospital as Nurse.
The ‘Sister, (a gentlewoman) a woman after God’s own heart, who told me this, is a true Nurse, & did look after ---’s “back”, & all the “backs”, & souls too.
[I have one of our Matrons, ‘Sisters,’ (called so merely from old Hospitals usage), Nurses or Probationers, to tea with me every afternoon that I possibly can:
I am always strongly impressed with the feeling that there are but few of them who might not more properly be my head than I theirs: (perhaps may be in another world): & that it is only the ‘accident’ or the incident of God’s providence that has made me, – as it were, incidentally – their head

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in this world:
we pray, too, daily together that, while we are ourselves (in a way) preaching to others, we may each of us not prove to be a ‘cast away’.
There are peculiar temptations in this life: (‘in’ over l1leg) – a Hospital Nurse, if coarse, may have great temptations to coarseness: but our temptation is more to self- righteousness:- to ‘doing the good’ to others.
You kindly allude after our affairs. Else I do not know that I should have been so loquacious.
The ‘Spirit of truth’ is ‘the Comforter’: but it is
also the Scourger: & thank God that it
is so! Light shows us God’s beauty: {LU: e-text wrong-has bounty}
but it also shows me my own hideousness -
May we thank God for both! tho’ sometimes
it is very terrible.
And I do truly echo your
“She England cannot lose the habit
of bringing heroes forth”.
And I do truly thank God who has sent us
a ‘Mistress of Probationers’, one indeed of His
hero-ines, to ‘mother’ for our Training School at St.
Thomas’ Hospital. She is also a capital Class=
mistress. (Miss Crossland.)
Should you in your large acquaintance know
any country young woman sound in body
& in mind, who would like to be trained
as a Hospital Nurses, would you address
these to Mrs. Wardroper, St. Thomas’ Hospital,
London, S.E.? [I venture to send
our Form of Registration.] We have rather
too many applications from gentlewomen:
too few from the (so called) working= class,
working we farmers’ daughters: or the better
sort of domestic servants.
You kindly ask after me: it is: business
her increasing:- illness ever- increasing. How
little one can do even of what one is ‘called’ to do!
May your valuable life & strength be prolonged
to write & to speak these cheering, inspiring,
heart-searching appeals for God, which
urge to the work all who read
is the fervent prayer of yours ever in Him
Florence Nightingale
I venture to enclose a Letter about the London
District Nursing: at present it includes
only gentlewomen - these only being found able
to do the first tremendous but most encouraging
work of cleaning out these 'dens' = but they never
are known to fall back into ‘den’ship, as far
as I know. [end 3:492]

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

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

The first duty of a soldier is to conquer
the enemy - in himself - The first thing that
makes a soldier is: to drill himself.
To "Fight the good fight of faith" against
difficulties may be done as truly by Volunteers
persevering under untoward circumstances
as by St. Paul’s converts: or by soldiers
spending their blood in a desperate cause:
I am sure that your 80 men are
fighting the good fight: & will make good
soldiers. And I wish them God speed

with all my heart & strength.
I hope to be permitted to send in addition
to £5.5 contribution:
£5.5 this year towards clothing:
(check enclosed:) [end 15:520]

And I beg to remain, Sir,
ever their & your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
C.L. London Esq
Hon. Secy=
1/6/73 {text vert. on page} signed letter, 2ff, pen

London Jan 26/78

Dear Sir,

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

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

With regard to the Ambulance question: in the first place, we are not at war: & God forbid we should be: in the next, unless you have already a private Ambulance in view, by whom do you intend to be sent out in “charge of an Ambulance & Nurses”? — by the War Office? — The War Office does not send out Civil Medical Officers till it has exhausted its own Army Medical Officers — by the National Society? — at present that gives little sign of life: unless it has given such to you. There are two “Societies”, one for the Russian, one for the Turkish side= possibly you are thinking of these. But allow me to say— what is anything but an offence— that so young a gentleman should scarcely be sent out “in charge of Nurse” — I presume it is your first War — If I might whisper the thoughts of a person of some experience, & by no means a “Devil’s advocate’: — it would be that one so much interested in Pauper Infirmaries, Workhouses & Training Schools for Nurses, & who has done so much for one of them, should follow up this noble path of life and believe me you have my best wishes that you should succeed. And
I hope some day to have a conversation with you on these important subjects -

I bid you 'God speed': & pray believe me ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

Have you seen 2 Vols: called 'Our Coffee-room' by Miss Cotton, now Lady Hope?

They remind me of your advice to the poor Patients 'to drink Coffee for the rest of their lives'.

F.N.

Samuel Benton Eq

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

London May 22/78

Dear Madam

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

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

Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Dudley Baxter

{postmarked envelope} LONDON W MY 22 78

Mrs. Dudley Baxter

Oakhill

Hampstead

N.W.

22/5/78
10 South St
Park Lane W
Sept 7/80
Dear Mr. Rawlinson

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

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

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

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

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

I have been so driven (& so ill) that I have not been able to write except pressing business. I am now going for a few weeks to my old home in Derbyshire. If, please
God, I am able, may
I claim a visit from
my old friend when I
return?
Pray believe me
with kind regards to ‘yours’,
ever most truly yours
Florence Nightingale
PRIVATE [up diag]
Are you satisfied with
Mr. Griffith- & what he
is proposing for Bombay-
And what comparison
should you draw between
him & Major Tulloch?
Are fresh & fresh plans to
be always making?
F.N.

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

[1] August 23 1881
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Mr. Rawlinson
I had written the enclosed
when your invaluable packet
came- A thousand
thanks for it. I wish I might just
say of Mr. Grant Duff: adopt Major Tulloch -
But will it be enough
to tell Mr. Grant Duff
that he is to follow up
Major Tulloch’s admirable
scheme when we know
not how far Mr. Jones’
may be advanced?
I have asked Capt. Galton
to call upon you to day about
it.
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Madras Drainage
Mr. Grant Duff-} 6. a.m.
  2  10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
      PARK LANE. W.
August 23 1881
Dear Mr. Rawlinson
    I have found all Major Tulloch’s Reports that I have -
      viz. Report for Drainage of Madras
[& on Bombay
Corresponde= on Drainage of Bombay
    a copy of divers corresponde=
Report for Drainage of Bombay
    by Major Tulloch
Reply to Mr Aitken’s pamphlet
    by Major Tulloch.]
But, as to Madras, I very much
fear that we cannot give
precise information or advice
without running the risk of
putting Mr. Grant Duff in a
false position - especially
    as he knows nothing &
cares little about the details
    of drainage schemes. He
may feel very confused
when he gets out to Madras
if, as you suggest; we
recommend to him to
follow Bombay or to
adopt Major Tulloch’s
admirable scheme - may
he not? - whilst it is
possible that the scheme
of Mr. Jones is in progress.
    With our present imperfect
knowledge, what is to be
done? -
It might almost be wiser to limit oneself to recommending Mr. Grant Duff to push forward the drainage of the Town, on any scheme that is being adopted, if the works are well done—tho’ one is very unwilling to do this. Pray - make such a "lame & impotent" conclusion. Pray see Dr. Sutherland & Major Tulloch about it. as you kindly proposed. And I have asked Capt. Galton to see you - Four such great men should come to some wise conclusion about poor Madras.

I have written to try & get the D. of Buckingham’s information as to how far “Mr. Jones’ scheme” is advanced When Dr. Sutherland wrote to me, he must have forgotten his own strong Minute against “Mr. Jones’ scheme”. for he appeared to think there was nothing to do but to “raise money” - for the ever yours sincerely [end 10:305]

Drainage Florence Nightingale
Aug 25 1881

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Many thanks for your note.

I send the Reports, as desired, to Dr. Sutherland.
And pray be so good as to write to me both of you to do on the subject.
I have written to Dr. Sutherland that I entreat you & him to do the best for Madras that you can by sending me a joint brief well= considered distinct recommendation as to what Mr. Grant Duff is to do.

Major Tulloch’s Report is very full: & every time I look at it I think it more admirable than before.
   But unhappily also it is full of argument, which implies that it has opponents; and that weakens it as an authoritative document to an ignorant man.
   It would hardly do, would it?, simply to give it to Mr. Grant Duff to read.

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

God bless you & God bless poor Madras:

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale
Dear Mr. Rawlinson,

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

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

May I ask whether, notwithstanding your last letter, I may still advise in terms of your Minute that Major Tulloch’s plan should be pressed on the attention of the Governor of Madras?

But even in this course there would be the great difficulty; as I learn that while Major Tulloch’s scheme would cost £395000, Mr. Clark’s would cost £235000. -at least Para 9. of Mr. Jones’ Report says:

“the former (Maj. T.’s) amounting to 39½ lacs - & the latter (Mr. C.’s) to 23½ lacs with a proportionate estimate for Black Town of Rs. 13,12,000:”
Your note to me about the Surface Drainage Report appears to set aside the principles on which Tulloch’s scheme rests. The question is an Engineering one. And you appear virtually to have decided in favour of the surface scheme.

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

ignoring all about Sanitary sewerage of drainage (not mere gutter drainage) & the facts on which it rests.

[10:184]

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

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

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

Your kind note of April 17 was forwarded to me.

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

Thank you very much for your two notes about Poona drainage & sewerage. But it is you whom I want if you do not like to give such a verdict as would be useful to my correspondent [10:306]
to ask questions - not me. If you will kindly return me the documents I sent you with such opinion & such questions as you think I ought to send to ask I will do so. And I will also ask your question: “How will the money be obtained to pay for sewer ing Poona?” For that is just what I want to know.

2. Sir Henry Parkes, Prime Minister of New South Wales, who is shortly going to return to Sydney, asks me to “suggest works or documents of special value on Hospital Management, or health provision for towns, particularly every any manual suitable for the guidance of persons in charge of Country Hospitals”. We are singularly deficient in the first & last - But could you kindly send me anything you think comes under the head of “Health provisions for towns” for Sir Henry Parker?

You ask me to tell you “as to what is doing with the sewerage & draining of Madras”. I wish I could. I only know that they are doing something different from any of
the plans which have been discussed.
I thought that your Army Sanitary Comm. was kept informed,
I have seldom been so grieved & discouraged as at not having been able to give a unanimous opinion & advice from yourselves to Mr. Grant Duff who was honestly anxious to be advised on this vital subject. I was in hopes that you & Dr. Sutherland & Capt. Galton came to an unanimous decision on these things whenever submitted to the Comm. [end 10:184] [end 10:306]

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

with kindest regards to Mrs. Rawlinson pray believe me as ever & always yours most truly Florence Nightingale
PRIVATE [on diagonal]
       June 29 1882
       10, South Street, {printed address:}
       Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir
I sent in your name
as from myself, for you to be
examined as evidence on
the Committee for enquiring
into the A. Hospital Corps
The difficulty is that this
enquiry is for Natal merely.
There is to be another
(general) enquiry: but it is
not certain whether they
will take evidence. I
sent in your name for that
too.
The present enquiry is now
closed: & the Report about
to be written: May they come
to just conclusions!
I have lately had all
trustworthy information
about the new Native Army
Hospital Corps in India
I should like to talk it all
over with you: but
at present I have not
half an hour at my own
disposal:
in great haste
ever your faithful servt=
F. Nightingale

Geo. Evatt Esq MD. [new folio]
Aug 30 1882
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane, W.
My dear Sir
I shall be exceedingly glad to have your information, so valuable & so interesting, on such subjects as have been the aim of my life.
I am only sorry that you did not make an appointment to come & see me, for pressing business has detained me in London, as perhaps you know.
I am now leaving: but any letters addressed here will be immediately forwarded to me – I shall be back here about the third week in October (or sooner, should events call for it) & shall hope to see you: & to hear from you sooner – than that –

yours in haste
F. Nightingale
Geo. Evatt Esq MD

Dec 19/83
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane, W.
My dear Mrs. Green
How good & kind of you to write me a letter so interesting – & which I ought to have answered long since –
I am so very much pressed just now – I am afraid I am engaged with business people
Boston University 150
both Friday & Saturday when you
are so very kind as to say you would come & see me -
Any day after Saturday that you would kindly fix beforehand at 5 p.m. [is that too late for you?]
   I would thankfully keep open -
I long to see you - But perhaps you are going out of London for Christmas - then, when you come back - - - - ? God bless you always -
   His path-way will be bright.
   ever yours F. Nightingale

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

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

10 South St.
Feb 16/84
My dear Sir,
   I truly give you joy & ourselves -if you are going to prove what is the ‘good & acceptable & perfect’ Field Hospital in Egypt.
Your experiences will be invaluable.
   Good speed to go - good speed to return!
   ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale
Dr. Evatt

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

Private {on diagonal}
   10 South St. W.
   March 3/84
My dear Sir,
   I am glad that you are not gone - that is, if you did not think that you
could carry your views into practice -

You saw the unsatisfactory answer to Sir Harry Verney’s question: Sir Harry thinks that the next question ought to be: ‘when ‘information is received as ‘to the details of the Field ‘Hospls= in present campaign,
'with regard to the particulars asked for, to request that it may be communicated to the `House’- or something to that effect.

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

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

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

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

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

ever your faithful servt=

F. Nightingale
Claydon Aug 23/84
My dear Mrs. Green
I have No need to commend
your decision to God – For you
are there with him already.
But it is a matter of national
importance, & I need not
tell you how earnestly I meet
you there in the Immediate
Presence where I am not
worthy to be, but you are –
I will not inflict more
of my considerations upon
you – But after much
thought it resolves itself
as it appears to me into a

question of your HEALTH.
1. For thus: Girton will profit you.
   history is your subject –
   history is the subject most
cruelly mangled at Girton –
   history is the subject
most wanted at the present
day to guide us in these
strange new pressing problems.
   classics & mathematics will
right themselves at Girton
   history will be more & more
distorted.
   It is hardly doubtful that
while you are helping Girton
Girton will help you in
your future historical studies - It will give them reality & depth.

to be worked out ultimately- 2. It is an immense sacrifice
But do not think that you are leaving all “sugar plums” behind at in London
& imprisoning yourself with raw minds & details of adminstrn= - You must not do this.

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

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

F.N.

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

Claydon House
Winslow Sept 7/84
Bucks
My dear Mrs. Green
You & the subject of your letter are matters of such intense interest that - -

must we not have some more talk about these vital things?

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

come here – my sister would
be so glad to see you –
on your way South, if it is
before the Ho: of Commons
meets? or may I see
you in London ?
We never cease to think
of you
ever yours in deepest
sympathy
F. Nightingale

Your most interesting letter
of Aug 30 was delayed
on its way by mistakes of
the post – no fault of the
address – & went to
many places in vain –
I am writing you a long
letter on Girton
FN

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

Private {up diag}
Claydon House
Winslow Sept. 8/84
Bucks
My dear Mrs. Green
I will not waste time
in saying how your letter
about Girton & Naworth
absorbs my thoughts.
Taking it as an accurate
index of the temper of the
Committee, & your intercourse
at Naworth, when a guest
in the house, as a faint
indication of what your
intercourse with the Committee     {'with' overtop an illeg}
as a ?subordinate would
be_ is there_ I ask this
questions very much against the grain - any but a very slight probability of a workable understanding being arrived at between you & the Committee? In any case it would appear now to be essential that you should not undertake this most important & most difficult post without making a very clear statement to the Committee of the conditions (not, of course, using this word)

under which you could {'you' overtop she} alone accept it. This must be done if only in self-defence, because there is apparently no official definition of your position & duties to guide you in your acceptance or refusal of the post, and in your subsequent conduct of the administration, if appointed. [I write as drily as possible]

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

Obedience to the verbal instructions of one or more of the Committee may man almost nothing of responsibility power & trust to do the work - Your friends could never advise you to accept a position which the world outside regards as one of responsibility & trust, when it is really one in which there is no trust, & in which therefore there can be no responsibility in its true sense - Alas! poor Girton!
If a hint in such a matter is possible, it would perhaps be well to avoid all statement totidem verbis that you apply on public grounds, (as you do): and nothing should be said to personal sacrifice (which is so great an one)-- but everything in the letter written or questions asked, Should point unmistakeably to the first of these conclusions. Would not the pith of it be: ‘I find not authentic definition of the duties or of the position. The Committee would naturally desire to know my view in outline of what these should be before they appoint me: and on the other hand, I should have no desire to take the appointment, unless this view were in accordance with that held by the Committee’ [- Such an appointment as this implies an agreement between the Committee & the Mistress, and it is essential to
know that two sides parties to the agreement are ad idem, at all events in the main principles on which they are to work together; otherwise there can be no certainty that co-operation is possible. Before the partnership is formed, the terms of the partnership must be clearly laid down. It could mean nothing but disaster for you & for Girton, & vexation for every one concerned; that you should accept the position & find it untenable by reason of conditions imposed upon you which thwarted every attempt to do the work, which to do was the leading, indeed the only motive for your accepting the post. Plenty of people may be found who are admirably fitted for being dictated to, & bullied by a parcel of ladies. But would not Mrs. Green be a miserable failure here? She has too much of true spirit & of the spirit of truth -
There is besides the most essential consideration which you have, I most earnestly trust, not lost sight:- your health-
How does that stand?
You have probably not yet taken Medical advice - ever my dear friend (if you will allow me to call you so)
yours most anxiously & overflowingly
F. Nightingale

1/7/89 no paper copy or i-text, noted in catalogue as: Holograph envelope addressed to Mrs. Green, September 21 1884, postmarked Winslow

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

Private {up diag} Sept. 26/84
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir
I have heard, with consternation, from Mrs. Evatt that you are thinking of leaving the Army for the Irish Prisons. I look upon this as a national disaster.
We have heard of “The Hour & the Man”. You are the “man”. This is the “hour”. What have all the recent Commissions & Committees pointed at but that we must prepare the Army Medical Corps in time of peace for what it has to do in time of war?
Who is trying to do this but
Dr. Evatt? Who is trying
to create the Army Medical
Corps at all but Dr. Evatt?
And you would leave this,
your life’s work, for
another work to which
you are not directly called!?
You have often told me that,
to further this essential, this
vital work, you would
sacrifice all other aims- that
you would sacrifice yourself.
But there is no need for
sacrifice of yourself, thank
God - only for making it
your life’s work.

And Mrs. Evatt, I am sure,
wishes for her husband’s
true glory. True glory is in
the highest usefulness, as I
know she thinks.
There is no one else to do
the kind of work you do -
yet more important at
home or abroad than in
India: the work in
writing & publishing, as well as
in teaching & training &c &c &c
Wherever you go, if you remain
in the Army, you can carry
it out. If you leave the
Army, no matter where you go,
it is all lost. You are lost
to your proper work.
Your very testimonials show that you are indispensable, essential to the Army—and, what is more, thro’ the Army to our country, to which you have so devoted yourself.

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

Your Army services are yet more wanted at home or abroad than in India—tho’ we may hope that you may yet return to India some day. This is a crisis. Five years hence, if you are not [breaks off]

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

Sept. 26/84
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
My dear Madam
I received your two kind notes—the latter with Dr. Evatt’s testimonials ________
I think you will hardly be surprised when I say with dismay. You say truly that I value Dr. Evatt. It is my intense value for his services—& not indifference— that makes me deprecate the change in his life’s work which you propose—as a national disaster.

The work he did in India
was splendid - the work he has done since he came home yet more so. Would you take him from this, which no one else can do, & put him in a work which many could do? God forbid. Pray pardon me for feeling it so strongly. His very testimonials show that he is indispensable; essential to the Army - & to our country in the Army.

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

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

Mrs. Evatt

1/7/92 no paper copy or i-text, noted in catalogue as: Holograph envelope addressed to Mrs. Green, September 28 1884, postmarked Winslow
Claydon  Oct 14/84
   My dear Mrs. Green
All my poor vows are with
   you.    I know how
terribly trying this time
is for you, my St. Michael
[I don’t at all plead guilty
to thinking of you as the
Archangel only at Girton
but now too & always.]
   I feel all the trying=help
with you and the sadness.
If you could kindly give
me the choice of two or three
afternoons NEXT week
at South St., I would so
gladly hear what you are
thinking: if possible, NOT
Monday.
Please direct
   10 South St. Park Lane W.
ever yours in deepest sympathy
F. Nightingale
My poor sister at the
beginning of winter is
worse than she was.
This is disheartening -
without a summer
before us -
1/7/94 signed letter, 3ff, pen & pencil

PRIVATE 10 South St. Park Lane W.
{up diag} Oct 14/84 [15:555-56]
My dear Sir Since I wrote to you, I have seen the new Warrant. I have only had a moment to glance over it, but I feel it is a great disappointment. I should like much to hear what you think of it.

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

Clerkship not to be promotion
Will the Medical Officers do much for their Orderlies in the way of teaching them to be NURSES thro’ this Warrant? Or will it only make them look after their men a little more as SOLDIER-men, & make the Medl= Officers a little more Military Officers? What do you propose to do about this?

"Cooks" are hardly mentioned
I have been steadily thinking over your valuable ‘Notes’. 1. Who do you propose should ‘hang’ the P.M.O. who failed? Not the D.G. who would be merely an Inspector? (see end.)

Decentralization is vitally important. But will the present arrangements how is it to be carried out?

2. Qy. Is not the reply to your questions in this matter about Egypt that the present system does not enable the defaulter to be discovered?

If there were a proper hierarchy, it would work

3. But will it do to make the P.M.O. a D.G. within his District?

There are good men among them- also stupid men. Who would regulate the every day work of these last?

4 As another {:up diag} Is Netley to do all the consequence {:up diag} Medical education? Then an act would have to be passed that the Netley course was not to count for a degree.  

[2]

I hope soon to talk over these & other things with you - pray believe me ever yr fful servt-
F. Nightingale

Dr. Evatt

You will perhaps say that Local Generals should ‘hang’ the defaulter P.M.O. who failed. But the Local Genl= is deprived of all power by the {illeg Unifn-, Unify-, Unifll-?} System, & by this very Warrant
Private {up diag} Oct 27/84
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Mrs. Green
I was told yesterday what
you doubtless know that Miss
Pater has with drawn from the
candidate-ship for Girton -
but I was also told that
Miss Welsh was very likely
to remain permanently in her
temporary position by default -
- & that it would be so very
desirable for Girton, for
every interest, if you could
become more known to the
Council. What do Mr.
Creighton & Major Stopford
lay about this? I feel
really so very different about
pressing this matter in any
way, when such much
better advice than I can give
perhaps determines you in
another direction that I
scarcely like to tell you
the impression that exists-
viz. that you do not much
care about the Mistress-ship
either way, Since you do not
do what other people do to
win it -
- that one of the first
qualifications for a Mistress-
ship is much to care, (in
which you will agree)-
that it is scarcely fair to the Council & to Girton- let alone yourself - to do nothing - that people are genuinely shy & modest about writing to references, unless known to them personally - that, in short, it is quite possible the thing may go by default- to the great distress of many, & the destruction of Girton - & the present incompetent Regent be left on the throne - when the best I can hope for is that every future girl undergraduate will go to Newnham - instead of Girton

[Could you give a guess at all at the number of girls that have graduated at or passed thro’ Girton in these fifteen years?]
Not for your sake but Girton’s I write: is there not any way which you would take to make yourself known to the Council?
One of those who spoke to me yesterday said: ‘Mrs. Green is known as the wife of a great man who has done her part most devotedly, most nobly, with energy &
wisdom unsurpassed - She has done a part magnificently such as seldom falls to the lot of woman But one we does not know what to say to the Council- she will not make herself known- how is one to make known the special gifts that fit her so well to be the Mistress of Girton?'
I will say no more.
God bless you & your work, whatever it may be:
ever yours
F. Nightingale

1/7/96 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [5:689]

My dear Mrs. Green
I can only silently & sorrowfully agree with you now.
I almost wish that you had sent in something in the form of Testimonials - odious word! But you say the Council do not require that now
We must leave it with God.
[If Miss Walsh is elected, we must turn all our thoughts to Newnham.]
I wish I could see you now, as you are so good as
to be here -
But I hope you will let me see you next week - thanks many for writing.
yours sadly but yet hopefully in the ultimate success of a good cause
F.N.
31/10/84
Will you not have some luncheon? I did not at all mean that you “contemplated” a “Magazine “Article” now to send in to the Council, but only that that ‘paper’ was something in the nature of one. And you, used the word as intending it “months have”.

1/7/97 signed letter, 6ff, pencil [5:688]

Private {up diag} 10 South St. Oct 31/84

Good speed, my dear Mrs. Green - I like & agree with the ‘paper’ almost entirely- At all events, I have nothing to criticize in it, because it does not admit of criticism.

It is undeniable 1. that Girton has not fostered “learning” or “research” among women But, I should fancy that the Council would rather foster angry, aggressive Agnosticism than “original research”
The scheme of administration is good. At all events it is hers who will have to administer it.
To admit the students into some share in the administration of their own food is undoubtedly wise - The Council’s conduct is inconsistent. While they insist on absolute non-interference (at least Miss Davies does) with the girl-undergraduates, the same girls have scarcely any more power over their meals, &c., than Mr Squeers’ school-boys had - And they rather glory in it, as being unworldly & spiritual!!
But now- as to the adviseablility of saying all this - to of ‘showing’ your ‘hand’ - to an unknown Council, almost unknown to you, as you say yourself - an almost unknown person, as you say yourself; to the Council Perhaps I did not make the drift of my former remarks quite plain - And this is my excuse now to your kindness for making these
very plain: - the last thing I meant by my (ventured) original advice was that you should enter, in the form of a “Magazine article”, as you say this is, on a general statement of views, educational or other; my suggestion which I was so bold as to offer was that you should act strictly on the defensive, stipulating for or explaining such things as you would feel were absolutely essential to your acceptance of the post, but no others. If they could all go into one side of a sheet of Note-paper, so much the better.

[This kind of dissertation would come exceedingly well from you verbally to a valued friend on the Council 2 years hence, if elected - would it not?]

Is not any general exposition of your ideas as to female education-(p.p. 1_5 of the paper)-unless asked for by the Committee - simply enlarging the area of attack, -without, I should fancy, doing the cause any kind of good?

If you think otherwise, would you not merely say to the Committee that, if they wished for any such expression of views, you would be ready to furnish it?
II. Should not you make sure of two essentials, & two only:
(1.) That the contract between yourself & the Committee should be mutually understood by both parties as meaning the same thing, or nearly the same thing, - that they should be “ad idem”- i.e. that you should not discover, a week after you were appointed, that you meant one thing, & they meant entirely another thing by the appointment?

(2.) That your the Mistress’ own position in relation to the Committee should be defined with sufficient exactness to enable her to form a tolerably accurate notion as to whether she could, or could not, do the work expected of her?

N.B. Do not Mr. Creighton’s arguments in favour or the Mistress feeling her way before she makes other—any
conditions, apply ten-fold to against her making stipulations other than the above 2 which seem essentials?

Must she not feel her way (& a long way too) before making others?

It may indeed be necessary that her “own position” [See (2)-] must include stipulations as to her Assistants in order to enable her to do the work expected of her- But

even this I believe Mr. Creighton would defer. I will not make this any longer, because I feel that even in this I may be ‘darkening knowledge’ - I am more than occupied, (i.e 24 hours a day would not be enough for me) to-day especially- & until after next Wednesday - But this (Girton) is so important, so nationally important, that, if I could be of the least help, even for you to talk to, I would gladly see you at one (or even directly) or at 3.30 or four to-day - if convenient to you.

And may the Almighty Father speed the cause which is this own! ever yours with deepest sympathy

F. Nightingale
1/7/98 signed letter, 1f, pen

10 South St. W.
Nov 6/84 {6 overtop 5}
My dear friend (if you will allow me to call you so)- how good of you to give me that comforting letter - now whatever can be done has been done - May God bless you - yours ever
F. Nightingale
Sir Harry has written, “Care of Miss Shirreff.”
Till the new Viceroy is off to India, I have hardly time to breathe-
But I shall hope, as you are so very good as to say I may appoint a day, to do so soon.
May tomorrow’s day be propitious! [end 10:328]

1/7/99 signed letter, 1f, pen

10 South St
Park Lane W
Nov. 19/84
My dear Sir
I give you joy of your Lecture & its result.
Would you kindly make an appointment to see me any afternoon at 5?
Or rather would you be so good as to give me the choice of 2 or 3 afternoons?
ever faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

card
Dr. Evatt -
10 South St. [printed address]
Park Lane, W.
Nov 21/84
Yes please Wednesday 26th at 3 p.m.
Nov 21/84
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
   PARK LANE. W.
Yes, please
“Wednesday 26th”
   at 5 p.m.
   F Nightingale
Dr. Evatt

March 13/85
Dearest Mrs. Hawthorn
   I shall hope to see you
after Westminster Abbey
to-day, as you kindly say
   O let us pray at the
Memorial Service to-day
   that every one of us &
every soldier in particular
may follow & lead a new
life in Gordon’s spirit -
how sterile will be our
Services without this!
   “Who follows in his train?”

God asks us to-day -
he cared only that the
   Father should glorify
His name, “& I be greatly humbled”, like Christ
   I shall see you so soon:
I say no more.
ever yours
   F Nightingale
June 19/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

I give us joy that you are come home and in good health and in good success, as I gave us joy that you went out - you were so much needed.

I plead guilty to having been very anxious lately - so many Medical Officers came home ill- And I was only deterred from troubling Mrs. Evatt for news by the fear of alarming her- So much the greater joy in your success.

I shall be so glad to see you as you so kindly propose if you happened to be in London to morrow (Saturday) or Sunday or Tuesday at 5 o’clock - provided you could let me know as soon as possible. [If Monday were more convenient to you, I could by putting off two engagements see you on Monday at 5.]

I should not trouble you for a very long visit this time because I should hope to see you again at greater leisure

With my heart-felt congratulations to Mrs. Evatt

pray believe me ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

Dr. Evatt
Private {on diagonal}
Address 10 South Street,
              Park Lane. W.
Sept 4/85
My dear Sir

Your letters, always of
the deepest interest, are
painfully interesting now –

We are so very
sorry to lose you from home= & =
Head Quarters=work - So
very important just now –
But Bengal is a great field.
I don’t at all believe that
you will “go to sleep” or
have a “conspiracy of silence”
anywhere Still you are

sadly wanted at Head Quarters

I hope you are not going
to Russia; but will be
‘about & about’ & at hand
till you are obliged to go
“in December”–

Pray let me know your
plans till December - And
what part of December
you start in –

I shall be back in South
St. in a fortnight: or rather
less- & shall hope
to see you then - & see you
often –

I will also trust to see
Mrs. Evatt some time when
she happens to be in London,
if she will be so good.

Thanks for your enclosure.
We have that & many things
to talk over.

Good speed to you & the
work.

I have been completely laid
up during the last month,
except the time I give daily
to my sister. Pray excuse
pencil & briefness
& believe me
ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale
Surgeon Major Evatt
You will see the results
of the General Election before
you leave England.

1/8/104 signed letter, 5ff, pen

10 South St. Park Lane W.
Sept 11/85
How truly do we mourn &
grieve- it is the breaking
up of a whole chapter in
the history of Christ’s
Church- that of Beckenham
& the names of Marsh &
Chalmers - a breaking up
but only as the land is
broken up to let the good
seed bear thirty fold and
a hundred fold. How
much has sprung out of
Beckenham that can
never die.

How grandly you & yours,
& other teachers from that
fold, are still working
for Christ & eternity –
If the deepest sympathy
could afford a moment’s
comfort to Mrs. Chalmer’s
in the unparalleled trial,
yet more agonized by, one
fears, the necessity of
leaving the associations of
her home, that sympathy
is hers.
And on how glorious the
re-union so on in the immediate presence of the Lord, of the Almighty Father'!
[Once she was so kind to a one-legged boy I sent home from the Crimea—
ot a soldier— not a
Good or interesting boy— But she was good to him.
And, repentant, he was taken by the Saviour—
She wrote so kindly to me.
But that is only one of her thousand good works.]

And — may I say a thing which has long been on my mind to say? about your works:
I have heard much in confidence of your work at Cambridge
(and I hope Girton) — but particularly of the young Cambridge graduates
whom you have been the blessed means of sending out to China missions—
I rather grudge them there —
China is not ours—
India is ours —
One (not “of Macedonia” but)

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of India says to you:
“Come over & help us”: 
Will you not send some of your young Cambridge graduates over to India — spare us some?
The Hindoos say: we expected [15:1011]
in a Christian missionary
[and they describe something like John the Baptist]
and we see a man driving about his wife in a pony-carriage & giving us good cheap schools.
Then they say—what is of sadly more importance—we Hindoos know our religion—and we practise it—
we Mahometans know our religion—and we practise it—
but we know what your Christians’ religion is—and they don’t practise it. 

[This is speaking of Europeans in general in India—not of missionaries.]

But in Egypt, in this last campaign, there were Hospitals & there were Sick Transport Ships, where no prayers or Sunday Services were held—where every day was exactly alike—you could not tell Sunday from any other day but by looking at the Almanac—

And this, though, by Regulation, the Commanding Officer or the “Commandg—” Doctor is to read the Service on Sunday, where there is no Chaplain—

And the poor Arabs, whose absorption at their daily prayers is so wonderful, see this & say: Are those Christians Christian? Will you not send us some of your Cambridge men to India? India for which we are responsible—
May God bless & comfort
you & keep us all!
And may God continue
to prosper your
wonderful work!
ever yours
Florence Nightingale [end 15:1011]

Miss Marsh
Pray forgive my delay in writing-
pray let me thank you for the beautiful
notice of Mr. Chalmers -

1/8/105 signed letter, 6ff, pen, see 45807 f177, dated Nov 6/85

Private Nov 6/85
& Confidential {both up diag}
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Lord Reay
You were so very good as [10:309-10]
to encourage me to write to you
if I had anything important to
submit to you, especially in
sanitary matters. And your
great kindness makes me
venture to appeal to you now.

Dr. Auchinleck’s tenure of
appointment as Surgeon Genl=
H.M. Forces is just expiring.

Under Clause 2 of India
Army Circular 1880 the Govt=
of India reserves power for
Local Govts= to appoint, subject
to the confirmation of the Secy=
of State, an Officer of the Indian
Medl= Dept=, if qualified, as
Surgeon Genl= H.M. Forces.

Though the Death-rate of the
British troops serving in Bombay has materially lowered, yet the number of men "constantly sick" (about 564 in a small Army of some 10,000 British troops) shows that much remains to be done. Bombay & several other towns in the Presidency ranked unhappily high for "admissions" from Malarial Fevers, even as high as from 716 to 939 per 1000 strength on a 7 years' annual average among British troops. [It is true these Fevers are not generally fatal, but they are a main cause of inefficiency & invaliding of troops - & a single attack predisposes to more.] Further work is therefore absolutely necessary everywhere. We must work hard to be perfect.

The Reports from the Surgeon - - Genl= H.M. Forces show that much of this sickness is preventible, & much would be prevented by greater sanitary strictness. We Sanitarians were grieved to see in the Annual Sanitary Report that the British Surgeon- Genl= had opposed the Sanitary Commissioner, Dr. Hewlett, in his wish to receive certain necessary returns. And we rejoiced when we saw that the Bombay Govt= authorized his, the Sany= Commr=’s, being furnished with a copy of the Admission & Discharge book from each Station Hospital.
Might this not be a favourable opportunity for filling the vacant post of Surgeon Genl= H.M. Forces with an Indian Med: Officer singularly fitted for the appointment?

And than man, I believe, you will think Dr Surgeon Genl= Hewlett= the best Sanitary Officer in Bombay, perhaps in India - exceptionally good in Sanitary experience in the Bombay Presidency.

Dr. Hewlett comes next after Dr. Moore, Surgeon Genl= with Govt= of Bombay.

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We want Dr. Hewlett to introduce sound Sanitary principles.

He was Dy Surgeon Genl= in Sind for 3 years - & had administrative charge of all troops, British & Indian - & all medical arrangements for sending up troops to Afghanistan. He is therefore perfectly conversant with the working of the Medical Staff.

But what we want him for is for his special qualifications as a Sanitary Officer. We want him to instil into the young men
what they are to do & how to do it. We want him to create an enthusiasm, an enthusiasm with knowledge, as he is well fitted to do, on the subject, among the young Officers of the Dept=

No man has his experience.

If you would think well, to nominate Dr. Hewlett, there is scarcely a doubt that the Secy- of State for India would confirm the appointment.

Five years’ experience a record of the Sanitary work of the Army, conducted by a man specially instructed in the subject, such as Dr. Hewlett would leave behind him, would be simply invaluable.

He would at the end of his 5 years’ term have left a distinct mark on the Sanitary condition of the Army. He would have been able to show the Medical Officers the causes of disease & how to remove them –

This is the first thing; second to it is:

- The appointment of an Officer of the Indian Med: Dept as Surgeon Genl= would please & rejoice the whole Dept=
which feels itself rather
put in an inferior position
But none would rejoice so
much as your selection
of Dr. Hewlett as the
leaders of Sanitary reform
in England who would
feel themselves favoured
& honoured by one of
the Pioneers of Sanitary
reform in India being
appointed to such a
responsible post. His
success would be their
own success -

[printed address upside down.] 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

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[It should perhaps be added
that on the last occasion
the Bombay Govt= recommended
Surg. Genl= Moore, then Dy Surgn=
Genl=, for the post. But it is
understood that Dr. Moore
has since succeeded as
Surgn= Genl= with the Govt= of
Bombay. He would gain
neither in pay nor position
by being made Surgeon Genl=
H.M. forces. He will be 60
in 1888 when he must
retire; so that he could not
hold the appointment for
5 years]

I know that your Great
interest in your kingdom
will pardon an old Sanitarian
for urging that a man of
such unexampled experience
as Dr. Hewlett shall be
appointed, if possible

And pray believe me
dear Lord Reay
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
The Returns quoted show the need for increased attention to the Sanitary condition of the Army- & for reduction thereby in the numbers of men “constantly sick” But this cannot be whilst the Head of the Dept- is simply concerned in curative medicine Might I ask the great favour that if Lord Reay thinks well to exert his power in this matter, he will do it entirely from himself, & not mention my name at all? I depend upon his kindness for this - I reserve to myself the pleasure

(for another maid) of saying how we give ourselves joy of Lord Reay’s native appointments to the Council- & of mentioning some matters about Village Sanitation. May his reign be long & prosperous!

F.N.

1/8/106 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W. Dec 8/85 My dear Sir I have to thank you for “Broad Arrow”: & for copies of a manifesto, which I do heartily. And any day after this week except Tuesday & one other day that you happen to be coming to London, & could give me the “5 o’clock”, I have no doubt I could, as I wish, accept your appointment, provided I
knew a little beforehand—or you could kindly give me the choice of 2 days.

Do you think the Elections have gone for or against?

I am to blame for not having returned the enclosed long ago. My only excuse that I have Govt= Reports to read- & other small prints- & am so blind now that I cannot read such like (newspaper) print except by day-light —& that I did not know at first that you wanted it back.

Excuse me & pray believe me ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale
I have been extremely busy in various ways- So have you— I am sure.

Dr. Evatt.

1/8/107 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Dec 15/85
My dear Sir
I am sorry to say that Friday when you were so good as to say you would come & see me has been snapped up by a previous appointment.
Could you kindly make another appointment? and would you be so very good, if possible, as to give me two or three afternoons to choose amongst?

ever sincerely yours
Boston University 190
Dr. Evatt  F. Nightingale
1/8/108 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private {up diag} Dec 18/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Lord Reay

Shall you say that I am abusing your indulgence when you granted me leave to write to you? I do indeed feel an unlimited trust in your goodness- And I hope that you will pardon me -

It is still on the matter of Mr. Crawford’s Draft “Bombay Village Conservancy Act”: [No=- P August 21/85] that

I venture to address you.

Mr. Crawford has shown in P. 3, Paras: 12 and 13, that the poor Mhars & Mangs are the essential foundation of any “village organization” to cleanse & ‘conserve’ the villages.

Might we ask you to look to this yourself? to putting these men back into their old original position & duties - which they & their women & children can alone perform - and to giving them their original rightful perquisites, the grain “huks” from the villagers, without which of
course they could not perform these duties. And if in any cases their Service lands have been resumed or assessed, would it be possible to restore them? I should take shame to myself were I to enter into any explanation of the necessity of the case, because if it is right, it will be done by you without any such - But I may mention that I have had much conversation with Mr. Pedder of the India Office on the subject. And he he is at one with Mr. Crawford in this matter. Pray believe me ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

May I wish you & your kingdom a happy New Year in the widest & highest sense of the word, & many of them? H.E.

the Lord Reay

1/8/109 signed letter, 2ff, pen

10 South St. Park Lane W

[15:558]

March 27/86

My dear Sir

I have to thank you very much indeed for your invaluable "Bearer" Company, which reads with far more interest than the best novel. May it bear fruit!

Also- for the Proof just sent- & for several other papers. And I return one M.S., as you requested. For all these which you so kindly sent, my most hearty
thanks.
Would it be convenient for you- you say you are coming “up” on “Tuesday & Wednesday”— to call here about 5 for a cup of tea- Or if this did not Suit your hours to fix another day- not Thursday? I am glad that you give a cursory glance at the training of the Indian Native Hospital Corps Orderlies. I have a letter to show you on this, relating to the Burmese War Hospitals.

For the last 3 months I have been too ill almost to do my daily work- but none the less delighted to see your vigorous course— I have been sorry not to be able to write.
Pray believe me ever yours faithfully F. Nightingale
Surgeon Major Evatt

1/8/109A signed letter, 2ff, pen [published in Annie Matheson, Florence Nightingale 325]

London June 24/86 My dear Sir

Strenuously desiring, as we all of us must, that Administration, as well as Politics, should be well represented in Parliament, & that vital matters of social, sanitary & general interest should find there their voice, we could desire no better representative & advocate of these essential matters,- matters of life & death_ than a man who
like yourself, unites with
almost exhaustless energy & public spirit, sympathy with the wronged & enthusiasm for the Right— a persevering acuteness in unravelling the causes of the evil & the good, large & varied experience, & practical power limited only by the nature of the objects for which it is exerted.

It is important beyond measure that such a man’s thoughtful & well-considered opinions & energetic voice should be heard in the House of Commons.

As Lord William Bentinck when Governor Genl= of India, said of Sir C. Trevelyan one of the ablest Administrators ever sent to India: “It is well that That man is almost always on the right-side in every question & it is well that he is so, for he gives a most confounded deal of trouble when he happens to take the wrong one”. so we must say of you, which to any one who knew Sir C. Trevelyan as I did, appears the highest of human praise.

You have my warmest sympathy in your candidature for Woolwich, my best wishes that you should succeed - even less for your own sake than for that of Administration & of England.

Pray believe me ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
Surgeon Major
G.J.H. Evatt M.D.
10 South St  June 24/86
   Park Lane W.
My dear Sir
   You ask me to “write
you a line in sympathy with
your getting into the House”.
My deepest sympathy is
   yours- but I am not at
all sure that it will do
your candidature any good
for me to express it.
   It would be life to the
cause I have you in Parlt-
Good speed: ever faithfully yours
   F. Nightingale
Dr. Evatt

London  July 7/86
My dear Sir
   We are concerned beyond
measure at the failure in
having you in the next
Parliament - but defeat it
is not.
   Where great administrative
principles which so often
do not gain a moment’s
attention in politics or in
Parliament - one would
think that a country could
be administered without
administrative principles
for the amount of attention
the Country gives them -
where these are presented &
discussed as you discuss
them--it is a great
Educational process.;
it is a great gain
whatever the loss.
And to you too, the Instructors,
the campaign, as you
magnanimously say, has
taught much.
Alas! how many victories
(so-called) have been losses
in this campaign--the woeful
ignoring of any principle,
the sparring, the personalities,
the nasty recrimination--
they have been an Education
backwards--almost as bad
as the public-houses of old
days, tho' more refined.
You know who says the Lord's Prayer backwards
You have nobly kept
the canvass in its true
sphere--the discussion,
for the purposes of
enlightenment & improve=
-ment, of administrative
principles & practical
politics, of the needs of
the country, of the ways
of raising it to better
things.
Excuse a brief note

Shall you be coming to
London soon? If so &
you can spare me a
visit, can you kindly
make an appointment 2 or 3
days beforehand?
Pray believe me
ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Surgeon Major Evatt M.D.
10 South St Park Lane W.
Aug 21/86
My dear Sir
   Many thanks for your
   note & all that you have sent me.
   You have given me no
   intimation of your Indian
   appointment, wherefore I
   have some hopes that it
   may have been put off-
   I shall probably have
   to go to my sister for the
   month of September: &
   shall hope that you will
   be still in England on
   my return to London.
But could you kindly give
me a choice of 2 or 3
afternoons this next week,
any day (at present) except
Tuesday - at 5 O’clock,
when it would be convenient
to you to give me a visit?
I will say nothing more
now about the subject
in which we are so
interested
   pray believe me
   ever faithfully yours
       Florence Nightingale
Dr. Evatt
10 South St. Park Lane W.
Sept 5/86
My dear Sir

This is only a line to say what I cannot say: greeting—
and good speed to your work out on the voyage to India,
& in India, where your work is so much needed— and —
wherever you are —

We shall miss you sorely in England, where there is no one
to take up your mantle.
But India is such a grand field for you —

And a great work you will do wherever you are —
The green fields of the Emerald Isle would weary you in a few weeks —
however tempting they may look.
We would have kept you in England if we could —
But India calls you —

Pray give my kindest regards to Mrs. Evatt, if you are still with her.

And ask her to be so very good as to write me a line that I may know her address — Excuse a scrawl.

God speed you
& believe me ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

Dr. Evatt
10 South St. Park Lane W.
Nov 20/86

Dear Mrs. Evatt,

I was so very glad to hear from you & that you were going out to join Dr. Evatt—May all success & happiness attend you!

The time is now approaching; you say “December or January”—And if you are in London before you embark, will you not give me the great pleasure of a visit some afternoon—giving me due notice beforehand, that I may not be engaged with some one I cannot put off?

I trust you are prosperous & the 2 little children, dear little souls. Are they going out to India too? Is Dr. Evatt stationed where you will join him? & where is it? I was sorry, as you were, if he did not lecture on Sanitary things &c to the men troops going out. But he will be sure to be doing good wherever he is.

Pray pardon me for not having answered your note sooner. And pray do not measure the keenness of my interest inversely as the length of my delay. I have been very much overworked & ill—And till the
beginning of December I:
    shall scarcely have a
    minute - For I am
    no 'pioneer' but a
    jack-ass, never my
    own master-
But I would not delay
longer replying to your
kind note -
    Good speed & I hope: Au revoir
    & believe me
ever sincerely yours
    Florence Nightingale

1/9/114 signed letter, 1f, pen

Private {on diagonal}
    Feb 4/87
    10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
    PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir
    I am so very much obliged
for your two most valuable
letters that I will not
delay just this word in
return, tho’ unable to write
more by this mail.
    The good time will come
for your work.
    Mrs. Evatt was so good as to
write to me once, & I hoped to
see her before she started. But
I have not had that pleasure, &
I almost hope that she has left
England to join you-
    God speed your work & you -
    ever faithfully yours
Dr. Evatt      Florence Nightingale
10 South St Park Lane W
Feb 20/87
Dearest Miss Marsh My
deepest grief & sympathy
for your illness - My
warmest thanks for your
beautiful little book, &,
avove all, for your so kindly
writing with your own hand
May it please God to restore
you to us & to your great
good work.
Do you remember sending me
“China’s Millions”, & the
account of the graduates of
Cambridge who went out to
them as Missionaries -
& my envious eyes which
longer for them for India
(who looks upon her Missionaries
merely as men who drive
about their wives in a pony
carriage & give cheap
schooling.)
Can you not give us some
of yours for India?
But I have something else
to ask: a Lady Clarke, of
Melbourne, one of the
right sort, who was here
in the autumn, was a
friend of one of those mothers
of Cambridge Missionaries, & she
told the that he had set
up an Opium Refuge at a
place in China, called, she
thought, Hong.tong - (not
Hong-kong.)
I made acquaintance
with a Siamese Princess
here, wife of the Siamese
Legation here, now gone
back to Siam, laden with
good plans for the education
& reform of her fellow-
countrymen at Bangkok.

An English Tutor, a young man of the greatest promise, went out in her train to teach her sons & be a sort of Private Secy to her husband -
If I could get some detailed information as to how that Chinese "Opium" Refuge worked, it would be of such use at Bangkok
Now, may I trust that this will not worry you?
If you have any one at hand

[2]
who would be so very kind as to tell me where to procure this information - - -
that is all -
I have tried in vain elsewhere
God bless you ever:
Thousands of prayers will be yours - for you -
Do you remember, in your "death & Life"- in the Cholera Wards of the London Hospital - a letter from the landlord of a young man who was prayed back to life again:

& who sent you a copy of Landseer’s dog-
I gave out Lea school-master copies of your ever beautiful, ever fresh & fruitful books, for his School Library - He is by name Ebenezer Butler - & he immediately discovered this letter to be by his father. He was quite eager about it- & make me send 6 copies to his mother who still lives-
I so often hear of you in these & many other ways -
I hope Mrs. Chalmers is well-
Have I troubled you by this long scribble?
Fare you very well
- I shall never get this letter off if I try to finish it -

which, after all, is only a poor word to tell you how we thank you, how we bless you for all you have done for us to make us know Christ, & to say Christ be with you - as He is -
yours ever

Florence Nightingale

Excuse pencil

1/9/116 signed letter, 1f, pen

Private
{printed address} June 10/87
10, South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.

My dear Sir
I was so glad to hear from you & to know that you were at a good Station like Quetta - that is, a Station where there was plenty to do & plenty of evil to remedy.
You will have to bring system & check into operation.
You will have to train native Orderlies.
The only thing I regret is that Mrs. Evatt is not with you -
I will write again
Pray write me particulars

God bless your work
ever believe me faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

There is great pressure of business & illness on me

I enclose a worthless letter which was waiting your
Aug 2/88

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

Dear Mr. Burton

Thank you for your letter which told me to my sincere pleasure that you were appointed Master by the Lea School Board - And Mrs. Burton, we understand, from Mrs. Wildgoose, in course of time to be Infant School mistress, which I am very glad of - I give ourselves joy, & I give you joy, for I hope you will be happy.

Indeed I do pray, for you as for myself that, in the service of our Great Master, who is Love, & who makes it the test & the proof of our love to Him, that we should 'feed His sheep', 'feed His lambs', & recognize them to be His, you may find in your new field of labour, new opportunities of fulfilling His parting Command, 'teaching all things whatsoever He hath commanded' us, & new joy in His fulfilling His parting promise, without which we could do nothing, that 'He will be with us always' -

I cannot wish you a greater lot or greater joy.

Pray give my kind regards to Mrs. Burton - {Burton overtop Butler}

Pray, if you see Mr. John Marsh, give him my cordial thanks for his letter.

Excuse pencil -
God bless you
    Believe me ever faithfully your
Florence Nightingale-
    Mr Clough
asks me to send you back your Testimonials
F.N. [end 5:696]

1/9/118 signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

{up diag} 
Private 10 South St. Park Lane 
Dec 6/88 W.
My dear Sir Robert Rawlinson
Many & hearty thanks
for your two letters- I am always so glad to hear from you- & glad that you have the Hong Kong & other works in your hands.
But I am deeply concerned about the Madras works. [I have not however seen the papers.]
Scarcely a mail has passed lately without our hearing of some Sanitary catastrophe in India, impending or completed, owing to there being no guiding hand here.
Were the Army San= Comm= re-organised & revived, these things would not so easily happen.
About Ahmedabad, you probably know: Mr. Runchoreal Chotalall, the native President of the Municipality, a
most wise & enterprising man, had worked for & obtained plans of water-supply & sewerage which would have made Ahmedabad a model for Western India. He had raised a loan locally, which was already taken up. But they have no trained Sanitary Engineer- And it is now to be done/carried out by a Govt- Ex. Eng. who it is said will make a hopeless failure of it—perhaps by some mistake.

sewer air may be introduced into the buildings—And so the first attempt at sewering an Indian Mofussil city prove a fatal attempt—

There is so much to be done—And one knows now how to do it.

Don’t you go, pray, & leave it all. ever yours most truly with kind regards to Lady Rawlinson Florence Nightingale
10 South Street  
Park Lane  
17th. Dec 1888

My dear Miss Marsh

My heartfelt thank for your great kindness in sending me your precious little book on Lady Ailsa. Perhaps you scarcely know the good your little books do to so many, they are great books in that sense. Lady Ailsa’s dedication of herself and her dying words to the fishermen are the whole essence of Faith. Even with those who told to good old Evangelistic ways or rather I should say, yet more with the vast masses of Wesleyans and Methodists in the North of England, who build chapels and build and teach in Sunday-schools with a zeal beyond all praise, but let alone drink among the young men and improper dress and impurity among girls, there is surely a muddle about Faith. I always try to remind myself and to remind them, when I can, of your revered Father’s words “To believe in Christ as your Friend – this is Faith; and to act for “Christ as His friends – this is practice {ce overtop se}. ” (where are those words to be found?)

Alas. when I think of what you and Lady Hope have done in coffee-rooms and the like, the sending out each working-man whom you bring into the Fold to bring his mates in also, I am aghast to think of what working-men’s Institutes too often are. For instance, we have two including coffee and tea/eating-rooms, in at what used to be my old home, where every other man almost is a methodist local preacher. One is now managed by a Committee of working-men whose object is not to bring the black sheep in as you do but to keep them out, to have “things comfortable to them- “selves”. Prigs and black sheep are a bad combination., for who is the other is better? At least it maintains successfully rivalry with the Public-houses. To create a practical missionary working Faith among us all, among the working men and women, among the nurses and a motherly spirit among the school-mistresses not so much in preaching, of which perhaps there is enough of a certain sort, but in the ways you have pointed out _ _ _

Oh! let us pray for that this Christmas-tide for the New Year. I trust, that you are pretty well again wherever you are – May choicest blessings be yours is the fervent Prayer of yours ever

Florence Nightingale [end 3:494]
Dear Mr. Yeomans,

Would you kindly send me the List of Christmas Meat and Christmas Coals which I have been in the habit of giving? And would you have the birds fed at Lea Hurst as usual and charge it to me? We have had no severe weather yet in London, but such fogs. I was sorry I troubled you again about the Whatstandwell Subscription I could not then look at my accounts. But I find it all as you said. My best Christmas wishes to you and Mrs. Yeomans and your children.

& believe me [pencil]

ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale
Dear Sir Robert Rawlinson

Thank you more than I can say for all your letters. All your information is so instructive. Could you help me in this? — Could you give me authentic information about the evils of the Dublin Barracks. such as might be used, if necessary, in the Ho. of C.? You know how easily questions may be evaded there, unless the questioner has really
accurate knowledge of his subject.
[I do not know that the question will be asked – And it would be most undesirable that a hue & cry should be raised that such may be the case–]

God Speed the right [end]
ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale
Dear Sir Robert Rawlinson

I was so infinitely touched by your letter—by the proposal to you to go to Australia to examine yourself into the necessity of & to start the plans of some of your great works there—It would indeed be a grand thing to do. But should you not be much more likely to do good (remaining at home) by your advice & experience than by taking a work which would necessarily involve laborious physical exertion?

You did Hong Kong & Singapore in this way, did not you? which have been so successful—

I have been overdone with anxious work & have only power to write these few poor words. which do not at all tell how I have pondered your words every day.

God bless you
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
1/9/123 signed letter, 1f, pen RP 851

10 South St. June 10/89

Dear Sir Robert Rawlinson

The building in question is: - Gordon Boy’s Home.

The information they want must be kindly supplied me by early tomorrow in the forenoon.

Could you possibly be so kind as to send it me? May I send for it by 11 o’clock?

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Thanks for kind letter

1/9/124 signed letter, 8ff, partially dictated, pen & pencil

Dictated

10 South St. Park Lane

July 5.89

Dear Mr. Burton,

I am very much obliged to you for your letter, and for its very satisfactory enclosure.

And I was very much pleased to see (what you did not tell me) that you had kindly offered prizes at the Village Horticultural Show for the best Collection of Leaves from Trees, with the names appended, by the schoolchildren. That is the way to make them observe.

And-- I should very much like to know whether you have found any opportunity of teaching the children the ways the leaves grow, and the ways the flowers are made; instead of the common way of teaching them classification and Latin names, usually called Botany.

And have you been able to make use of the collection of fossils and spars and specimens to teach them the simplest geology which all Derbyshire Children should know?
I forget whether I mentioned to you that the man who supplied the small collection I sent you, and who is, I believe, a Fellow of the Geological Society, offered me, for a few shillings more, to make that collection complete, and such as would be used in the Kensington Museum and Society of Arts. Would you like this to be done? I should be so very glad- I was so pleased with what you told me of your taking down the boys into the mines (at Burton on Trent I think you said), and shewing them the fossils and the strata. It is worth anything to make the children observe. To teach and to train themselves when they leave school - that is the real meaning of schooling. I have sometimes thought that the real test of a schoolmaster or mistress would be whether the children go on after they have left school liking to inform themselves, liking to observe, liking to read up a thing; or whether they forget all they have been taught, never open a book, and even forget how to read or write correctly- & worse still forget religion & morality [FN line] I had a good deal of talk on Saturday with a General who is my Sister’s nephew, and who cares for his men so much that I learn from him a great deal, and perhaps he learns a little from me. He was amazed to tell me, and I was amazed to hear that out of 350
recruits for the Guards, whom he was going to inspect and to talk to, 60 could not read or write. [You know perhaps that in the Guards they are obliged to be particularly careful that every man should read and write well, because the men of the Guards have to do so much mounting guard at important buildings in London and at the Palaces. They have their written orders, often very important ones, given them every night, which they much be able to read correctly] My General was going to see every one of these 60 men each, by himself, to ask them where they had been at school, -to get them to wish to go to school now to the Regimental Schoolmaster,

(because there is no compulsory schooling allowed now in the army)- and to get into their confidence. I told him that it would be most important for Civilians as well as for the Army that we should have this information, because it tells us really what are the results of elementary education. Soldiers are almost all recruited from the country; they are almost all in their teens, 18 or 19; and therefore hardly any of them can have left school more than 5 years. There are, I imagine, either Lending-Libraries, or Night Schools, or Institutes of some kind or other - (only I fear they don’t all admit boys as early as 14) almost everywhere, and therefore the boys can scarcely lack all opportunity of continuing their own education. I am
sure that the boys and girls who have completed their own education with you, would not have forgotten how to read and write in 5 years. I was very glad to see the successful report on the religious instruction of the children, and especially on the “tone” of the School. And I have no doubt that the religious teaching is really impressed into the Children’s hearts and practical lives by you and Mrs. Burton, and does not remain as a mere book of History and Geography to them.

It very often happens to me to have to do with girls from 15 to 20, chiefly when they have gone into domestic service. I will tell you one recent experience. It is that of a very nice girl of 15 from the country - a particularly good and intelligent girl - She had been ten consecutive years, from 4 to 14, at a national school. I had occasion to take her through, and make her recapitulate each of her Confirmation Classes as they went on for she was just going to be confirmed. She could not bring back one single idea from any of her Classes, and she was unable to write a single sentence. I had to write down for her answers to every one of the printed questions, and even then, she could not fit them on to the questions. As for discovering the moral, she was quite incapable; tho’, to my great joy, I found that, after I had given her some of them in a sort of familiar way, she had repeated it all to one of her fellow-servants. But the most curious part remains to be told. Tho’ she had had Scriptural instruction every day for 10 years, I found she was apparently quite ignorant of the Gospels - I therefore told her, without allowing her to look at the Testament or looking at it myself, the principal events and parables of our Saviour’s Life, and especially of the last week of His Life, and she was evidently very much interested; but -she did
not recognize one of them. I attribute this to her having been in a School, where the Children only read verses in rotation, when of course they can only be thinking of their own verse, and not of the story; and where the master give no oral Religious Instruction. But I am sure this would never be the case with your children. Among all the country girls still in their teens, whom I have known or taught, and who had been probably for 8 years at elementary schools,

I have never known one who knew, or wished to know, the names of trees or of flowers, or plants, -not even of the commonest wild flowers [they might know a Rose] -nor of the common birds when they saw them, nor of what made it possible for birds to fly, nor of any of those common things which they had been seeing every day of their lives. I am almost afraid of asking you. whether your boys and girls know, (as well as the English names and ways and habits of common plants) the English names and ways and habits of common birds- because the boys are only too ready to throw stones at birds, and to rob their nests. But do they know that bird’s bones are hollow, and like lungs, and the way which enables them to fly?
Do you know any good book which teaches this? The Revd- T.G. Woods’ Readers were the best - but even these are not satisfactory, I think. I don’t think they give a clear account of how the bird flies. Bishop Stanley did, but his book is not for children.

4//A niece-in-law of mine, the (dictated letter turns into F.N. hand here)

one who wrote that leaflet on the Elements of Botany I gave you, visited this year many of the best Board Schools in London for her own instruction. She thought them greatly improved from those of 10 years ago. But she found no teaching of History. She suggested to one excellent School Master the teaching of the History of London.

Why not, she said, label the places which they pass every day with their genuine history- the place where the Great Fire of London began or stopped - that of the Great Plague ditto - the most picturesque incidents of the Tower of London - the execution of Lady Jane Grey and so on - and so on - the familiar history of London.

5// She was very much pleased with the teaching by the School Mistresses - of Health - of the Value of Foods, e.g. of Milk to children - of Domestic Economy -
How does your teaching of Domestic Economy fare?
I hope well: & that you are satisfied with the children. I hear on all hands of their great improvement in discipline & progress -
And how goes the Girls’ Needlework?
My kind regards to Mrs. Burton, who has also brought about such great improvement.
I thought it might be interesting to you to hear the above experiences.

I should be very glad to know how Selina Gregory does at the Mill. There are many temptations to girls there- whether she forgets her education. I hope not. I should like to send her some little present, such as a book, it you would kindly tell me what.
And I should like some day to hear how my other children are doing at School.
I am very, very sorry that Mr. Wildgoose is moving to Matlock - even that small distance -

Your holiday to Cornwall was a success. I am so glad.
God bless you
sincerely yours & Mrs. Burton’s
Florence Nightingale
1/10/125 Signed announcement/postcard, 1f, pen {black-edged card}

In grateful remembrance
of our Treasurer
Mr. Alderman Stone
whose loss to bereaved St. Thomas’ Hospital
& to his family and friends
is unspeakable
whose own gain in going home to his
Heavenly Father
is as unspeakable
Lon this Cross is offered by
Feb 26/90 Florence Nightingale
(sorrowing)

1/10/126 signed letter, 4ff, pen

April 8/90
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Burton
I received with great joy
your kind letter: joy at the
progress in all respects of
your Scholars, notwithstanding
the severe illness - joy at the
Good Spirit prevailing in
the School, thanks to you-
a sort of family feeling
which should exist in all
Institutions, without which
they are mere machines - (a
family feeling which we
rejoice to see extending in
S. Thomas’ Hospital & Training
School)- joy at the regular
attendance & the interest shewn
by the parents.
   With regard to “my” children, I hope they are doing you justice. I had rather not (you kindly ask) that another member of the same family should succeed when one leaves. I think that the people are well-to-do enough, as a rule, to pay their own School fees. But if you at any time see a child whom its friends cannot well pay for, I will most gladly do so.
   I was very sorry for the loss of good little Mary Doxey. We lost a little child in the Children’s Ward at St. Thomas’.
   And as the “Sister” (Head Nurse) was carrying out the little body in her arms to the ‘shell’ in the Corridor, the other sick children were heard explaining to some little new-comers: “Bobby is dead: he is going to God. Sister is carrying him outside to God. God is waiting outside for Bobby”. These children who are all under 5 years had a very good idea of God as the tenderest & most loving of Fathers who was waiting Himself to carry home & bless ‘Bobby’. So it was with dear little Mary Doxey. He was waiting to carry her home.
Charley “of the Angels” (as another little one was always called, because he insisted on having a Christmas Card of Angels hung over his cot & said they were taking care of him) a little prophet of five years who was particularly eager in making this explanation about ‘Bobby’, is since dead himself. He showed his true feeling for God by struggling hard with his temper which his disease rendered irritable. “Matron, Matron”, he called out, “I will be good”. Now God has fetched him too home.

Now it is Easter time, when we who are living may rise again here with Christ, having buried our petty selfishnesses & unconscientious work with Him - As the old Easter Carol says: “Christ is risen, as all things tell Good Christians, see ye rise as well”.

I am delighted that you have been elected Captain of the Cricket Club. Nothing will tend more to make it what it ought to be, a good manly sport & exercise keeping them out of the public-house, instead of promoting drinking, as some gatherings do.
Your Science Classes have indeed been most successful—& I am sure have done much good—& you kindly sent me the Report of the Institute. I hope that will flourish more & more. 

Pray give my kindest regards to Mrs. Burton. I trust that she & your children have quite recovered their strength after the Influenza. 

You do not mention Fanny Burton, the Pupil Teacher (I think her name is) who has gone or is going to a Training School—I should like to send her a Bible with Concordance &c through you, if you will allow me. 

I should like to write more: but we are very busy now, besides having changes at St Thomas’. And I am entirely a prisoner thro’ illness. 

I send £2.2 of which one is from Mr. Shore Smith, for the Cricket of which you are Captain. 

And believe me with great hope ever sincerely yours 

Florence Nightingale 

I do trust you are continuing well.
10 South St. May 26/90
Dear Mrs. Robertson

You know our trial -
And I assure you Sir
Harry feels such great comfort in Mr. Robertson’s & your affection & sympathy & in that of those who knew her & those many who did not. His grief is swallowed up in her joy.
Mr. Robertson will find, I know, now how much he can help Sir Harry.
And what a comfort that Capt. & Mrs. Verney are there.

You may be sure that I have thought a great deal about your last illness.
And I was in the act of writing to you when the beginning of the end came.
But it is not the end: rather it is the birth into the new life in God’s immediate presence for her - the release from the sufferings she bore so heroically.
I was grieved & disappointed that you should have had such a very bad time of it.
But I am very glad that you are going to Dr. Priestley after the next period-
   And I should like then very much to see you if you could kindly tell me a day or two beforehand.
   You must allow me to send this little contribution, first.
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   You kindly asked whether we wanted any more eggs, while they were so cheap.
   We could do with 4 doz. twice a week very well, if convenient to you. St. Thomas’ Hospital always has some as well as flowers.

Private {up diag} 2
  10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
       PARK LANE. W.
   About the house for the Joseph Colemans:
         you do not know how extremely I regret that Mr. Robertson was not properly informed
         It happened after this wise:
         more than a year ago, Sir Harry kindly visited them at their present house, & of his own accord told them that he would give them Quainton’s house, mentioning that it would soon, he believed, fall vacant.
He mentioned it to me shortly afterwards when he saw me here -

[I understood, but in this
†I am probably mistaken,
that Mr. Robertson was
with Sir Harry when he
paid that visit to the
J Colemans.]

I should have thought it quite out of my province to meddle about Sir Harry’s cottages, had he not made this spontaneous offer - or of course to tell Mr Robertson as if I had done so -

The present house is very damp; the garden gate is sometimes a puddle - It is an inconvenient house with only one fire place, & the washing has to be done in the one kitchen sitting-room - & the poor old man goes out of doors illeges It also has only a brick floor. It smokes almost as much as it did before so much was kindly done to it. The water has to be fetched from a distance. The father had one fall, & I believe more than one, in fetching it. The daughter who is very
industrious has done it
since & besides the danger of slipping in frost is always
exhausted by it. The two
old people have not an oz
of health between them
& the daughter not much
more. Quainton’s house has I believe
an earth closet. The present house only a privy.

But all this put together
would not have made me
interfere about Sir Harry’s
cottages, had he not
proposed it. And I
believe nothing more has
passed between Sir Harry
& me - certainly nothing
between the Colemans & me -
since that time more than
a year ago.

The other day I heard

3
(I think it was this day week)
I heard 10, SOUTH STREET,
   PARK LANE. W. {printed address}
accidentally that
Quainton was moving
out. And I wrote, fearful
of losing the house, the
same night to Capt.
Verney, asking him to
remind Sir Harry of
his promise, & saying
that I would pay the
rent. This would be
entirely out of the power
of the Colemans who are,
I believe, entirely dependent
thro’ no fault for theirs,
on the daughter who
is in my service.

They are, as you are
kindly aware most respectable, even, you might call them, cultivated people.

They have never begged of me - or complained in any fashion. But I knew that they earnestly wanted a better house, but felt any higher rent absolutely out of their power.

You have been very kind to them - I hope Mr. Robertson will kindly accept my excuses.

I should like to give them the garden 9/ a year belonging to Quainton’s house.

They have an allotment & the daughter works or worked in it.

F.N.

I was so pleased to hear of Mrs Verney’s Lecture on books. I am so sorry that your eyes are not all right-

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Excuse a scrambling note-

1/10/128 signed letter and envelope, 5ff, pen, both black-edged envelope:

Germany

Mrs. O’Rorke

Dr. Pagenstecher’s Klinik

59 Taunus Strasse

Wiesbaden

10/6/90
June 9/90
10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.

Dear Madam

I cannot thank you enough for your letter, of which I read much to my brother-in-law, Sir Harry Verney, to his great comfort.

“I am the Resurrection & the Life” is not only for her my sister who is gone but for us we who are grovelling here while she is safe with God.

She was buried on Ascension Day - her husband walking after alone-- & ever body brought flowers. We did “ascend up” then in our “hearts & minds” - now we are grovelling in the horrible material business which follows after. You never grovel. This is not for Miss Marsh and Mrs. Chalmers who never grovel.

How I did feel for them in this trial of blindness-

A friend of my sister’s life, Lord Fortescue, was sent by Mr. Gladstone to enquire into the condition of the Ophthalmic Patients who came back from the Crimea. He caught it & lost an eye - He said so simply: ‘I spent an eye - I did not lose it’-

I am sure your dear Invalids may say that: “I spent, I did not lose my health”. But I pray that they may have it again-

On the day of my sister’s funeral, I had grandchild with me - a very
sensitive little girl of 9,
who I was afraid would be thinking too much of “Grandmama in a coffin”. So I told her what happened in our Children’s Ward at St Thomas’. A child had died, & some other children, (especially one who always went by the name of Charley of the Angels) were heard explaining to some little new-comers: “Bobbie is dead: he is going to God” - "‘Sister’ is carrying him outside to God. God is waiting outside for Bobbie to take him home”. [Charley of the Angels is dead too now] These children were all under 5.

The little grand child of 9 was comforted. For 3 years she has had an idea that she must have a house (“when I am grown up”)

"& take the poor little blind children & the old people I meet in the streets into my house & nurse them”. [I wonder what she will turn out]

So I said: “now Grandmama will be able to do all that - -you know how she still went about among the poor people when she was so ill”.

Yes, said little 9. “And there was always dripping-cake for the poor people when there was none for us”

Did not Christ think that children were the best teachers of us all? - And so my little girl was comforted.

How beautiful are those lines you were so good as to send me.
I took Miss Marsh’s “Haven & Home”. And went thro’ it with the maids. And we asked ourselves the questions:

Have I shown any fruit of all this of God’s seed-sowing, especially of the last month’s?

Have I made my choice for God?

Have I given myself up to the Lord Jesus Christ?

[I tell you these things, because it may be a moment’s pleasure to her, - Miss Marsh, I mean]

Many children & people in the Workhouse Infirmaries & Hospitals come to Christ the first time they are called. Have we who have been called from our infancy come yet?

My sister had been ill for 8 years: her sufferings were terrible & continued increasing till the end: but strength to bear them increasing too was given her. How little of her was in the grave! The body was all wrong: every organ was wrong & only a seat of pain. But the spirit went on commanding, resisting, overcoming, outliving every thing till the last. Indeed it was like a soul existing alone (in God) with the body as an enemy.

Her husband’s grief is swallowed up in her joy -

Almost the last thing she said to me was: Tell me some of the beautiful things our Lord said in His last days.
And I did. What she laid hold of was: “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? Father save me from this hour? But for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify Thy name”.
O how I have prayed the Collect for Whit Sunday! And will you pray it for us?
I must not write any more. I have written this long letter that Miss Marsh may know when she is better how welcome your letter of sympathy was & Mrs. Chalmers too & how we thought of them. I will not say God bless them. For He does bless them.
“Remember, M.,” she said to an old man: servant in her last days, “remember that God is love -
“remember that I know He is always love”- And she was not at all given to speaking of her religious feelings- hardly to any one. I never knew any one less With earnest prayer for your two Invalids, & great love, ever yours
F. Nightingale
Mrs. O’Rorke
It is not death - which is victory - it is not the burial which is ascension - which/that are hard to bear. It is the things which come after. Pray for us -
{printed address upside down:} 10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.
One secret of Miss Marsh’s immense success, blest of God, was that
she made every man into a missionary. 'Bring your mate' she said: if we Gentlewomen want that saying to them even more. If every gentlewoman, after she had proved herself in giving herself to God in Nursing or any other work, brought a 'mate', how much the work would grow- not in the fashionable sense, but in the highest sense. [Nursing is too much the fashion now]

F.N.

August 2/90

10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Burton

Thank you very much for your letter.

Your Science Exam: results are delightful. And I look forward to hearing about the Hygiene. I should like also to know about the proportion between the sexes as well as the classes-

I am glad you have men as well as boys. It shows that Education is kept up.

Do you want any prizes?
About the Scripture Exam:
   I entirely believe that in your hands the results are nor mere “surface results”, & that the “number of passes” is not to your mind a test of your School— but the influence for life of the training you give them.
   And this influence I believe they receive.
   You say the Institute wants new books - If you would give me a List of what you think desirable & popular, I would try to supply at least part -
   I am afraid I have made a mistake about Fanny Burton’s books. I sent a Bible with maps & Concordance, and Kingsley’s Westward Ho! to her at the Revd= — Fawnthorpe’s Training College, Whitelands, Chelsea. It was the holidays — & they said they would forward the books — Ought I to have sent them to Southlands? & where is that? Could you kindly enquire whether she has received them?
I give you & Mrs. Burton
joy of your new little son.
May he prosper! God
bless mother & child.
I am glad you have
had such a good holiday,
but sorry for the parting.
There are so many
partings of that kind
now in our country -
I will write again -
& with kind regards to
Mrs. Burton
believe me
ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

Dear Mr. Burton
You were so good as to send
me the printed questions
on Principles of Agriculture
Animal Physiology
Hygiene
And I should like much to
know not only how many
& who ‘passed’ - but also
what you thought of the
questions yourself -
whether the elementary questions
are clear & fair enough
whether the “advanced” &
“honours” ones are hard, &
none of them such as an
ordinary Board School child
could be expected to answer.
One or two people versed
in Physiology thought that they seemed intended for the Schoolmaster & that they are none of them subjects which can be properly learnt & understood without actual experiment & handling of the things themselves - & that even if so learnt they would be quickly forgotten, as they are not matters which he has to do with in his own particular employment every day- & that they are of little use unless in learning them men have learned also not to believe any thing without putting it to the proof -

How few have time & material to do that.

Do you think the Hygiene questions unpractical for School children - yet how important for the life of the nation! I have sent a few totally unfinished, for I have no time or strength.

I was glad of your ‘Religious’ Examination, because I am sure you made it practical as I shall be of all that you do.

Excuse your my long delayed letter.

I hope that the new School Board is sound & quiet-

& not alarming in any way.

All letters will be forwarded to me from 10 South St.

God bless you ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

10/8/91
March 21/91
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Burton

I am glad you like the books for the Institute.

The “Wallace” was for you, because I did not think from the books they had asked for, they would either read or enjoy him.

Lady Verney’s Stone Edge was for the Institute, because the scene is placed at Bonsal, Yougreave, Riber, & the neighbourhood, & many of the things said were really said to her & me by our village neighbours. It is a book very difficult now to get.

If there are any books you think unsuitable for the Institute & suitable for the Children’s School Library, pray, as you say,

take them, sending me a List;
but if there are none unsuitable for the Institute, send me the List you want for the School Library, & I will send them you –
in haste

yours very sincerely

with best Easter wishes

F. Nightingale
March 24/92
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Miss Marsh

How can I thank you enough for so kindly writing to me - and how much good your dear letter did me!

"God loves her: & she knows it: & she loves "Him" - how godlike are those words-

I repeated them to a poor woman who had lost every thing by an act of immorality & breach of trust: her good situation, her character, her child, & who wished to destroy herself. And she is now going to a safe situation, where the mistress knows it all, but takes her, & will tell no one, so that she may lead a new life, with her Saviour's help.

You kindly ask after me. I am a good deal overworked but thankful to be permitted to go on at all.

Kindly pray for the Nurses & the Nursing - not only for ours but for all- There
comes sometimes a crisis in our lives, which can only
I was going to say be
tided over by the help
of God, as if that were
not always our only
main-stay - I mean of
course where a double
measure of His spirit is
needed; the Comforter
who was promised on the
eve of the Crucifixion
to teach us what is
wrong & what is right.
Our trial is not
crucifixion but fashion.
Nursing has become
the fashion: and it
brings in all sorts of

amateur alloy- and
public life instead of
inner life - and
registering instead of
training - and duty
rather loses its meaning
of 'work for God' -
'Behold the handmaid of
the Lord - be it unto
'me according to Thy word'
Pray that to-morrow may
be really this-

On the other hand, an
extra mercantile spirit
has come in- of forcing
up wages, regardless of
providing a life, a 'home',
in the meaning that home
ought to bear, of ‘constant supply’ and ‘constant sympathy’—regardless that Hospital and Workhouse Nursing has been raised from the sink it was— not more by training than by making the Hospital & District Home a place where no good mother of any class need fear to send her daughter— a place of moral safety—guards, good and kind supervision, good companions, of inspiring help, of good food & lodging, & decency & discipline.

But I did not mean when I began writing to you, dear ‘friend’, to enlarge upon Nursing, upon the influence which a Nurse ought to exert on the (far better educated than formerly men) Patients, spying out whether she is acting up to her profession— But your kindness & the desire to have your prayers for grace to Him who is always smiling on us if we do not willingly grieve Him & leading us back if we do
has made me go on to you.

I am so sorry for your
great trial of blindness. But
I find your little books
such a great help to lives-
I find even uneducated people
so anxious to know whether
“that Beckenham” is where
“the lady lived who wrote
‘‘Light for the Line’ or --
{‘for’ overtop an illeg}
or --.

May I send my deep
regard to Mrs. Chalmers
& to all yours
& be ever yours most
sincerely

Florence Nightingale

1/10/133 signed letter, 3ff, pen

Dec 3/92
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mrs. Robertson

I am so grieved that
you should have come
home with your house
in such a state - It is
very disastrous - But I
hope you are not ill.

Yes: please give away
the flannel petticoats &
the tea now. They won’t
be warmer at Christmas
for being cold now.

The books for the children
are coming.

I am so concerned
about Archer’s death. I
thought he was getting better
Poor Mrs. Archer
Would it be quite convenient
to you to let us have
two lbs. Butter instead
of one twice a week?

My old friend Robert
Robinson whom I bought
out of the Crimean Army
in 1856 has got a
good place as Land
Agent with Lord North
& given up farming. He
used to supply me and
two of our matrons with
Butter.

Yes please: I should like
my Turkeys & Pork
& Sausages the same as
last year - & some
Bacon farther on not
too salt, if convenient
to you.

Will you kindly say
to Mr. Robertson that
I thought of giving
Joseph Coleman a
new fire place range (the
old fire place range is their
own) with grate; &
boiler & oven on each
side - the boiler is quite
worn out- & room for
a large pot on the
fire - It is so very
awkward - they have
but one fire-place
in the house - And
washing & cooking &
every thing has to be
done there.

If the chimney could
but be made not to
smoke - but they
must have an open
fire-place they say
whether it smokes or
not.

Capt. Verney spoke to
Philip Tomes about a new fire range while Mr. Robertson was away. And Philip Tomes very properly spoke to Mr. Robertson about it – I was so sorry to go away & not to see you or Mr. Robertson again – But I had long been due in London Is there any hope of the earth-closets in Steeple Claydon – & of doing away with those pools – & a fresh water-supply ?

Please remember me kindly to Mr. Robertson & your daughter & Mr. Sandy.

God bless you ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

1/10/134 signed postcard, 1f, pen

POST {logo} CARD
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

George Evatt Esq MD.
5 Guadaloupe Terrace
Sandown

6/1/93 I. of Wight

London 6 January 1893 Welcome back to England. A good New Year & many good New Years to you & yours & your work. I shall look forward to seeing you when you return near London & hearing of your Indian work F. Nightingale
Jan 22/93

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

Dear Sir Robert Rawlinson

I have so much to thank you for - such kind letters of answer to my questions- & "The Cottagers of Glenburnie"- & many other things.

With regard to one thing that I consulted you about, viz. under a County Council the training of ladies to be "Health Missioners" in rural life to poor Cottage Mothers- that you may see that your trouble was not wasted, I venture to send you our first year’s Report of organization and work under The Technical Education Committee of North Bucks - of the Bucks Co. Co. also a Circular, saying that they are prepared to take paying Probationers for other Counties - and two pamphlets by the same Medical Officer of Health who has served us so well, Dr. De’Ath, of Buckingham - one the Organization of Village Sanitation (see the parts I have marked)
& another on preventing
  “Cholera"
I should like so much
to ask you, if you
approved, if you
approved, to send
copies of any or all of
these to any people
at the Local Govt- Board
or otherwise, where if you
think they might be
useful.
  We have such trouble in
N. Bucks owing to the
slackness of the Guardians
of the Public Health (the
Board of Guardians-)
  And the landlords & the
L.G.B. don’t help us -
  for auld lang syne
  yours ever sincerely
  Florence Nightingale

1/10/136 signed letter, 2ff, pen

2/2/93
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Mr. Burton
  I was very glad indeed
to hear such a good
account of all that
pertains to your labours-
of your School-grant -
of the prize to the pupil
of your Lecture - & that
you yourself are, as I
trust, flourishing.
  I have been a long
while sending you our
“Health at Home” pamphlet
- an account of what
we have been doing in
Bucks under the Technical
Education Committee of the County Council to bring the simplest elements of Sanitation home to the Cottage Mothers - a thing which has been miserably neglected - I beg your acceptance of it now - I have not forgotten, I assure you, your request or your papers about being made a F.G.S - It seems that there is more difficulty about it than was expected. But I will write again - With the kindest regards to Mrs. Burton who I trust is well ever yours sincerely Florence Nightingale

1/10/137 signed letter, 1f, pen

June 5/93
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:} PARK LANE. W.  
Dear Mrs. Shales I hope that you will be able & be so kind as to make a gown & cap for Confirmation for my under house maid, Ellen Pearce - the same as you did for Frances & another some years ago - Ellen’s need not be ready before say this day fortnight or a day or two later - I was sorry that they did not tell me when you were here I hope you are well Please say Yes by Frances yours faithfully Florence Nightingale
1/10/138 signed letter, 1f, pencil

29/6/93
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir
I am so sorry for myself
that it is impossible
for me this week to
find an afternoon to
see you -
My long illness makes
business so pressing.
Is there any day or days
after this week that you
will be in London naturally?
Hoping to see you
Sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
Dr. Evatt

1/10/139 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

10 South St. Park Lane W
July 13/93
Private {up diag}
My dear Sir
Thank you very
much for this most
interesting, most important
Report. They ought to
improve.
I am so afraid of not
returning it in time, that
I send it off now, & will
answer your kind note
later.
These reports are most
valuable. And you train the
M.O. s under you-
With many thanks
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Dr. Evatt
1/11/140 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

April 27/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Miss Florence {top left on diagonal, not F.N.})
Nightingale}
Dear Mrs. Cheadle
You were so good;
you asked me once to
tell you if you
could do anything
for us -
I take the privilege
you gave me, &
enclose our request
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

1/11/141 signed letter, 1f, pencil black-edged paper RP 851

Sept. 19/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dear Sir Robert Rawlinson
How can I thank you
enough for your most
beautiful ‘German’
copy of your most
beautiful Muller
Landscape, so well
framed - It is
quite like an
original picture -
I will write again
my appreciation of
your great kindness

Have you heard
that good Mrs.
Sutherland is dead-
Her sister was with
her. She was buried
on Tuesday. Her last illness was short
ever yours sincerely
(for auld lang syne)
F. Nightingale
Feb 7/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Yeomans

Would you be so very
good as to send in good
seats any parents or
old people who would
not otherwise go
to the Lea Schoolchildren’s
Entertainment under Mr.
Burton of Feb 17,18,19.
I hope you are
pleased with the
progress of the School
& improvement in

attendance.
Perhaps you would
prefer turning over
to Mr. Burton the
giving people seats
according to his
choice-

ever yours sincerely
with thanks
F. Nightingale
Dear Mr. Burton

You will receive about 60 Books Volumes, which you will please to divide between the 3 Reading Rooms of Whatstandwell Holloway Lea according to your best judgment- at Lea Hurst

Mr. Louis Shore Nightingale will take them down to-day to Lea Hurst- & will see or write to you to know what day & hour it will be convenient to you to come to Lea Hurst & divide them -

If there are any books which are duplicates of what they have, or which you do not like for them, pray return them to me or give them away - And I will replace them with any books you will name for them.

If you would like some books for your School Library, pray send me a List of what you want. And I will send them.
Pray say to each
Reading Room that I wish
them a happy Christmas
& hope they will enjoy
their books
And to yourself I wish
a very happy Christmas,
& ever increasing success
in all your good work
- especially in the
result on the scholars’
morals when they leave
School -
I think I told you
how pleased I was at the
Inspector’s remark that
the School was conducted
“so pleasantly”-
With every good wish
yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

In an address of the Bishop
of Rochester to Lady Margaret
Hall (a woman’s College) at
Oxford, where we have a
relation, a student:
I like these words
“We used to talk very much
“of what would happen to
“Students after leaving the Hall -
“I don’t know that this problem
“agitates any one very much
“at the present time- They go
“their own ways, and, let us
“hope, make the world better
“wherever they go. “But among other "things which we learn "here, one is the habit of "looking out upon life "with eyes that reach "far, and hearts that are "open to the needs & "difficulties of others” - I think you do look forward to the lives of your Scholars when they leave School -

I enclose a List of the books- F.N.

1/11/144 Signed letter, 1f, pencil

Feb 16/97

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Burton

I am delighted to hear of your Children’s Concert, & wish you all success - I know you love the children, & I cannot tell you how much better they behave out of school for this - I trust there is little swearing or betting, of which there was much

I enclose my Subn= to the Concert- yrs ffully

F. Nightingale
1/11/145 signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 17/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Mr. Croft
How kind of you to remember me! It gives me so much pleasure, & your beautiful lilies of the valley & rose are still the delight of my room.
I have plenty of work & am thankful for it -
Are you & Mrs. Croft well?
ever yours sincerely
& remembering old times
F Nightingale

1/11/146 Signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Dec. 2/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Mr. Burton
Thank you so much for your letter & its enclosure. Nothing could have given me more pleasure
Mrs Shore Nightingale will be at Lea Hurst next week
I was just writing to you to ask whether you would like
the new Edition of  
Lyell’s Principles of  
Geology (for “Students”  
I think it is called)  
[buts very likely you  
have it.]  
and  
Mahan’s Influence of  
Sea Power on History  
at the Revolution  
or any other book  
It would give me  
sol much pleasure to  
send you any books.  

Would you like  
50 or 60 Christmas  
Cards for the School?  
ever yours sincerely  
Florence Nightingale  
Pray excuse haste  

1/11/147 signed letter, 2ff, pencil  

Feb 11/98  
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}  
PARK LANE. W.  
Dear Mr. Burton  
Thank you very much  
for your letter & for  
the Programme which  
is delightful - It is  
so good to think of  
the children associating  
acting, songs & Operetta  
with grammar & discipline  
The tears come into my  
eyes when I see the  
‘National Airs’, especially
'Scots wha hae' & hum
it over- & your 'Grand
'chorus' of '300 Voices'.
School for them means
something more than
A B C (valuable
as A B C is) thanks to
you-

Feb 15
I have been so much
interrupted - I have
never been able to
finish my note to you.
Nor am I now.
But I beg you to
employ the little sum I
send if you can in
adding any interest to
your great days.
We never can be
thankful enough to you
for enlarging & giving

such interests (which
will last thro’ their
future lives) to these
embryo human creatures
Thank you again & again.
Mrs Shore Nightingale
takes such pleasure in
your School, as you know.
And I am sure the
parents do.
in great haste
yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale
May 31 1900
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Mr. Croft
I shall be delighted to
see you Thursday June 7
at 5
It is indeed joyful,
splendid news that the
war is over –
yours sincerely
yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Florence Nightingale
John Croft Esq
John Croft Esq

Hampstead N.W
Saturday night
Dear Mr. Rawlinson
For fear of mistakes, [9:373-74]
my second letter to you
was to say that I have
had a letter of Mr. Delane,
saying in the kindest
manner that he will
do & say “all & more”
than I want done or
said about the Indian
Suggestions.
To appear to distrust
that tremendous potentate
is the worst policy.
I therefore think
that it would be better, if you will send me anything you are kind
even to put down, & not set in motion
Mr. Taylor this time.
To husband our resources, so as to have said at any time
what we want said, in the “Times”, is wise.
Please burn ever yours sincerely
F.N.

1/12/150 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 S St.
8 Nov
I have found your paper: “Details of a Field Hospital”
- many thanks
I believe the Comm: go to Netley tomorrow -
F.N.

1/12/151 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

I dare say you are aware that the results of some test cases, such as Amputation, Lithotomy &c in London and in County Hospitals have been published - shewing a very large balance in favor of the County Hospitals- But this tells us only a general fact we knew before - viz that country
constitutions are in a better state to endure operations than London ones — & that when even, as is often the case, the London operations are on country men, yet still in spite of inferior Medical art & often inferior buildings in the country, still the country Hospital, with its purer air, affords a better chance of recovery than the London - with all its magnificent Professional excellence [end]

1/12/152 initialed incomplete letter, 1f, pen & pencil

[2] I always like to hear anything 10, SOUTH STREET, you are so good as to tell PARK LANE. W. {printed address} me about Sanitary matters But I must make this letter short; for the pressure of work always great has been so constant for months & months that I know not what it is to have a quarter of an hour’s leisure- or freedom from anxieties about various things God speed you F.N. Surg. Col: Evatt
as implying that they Medl= Officers do not, according to their rank, take their turn- in the event of Officers commanding being disabled, - as Officers commanding.

You know how much foolish feeling was aroused about this some time ago -

F.N.

With these disposable sources, will you be good enough to write some general hints on the subject of: -  
1. filtration, for getting rid of organic matter  
2. sinking of deep wells  
3. means or raising water to a sufficient elevation for distribution, in the comparative absence of fuel for steam= engines - (horse or bullock or wind power, e.g.)  
4. water towers for
pressure or stand
tubes (all Indian
towns being flat)
5. tanks for storing
filtered water under
or above ground -
in either case, so
formed as to keep
the water pure &
cool
6. means of distribution
by hydrants, household
supply &c

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Paving. Will you also
give some general
Instructions on the subject
of surface paving &
Drainage? They have made
a mess of paving at Calcutta,
we hear.

All Barrack detail
will be furnished by
the W.O. in a separate
paper.
As you have alluded
to ventilation in this
paper, perhaps you
could expand it,
so as to complete
the question, as
regards sewers.
I hope you are better.

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When you return the
whole to me, we will
send it to press -
I do not doubt
but that we shall

succeed in doing
all that we wish
for India, now - i.e.
in beginning it.
ever yours
F.N.
1/12/155 no i-text, no paper copy, to George Evatt, re catalogue: ALS
10 South St. Pk. Lane W., 2p on 1 leaf marked #2 re applications for
women, photograph inscribed; framed copy of photograph of Florence
Nightingale in old age with separate inscription: “Professor Fawcett
M.P. with Florence Nightingale’s compliments, no date

1/12/156 no i-text, no paper copy, re catalogue: Verney, Maude ALS
Wasperton House, Warwick; to Mrs. Green, 6 Aug 1884, re Florence
Nightingale’s character 5pp

[there are two letters marked 1/1/(1975)]

1/1(1975) signed letter, 1f, pen (black-edged paper)

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
Oct 6/55
My dear Madam
I send you, with great
pleasure 108 prs socks &
115 prs drawers.
The drawers will many of
them want looking to &
mending - being second=hand.
The whole of the drawers
& most of the socks which
have been used here were
bought at my own expence
at Constantinople & from
English vessels - We have
had but few among the
“Free Gifts” at all - & of

these few, I send you the
greater portion, together
with the few I have left
out of my own private
stores which I had laid in

We always have to mend
the second=hand Gifts
before we use them.
Pray be so kind as to
try whether I can supply
you with any others of your
Requirements- though, as
you specify no others, I
cannot do so without -
Believe me, dear Madam,
in haste, yours truly
Florence Nightingale
1/1/(1975) excerpts from a letter in her sister Parthenope Nightingale’s hand {was Lady Verney later on}, 5 Nov 1855, Castle Hospl, Balaclava, re: ‘in answer to Mrs. Bracebridge’s saying she never told of herself’ re her illnesses, the war, health of Mrs. Shaw Stewart, ‘Soyer is still her doing much good’

1/4(1975) {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [8:814-15]

35 South St {printed address}
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Miss Marsh
I have delayed answering
your most kind note, because
Sister Olga von Billerbeck,
the (Kaiserswerth) Deaconess of
the Alexandria Hospital, was
away at Liverpool, “collecting”.
She will be glad & thankful
to accept your goodness in
giving “some of” your “books” to
her poor English sailors –
if you will be so good as to
send them to her address,
as you kindly propose –
viz.

to the
P. and O. Co’s office
Leadenhall Street
addressed
“For the Deaconesses’ Hospital
Alexandria”
care of Hy Calvert Esq.
British Vice Consul
Alexandria
She gratefully thanks you for your kind contribution for which I enclose ye receipt. I trust that you are better.

in some haste

for, as you quote from Wesley in your charming book “Leisure & I have taken leave of each other” —
excellent noble inspiring old Wesley!
ever yours
F. Nightingale

July 27/69

1/5(1975) signed letter, 2ff, pen

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Dec 13/75

Dear Mrs. Frost

Mrs. Wilson is so good as to invite me to write to you about my angora Tom-cat (who answers to the name of Mr. White) — now hers.

1. Mr. White has never made a dirt in his life — but he has been brought up to go to a pan, with sand in it. You must have patience with him, please, till he has been taught
to go out-of-doors for his wants.  
2. He has always been shut up at night: (in a large pantry:) to prevent his being lost. And I believe he ought always to be shut up at night: for this reason. [I think you must keep him in the house for two or three days till he knows his kind mistresses: & the place: for fear he should run away & try to get back to me.] And perhaps if you could give him a pan with sand in it for the first night or two it might be better. ----

3. He has always been used to have his meals by himself like a gentleman in a plate put upon a "table-cloth" (an old newspaper) spread on the floor. He is not greedy: has never stolen any thing: & never drags his bones off his newspaper. But I am sorry to say he was always lived well: he has bones, & milk, in the morning: after 7 o’clock dinner he has any remains of fish not fish bones: or chicken= or game= bones: which he eats like a gentleman off a plate in my room, as I have described: & never asks for more
then a little broken meat, & milk, when he is shut up at night:
& a large jar of fresh water (which he can’t upset) always on the floor for him
4. He is the most affectionate & intelligent cat I have ever had: is much fonder
of the society of Christians than of cats:
likes of all things to be alone in a room with me:
(but made acquaintance with the little dog of a baby friend of ours): & when his own little sister cat died, he refused food & almost broke his heart. He washes & dresses two little kits we have here (of his) himself.
I never saw a Tom-cat do this before.
5. You will see Mr. White is very black now—
But, when he is in the country, he is as white as the driven snow.
He is 10 months old.
I have written a long letter about him: but in short I recommend him to your kind care: & am yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

1/9/(1975) note, 1f, pencil

30/8/89
with
Florence Nightingale’s kind compliments & thanks
J. Macready Esq

1/12/(1975) list of other letters from catalogue:

Charles Holt Bracebridge to Miss Dodd 10 Jan [1856], Atherston Hall re FN establishing a “profession of nurses, and his own social service interests 4 p.

Selina Bracebridge to Miss Dodd 10 Jan [1856], Atherston Hall re mentions the Exposition in Paris; of F.N. she says: “She is able to get through all her work now without overtaxing her strength”. Re Miss Martineau’s health

Parthenope Nightingale (Lady Frances Parthenope Verney to Dear Sir, [incorrect date 10/-/54], 49 Belgrave Square, re F.N.’s trip to the Crimea, difficulty of procuring good nurses; religious feeling prompted F.N.’s work the cooperation among various religious groups 4 p.
Dear Sir

I have a very painful duty to perform in giving you some information concerning Miss Salisbury, which is tomorrow to be made the subject of a Dispatch from the General Officer commanding here to Lord Panmure. I think it incumbent upon me to write to you, in consequence of Miss Salisbury’s long stay in your family, as, I believe Governess & in consequence of many letters from your family having been found in Miss Salisbury’s correspondence, which was seized by order of the Commandant of this place - all these shall be returned to you -

Miss Salisbury undertook in this Hospital the Charge of the “Free Gift” store - upon a written understanding that nothing was to be given out of that store, except by a written order from me, I considered it my duty - & it has been my constant practise to keep an account of every article given - which account would be at any time made known to the Public -

My responsibility being to the people of England. These accounts have been already printed in the “Blue Book” as far as regards the Hospital of Scutari, up to the 15 July 1855 are ready for publication & will be published up to 1 May, 1855 as far as regards the Hospitals of Scutari, & as far as regards those
of the Crimea from November 4, 1854 to May 1, 1855, May, June, & July; I was on a sick bed & incapable of any employment during which three months Mrs. Bracebridge will answer all questions. For August & September I have an account of every article distributed to four Hospitals on the Crimea, two Sardinian Hospitals & the Scutari Hospitals, which will be published. There remains the Hospital of Koulale, of the articles sent to which Mrs. Bracebridge has an account -

Circumstances occurred, which made me believe that property from the “Free Gift” stores was withdrawn by Miss Salisbury, unknown to me, and this suspicion became so much strengthened that I mentioned it to the Commandant, who, thinking that I had grounds for it, instituted me to dismiss Miss Salisbury – I did so, paying her her salary at the rate of £68.5.0 p an/ the difference between which & 18/ per week, which is the rate assigned by the War Office for Lady-Nurses being paid out of my own pocket/. I offered to pay her passage home either to Patras or England, & I gave her 6 weeks salary at £68.5 per an. out of my own purse - as a compensation for the short notice - She refused to go & offered her services to Mrs. Moore, superintendent of the Officers Nurses here - Farther evidence against her honesty having come out, the General Commanding sent men to search my house in Scutari, in which she, Miss Salisbury, slept. Property was found there which I may safely assert was of above
£100 value, concealed partly in her boxes, partly in the room of Michele & Angela Andrea partly in Salvo Andrea’s boxes, who were, as you perhaps know, brought here by the recommendation of Miss Salisbury - I must leave it to others to interpret this circumstance for themselves -

Miss Salisbury says that it was her intention to give away this property, and acknowledges that she has given away much from the “Free Gift” stores unknown to me -

The excuse she offers is that the stores were rotting & eaten by rats, and that Mrs. Bracebridge had given her & the Nurses leave to take out & give away any thing while she was here. It is my wish to leave the latter assertion to be answered by Mrs., Bracebridge. That rats abound in all these Hospitals is an unlucky fact. But I never heard that Purveyor or Commissariat gave away their stores in consequence - Be that as it may Miss Salisbury has broken the agreement which she made in disposing of the “Free Gift” stores at her own pleasure, without record or responsibility - and the people of England are not to be left at the mercy of Miss Salisbury - To this, with the greatest pain I must add that Articles of my own wearing apparel, which I had missed, have been found in Miss Salisbury’s boxes - It is undesirable that the circumstances are such as would, in any other case, be considered a felony - Michelle, Salvo his son, Andrea who is I believe Angela’s brother, & two other men are now
in custody, in whose possession have been found goods given over to them by her —

Believe me, Dear Sir,

to be truly yours

/sigd/ Florence Nightingale

I ought perhaps to add that, among the Correspondence of Miss Salisbury, seized by the Commandant, he found a letter addressed by her to General Van Straubenzee’s wife, accusing me of murder, or to copy the paragraph, of “smuggling the body of poor Miss Clough” (one of the lady nurses in the Crimea, who died on her passage down here)” into the grave, in order to conceal the circumstances of her death, she also accuses me of absorbing the Free Gifts — Have you ever had any suspicion of her sanity

1/13 copy RP 988 signed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
Oct 3/55

My dear Sir
I have received a second Shipment of
7 Boxes Oranges & Lemons —
The fruit was magnificent — But out of the 6 Boxes Lemons,
71 Lemons only were found fit for use — And 32 Oranges out of the 1 Box Oranges — which could not have been more than half full — For these were almost all good —
Of course, after the miserable discovery which has been made with regard to Miss Salisbury’s dishonesty, it was suspected that she might have represented the first shipment, which she unpacked, to be bad—in order to purloin a part—which she has done in very many cases. But in this case the suspicion was unjust. I myself unpacked this last Shipment & the above statement is correct—viz 71 Lemons 32 Oranges out of the 7 Boxes—

I am desired by the Commandant to return you all the letters which belong to your family (found by him in this unfortunate woman’s property.) I must do her the justice to observe that she manifested great feeling about this—& some of her last words to me were that I should intercede with the Commandant to restore “Rodney’s letters to his mother.”

She was released on Monday, at my intercession, put on board the “Earl of
Aberdeen” steamer - & sent to England - I have declined to prosecute - as a prosecution for felony must have resulted in transportation— for libel in imprisonment. For the most extraordinary falsehoods were found in her correspondence— I have advised her to go to Australia - & have lodged a sum of money for her in England to pay her passage out, if she does go — She is, however, not penniless — For I paid her passage home - & paid her £25.12.0 just before she sailed — Every article of her own property - which she could identify as her own-being, of course, also restored to her — I gave her four months ago £1.9.2 to pay you for Angela’s passage — She has since informed me (just before sailing) that she did not pay you — & that the passage was only twenty-five Drachmas. Will you be kind enough to inform me if this be correct? & I will immediately forward the money — It appears that she has peculated during the whole
time she has been here -
And the most painful
part of the history to me
is that she accused others
of stealing the very thing
which we missed & which
were afterwards found
in her boxes -
  Michele & Salvo D’andrea
are still in prison -
  Will you inform us
whether she owed money
to a certain Mr. Beal
at Corfu & whether she
has paid him while
here?
  I must add that she
came to us with the
greatest professions of
disinterestedness as a
volunteer - & that it was
my proposition to give her
Sixty-Five Guineas per an -
she declaring that she
wanted *nothing* -
I remain, dear Sir,
yours truly
  Florence Nightingale
PRIVATE {at angle} Balaclava Oct 17/55

My dear Sir

I have been called suddenly up to our Hospitals in the Crimea — whither your letter of the 28th Sept. followed me —

I regret exceedingly the impossibility (which my hasty departure entailed) of bringing up all my papers & Accounts with me, so that I cannot at this moment ascertain the precise amount of my debt to you — But, to the best of my recollection, the first account was over £12, the second over £6, besides Angela’s journey, of which I can learn only from you the amount — as Miss Salisbury, by her own shewing, appears to have been mistaken —

I therefore enclose a cheque upon Glyn’s in London for Twenty Pounds, as my debt to you cannot be less — And the moment I return to Scutari, I will ascertain from my accounts the precise amount — & forward the remainder —

I return the letter for Miss Salisbury, which was opened merely to see whether there was an enclosure for Valerio, which he expected, & he requested that Miss Salisbury’s letters might be opened for this purpose —

That unfortunate woman
sailed, on the 1st October for England by the "Earl of Aberdeen." I have declined to prosecute & have lodged a sum of money for her in England to enable her to go on to Australia, if she wishes it -

She is no raw practitioner - it appeared in the evidence that her system of plunder began from the very day almost that she arrived in Scutari - & was conducted with great skill - She must be a veteran in the practise - From a few words which dropped from the Revd= Mr. Wright, Principal Chaplain to the Forces in the Crimea, it

struck me that there had been suspicious circumstances in the house of Mr. Wood, the Consul, which might be traced to the same origin, not that she has been convicted of dishonesty - & suspicion thereby aroused -

If you think it worth while to pursue this Enquiry, & to communicate the result to me, it might throw some light upon this miserable & incomprehensible history. But it is not my intention to take any further proceedings against this unhappy woman -

( as Scutari) to accuse another
party of the theft she had just committed -

    I remain, dear Sir,
    yours truly
    Florence Nightingale

Three cases of Oranges & Lemons have never cone to light -
I received fourteen, instead of seventeen, by the first Shipment - seven, which was the right number, by the last - The fruit was, as I have said before, magnificent -

    Michele and Salvo have been released from prison, & banished Scutari -
    Angela, of whose complicity there appeared no doubt, was not imprisoned - & I even allowed her to stay on in my house at Scutari - She is now going to join her son & husband at Constantinople. They were earning with me at the rate of £9 per month - & the day before I left Scutari I paid Angela £10 for their last month - After I was gone, they had the impudence to go to my Aunt, who is left at Scutari, & claim the amount again. It appears as if the leniency & consideration with which all the guilty ones have been treated, only increased their propensity to extortion -
Castle Hospital
Balaclava
Oct 19/55
My dear Madam

I must beg to apologize
to you for having troubled
Mr. Wood with the sad
history of Miss Salisbury -
At the same time, I cannot
regret my mistake, as it
was extremely painful to me
to be compelled to tell a
gentleman that a person,
in whom he had trusted
for 10 years (she told me
for 16) was so unworthy of
his confidence - as you must
have perceived by the
guarded language in which
I first wrote, if you were kind
enough to read my letters -

What you now tell me
in your letter of the 10th, for which allow me to thank you most sincerely, gives me the impression—(in connection with some expressions that dropped from Miss Salisbury, to which I attached no importance, as long as I thought the Consul was at Patras) that she means to apply to him on her arrival in England—& leave it to Mr. Wood’s discretion and judgement, without venturing to suggest an opinion when I know so little of the circumstances, whether it would not be just to the Consul to apprise him of the real character of this unhappy woman, as now discovered—

You speak of her having represented herself as “dreadfully overworked”—& of her having
frequently, at Patras, “suffered greatly from nervous attacks.”

In the linen store-room, of which she alone kept the key, & which was the proper depository of linen only were discovered a considerable number of empty black bottles, concealed under a surplice - In a press, containing wine (for Nurses & Patients) of which she alone kept the key, there was a remarkable disappearance of wine during the whole time that she did thus keep the key - so remarkable that I mentioned it to her. She had, about three times a fortnight, sudden & unaccountable indispositions, which confined her to her bed for 2 or 3 days - when she was always attended by a Medical Man at my desire, but contrary to her own - He at last desired me to give her her medicine with my own hand - (which was to be taken every hour,) which I did - he
being persuaded that she never
took the medicine - but something
else - Of these facts each
person will judge according
to their own experience of Miss
Salisbury - Another & far
more (to me) painful fact is
that a valued & trustworthy
Matron of mine, who died in
the Barrack Hospital, Scutari,
the last day of August, was
ordered by her Medical Attendant
a medical allowance of wine
& porter - which passes thro’
the hands of Miss Salisbury - &
that the greater part of this
never reached the dying woman,
who was meanwhile represented
to me by Miss Salisbury as
eating & drinking enormously -
That the habitual intemperance
into which, as we cannot but
suppose, Miss Salisbury had fallen,
ever amounted to intoxication,
I can safely deny - but that her
perception of right & wrong, or even
of what she was doing, was thereby
obscured, I am as certain Believe me
dear Madam, yours most truly F Nightingale
Scutari
Barrack Hospital
Jan 3/56

My dear Sir

I beg you to believe
(in reply to your note of
Dec 14) that I am not
in the least uneasy
about the fate of my
£20. I need not assure
you that I left it very
tranquilly in your hands,
& that the arrangement
you propose will be
quite satisfactory to me,
if you have received
the £20 in gold sent
you by Valerio Calligero —
Valerio is exceedingly anxious
for letters from his family,
& often comes to me to know
whether I have received
any for him through you.
I gave him your kind
message.

I am not in the least
surprised at the trouble
which Miss Salisbury
is stirring up — but
very much surprised,
on the contrary, that by her
persons can be so deceived,
by her, of whose character
for judgement & goodness
there is ample proof,
while of hers for the
exact opposites there
is, alas. ' but too strong
evidence —

I beg to remain
dear Sir,
very truly yours

Florence Nightingale
Vice-Consul, J. Wood Esq.
Dear Miss Knight

Thank you for writing — I dread to think & look forward.

There is but one comfort & one strength in this awful trial — awful I may well call it. And that is to think what a glorious battle the Master has fought during his whole life for his country & his God — and won.

— how dear he is to the great Commander — in-Chief — & as Christ gave up His life, so does he, knowing that no harm can happen to him, on the hands of the Loving Father.

No soldier ever fought so grand a battle —

I saw a look of calmness in his face, in the midst of suffering, as
if he were gathering up
    his past, & ‘joyfully
      ‘ready’, either to live or
give up his life to God -
    And we can only show
our love to him & to God
by being ‘joyfully ready’
to part with him, even
tho’ the sword pass thro’
‘our own hearts’.
    If it pleases God to
spare him to us, yet
a while longer, how glad
we shall be - If that is

    not God’s will, still
let us not grudge him
his joy - his one ness
with God -
    And think how much
you have been able to do
for him.
    I await your next
Telegram with trembling -
    Thank him for his
letter to me if you can.
    ever sincerely yours
    F Nightingale
I do not cease to hope, if
he can be with comfort a little
while longer here.
Feb 12/92
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Miss Knight
My eyes are bad. And I find a stupid mistake I made in reading the Master’s letter. I read “Shrewsbury” as Thursday - He is coming to London for a “Shrewsbury” Meeting But this does not diminish my horror at his coming at all. What say you? yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

No 2 12/2/92
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Miss Knight
Thank you very much for your prompt kindness, telling me now much better the Master is - I shall hope, please God, that he will do himself no harm by his journey to London. At all events I can do nothing to prevent it. I will certainly write when I have seen him - in haste yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
10 South St.  Oct 29/93  
Dear Miss Knight  
I trust to see you when you come to London, for at least an afternoon - I can well feel how sad, how terribly sad it must be to be there without him. But I agree that having known him, we should feel: that we could go, any where & do any thing  

Thank you for telling me that - And may God make it true for both of us. //I do not feel that my opinion as to what you would be best for you to do would be of any value to you without at least my seeing you, if then. But I  

hope you will take long rest before doing any thing - It has been impossible for me to write letters. Please excuse my delay Please let me know before hand when you come to London.  
God bless you  
ever yours sincerely  
F. Nightingale
Lea Hurst Jan 31
Matlock
My dear Mrs. Colyar

With joy I saw your hand -
I am in great fears about the world
but I will tell you first what we
hear from Paris. A reasonable
official writes (by the Ambassador’s
bag - nobody writes by post for all
letters are opened) that the President
is ruining himself as fast as he can.
The proscriptions were a crime, but
the confiscations are a “faute” &
have alienated the bourgeoisie,
who were for him, as the defender
of the Rights of Property. The pro-
vinces are still for him, in their
absurd panic about Socialism.
However there will be no distur-
bance from any body just yet -
for, as soon as the Thing’s ini-
quitous cabinet is formed (Casabianca
was a common spy) he will make
a grab at the Rhine, Belgium, Savoy
or even England (the last the least
likely) & once engaged in war, the
country will quietly await the issue.
They say poor Piedmont is in a
terrible fright - no wonder - French People
keep away from the President’s balls -
the only sign of (moral) life they
give. I am ashamed to say my countrymen don’t give even this. He is
quarrelling with all his
family - & leading a quite dis=
graceful private life. Since Ld
Palmerston went out, I am weak
& weary of the world, “which is
now altogether the Devil’s”- It
was a comfort to me however to
send part of your letter to Lady
Palmerston, who read it to him -
& I wish I had kept the pretty
note she wrote in returning it -
They were evidently quite pleased.
I think the Kalmucks will
over run us, because they have
digestions & we have not - & I am
convinced it is Dyspepsia which over throws Empires. There will be 3 Emperors, Eror. of France, E. of Austria E. of Russia, & they will eat up {illeg - word off page} dear little Piedmontese & my poor little Greeks - As for poor old Germany, illeg, She’s gone - many people expect to see L. Napoleon returning thanks in St. Paul’s - But I think Q. Victoria’s light cream=coloured horses will long land her safe in St. Stephen’s without any other danger but kicking her against the kerb=stone. But those Whigs They have turned out the only man of any power among them - a feeble & accomplished folk. However everybody says that Ld John means to resign as soon as he possibly can, would have done so before this, if he could - & a Dissolution is expected very soon after the meeting of Parliament - Some say
Palmerston & Cobden will make a Ministry - some that Sir Jas Graham will come in. Anyhow, the present men won’t stay. I should like to see Ld Palmerston heading a revolution in Italy. The only good thing the Times has done is abusing that Avvocate del Diavolo, that Thing, L. Nap. I am half afraid he will bring back the Orleans, by this persecution of them.

You will be glad to hear that there is a little Milnes already on the stocks. You know whom he married - your Miss Crewe’s sister, a most bewitching person -

There are tuiles of my Parisian friends in London, who would otherwise be at Cayenne - but my friends are always the riff raff, you know - Guizot sticks to Paris you see - Did you read his & Montalambert’s speeches at the Institute?
London Feb 28, 1851
My dear Mrs. Colyar  How ungrateful
I must have seemed to you -
I only enclose the preceding, in order to
show you that I did intend to answer
your kind letter - but events have
come so quickly lately that it seemed
vain to write till they had settled
into some kind of form - You see
how Lord Palmerston has turned out
the Ministry - they would however
have gone out the Tuesday after on
the question of the Caffre war - & they
preferred making their own bed &
falling quietly on a point of their
own choice. Lord Derby’s ministry
is the subject of one universal peal
of laughter - I can’t laugh - Even Lord
Derby laughs himself - The three
Secretaries of State are men whom
nobody ever heard of before - Walpole
is a barrister out of practice - Sir
John Pakington a good active
country gentleman, who, they say, has
spent his time since he kissed hands
in Wyld’s globe in Leicester Sq. studying
geography, but he can’t make anything
of it, he says - Macaulay says that
Ld Malmesbury has been mistaken for
his grandfather, the great diplomatist,
& that people have forgotten he’s dead - How an ill tempered inexperienced
man can manage the affairs of Europe at this crisis, remains to be seen - There is to be no Dissolution at present - probably not till autumn - the worst of it is that Ld Derby laughs at his own Cabinet - Macaulay says the three Secretaries of State will go about like the Roman augurs, smiling at each other, when they meet. But what is to become of poor Switzerland? With France & Austria acting in concert against her, Geneva likely to be occupied by the one, & the Ticino by the other, of the absolute powers, what a prospect -

This country is crammed with French refugees - But, of all the iniquitous things that animal has done, I think his attack upon poor little Switzerland, who prepared, in ’38, to defend him at his need, is the worst -

Belgium has been forced, you see, to give up her Polish officers at the demand of Russia - & it seems as if, during a few years, Absolutism was to have absolute sway - But great will be the fall thereof & terrible its retribution -

Compared to those things, our little politics seem nothing - Ld Palmerston & Sir James Graham mean to do opposition against present Ministers & join with the Whigs - The Queen’s dislike of Disraeli is immense -
I am going to ask Mr. Colyar to be so very kind as to manage for me my last payment of 20 scudi for Felicetta Senzi at the Trinità at Rome, which is due this month - This is her fifth & last year there - If he would be so very kind as to do this & tell me where & how to pay him, I should be truly obliged to him. I have never heard from my Madre since I sent her the parcel which he was kind enough to put me in the way of doing - The last time she wrote she complained of having never heard from me - at which I was surprised - I know she is no longer at Rome but at Sant’ Elpidio. Where is that? If Mr. Colyar could send me any news of her, I should be truly glad - Ld Feilding is at Rome, who would be glad to do anything for Mr. Colyar, I am sure -
The Bracebridges are at home at Atherstone. I took the liberty of sending them your letter - I was sure they would be so glad to hear from you - I believe they are likely to remain at home at present?
The weather here has been & is, most severe - & much as you complain of Florence, I wish I were there - Mr. Colyar kindly enquires after Miss Boyle, who is quite recovered - Civitea also is well, & we are looking forward to the days
when we may be allowed to see you at
Embley, dear Mrs. Colyar, as well as
the beloved visitor whom we had
this time last year - alas! for too short
a time - In England people are quite
“daft” on the subject of Louis Napoleon.
It is quite true that Lord Malmesbury
was chosen because he was the private
friend of that animal, to superintend
our Foreign Affairs! - and a friend of ours,
an enlightened & liberal woman of
mature age, who has just married an
enlightened & liberal Peer, and these
people are positively gone to Paris
to spend their honeymoon with the wretch,
(fact)! The Sidney Herberts are going
on very well, Mr. Colyar will be glad to hear,
& have three children - I hope you
will write to me again, my dear Mrs.
Colyar - It is a comfort to exhale one’s
feelings to a right judging person, & a
still greater to hear such sentiments
as yours - The Bourgeoisie is beco-
mimg still more alienated, I am happy
to hear from L N whose policy is
now openly avowed, the frontier of the
Rhine, & the crushing of the Middle
Class - Pray give my best & most
grateful love to Mr Colyar. We are
now all in London & shall be, I suppose,
till Easter - My people are all pretty
well again & I am ever my dear Mrs.
Colyar’s, till Doomsday i’ the afternoon
FN -
My dear Sir,

I am truly obliged for your most kind offer to help us which I am going to snatch.

Neither Civil Physicians nor Surgeons still less Military ones, are, generally speaking at all conversant with Sanitary things - and I assure you, that you yourself, with two or three other men whom I could name who have had large Sanitary experience in London, are the only persons who have at all apprehended the real cause of our disaster in the East.

Of course, I say this in private as I have never animadverted on my Masters, whatever may have been said as to my doing so.

I will tell you exactly what has been done about the Netley Hospital - And I should extremely like to hear some portion of the large experience which you have been accumulating.

If you could come to me on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and have a cup of tea - or, if you do not like to leave
your charge at that hour
if you could come to me on
Thursday at 4, or on
Friday at one, I shall
feel myself very much
indebted to you.

Both you and I are
so driven with business
that I will ask you to
write one line to say
“when.”

Yours faithfully,

Florence Nightingale

{The above letter was presented
by me to the Society of Medical
Officers of Health in whose possession
it now is. Another letter (not copied)
was presented to the Florence Nightingale
Foundation 15 Manchester Square London}

2/1/4 Letter not in F.N. hand Sidney Herbert to Dear L. 21 March 1858,
re: thanking L. for letter and refers to the controversy between Sir
John Hall and Miss Nightingale

2/1/5 signed letter, 1f, pen [14:559]

My dear Sir

I am extremely
indebted to you for
your letter, which is a
practical settlement
of the whole question
of nursing, as far as
this unfortunate case
goes -

Should Sir J. Hall
be further troublesome,
I may perhaps ask
you to put it into the
form of a letter to Mr.
Herbert. But unless this prove so, I shall not trouble you to do this - Your letter to me will only be shewn for the present to Mr. Herbert.

I will write again - [end 14:559]

Believe me

ever faithfully your

F. Nightingale

May 10/58

2/1/6 signed letter, 3ff, pen {black-edged paper} [14:559]

30 Old Burlington Str.

W. May 20/58

My dear Sir

I am sorry to say that Sir John Hall is giving us further trouble, which I regret the more because it will give you further trouble, after you have been so kind to us -

Mr. Herbert, who is to speak to night in the House on the Indian question, begs on that account to apologize to you for not writing himself - and desires me to say that he considers your letter to me (which I enclose) as a perfect reply to Hall’s whole statement about the Nursing - But that he will be now obliged to make use
of your letter, by sending it to Hall. He considers that no better document could be employed to answer Hall than yours, if it were addressed to himself, (Mr. Herbert) — and that he would ask you kindly to re-write this very thing, addressed to him (Mr. Herbert).

He has made a few verbal corrections, which he submits to your better judgement. He thinks the words about “Sir J. Hall’s superior standing” better omitted, because there is not a Medical Man in London who would not prefer your opinion to Hall’s. Also he thinks the word “undemonstrative”, altho’ singularly expressive, might be misunderstood.

With many thanks for your kindness in this & other troublesome matters, believe me to be, dear Sir yours ever faithfully Florence Nightingale

2/1/7 unsigned note, [postscript] 1f, pen

I will also write to Sir J. Clark by this day’s post to Bagshot — He is I think not too ill to back us with the Queen — with whom he has great influence in this kind of way.
My dear Sir

I beg to thank you for your kind note of this morning, & to say that I have obeyed it to the letter -

I am now going to the several Hospitals to carry out your directions.

I find that, on board the "Thames," is cabin accommodation for 22 or 23 - that, at the outside, there will be one Military Officer and Five Medical Officers - & that there will be 16 berths (cabin) remaining -

Of these, I shall require seven for my Lady Nurses - for I think I can send away that number -

Eight or even Nine "Non-Commissioned" Nurses I purpose also sending home - as you say that you wish me "to send as many, as I possibly can" - and
there will be about
60 soldiers’ wives and
children –
Now I would ask
you to give officers’ berths
to the 9 “Non=Commissioned”
Nurses – if you think
it adviseable that
these women, who have
been sent out with
so much fuss, should
not be cast aside,
like old shoes, when
their services are no
longer wanted –
But, if not, I must
beg that a separate
compartment be
constructed for them
from the soldiers’ wives,
as I cannot class them
in the same category –
And they must be at
least second=class
passengers –

Believe me
My dear Sir
faithfully yours
F Nightingale
My dear Sir,

I will not delay another day expressing how much I admire & how deeply I sympathize with your Workhouse plan.

First let me say that Workhouse Sick & Workhouse Infirmaries require quite as much care as (I had almost said more than) Hospital Sick - There is an ever greater work to be accomplished in Workhouse Infirmaries than in Hospitals.

[In days long ago, when I visited in one of the largest London Workhouse Infirmaries, I became fully convinced of this -]

How gladly would I have become the Matron of a Workhouse.

But, of a Visitor’s visits, - the only result is to break the visitor’s heart - She sees how
much could be done & cannot do it.]

Liverpool is of all places the one to try this great reform in. Its example is sure to be followed. It has an admirable body of Guardians; it is a thoroughly practical people; it has, or soon will have again, money.

Lord Russell once said (what is quite true) that the Poor Law was never meant to supersede private charity.

But, whatever may be the difficulties about pauperism, in two things most people agree - viz. that Workhouse Sick ought to have the best practicable nursing, as well as Hospital sick - & that a good wise Matron may save many of these from life-long pauperism by first nursing them well, & then rousing them to exertion, & helping them to employment.

In such a scheme as you wisely propose: –
there would be four elements: -
1. the Guardians, one of whose functions is to check pauperism. They could not be expected to incur greater cost than at present, unless it is proved that it cures or saves life.
2. the Visiting or Managing Committee of the Guardians, whose authority must not (& need not/ in any way be interfered with
3. the Governor, the Medical Officer & Chaplain
4. (and under the Governors) the proposed Supt= of Nurses & her Nursing Staff.

There is no reason why all these parts of the machine should not work together. You propose the funds to pay the extra Nursing for a time - The difficulty is to find the lady to govern it. When appointed, she must be authorized - indeed appointed - by the Guardians. She must be their Officer; & must be invested
by the Governor with
authority to superintend
her Nurses in conformity
with Regulations to
be agreed upon.
So far I see no more
difficulty than there
was in settling our
relations as Nurses
to the Government
officials in the
Crimean War,
The cases are some=
what similar.
As to the funds, it
is just possible that
eventually the Guardians
might take all the
cost themselves,
as soon as they saw
the greater advantages
& economy of good
Nursing.
If Liverpool succeeds,
the system is quite
sure to extend itself.
The Fever Hospital
is one of the Workhouse
Infirmaries. That is
the place to shew what
skilful Nursing can
do - The Patients are not
all paupers. How many
families might be rescued
from pauperism by having
the lives of their heads, & by
{printed address upside down: 115, Park St. W.}
helping the hard-working to
more speedy convalescence -
Hopefully yours
Florence Nightingale
2/2/3 signed letter and envelope, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper and envelope}

Private {at angle}
{Repd. 23/4/64
via Marseilles} 32 South St.
Park Lane
London W.
March 10/64

My dear Sir

I rejoice to hear of your appointment as Secretary to the first Board of Health India has ever had.

It shews the Governor= General’s wisdom.

You may now do more good than falls to the lot of any Medical Officer, otherwise employed.

We will send you out all the Reports & books, which we think may be useful to your Board. [end 9:487]

Before I heard of your appointment, I sent to Messrs. Smith & Elder, the Report on the Mediterranean Stations, the first copy I could get from the printers.

This shews the general method of procedure - But I need not tell you that the Barrack plans are unsuited for India, where Barracks should always be raised much more above the ground & never have but one sleeping story - Also, the Married Quarters are not suited for India, where they must always be detached. [end 10:25]
These plans are only intended for special localities in the Mediterranean.

The Barrack & Hospital Improvement Commission, to which are now added two India members, are engaged with Model Barrack plans for India, now nearly completed, - also a paper of Suggestions on the whole Indian subject, which will be useful -

All these will be sent out as soon as possible. [end 9:487]

Of the Mediterranean Report, the gist of the defects & remedies is contained in the first 22 pages. It gives a good idea of the India problem, with this exception that all the improvements for India need to be on a more extensive scale, with

more water, larger cubic space in Barracks & Hospitals - more complete ventilating arrangements, more constant attention to Sanitary police

If at any time I can [9:487]
send you out any sanitary papers from here, pray command me -

I consider the Sanitary “mission” in India at this moment perhaps the greatest “mission” in the world. And I envy you. [end 9:487]

I congratulate India with all my heart for having you for a Missionary
And I congratulate you for having so great, though slow, a work - [end 10:25]

your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

Dr: Jas: Pattison Walker
My dear Mrs. Wardroper

With regard to Miss Agnes Jones’ qualifications for the post of Matron to a Workhouse Infirmary, I believe her to be perfectly capable of the duties, & able to overcome the difficulties, which there will be in arranging a new system of workhouse nursing.

Mrs. Wardroper
St. Thomas’ Hospital

Lea Hurst
Cromford
Sept 26/77

Dear Sir

It is with great pleasure, & wishing that I could afford to give more, that I send you £2.2 for your Crich National School: Mr. Dunn had already spoken to me about the Memorial Window in Crich Church for the good Mr. Chawner: & I had asked him to put my name down for £1.1. – which I now enclose, wishing £3.3. also it were more –

My Uncle, Mr. S. Smith, would, I am
sure, be glad to hear from you on
the subject. His address is:
Embley
Romsey
Hampshire
I wish I could save you the trouble of writing =
but I am overworked beyond measure =
I bid you ‘God speed,’ in both objects from
the bottom of my heart:
Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
The Revd=
Wm Acraman=

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

Andrew Lee’s child:} Lea Hurst
Oct 7/77
My dear Sir
We were ready to have sent Andrew Lee’s
child to St. Thomas’ Hospital: & the father
had been twice here about it: (he is quite
incapable of taking it alone:) when we
were told that it had some inflammation
which it had not when you were there:
I sent 2 or 3 messages into the village
yesterday to ask you, if you were in
Holloway, to be so kind as to go & see the
child. I should be afraid of sending
it now without your verdict that the poor little thing was fit for the journey: And the parents are so stupid: 

_Bismarck the cat -_ 

Have you heard whether Mr. Johnson will take it? If not, I have other applicants - I am afraid I could not have poor Bismarck back here: he would not like to go away again: I have had from Germany a photograph of Guido’s Ecce Homo in Rome. It seems to me a very good one: Would you do me the favour of accepting it in memory of the lad John Gerrey to whom you were so more than kind? Yours very sincerely Florence Nightingale 

C.B.N. Dunn Eq

2/2/7 signed letter, 6ff, pen [part in 6:] [8:983-84]

Lea Hurst 
Nov 12/79 
7 a.m. 

My dear Miss Mochler 

Thank you (you know how deep a meaning lies in that one little word, strongly felt: Thank you) for all your care of my dear Mother & for your letters. I am afraid that you see some change in her. I am sure that she has much comfort in Thornton’s prayers: & in what is read or still more repeated to her, even if she misplaces her words, as when she said to you that Thornton’s prayer was a “nice letter”. I have been more struck
than ever before, if possible, this year by how much more she feels & knows & thinks & even remembers than she can express -

You know the power of expression goes first in old & weak & sick people.

I am sure that she has thoughts about God & Death & thoughts of tenderness & fears & anxieties that she is painfully conscious of her inability to express.

In that attack which she had here she told me so much -

As in the two years before I was so struck with the
activity of heart & conscience, even when mind was almost gone, which led her so painfully to search out the truth of the religious words she had used so devoutly all her life.

It seemed that there was truer religion there than in all the words we so unctuously & deftly repeat.

I wished I could always hit off the mood of her mind or rather conscience.

Sometimes she told me herself I did. Let us pray for her.

Mr. Shore’s tenderness for her is beyond all thanks.
I hope his Thames Bank affairs are going on well -
I return my Mother’s 3 prescriptions which I ought to have done before -
I saw A.P. I am sure you have a very real & high influence over him. Probably no one ever had such before over him. When he speaks of you, it is with tears in his eyes. And his mother told me it made him “quite poorly” to write to you -

10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.
He came here in toggery which would not have disgraced two Dukes. He told me of

his own accord that the love of drink had quite left him: he did not care for it now.
I did not tell him what I knew that he had been met on October 1 coming back from Crich in a cart “not drunk as he had been seen before but intoxicated” - I believe this was the only time -
I tried only to interest him & not to brow-beat or lecture him.
There must have been terrible folly on his Mother’s part.
She has given him, I am told, the “titbits” I sent her: &c &c &c. And he is too dainty.
I should have said to Adam that I could not go on doing for her if he did not lay by something. But I earnestly hope he will send you money: has he?

He has Neuralgia & Biliousness,” the result of drink: but is much the better for Mr. Dunn’s treatment -.

I am doing what I can in the cause of thrift & saving. If I had my time here over again, I would give nothing (except in old cases, but on condition that they save.

I shall have much to tell you about all our people when we meet soon:

Mrs. Limb is wonderfully better: but oh the son is going to be married at Xmas, & the daughter Sims will have to turn out. This is hard on both -
Harriet Limb is going to put into the Savings’ Bank doubled by me.
   I have taken Henstock & Shardlow off the milk, (but Henstock not off the Cocoatine) after having seen them, & both having promised to put into the Women’s Club, & into the P.O. Savings’ Bank, doubled by me. I have left Debank on ‘milk’, subject to her promise of putting into Women’s Club & P.O. Savings Bank. I saw her: she cried very much about her misdeeds as to Widow Gregory. I am sorry that there are sad reports about all of them Debanks & Gregorys includes the John Gregory’s.

   I am sorry to give you a bad report of your little friend’s health, Lizzie Holmes. She was ill, & I sent Mr. Dunn. He tells me (but he does not wish her or her mother to be alarmed) that the heart-disease is making rapid progress. She is coming here today in the fly to see me - Walker & Alfred Peach are both at work.
   There is to be a free Tea on Saturday, for this is the Wakes. Last Sunday {printed address upside down:}
10, SOUTH STREET,
   PARK LANE. W.
   they had to have six policemen here.
I have doubled Alison’s milk
& am paying Jane for
work today. She has
mended 61 things —
I have doubled Martha
Sheldon’s milk (I have
seen her & the famous
counterpane is to be finished
next week)
& the Allen’s milk
& am draining their floor.
I sent Mr. Dunn to them:
& he says the younger has
Bright’s disease of the kidneys
— dryness, meat, milk & eggs
are necessary —
I will tell you about
them when we meet.
Please tell Mr. Shore that
the drainage at the Bratby’s
is successfully finished:
& that I read his letter about
the wells at Lea, to Mr.
Yeomans. I shall have
much to tell him when
I see him. Please tell him that
the Allens were very grateful to him
for their new back windows

The naughty Henstock boy
has been apprenticed to the
Derby photographer. He
has been both a thief & a
forger. O pray that in
this new scene he may
repent & not become
a gaol bird. The poor
mother is a spirit-rapping
idiot about her children.

Miss Irby had an adventurous
miserable journey back to Sarajevo
alone. She writes not in good
spirits. Four out of 7 of her girls are dead
- those who were in mourning at Prague for Schoolmistresses.
  Things crowd upon me
to tell you: but they must
wait till I see you soon:
I have no time: this
last month is so overcrowded:
Evermore thanks for your
care of my dear Mother:
God bless you, yrs affly [end 6:636]
F. Nightingale P.T.O.

Please say to Mr. S.S. [1:208]
Miss Irby writes from Serajevo:
"May Miss Johnston go & see Mrs. Nightingale & talk to her about
her grandfather Sir Fowell Buxton, & the slave trade - a subject on which
I never knew your mother not wake
up to. Miss Johnston want to go
partly I think because she was so devoted for years to her own old grandmother"
Miss Johnston’s address is
10 Ovington Gardens

2/2/8 signed letter, 4ff, pen {black-edged paper} [8:985-86]

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
Aug 19/80
My dear Miss Mochler
Seldom was letter more
welcome than yours from
Lea Hurst. I had
been longing to hear, & too
ill & overworked to write.
I am very sorry indeed
that you are going on the
26th - I was in hopes that
you would stay till after
I come. And when that
will be O can hardly say.
But I hoped to find you
there.
I take the liberty of
enclosing £5: & of
asking you to be so good
as to spend it on the
flannel you speak of
for dear Mrs. Limb —
and in anything else
either at Lea Hurst or
elsewhere that you wish
for.

  Lyddy Prince I was
very glad you sent Mr. Dunn
to her. He says she has only
Dyspepsia: but that is
a bad "only."

  Words cannot say how
I grieve about Adam, nor
how disappointed I am.
And how much more must
our Lord grieve & be
disappointed in him. I still
hope that He may give you

a message to him.

  Jane Allison I was
going to ask you to be so good
as to see particularly after:
She has gone thro’ a great
deal. But I have only
just learnt of her return
from Manchester. I do
not think it is at all
pauperizing to help her
much.

  I am so glad of your
account of the little Platts’.

  Should you think any
of the milk recipients
had better be taken off,
or any of the meat’s,
would you be so good
as to let me know?

  I wish I could offer you
a bed in this house, but
   alas, I cannot.
And not for little Lee: [now?]
   he is called the “little miracle”. You know
it was thought that he
would never leave St.
Thomas’ again: (Psoas
abscess)= But they have
nursed him up so well
there that he is now
able to wear his new
Splint - a much better
one than he has ever been
\[had\] able to wear before - he can
walk a little - & there
is very little discharge now.
   And this very week he
was “Presented”- And I

[2]
wrote to Ascot that he
   might return there.
I have now sent to St. Thomas’
to know, if they think a visit
(his mother’s) would do him
harm - [it is sure to
discompose him: & he is
so happy-] & if they
could keep him till
over the 26th -
[They were going to keep
him this week, because
there has been a case of
 Scarlet Fever.]
   I am afraid we must
not however raise his
mother’s hopes about his
future progress. She will
probably think him
looking worse than when
he left her. It is only
by comparison with what
he was when he last
came from Ascot, when
the Doctors at St. Thomas’
thought that “he might
last for a few months” —
owing to the ‘Psoas abscess’ —
that we speak of his
being a “little miracle”.
He is not better, & never
will be as compared
with his former past & his future.
And you see how necessary
unremitting first=class
Medical advice is to him.
He came back to us, from
Ascot worse than he went:
altho’ the Doctors at St. T’s
do not in the least
impute
it to Ascot.

Now I have given you all
the details I can till I have
an answer from St. T’s about
his mother.
My love to all the dear old
people you mention in
the Village: S. Allens, Mrs.
Broomhead, Mrs. Limb;
Lizzie Holmes, & thank
her Mother for her letter:
I am afraid Lizzie Holmes’
not going to the Mill
makes a difference: I
hope the mother does not
work harder. Could you
kindly ascertain about
this?
You do not mention about
our own childer four:
nor whether they ride. [illeg]
How I wish I were with them —
Aunt Florence’s loving-est
love to them all: &
to their dear Father & Mother.
And pray tell their dear
Mother that I have
been longing to write to
her & will: but have
not been able.
I hope what they call “my
rooms” at Lea Hurst are
occupied. Tell her
I am afraid I am not
coming just yet.
God bless you & all the
place “on & on”; as the Germans
say.

ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale
How is Mrs. Bratby? And
could you see old Mrs. Peach
at Critchley? And how is Mr.
Haywood & the penny School Savings’ Bank?
And does Mr. Wildgoose shew?
10 South St. Park Lane W.  
April 16/92  

My dear Sir  

Thank you for your most interesting letter.  
When you receive the answers from your lady pupils to the questions you bade me send & [illeg] may I, in reply to your suggestion, beg you to be so kind as to look them over before you send them to me; and may I, through you, beg Mrs. Verney to be so kind as to look them over too?  

Thornborough - I heard of your raid there with your class. And I was delighted at their dismay.  

A better lesson was never given than then - And I trust that they will follow in your foot-steps when they begin to teach  

Thank you for your reports. I have already just glanced at them.  

It is appalling to think of the milk sold from these places.  

No greater work is being done in these times than redressing Sanitary evils - And I hope you will awaken the sleeping Sanitary authorities. I give you joy of your great work.
I trust you will get the Medical Officers of Health to meet -
As you say, they want education πσ and enthusiasm more than legislation and greater powers.
Yes, certainly. I am most anxious for you to fix a time for Dr. Wilson to come & for you to pay his fee through me, if the Commee will not appoint an Examiner.

I feel very anxious about the carrying out of Mr. Best’s report, & hope you have been able to write to Mrs. Verney about it. She is our stronghold -
Pray excuse my writing more. I have so many arrears of work to make up at Easter time when people are out of town.
And thanking you for all the great good you are accomplishing, pray believe me yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Geo: H. De’Ath Eq M.D.
Shall I send the money? F.N. fee [end 13:882]
2/3 Letters re: F.N.’s work in the Crimea 1854-1855, from Charles Bracebridge and Selina Bracebridge

2/3/A1-9 letters by persons other than FN

2/3/A1 20 Oct [1854] CHB to My dear Henry, Atherstone re going to Constantinople to assist F.N. We have illeg decided to go to Constantinople to assist Florence Nightingale in making a home for her nurses, 35 (as at present chosen) the illeg to superintend the new attempt by the Duke of Newcastle and Sidney Herbert.

We have been since illeg in town working the matter up and her family consent nobly—we have been down for a few hours to pack up—sail Monday from Dover, going by 8 a.m. mail from town and arriving at 8 p.m. at Paris, embarking on 26 (in Vectis) 35 nurses, 3 FN CHB, SB, 2 illeg/40

12 medical officers including the chief of the medical Dept at Constantinople under whom every power is given to Florence.

The Vectis 1000 tons is to take the party from Marseilles to illeg Malta to Constantinople. We suppose in 8 or 9 days, D.V. The hospital at Scutari is a barrack for 10,000 men very well built with Loggiae and there are now steamers access.

I have no time for more. I hope to write from Sunday or while on the illeg please God all goes well we may return in three months. Yrs affect. CH Bracebridge.

2/3/A2 15 Nov [1854 Scutari] CHB to Dear Mary, re large numbers of sick and wounded and how busy they are

2/3/A3 13 March 1855 CHB to Miss E. Davidson, Moseley Birmingham, re Mrs Bracebridge’s good health and how busy she is with cataloguing supplies and gifts, Florence Nightingale, at bottom

2/3/A4 26 May [1855] CHB [or SB?] to Dear Mary, Balaclava, re the fighting, Florence Nightingale’s weakness from fever, and the cost of supplies and freight. Nothing is yet done of importance beyond the illeg being given to Pelissier, the landing of the Piedmontese and the taking of about 5 miles of country up to the Tchernaya River, of the expedition of 10,000 men to the Sea of Azoff. The siege goes on, guns firing all day long at intervals. The French lost 1200 men in a night attack when both parties came out

but I fear no advance is made. We have not lost many nor do our batteries fire unless fired at. There as cavalry illeg the other day very interesting from La Marmora. Pellisier, Omar Pasha being there with their suits. The cavalry make a shew again illeg. Greys have only about 80 the two left 10 and 12 from India are beautifully illeg. The artillery too is restored to its strength and the waggon train illeg the home of Land Transport Corps

a most important affair as they have endless mules in illeg. And with the railroad this morning half of provision haulage of provisions has
become easy--giving away from the old is out of the question but this place is said to be trouble illeg. We shall have to hold it no doubt and get nothing illeg. Florence is restored (?) from fever but so weak she can only lift her head from her pillow to say a few words in a low whisper.

In a few days I hope she may be able to be on board for Scutari, beyond that I can say nothing. Selina writes in spurts. M Soyer will do much good but it is a very slow affair, happily the baking and the grinding illeg are come and at work. It is frightful to think of all that is required to feed such a force from foreign sources and everything to be illeg with hardly any wharf illeg. Let illeg knew we are well please. ....

2/3/A5 17 June [Scutari 1855] CHB to Dear Mary, re cholera, the health of many of their friends, and that Florence Nightingale was improving very slowly

2/3/A6 21 June 1855, Scutari, CHB re moving Florence Nightingale to Therapia & then to Switzerland; death of Chaplain from dysentery

2/3/A7 6 July [1855], Scutari, CHB to Dear Mary, re not to be alarmed about cholera

2/3/A8 28 Aug 1855, Orsett Hall, Sunday, CHB to Dear Mary, re visit to her after attending to several things to do with the war [Essex]

2/3/9 no salutation or date, re money matters

2/3/B1-15 letters by S. Bracebridge
2/3/B1
59 Belgrave Sq
Oct 24 [1854]

My dearest Mary
You will not be more surprised to hear than I am to tell, that we have this morn decided to take out Miss Nightingale & 34 nurses to Constantinople & trust to return as soon as they are settled there our absence will not exceed 2 months I hope we start on Monday
We go down tonight to A to pack up & return tomorrow-

God bless you. you shall hear often your affectionate S/ illeg

There could be no sufficient persons found to undertake this charge & it seems a duty we could not refuse.
Barrack Hospital
Scutari
Nov 19 [1854]
My dearest Mary
Charles wrote by last post
I hope he thanked you for yours &
Henry’s kind letter. We keep quite
well, except colds & have our hands
very full—it is a strange life &
it is well we are too busy to think
much. Otherwise the misery that is
constantly before us, the daily death
beds the operations close to us would
be almost too much—2300 suffering
fellow creatures under the same roof
with us—There is no cholera now
but a great deal of Dysentery &
some low fever—pray tell Henry
that the whole of our party

have a very substantial breakfast
of coffee & milk & meat, before they
go out into the wards, or corridor
he is quite right, this has been
pressed upon us as quite essential
in such bad air & I most
scrupulously attend to it.

We have a kitchen in our
quarters fitted up, & a man cook
to prepare [illeg] for those who
are ordered arrowroot, puddings
beef tea, jelly &c & I attend to
this judiciously [?] & see the patients
get what is ordered them, instead
of letting the orderlies eat every
thing themselves—I do think
this cookery has saved more
lives than all the medicine
& the poor fellows are so thankful
Harriet Erskine behaves very well is very obedient & willing, of course is not much of a nurse, entre nous, she must have a hard time of it all the others complain most bitterly of the tiresome over bearing Mother Superior who is come out with them, but she [illeg] to say, submits to every thing so much selfish indulgence I have seldom seen as in this woman--we scratch on pretty well with our queer ill uprooted lot--the Sisters of Mercy worse since [??] with the Roman Catholics, the Nursing Sisters of St. John’s ...

We have just heard the sad news from Balaclava, that 9 transports have gone down in the storms of last week & all on board perished 30 vessels in all have ....

2/3/B3 [not found]

Dec 6
My dearest Mary
This is a place where one has not one moment of breathing time, and where there is little to recount but deaths. Since I last wrote these have been more than usual- We keep well. all but colds there is no end of letters to be written to people who make enquiries about sons & brothers dead & dying & Chas has to look up papers & possessions, that are generally very scant to send them home. we are pleased with the new commandant
Ld Wm Paulett who seems inclined to be active & to look into matters. These are expecting daily 1000 some sick & another battle! a few more such victories as that on the 5th of November & our army will be destroyed. We are very gloomy here at the prospect before us--the English papers make the best of that horrible slaughter but we hear the truth here & frightful it is. Poor young Greathed!

Will you kindly write a....yours affec S.B

2/3/B4 [not found]

Decbr 15 [1854] (LU: in catalogue date is Dec 25)

My dearest Mary

We are going on much the same, our Xmas day is dismal enough for those poor soldiers. we can manage nothing in the way of festivity.

Since I last wrote another importation of sick have arrived, poor creatures so weak & thin, many frost bitten in many cases their toes have dropped off. Really it is frightful to think of the havoc that will be made among our remaining army in the next two months that horrible Emperor of Russia says that Decbr Janry & Feby are his best Generals!

And truly it seems his words are coming true.
...The whole batch of new nurses are now in a House provided by the Ambassador at Therapia & what on earth to do with them we cannot conceive. People at home seem to imagine that there is no having enough of a good thing, whereas to have a host of women scampering about a military hospital would soon bring us to disgrace—I believe it will be the ruin of the scheme. Miss N. will not undertake the charge of such an enormous party & has offered her resignation in consequence unless she is allowed to keep only such a limited number as she can keep under her control & know what they are all about.....

2/3/B5 Letter from Mrs. Selina Bracebridge to My dearest Mary, Dec 25 [1854, Scutari], re: how busy they are, the Queen’s gifts and the weather [not found]

2/3/B6

Scutari
May 6 [1855]
My dearest Mary
Florence is gone to Balaclava with Charles and I am left in charge here. As soon as they return we shall be preparing for our return to England— but we must first get someone to take part of my work here in the store rooms. I am hoping that the influx of goods will soon cease for they are only in the way—there is so much. I am so thankful to you for having ....
2/3/B7 Letter from Mrs. Selina Bracebridge to My dearest Mary, May 19 [1855, Scutari], re: fewer cases of fever, the new hospital at Balaclava and friends [not found]

2/3/B8 [not found]

Scutari

Monday June 4 [1855]

My dearest Mary

I have been to Balaclava sent for on account of Florence’s severe illness--on arriving I found her quite out of danger & the Doctors wishing for her to have change of air as soon as possible most kindly Lord Ward who was there in his beautiful yacht put it at her disposal--to come back to Scutari--where we arrived this morning unhappily the passage was rough & she suffered very much. so the Doctor thinks she must stay quite still till tomorrow to recover before we take her on shore & then we take her to the Sabin’s house--they happen to be going away for 6 weeks so that we have it to ourselves & keep her entirely free from the bustle & noise of the hospital besides being in
good air. Of course we look
to her being sent to England
as soon as she is well
enough & we must stay
to go with her--how long
it is impossible to say.
I think the lady who has
moved will be very well
to put at the head of the
concern for a time, so that
we can leave in some comfort.
I am glad to have seen
Balaclava--such grand &
imposing scenery. very like
Norway--Chas quite well

It is the ordinary form of
Crimean fever that Florence
has had.

yours most affecaly
Selina Bracebridge

incomplete letter {LU: seemingly out of sequence here, no paper to chk} [May 19 1855]

...the Bishop of Gibraltar came to
consecrate the burial ground here
on Wednesday last. Ld Stratford
& his family came over for the
occasion--afterwards the ambassador peeped into
the hospitals for the first time
this 4 months!.... [from SB]
Scutari
Thursday June 7
My dearest Mary
I wrote by Monday’s post. we moved Miss N. from the yacht on Tuesday, she was carried by 4 men (soldiers) on a stretcher--it was very touching to see the poor soldiers, as we passed the barrack. Many a one [illeg] the tears rolling down their cheeks at the sight following at a distance it was such a mercy to have Mr Sabin’s cool quiet house to take her to--they being on the eve of going away for 6 weeks--she cd not have better air & I can keep everybody away from her.
It is great cause for thankfullness that we got safe out of the harbour of Balaclava the day we did. That very morning the cholera burst out there, with fearful severity Admiral Boxer [?] & his nephew died of it & if you could see the land looked broiling pestiferous place you would not wonder ever your affce
S. Bracebridge
Scutari
June 10 [1855]
My dearest Mary
I have just got yours
of the 4th & as the post is just
going have only time to say
& that we can make no plans
as yet Miss Nightingale is
getting on, but very very slowly
can’t walk without assistance
yet & her head is very weak
we can’t talk to her of any
business yet....

...we are most anxious to
be off the moment Miss N
is well enough to bear a
sea voyage or to resume
her duties here. if she gets
well, of which I have o
hopes for she makes such
slow progress--we are going
to take her to Therapia
tomorrow & see what that
will do; we have been sorely
grieved by the death of
Capt Lyons of the ...[SB]

2/3/B11 Letter from Mrs. Selina Bracebridge to My dearest Mary, June 25 [1855], Scutari, re: leaving Scutari and the death of friends, single leaf lists names of killed and wounded
Scutari
July 2 [1855]
My dearest Mary

We propose to leave
some day about the middle of
this month that is within
a fortnight, hoping to prevail
on Miss Nightingale to go
with us as far as Switzerland
to recruit where her family
can meet her, & in the
mean time we are trying to put everything

on as small a footing as
possible.

The accounts from the
Crimea are most gloomy
We have just recd the news
of Ld Raglan’s death &
the illness of all the generals.
Truly never has there been
such a combination of un
fortunate circumstance since
the beginning of the campaign.
The weather has been cooler
the last few days--Miss
N. has been for a week to
Therapia for change of air
& is much stronger....[SB]
Barrack Hospital  
Scutari  
July 5 [1855]  
My dearest Mary  
We are still unable to fix our day of departure  
Florence is in hopes of being able to stay here, which I do not think will be possible without great danger of a relapse--but we still hope she will accompany us.

The weather is by no means hot. there is always a breeze & we have the full benefit of it. The news from the Crimea is very bad--the generals are all ill, or at variance--the Saritians dying by hundreds.  
Nothing can be more depressing than the present aspect of the war  
Every day brings out more the grievous blunders of the 18th there never was such a loss of life, so useless it makes out quite misrable--I ....I trust the friends of the poor fellows who have been sacrificed will never know the sad truth.  
We are quite well both of us. The hospital is very healthy we had a small outbreak of
cholera 8 died out of 13
attacked, but it is all
over now.
I am sure you will
be glad to hear that
Miss Salisbury is likely
to be very useful....[SB]

2/3/Ba Letter from Mrs. Selina Bracebridge to My dearest Mary, July 20
{26?} [1855], Scutari, re: leaving Scutari and F.N. remaining behind,
gaining strength

2/3/B15 Letter from Mrs. Selina Bracebridge to My dearest Mary, Aug 10
[1855], Marseilles, re: being back safe in Europe and moving on to
Paris,

2/3/C Feb 27 1856, Sidney Herbert to Charles Holte Bracebridge, 4ff,
re: the Stanley and Salisbury controversy with F.N. Private.
I enclose a copy of a letter whi I have recd from Arthur Stanley. I
have sent a guarded answer making no allusion to the narrative illeg
passed in correspondence between his sister and Mrs Bracebridge, cf of
course I am ignorant. ...
I asked him to call on me when next in town (but he is gone to
Paris) because evidently....
Mr Sam Smith entirely agreed with me that no success in a
controversy can compensate to Florence for the mischief illeg from
there being a controversy at all.
Miss S. thought or thinks illeg.
Miss Stanley’s supposed sympathy with Miss Salisbury has done her
more harm than any accusation made by others could have done and I
illeg, permanent mischief to F.N.
Mr S Smith entirely concurred in this view and I rejoice at it, for
any party mind suffer if wrangle is engaged in. The topics on all the
delicate illeg .... find F.N. lowered in public opinion, having a...
If Arthur Stanley is not headed beyond all sense and reason I think
I could shew him how much it is his interest to keep quiet and to
disavow all connection with Miss Salisbury, also in ....
I have no words to describe

2/3/D Aug 23 1855, letter by Edward George Parker Chaplain to the
Forces at D.S. Castle Hospital, Balaclava re receipt of religious
articles from Mr. Bracebridge

2/3/E May 31 1855, Parthe Nightingale to Madam, possibly Mr.
Bracebridge’s sister, 2ff, re: F.N.’s illness and false report of F.N.
marriage

2/3/F 7 Sept [1940's], Lady Barbara Stephen to Mrs. Bracebridge, 4ff,
re: F.N.’s materials and a pkg of letters Lady Stephen was sending to
Mrs. Bracebridge, copy of a passage from F.N.’s will

2/4/II 10 June 1963, black and white photographs with TLS from John C.
Morris to Rev. J. Compton, lists photos (LU: we do not have a copy of this)

2/4/III A 8 Sept 1855, printed article from the Warwick Paper, Festivities on the Return of Mr. and Mrs. Bracebridge from the East

2/4/III B 7 Sept 1855, Supplement to the Coventry Herald and Observer, “Public Entrance into Atherstone of Mr. and Mrs. Bracebridge” (LU: no copy of this)

2/4/IV Poster “Order of the Public Procession on the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Bracebridge/Atherton Railway Station...” & typescript copy of poster (no copy)
2/4/5 Addendum Aug 1986, Charles Holte Bracebridge to Dear Madam [Mrs. E.____ A., C______?] Guernsey England, from Scutari 7 Jan 1855, written on behalf of Florence Nightingale, re: supplies of linen, numbers of sick, death from cholera & from wounds, “1100 have died of cholera 303 only of their wounds” (LU: we do not have a copy of this)

2/6/1 1 (RP 2028) [5:373-74]

F.N. Letters to John Stuart Mill
signed letter, 4ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.
   London W.
   Sept 5/60
Private
Dear Sir
I am encouraged by Mr. Chadwick to venture to write to you direct.
My reason is to ask you whether you would consent to read a religious work confidentially, and to return it to me,— if with your remarks, for the sake of which it is printed on half=margin, I need not say how much they would help me—

Your "Logic,"—especially as regards "Law," "Free Will" and "Necessity," has been the forming influence of it & of "me"— though
whether you would acknowledge the superstructure, I am quite ignorant. At all events, I am inclined to try, altho’ quite aware that you ought, for your own sake, to decline even looking at it, if it troubles you—

Many years ago, I had a large & very curious acquaintance among the artisans of the North of England & of London—

I learnt then that they were without any religion whatever though diligently seeking after one, principally in Comte & his school. Any return to what is called Christianity appeared impossible. It is for them this
book was written.

I never intended
to print it as it was.
But my health
broke down. I shall
never now write out
the original plan -
I have therefore
printed the M.S.S,
as they were,
mainly in order to
invite your criticism,
if you can be
induced to give it.

I beg that you
will believe me,

dear Sir,
one of your most "faithful"
adherents

Florence Nightingale
I acknowledge the justice
of your animadversion
(of which Mr. Chadwick
wrote to me) upon a
passage of my little
book on Nursing, IF
I meant what you
think - which I did
not. If my words
bear that interpretation,
& you will kindly

point them out to me,
I shall be glad &
grateful to alter
them.

F.N.
30 Old Burlington St.
W.
Sept 12/60
Dear Sir

Taking advantage of your extreme kindness (an article which nobody ever fails to take advantage of) I have sent you, by Book Post, Vol 1 of the religious work in question. There are, I am sorry to say, two other "devils," (I mean Vols::,) "worse than the first." But, as I fear you will never read five pages of the first, I have, with admirable caution, sent you only one-

From a word you have used (in your very kind note to me,) I do not think it is quite of the sort you expect- But that will not make it the less tedious. Without farther discussion, I accept, from so great a master of language as yourself, the interpretation you have put upon some words in my "Notes on Nursing," & will alter these
words in the next Editn. But, as a matter of fact, I protest against your assertion that there is no such class as the one I designate as talking a "jargon." You have not been, as I have been, a "scratting" female, (I use the significant old Derbyshire word) among a world of "scratting" females (& very odd ones too).

To every word of any Article, called by your name, on this subject, I heartily subscribe & defer. This is not the "jargon" I mean. I refer to an American world, consisting of female M.D.s, &c., & led by a Dr. Elizth. Blackwell,
--and, though the latter is a dear & intimate & valued friend of mine, I re-assert that her world talks a "jargon," & a very mischievous one--that their female M.D.s have taken up the worst part of a male M.D. ship, of 30 years ago--

& that, while Medical education is what it is -- a subject upon which I may talk with some "connaissance de cause," - instead of wishing to see more Doctors made by women joining what there are, I wish to see as few Doctors, either male or female, as possible. For, mark you, the women have made
no improvement -
they have only tried
to be "men," & they
have only succeeded
in being third-rate
men- They will not fail in
getting their own livelihood
but they will fail in doing good & improving
Therapeutics.

I am only here
stating a matter
of fact. I am not
reasoning, as you
suppose.

Let all women
try. These women
have, in my opinion,
failed. But this is
no a priori conclusion
against the principle
allow me to be
faithfully & gratefully yours

F. Nightingale

2/6/3 (RP 2028) signed letter, 6ff, pen [5:379-80]

30 Old Burlington St
W.

Sept 28/60
My dear Sir
I cannot tell you
how I feel the extreme
kindness of your letter,
& of your consenting
to read so very
tedious & unfinished
a "treatise". I have
ventured to take
advantage of you,
by sending the second
part, which is only
a kind of Diary of the
effect upon my own
mind of the applications
of my theories to life.
(from the time I first
read your “Logic” —
up to seven years ago,
when I first entered
active life & had
no time for thinking).
The third part is
merely a Summary
of the two others.

I am sure that you
will not suspect me
of false modesty, when
I say that the “want
of arrangement” & of
“consideration” I feel
to be such, that
nothing but my
circumstances can
excuse my submitting
it to you in such
a state — And
nothing in your
kindness impresses
me so much as
your consenting to
read it in such a
state — I am quite
sure I could not
do it myself — I
remind myself of
a flute-player,
who once (gravely)
said to me, that
his “playing was so
disagreeable to himself
that he would like
to go out of the
room, in order not
to hear himself play”.

2. Your words, “try me to whose feelings & intellect it (my creed) may be able to recommend itself” impress me painfully; because I feel so much that it will do so to none. It wants an organization of life to carry it out - We have seen the most absurd creeds sustained & spread by this “espirit” of organization in the founder - We have seen the most able & enlightened opinions remain the opinions of one, because that one did not attempt any re= forming of life to carry them out.

Had I lived, I should have attempted, probably failed in, some such organization, or “Society”, to carry out my religion.

[You see I am not at all under convention as to what “a woman should do”.

As it is, I am very certain that “my creed” will fall to the ground, without influencing any one to real good. Whether any one merely “thinks believes it good” or not is a small matter -

3. With regard to your two grand
objections as to the truth of the theory, which is of course the one thing important, I am deeply obliged to you for having stated them so clearly & fully - I am not convinced - I do not attempt, because I do not hope to be able, to offer anything to a mind like yours which you have not often thought over before. But it is very useful to me to see where, to a mind like yours, the argument is unconvincing, & “does not at all tend to remove the difficulty”. I did not receive your letter of the 23rd= till last night. I have been unusually ill & busy (with War Office business) and they, my friends had deprived me of my private letters - Otherwise I would not have sent you the tails of my “treatise,” so inconveniently near to your departure. If you are so good as to write of me again, I should like to have one more address from you, in order to be able to write to you once more.
And then, as Frederic the Great’s General said to God, “Grant me this one thing, and I promise never to pray to you any more” -

ever my dear Sir
Yours very gratefully
Florence Nightingale

I quite agree that
“the more the entrance to the Medl- Profession is widened, the more chance of its being reformed.”

2/7/1 signed letter, 5ff, pen, black-edged? RP 2027 [6:403-05]

Private Feb 16/67
& Confidential {at angle}
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Sir
I am unwilling not to make some immediate answer to your kind note.

1. I think Mr. Hardy’s Bill different from Mr. Hardy’s speech.

2. Imbeciles proposed to be provided for out of a “Common Fund” are about 1800 - and the costs are about equal to all the Parishes. Therefore there is no relief in putting them on a common rate.

3. The fever cases to be charged to the Common rate are about 400.
4. The real subjects of such a Bill are some 6000 sick & 10000 Infirm. These it is proposed to charge to the Parishes as at present.

5. I do not see what conceivable use there is in these new Boards of Guardians for these classes - The only way to save expence is to have one Board for the whole Metropolis - and to let this Board represent both rate-payers and Government.

Only one is necessary.

The measure, as it is, will increase the rating without any corresponding advantage to the sick poor of the Metropolis.

In all such matters, it only introduces want of uniformity, irregularity & inefficiency to work with more machinery than we require.

6. For the local poor there should be simply local government - without any ex-officio representatives on the Boards of Guardians. I fear that we shall all be disappointed in the working of the Bill.
You will have to consider it very carefully & discuss it very fully.
I am very unfit to write - for I have a bad Chest attack, which could not have come at a worse time - for we are overpowered with business.
But we are, of course, extremely anxious about this Bill - and I have thought the best return I could make for your willingness to give all your powerful influence in this matter, was, just Private [2] is, I think, our best card to play
As for the Bill: - I need not tell you that I expect nothing at all from it. I have too much confidence in the moral power of Bumbledom to suppose that he means to alter me of his traditions or one of his practices.
It is very odd, if Ld= Carnarvon, now that he is free of the Cabinet, does not stand up for the principle, to which he committed himself, viz. of a firm central administration, - when the Bill comes into the Ho: of Lords.
Much that was said in
the Ho: of C. on our side was, not reported, as you will know if you move there. [Of course, when the Ho: goes into Committee, this must often be the case.]

I think we brought up our forces well, & fought our battle stoutly - on all three occasions - & should have beat at last, if we had had time.

It is a certainly great thing for us that the eldest son of the greatest proprietor in London, who pays least Poor= rates, & who will pay most, if there is an uniform Sick rate, should he on our side.

We shall secure the Training School for Workhouse Infirmary Nurses in London - & shall probably train the first Staff ourselves for the Workh: Infirmary - to train others
One word about Mr. Hardy. He fell, head foremost, & of his own free will, among thieves. There were none, or at least he would have none, to tell him the truth. I am not telling secrets out of school. For it is the current report that he gave a header into the waters of Messrs. Fleming, Corbett & Markham - the state Mr. Corbett left his Workhouses of the North in is now well known. Many months ago, I was myself a party (if one can be said to be a party to what happened 300 miles off) to a ridiculous scene where

the Guardians left laughed at Mr. Corbett behind his back for his wilful (or stupid) blindness to their sins. However, our cause is rather too good an one to rest upon any Poor-Law gossip. I only wish we could get Mr. Farnall back again. We shall never cease to agitate for our principle (at convenient seasons) till we get it: - viz. to have one Central Committee instead of a number - & even this Central Committee a paid executive Chairman to take charge of all the {printed address upside down:}

35 South Street, Park Lane, London. W. Hospitals (& their Officers,) into which sick, chargeable to the rates, are put.
But I will not waste your time any longer. This letter, as you will see, is merely an echo of yours - & written merely to show how fully I appreciate having such a guide to lead public opinion as yourself.

I will, if I can, & if I have anything to say worth your reading, take advantage of your invitation to write to you “at any time”. In this letter there is nothing you can make use of.

I look upon the with=drawing of Mr. Farnall from London as the greatest misfortune that has happened to our cause.

Pray believe me ever your faithful servt

Sir

Florence Nightingale

{printed address upside down:}

35 South Street,

Park Lane,

London. W.
Private {at angle} Feb 24/67
& Confidential
35 South Street, (printed address:)
    Park Lane,
    London. W.

Sir

    I rather regret my inability to write to you before.
    The fact is: - I have been more than usually busy & more than usually ill.
    But I will go at once to the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Poor Bill i.e. the debate, as it appeared to me.
    All spoke (without knowing it) against the fundamental principle of Mr. Hardy’s Bill (including Mr. Hardy himself.) Only everybody was glad that a Bill of any kind was introduced.
Sir H. Verney’s proposal of a firm central administration was the only feasible thing.
This would, no doubt have been acceded to, had the House thoroughly understood (which it didn’t) that the P.L. Guardians should
have, in reality, nothing to do, qua Guardians, with sick
Any Bill for sick should begin by rescuing sick from all pauper - administration whatever.
Mr. Villiers' statement that there was no reason why fever should be taken from under the Gns=, & other sick left, admits of no reply.
[I thought Mr. Villiers' speech very good & statesman like - & constituting a new era in P.L. administration]
It is certain that all rates for sickness should be general & not local -

simply because the poorest districts are the most unhealthy - And every shilling raised for sick tends to throw more of the struggling classes (including small rate=payers) on the Poor-rates
[I thought the two "Times" articles vile.]
It is always perfectly easy to decide who are proper objects for Parish sick relief, & who are not. It is also easy to decide what cases should be sent to the Hospital, & what not.
The question of sick poor
is really one of administration
- not of Poor Law, or of
Gns= or of local rates.
This was shown by
Mr. Hardy himself &
others in the Debate -
[only they did not see it.]
There is no hope that,
under the proposed
system of Mr. Hardy, the
administration of the sick
will be much better
than under the present
system.
Practically, the Bill, as
it stands, will somewhat
improve for a time
the condition of the sick
poor - but it still
leaves them paupers under

Guardians - and the
result will not be
commensurate with the
large additional costs
which must be borne
by all the Parishes, poor
as well as rich.
The one good thing in the
Bill is the acknowledgment
of the principle that the
sick have a right to
better treatment than they
have hitherto received.
It is currently understood
that Mr. Hardy is in
such a “magnificent humour”
that he would accept any
proposed amendment to
his Bill.
Generally, I hear it said: - Mr. Hardy’s (first/speech was so much better than his Bill that, if his intentions had been carried out by a man of first-rate administrative capacity like Mr. Farnall, the Bill would have been at least one of much promise. But, carried out as they were by a man knowing nothing of London P.L. working, the result is: - an idiotic Bill.

Particularly - even with my sore Chest, I could not help laughing at Dr. Markham’s visit to St. Pancras. The facts were no less facts when he was there before. The Patients were just as much put into dirty sheets - the dirty clothes were just as much tucked under the beds - the same one dirty old woman was just as much the only Night Nurse - all the other

{printed address upside down:}
35 South Street,
   Park Lane, abominations
   London. W. Including the absence of every decency
& convenience for the sick - were just as glaring when Dr. M. was there before - Only then they were not to be unearthed. Now, they were: - for the sake of Mr. Hardy’s Small-pox Bill. An old Matron, like me is well up to all these “dodges”. The undersigned hath herself unearthed, or unbedded five (also four) dirty clothes, tucked under the beds, when Doctors proclaimed it “all right”.

I have not been an old Nurse for 20 years for nothing. And then we are to be told that sick are to be left under Guardians. in haste I beg to remain ever your faithful servt Florence Nightingale

Burn
Tuesday
Private
My dear Sir
Do you know if anybody is going to do any thing about Mr Hardy’s Bill—Sir H. Verney has given notice of amendment.

which, I presume wd not be in= =consistent with clauses in the Bill for full power is {illeg taken to make?} any use of them (for the purposes of the sick) Asylums that the Board chooses—
& they are
to be (I suppose)
supported by
the Common Fund
He proposes
that well regulated
Hospitals for the sick poor sh be
maintained out
of this fund–
the medical people
will not I suppose

2/9 signed letter, 2ff, pen  [8:330]

{printed 35 South Street, Oct 19/71
address:) Park Lane,
W.
My dear Sir

    Remembering how actively
you interested yourself in
the testimonial to Sir James
Simpson, I venture to think
that I may send you a copy
of my little book on Lying-in
Institutions, & that I may
beg for your criticism - You
cannot do me a greater
service than to criticize it.
For the little book is put
forth merely to collect
C.J.B. Williams Eq MD
&c &c

opinions.
    If I might hope that
you would note on the margin
- with the first word you read
- if you are kind enough to
read at all - the wants,
omissions to be supplied -
the alterations, additions
required to be made - for
a future and (it is to be hoped)
better Edition, I should
trust to be able to bring out
something better worth
offering to you -

If you could lay your hand on a letter to me from Sir James Simpson which I lent you (last year, I think), I should be rather glad to have it back. But do not trouble yourself to hunt for it -

in great press of business and illness,

but always sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

{typewritten copy of F.N. INTRO. NOTES ON LYING-IN INST.}

inscribed To Dr. C.J.B. Williams this little book is offered by an old friend and grateful patient Florence Nightingale begging for criticism

London Oct 10/71

2/10/1-8 Letters & envelopes to J. Richard Beste (2 also to his wife), whose daughter was a nun known as Sister Mary Martha at the Convent of Our Lady, Bermondsey {noted from catalogue:} not in FN hand

2/10/1 Letter from Sister Mary Martha, 12 Dec 1855, re informs parents she has volunteered for the Crimea following F.N.’s request for 3 more Nurses and asks for blessing, encloses a letter from the Bishop

2/10/2 Letter from Thomas Grant, Bishop of Southwark [1806-1870], 12 Dec 1855, Bermondsey, Lord Panmure has asked for three more Sisters of Mercy from Bermondsey and Miss Nightingale writes that the Bermondsey sister have been the main support of her undertaking; St Mary Helen, the late superior is to be the head of the party and your daughter earnestly to works of charity is willing to become one of the party re asks Beste’s blessing on his daughter’s mission

2/10/3 Letter from Sister Mary Martha, Convent of Our Lady of Mercy to Mr. Beste, received your packet of books

[14 Dec 1855], re note “Catherine & Dr. Grant to go to Scutari 14 Dec 1855”, re preparations for expedition

2/10/4 Letter from William E. Nightingale, 15 Dec [1855] Embley, offers to help relieve Mr. Beste’s care, glad Sister Mary Martha “is going at a time when the Hospital is called a Model & that she will escape most of the Horrors or which we have heard so much”

2/10/5 envelope from daughter, 8 Jan 1856, Southampton, re note with “Catherine 8 Jan 1856 starts for the Crimea”
2/10/6 Letter from Sister Mary Martha, 7 April 1856, General Detachment Hospital L.T.C. near Balaklava, re how she and others had come up with Miss Nightingale to take charge of two hospitals which are huts. It quite surprise me the other day to find that four months have passed since we left Bermondsey and since I have written to you for the little note to tell of our landing was nothing. This will I hope find you both satisfactory; The Sisters and I with some nurses have lately come up here with our dear Miss Nightingale to take charge of two hospitals of the Land Transport. The hospitals are huts and we have one built for ourselves and nurses here, and the other for nurses at the other H. a little distance across the hills.

This is a most beautiful place, the hills and rocks are so green, but the view coming up from Balaklava harbour is more illeg and green than anything we have seen even in America. It must I think be like Switzerland. Scutari itself is the beauty spot of the country, but the views seem small. There are patches of sea in every direction. Now you will be tired of romantic descriptions.

We have heard that peace is proclaimed but expect to be among the last in leaving the Crimea, as the poor sick must be cured and strengthened. You do not I am sure forget to pray for us, or our charge. Miss Nightingale is so extremely kind, she provides everything we desire for the men or ourselves, and indeed much more in the shape of comforts.

You will be sorry to hear that Rev Mother has had a severe attack of illness but she is now thank God recovering.

The hospital at Scutari is they say a model plan--it is so large, clean, and orderly. We have a large room for a chapel with Mass every day and twice on Sundays. The illeg every evening when they sing some hymns or litany. It is a great comfort to the men and to us. Msr O’Dwyer is the priest there at present. He knows you well and desired to be most kindly remembered to you both. Hope your chapel is going on well and your good priest in good health.

You will I know give my love to the boys when you write and to Anselm? Hoping he is persevering in his holy calling. This is the time of many birthdays as you must give all the good wishes proper and necessary to each and most of all to your own dear selves, for indeed I am grateful for all your love and kindness.

The weather in this place is most changeable. One day quite warm and the ground covered with snow next morning, and the four winds seem to try which can blow [??] harvest. Those hills are covered with huts and huts which in the distance look like haycocks. The Russians are encamped near. We are so happy out here, doing our daily work for our blessed Lord in these poor men and knowing and hearing of nothing besides we are fully and truly employed all day.

There are beautiful flowers coming out here on the hills.

Good bye my dearest parents, please, my love to all and believe me ever your affectionate and happy child, Sr Mary Martha
I began this a good while ago as I had time to write.
2/10/7 Letter from Sidney Herbert, 3 April 1856, Wilton, re honour done F.N. and homage is also due to her associates;

Dear Sir, I have taken every opportunity of illeg, large sum to be paid to her associates. They are always spoken of in conjunction with her as I know it is to be... Mrs Herbert begs me to thank you for the kind remembrance of her and yourself ...

2/10/8 Letter from William E. Nightingale, 25 June [1856], re sends a letter from Beste’s daughter and hopes for the return of the nurses soon

2/11 signed letter, 3ff, pen [see RP]

Private {at angle} Jan 28/67
   35 South Street, {printed address:}
       Park Lane,
       London. W.

Sir
   I have been so much occupied that I have been unable to answer your note of Jan 8, in reference to the enclosed.
   But I referred the matter, immediately on receiving yours, to the proper quarter - And in Jan 21 I received the following answer: - that the War Office does not admit the comparison with Civilian
Clerks - nor the argument
on the basis of pay of
Civilian Clerks for the
case of the N.C. Officer
Clerks -
that the W.O. took them,
intending to make a
cheaper arrangement
than that with Civilian
Clerks -
that the W.O. comparison,
in re the N.C. Officer Clerks, is
with the pay they give to
other Military Clerks -
& their salaries are
much higher than those of Military
Clerks, either at the
War Office or Horse Guards -
that, if they like to resign,
the War Office could
find numbers of
equally good men with
those who now hold
these appointments, to
succeed them
I do not see any use in
asking a question in
the House of Commons -
Of course the War
Minister would only
get up in his place &
repeat what has here
been stated.
We have fallen on a most
unfortunate movement
for any administrative
improvements whatever.
Nothing is thought of
but politics, either in
Cabinet or Ho: of Commons.
The Ho: of Commons would
be least likely of all
to entertain any
administrative questions
of this kind just now - as it is
thinking of nothing but
whether there is to be
a Reform Bill or not -
  whether it is to turn out
Ministers or not -
And from next Tuesday
week, till the end of
the Session, there will
probably be nothing
else thought of or done.
Even the pressing Poor
Law & Recruiting
questions will be
made subordinate to
turning out or keeping
in a Ministry -
Please to consider this
note as entirely private
& for yourself alone.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your faithful servt=
  Florence Nightingale
George Allsop Esq
22 Place Vendôme Paris  
Dec 18 [1838]
My dear Miss Strutt  
A fine piece of Paris paper and 
the ambassador’s bag encourage us to write 
which we were afraid of doing when the 
letter had such a long way to go. Here 
we are at Paris in very beautiful red 
silk satin rooms, at the corner of Place Vendôme 
opposite the famous Trajan column, at 
the top of which Napoleon has remounted 
in spite of the Bourbons who had pulled 
him down—Our Paris acquaintance is 
becoming numerous (towards the end of our 
stay here) and we are very merry—Today 
the King opens the Chambre des Députés, and 
the debates will be a great interest for Papa, 
which we hope will persuade him to stay 
a little longer. Louis Philippe has managed
to disgust all parties, it seems—
that which helped him into the
throne more particularly—Even his own
ministers agree that he must yield in this
session in some things. The radicals talk
about revolutions but even they having a great fear
of such an one as —30, tolerate the king till
they can dismiss him without such danger.
No one however says a word in favour of
poor Louis Philippe who has an "esprit de procureur"
they say. He would make a capital
"notaire." At Madame Recamier’s we see
M. de Châteaubriand, Lacretell & M. de
Noailles. She gives sittings where authors
read their M.SS one was very interesting,
Memoirs of the Revolution, where the reader
mentioned having met Châteaubriand’s sister-in-law going delirious to the guillotine
& a relation of the Duc de Noailles—
The French do not seem to mind rushing

into these recollections, for all these and
a great many more were read with the
relations present, though without mentioning
the names. Mm Recamier as she took posses
sion of her little dark corner said that
she had chosen it that she might be
able to indulge the émotion which these
séances often gave her. We live a great
deal among the Italian exiles, Castillia,
Confalonieri, who is the most interesting man
we have known and so full of fun, one
would have thought that 15 years of history
were enough to have burnt all that out
of any one but an Italian. He does not
like large parties but when he is alone,
he is in high spirits. He went to the
Opera with us one night & enjoyed the
story like a child, making appropriate
remarks at the situations which in general
people are so tired of. Have you read
Andryani’s Mémoires d’un Prisonnier d’Etat,
the style is odious, but the facts are very
interesting, and Confalonieri, though he has
quarrelled with Andryani for publishing
all his secrets, says that it is all true.
This treacherous amnesty goes on ill Metternich
has actually already refused all the "con-
dannato," those condemned to death, and the
eternal delays in answering the petitions
of the others, is making them mad—(one of
the clauses of the amnesty, you know,
was, that all the exiles were obliged to petition
to re-enter.) Poor Count Porro, whom I think
you know, is already refused, and Confalonieri
does not mean to petition, only to be rejected,
till he sees how matters turn out—
The weather here is very bad, cold fog or rain,
Paris is dull after Italy, there is so little
to see in the way of churches or palaces—
extcept the Madeleine, a splendid temple

built after the model of the Parthenon, which is just finished,
larger than the Town Hall at Birmingham—But what they will make
of the inside is the last thing which they have considered. It is
ornamented like a theatre and the alters are most inconvenient
for a Catholic church. Over the chief altar is an enormous fresco,
representing the Apotheosis of --imagine who--Napoleon—
My cousin Bonham Carter came in to us, to our great astonishment
the day before yesterday from Cambridge. He has not been well but
we hope that the change will do him good.

There are few balls yet, those at the Tuileries do not begin
till after New Year’s Day but what I care for much
more is the Italian Opera, we go once a week,
and I have put this object off till the end because I am
afraid of stunning you if I begin about Grisi, Persiani & Tamburini.
Persiani is said to be very much improved since she was in London,
however that is, I think her Sonnambula is perfect and she is so
much more careful than Grisi that it makes up for her lesser powers of
voice—We have had the Donna del Lago, is not the music of that rather
vulgar, the [illeg-fold] with a very good little débutant as the
Adessa [?] in Ernesta Grisi e Giulietta’s cousin. Don Giovanni several
times—
but the Semiramide & the Nozze di Figaro we have been recasting
in vain—-and they are now [illeg] Donizetti’s Robert Devereux
which we heard in Italy and did not like at all. To-night we
go to hear Duprez [?] in Guillaume Tell at the French Opera but
what a difference there is in French and Italian singing--The

Italian Opera is very tiresome in giving the same thing over & over
again, always the Norma & the Somnabula—Pauline Garcia is here, Malibran’s sister, giving concerts with De Berot, a very fine voice, they say, she has and a still finer execution on the piano-forte, but she is quite a girl. Lablache is grown so idle, he is quite provoking, provided he makes sundry queer noises which satisfy a Parisian audience, he thinks that is all that is necessary; poor man he has lost a son though lately which may account for it. But they are all much more careless, I think than in London, even Tamburini, and the Parisians have the oddest taste in their encores—I wish you were here to go to the Opera with us & to admire Persiani, as I’m sure you would, for she is so plain that I cannot make Mama & Papa admire her as she deserves—I am looking forward to hearing music with you next year in London. Lady Granville’s parties are so dull, we met the D. of Devonshire at Geneva and he gave us an introduction, but she has given no concerts yet and the formality of her soirées & her beautiful rooms is appalling though she herself is very kindly & cordial in her manners.

Papa & Mama desire to be very kindly remembered to Mr. & Mrs. Strutt & hope that when we return, to find them as well as you could wish. We leave Paris in January and look forward to seeing you again in the summer, Parthe sends her best love & believe me, my dear Miss Strutt, your most affectionate & obliged Florence Nightingale

I should not have ventured to have written all this nonsense to you if you had not been so kind as to ask us to write.
10 South St
Park Lane W. Sept 27/84

Dear Mr. Butler

I am so glad to hear from you: & I earnestly pray that you may find a good career in Lea in the highest sense - patient, energetic, seeing always God’s perfect image in these sometimes tiresome children.

Mrs. Butler I hope will find the place suit her health - I trust she is recovered

I am so very sorry that I am not able to come to Lea Hurst this year. I am nursing my sister, Lady Verney, tho’ very much requiring Nursing myself. And that will prevent my coming to Derbyshire. I hope you like the place.

With regard to the school way:

I see my last Quarter’s Acct= was:
Fees for John Snowball 1
  Arthur “    1. 6
  Bertha “    1. 6
Books for above 3. 10

Fees for James Turner 4
  Matilda “  3
  Books    2. 7
Do for F., A., & A Yeomans 4. 1

1. 1. 6

The two Gregory’s I think were never on my List at all - At the same time if no one pays for them, & if they are the children if Widow Gregory. I should be glad to do so.

The three Amatts I should be
VERY glad to pay for, if they
are the ones I mean,
the children of a most
industrious mother, (& alas!
a drunken father) Indeed
I did propose to pay for
them, but was told that
some one else did so -
I cannot think if asking
you to do this, now, but
should be very glad if
some day you could tell
me how all these children
are getting on at school
I enclose the amount
£1.4.2. Should it prove
a little incorrect, keep the
change till the next Qu.'s Acct=

[2]
Or charge me what is
deficient.
I should like very much
to hear from you any
particulars of what you
think of the School or
place -
God bless you:
Yours most faithfully
F. Nightingale
Dec 27/84

Dear Mr. Butler,

I am more than grieved that you have such difficulties to begin with — & so much backward ground which you ought never to have had to make up for others —

But you are not the man to be cowed by difficulties — Rather you will find in them the stepping-stones to success —

As St. Paul said, he was glad & rejoiced in his necessities, great & small, because then he had the strength of Almighty Love at his back, & the spirit of Christ rested on him.

I hope that Mrs. Butler’s health is now good or at least very much better —

And I trust that little Miss Hepworth, whom I have seen, will do well if she is under your & Mrs. Butler’s wing — She is, I believe, devoted to her work — but not to her lessons.

And I hope she will be a ‘mother’ to her Infants — which a girl of 16 may be & a grandmother of 60 may not be.

[At St. Thomas’ Hospital when I have my Training School for Nurses, tho’ in general we object to take Probationers for their own sakes, under 23, yet we find that for the Children’s Ward, the best Head Nurse we ever had]
was a lady of 21, just
Alice Hepworth’s age —
if she did but lift up her
finger, all the children
would stop crying & be happy
And the best & most patient
Nurses the same.
So I have great hopes
of Miss Hepworth who
seems to love children,
& has been brought up in
so good a School.]
I have not been at Lea
Hurst for more than 2 years,
— & had alas! little knowledge
of the School since 1882 —

[2]
I should like to know
when you have a moment’s
leisure how it was settled
about the Card playing at the
Institute.
The re-arrangement of the
School Library books —
the small Museum —
the Football Club — &
the Lawn Tennis Club,
I am delighted to hear of.
If I can be of any use in
sending you Children’s books,
or in subscribing a little to
the Clubs, pray command me

The Drawing that you
have taken up will be a
great improvement.
And Agriculture to be
taught, especially in the
country, I think one of
the greatest advantages
they can have.
Thank you for your
account of my poor little
dull children.
I am sure that you are
doing the very best that
can be done for all —
And Infinite Love will
give you as His Royal Christmas gifts Love, Joy, Peace, Long-Suffering, Gentleness. -

I hope that Miss Hepworth will give her religious instruction by word of mouth & not from a book. What you said is so important, viz. that the religious instruction should always be talked, not read, & always by the Head Master. You find, no doubt, that you can gain the children’s attention to their religious instruction & to the moral aspects, without which the instruction is of little use, as it has never been gained before -

If you want any Scriptural pictures, please tell me.

I am sorry about the Scriptural Exam: being not satisfactory - but I have always feared the preparation for that was given like a purely secular
lesson. This I am sure it
will not be under you -
Your difficulties are great:
but what should we be
without difficulties? Donkeys.
The son of one of the
highest of the land once
said to a friend of mine
that he must go away
because of his difficulties.
‘Go away?’ said my friend
That is just the reason for
staying. What would our
life be worth if we had not
difficulties to overcome?
And he staid.
I beg to enclose the amount
of the School Fees (Xmas Qu)
with thanks for your care.
Pray be so good as to
tell my children that I
enquired after them &
that I hope better accounts
of them every Quarter -
I have generally paid
my Annual Subn= to the
School, which is, I think,
£5.5. to Mr. Wildgoose.
But I think I had better
send it to you -

With every possible
kind wish for your
Xmas & new Year
& many New Years
& the same to Mrs. Butler.
pray, believe me
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
I need not say I am at
all times glad to hear
from you.
10 South St
Park Lane W
New Year’s Day 1885
Dear Mr. Butler

I wish you all the Father’s infinite riches in New Year’s blessings for you & your work to-day -

And may we both be ambitious, with St. Paul’s ambition, to press forward to the prize of our high calling -

I hope to hear from you again, with many thanks for your kind note, which I received last night -

I now only seize the opportunity of your being in London to ask you to take back with you some books & tracts for your Children’s Library - & some New Year’s cards for any infants or children you please -

I give them joy of the Master who will lead them on towards that high calling - with the help of the Infinite Love - & Strength -

I will write again -

My prayers are always for you & your School
And pray believe me ever yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Kind regards to Mrs. Butler who I hope is getting strong
Private {at angle} 10 South St  
Park Lane W  
Feb 4/85  
Dear Mr. Butler  
I am always thinking how you are getting on in your arduous post, to which I am sure you do full justice -  
And how is Mrs. Butler?  
- I was thankful that she was better -  
And does Miss Hepworth get on well?  
And does the attendance improve?

I meant to ask you to tell me how the daily Religious instruction is taken by the children - I did so rejoice in what you told me, that you thought this ought always to be given by the Master - that the Pupil Teachers had not experience or authority enough to give it - that it should be given by word of mouth, & not out of a book - illustrated by accounts of real temptations which might befall the scholars in after life - how you yourself remembered still the lessons thus given by (?) Dr Kennedy - & when the occasion did come in after life, you, his scholars, said each to himself: ‘that is the occasion he warned us
against’ - & were helped -
   All this & a great
deal more that you
told me I remember
with hope -
   rejoicing at the prospect
of the good that you
will do in the Strength
which is mightier than
we -
   at the race that is set
before you -
   while deeply feeling
the difficulties -

Private [2]
   Our difficulty, which is
   very serious, is that
which the (wholly
unexpected) return of the
late Schoolmaster will,
I fear, occasion you -
   God grant that my
fears may be unfounded.
   Would that I could
help you!
   But I am sure that
your patience, of which
there will be much need,
& determination to keep

   from any sort of collision
with him, will carry thro the
good work. You will probably think
it well never even to
speak of him, I should
think.
   All I know of this
difficulty - & deeply feel
it. I should think it
a relief if you would
tell me in what way
you think you should
bear yourself to meet it -
I might possibly then
be able to help -
With kindest regards to
Mrs. Butler, & the
warmest prayers for
yourself & your work
pray believe me
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
God bless you -
Excuse pencil -
Please remember me kindly
to Miss Hepworth -
Is there anything that I
could send you? P.T.O.

Any difficulty arising from
the circumstance alludes to
can only be for a time.
We have the highest command
to ‘overcome evil with good’
& the highest promise with it
All the support your
friends, - & these will
increase with every month -
can give you will be yours
But the gossip of country
life is much worse than
that of London Life - And
this evil too must be ‘overcome’
with good, & often with Silence FN
Feb 27/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE, W.
Dear Mr. Butler
Please be so good as to continue my Subn= to the Institute for Mrs. Shardlow, Mr. S. Crooks, as well as for the two Sheldons & the Sisters Allen.
I trust indeed that Lea School is repaying your efforts.
Please give my kind regards to Mrs. Butler & Miss Hepworth.

Excuse a short card: you may be sure that the we are sending out Nurses & stores on this bad, Sad Souakim Expedition - but are more overwhelmed by what we don’t do than by what we do do.
I think of Gordon not as lying dead in fatal Khartoum but as in rapture at the Immediate Presence of Him he served so faithfully yrs sincerely  F. Nightingale

2/14/6 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

April 8/85
Dear Mr. Butler
I wish you every Easter blessing on you & your work.
May it be the means of ‘resurrection’ to many - a resurrection here, now, even tho’ slow & gradual; to the ‘life of righteousness’!
We think a great deal of that most unexpected trouble & anxiety which is lurking in Lea - But our Father cares more for our salvation from evil, even than we do
for ourselves & for each other - He is fighting for us -
I trust that Mrs. Butler is resuming her usual health & the School attendance improving - & that Miss Hepworth is doing well - Pray remember me kindly to her -
I am very sorry to have been so long in sending what is due for School Fee’s Quarter I have been very much overworked with the War in Egypt - sending out Nurses &c & other things - I was obliged to knock up entirely for a few days - & am still.
We hope that the new occupier of Lea Hurst may be a good man in the place.
I shall always be glad to hear from you & now more particularly.
May God bless you & your work is the fervent prayer of yours ever faithfully
F. Nightingale
Dear Mr. Butler,
I feel so deeply with you about the illness of the darling little child. May God preserve it to you yet is my earnest prayer. Please let me know how it goes with the child - I trust this change to mild weather may be beneficial - but above all we trust in God - in His hands "it is well with the child."
Tell Mrs. Butler, please, how much I feel for her -
I will write tomorrow - & thankfully send my £1 (Subns=) for the Institute.
May all go well with you
God bless you
ever faithfully yrs
F. Nightingale

Dear Mr. Butler,
I think so much of you & the darling little child.
The arms of our Heavenly Father are round it. He never leaves it. Its "angel" always sees the face of our Father in heaven -
When I wrote to you at Easter, I did not know of your resignation - It was a heavy blow to me - But
I will only write - & with the warmest sympathy - of the matter as it now stands - thanking you for your determination, at the request of the Managers, to make a further effort - while keeping yourself free to resign at any time up to the end of this School year, Sept. 1885. I regret this last more than I can say: I do not feel that I ought to tell you how sorry I am, because it is you & not I who must judge what is best - Let me give you the thanks so richly deserved by you - Let me hope that the irritations which you feel so deeply, caused by some slothful, unhelpful & obstinate [illegible] ways of some people - not at all only by the late master’s unjustifiable return - may not fade away from your mind but become transfigured as it were as our portion & small share of the Cross of our Glorious Master which the ‘Penitent Thief’ was the first to understand as showing Him to be the King - as being not the failure but the way to the Kingdom of Him who is
at once the glorious Lord of all - & the humblest being in the Universe -
It is a most difficult pass for you - most difficult
But He who knew all difficulty & all hardship in His own person will guide you - will not let one sharp word pass your lips - & will possibly - but I dare not wish - show you that thro’ this difficult pass lies your future power in the place -
I do fully recognize the present position - & the task you have before you -
If you like to tell me your difficulties - what makes your life ‘miserable’ - in detail - perhaps I might be able to say something more practical
But I do know so well what kind of thing it is - & the whole burden that these ways of the people put upon you - Yet these may all be changed, & mainly by you, if you can bring, as we doubt not you do, the right spirit to the task -
And what a glorious task that is, worthy of God’s own heart!
We long to know how you are getting on, whether you are making way, & whether you are gaining heart.

God bless you - and He will bless you.

You must feel sure that all the Managers are with you.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Butler, & warmest sympathy

ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

Does Dr. Dunn attend your baby?

2/14/9 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.
May 9/85

Dear Mr. Butler

I do rejoice that it has pleased God to spare the darling little child yet a while longer to earth - I give you joy & its her mother whose good Nursing has been the means - I trust that she may yet grow to be stronger. God’s blessing on her.

Let us hope that this is an omen that God will yet prosper your future usefulness in the village & that it will grow to promising strength & dimensions.

It has been dwarfed at the beginning thro’ no fault of yours - You have been as it were persecuted for righteousness’ sake - It is to these God gives the blessing - is it not? the blessing of Almighty Love -

I find it very difficult to write just now - but
will answer your letter
    more fully I hope
next week -
    In the mean time, I
gladly send £1 - towards
your Boys’ Cricket Club,
is it not? & a good set
of Cricketing apparatus -
which, you say, will cost
about 15/ or 16/ - I am
glad the boys have subscribed
a fourth. Tell them that
I think of them, both in
their games & their lessons -

& trust that they will
    make hearty progress
in both - as beseems a
manly boy -
    [I always think the five
    “foolish Virgins” had no
harm in them - But God
is so averse to indifference
& ‘happy-go-lucky s’ -]
    Keep the £1 for this
kind of what is wanted for
the boys -
    God bless you all -
    most truly yours
    F. Nightingale
I shall like to know how your baby goes on.
Dear Mr. Butler,

I hope the dear little baby is still making satisfactory progress -

To us, knowing what we do of the difficulties of the place - those that are always, & those that have come about unexpectedly - it seems that for some months to come you ought (& may be content) to keep quiet, working within the School - not trying to be of use outside it - & that you ought perhaps even to do as little as possible of the things - necessary to the proper working of the School - to which the people are unaccustomed & to which they object: (requiring them to purchase books, for instance.)

As indeed you do -

You should, we fancy, deal with one thing at a time; say, first, with regularity of attendance & payment - which is the ground work -

Then you know there is the Managers' action in reserve - & certainly they will be better able to appeal to the people with effect, if something has been gained without the people having been much aware of any change, - & it can be shown that
this is so, & that much more might be gained if the people will do their part - What the Managers can do, good as it will be cannot change the people’s hearts; but at any rate it is every thing to choose the right moment. and this, we think would be when you, avoiding friction & obvious interference as much as possible, had by your own good work obtained some good result.

[2] You will perhaps say, tho’ I do not think you will; - ‘how am I to keep up my courage & hopefulness while working in this way’; (leaving undone much of what you feel ought to be done - limiting your work within what you feel you could & ought, if it were possible, to be doing)? To this I know you would answer that work has to be done with the tools suited to it; & here at
Lea patience & prudence are wanted perhaps more than activity at this time.
You are quite young - - if you can take heart about the place, you will feel it worth while to carry on your work in the way which in the end will gain you real influence & power for good - even if it is this slow & for a long while unsatisfactory way.

To us it does seem that you may feel it to be the right thing to do: to try to win great influence. You know that the Managers will help you as far as they can - & that whatever happens, they & we shall endeavour that you shall not suffer in practical ways for what is in no way fault of yours - [For your family’s sake we quite own you must think of this:]}
If you can make up
your mind to do all
you can without
calling upon the parents
to do all they ought,
- putting off many things,
for the sake of prudence
- surely the position
will be tenable & will
surely mend by degrees
to be something better
than it would ever have
been, had not there been
this steep path to climb
For a young & energetic

[3]
man like yourself, this
is indeed not the
easiest or brightest way -
but we can but believe that
it will answer best. And
you want to do good work,
& therefore may be willing
to “find out the way”
when it is not the
straightforward way
which you have been
used to.
And we so earnestly
pray God bless you -
& that He will turn the
'hearts of the disobedient
'to the wisdom of the just'.
   And we feel so much
for your difficulties - & for
the great difficulty of
finding out - we who
know the circumstances
too little in detail - what
it is that you must not
attempt, & what you ought
not to leave undone, now
that the people are in
this bad way.
   Direct advice we
cannot (& ought not to)
give.

   But there is One whom
you know - perhaps better
than I know Him - who
will not only guide
but dwell in us -
   With kindest regards to
Mrs. Butler & Miss Hepworth,
& every good wish for the
darling little children
   ever sincerely yours
   F. Nightingale
June 27/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Butler

Many thanks for your letter. If there is anything I could do about these children of whom I was very glad to have your report, pray tell me.

I am so very happy that the attendance is improving, and prospect fair for the Examination.

If you come to London during the holidays, pray let me know that I may have a chance of seeing you. Your baby’s recovery is delightful. And I hope Mrs. Butler, to whom my kind regards, please, is now on the road to full strength. It is lamentable that the dear little boy is not well yet.

Please give my kind remembrances to Mrs. Hepworth & say that when she comes to London if she would let me know I would try to see her.

in haste
ever sincerely yours
with every kind of good wishes
F. Nightingale

I have seen
Mr. Clough
2/14/12 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
July 12/85

Dear Mr. Butler

By some housemaid’s mistake some of my letters were mislaid - And I telegraphed to Cromford for your address - Last night I telegraphed to you - but did not receive any answer.

Would it be convenient to you to come to me on Wednesday at 5 - [I find that I am engaged on Monday.]

I should very much like to see Mrs. Butler as you propose; but am too ill to see two persons at once. If she could kindly come here & let me see her for a few minutes after I have seen you I should be most happy.

I am so glad that she & your children are well.

Pray believe me sincerely yours

F. Nightingale
2/14/13 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.
July 24/85

Dear Mr. Butler

I give you joy with all my heart, of your eminent success in “Agriculture”. And I hope it will be a good augury for the Examination.’ Indeed I doubt not of its going off well. I send the parcels of books you are good enough to take charge of - & hope I am not presuming too much on your kindness - There are 4 books for your 1st Standard in the parcel for Miss Hepworth.

I was very glad to make Mrs. Butler’s acquaintance. You have my warmest wishes, both of you, as I need not say, for your perfect success in the highest sense - & with love to the children, believe me ever yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale
The parcel for Mrs. Holmes is not for any Mrs. Holmes who is mother to any of your school-children but for a Mrs. Holmes, wife to one of Mr. Wildgoose’s overlookers, with one Invalid daughter living at home - such a nice woman! And the parcel for Mrs. Barton is for an old Widow Barton - a charming & excellent woman - both living in Holloway FN.

2/14/14 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pen

Oct 6/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr Butler
I am very glad to hear from you & to know about the day of the Examn=, for which I wish you God speed, - & that the attendance has been regular. As the hymn says: “Thine is the cause: it is Thy work I do:” & therefore it must triumph, if we do it in His spirit.

State Boards £2. 15. 6
Mmas= Qu: School Fees 1. 10. 7

4. 6. 1
In hand 13. 11

I enclose a Cheque for £5.
I am glad the State Boards are useful.
Miss Hepworth, to whom please give my kindest regards,
told me in London that she wanted “pictures” for the School,
especially, I understood her, Scripture pictures -
I asked her, if she could not see you, & to consult Mrs.
Usherwood, & buy the pictures in London, charging them to me.
   But I have heard nothing of them.
   If it has not been done,
could you manage this now?
   that is, after the Examn=.
You must be very busy now
   I hope you find Miss Dexter helpful.
   If reading books are wanted, pray charge them to me, as we agreed.
   I trust Mrs. Butler, to whom pray remember me most kindly, & your little boy, who says quite grand:
   ‘I prefer the country’: & baby are well & getting strong.
   When the Examn= is over,
I hope to have a longer letter from you, telling me what interests me so much
   & I will write a longer letter - But I will not trouble you now - not to lack of interest however.
With every kind of good wishes, not only for the Examn= but for all the future.
   ever sincerely yours
I trust the Holloway Institute prospers.
10 South St. Park Lane W
Oct 24/85
Dear Mr. Butler

I bade you & the School
‘God speed’ with all my heart
on the day of the Examination
And I bid you ‘God speed’
now it is over. We hope
to hear a good report;
but anyhow we know
that you have fought a
good fight -
I shall be very glad if
you will kindly have
mounted those of the
‘Xtian Knowledge’ Scripture
Prints which you found
that I gave & which
you say are what Miss
Hepworth wanted for her
School - & charge the
mounting or framing
to me - We hope Miss
Hepworth’s children also
did well - & that
Miss Dexter has done
good service -

Pray give my kindest
remembrances to Mrs.
Butler, who, I trust, will
regain perfect health.
- & also to Miss Hepworth
God bless you & the work
& believe me
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
We are most anxious to
hear of you -
Excuse pencil
I am much obliged to you for
your information about the
Snowballs - I am well aware that many of our people at Lea & Holloway earn in weekly wage what almost makes up the annual income of many a curate or minister of religion - yet accept charity for their children’s education & in other ways -

But I am content to do as you advise - I hope the Snowballs did well in F.N.
the Examn= -

2/14/16 (RP 2718) unsigned letter, 3ff, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane Nov. 11/85 W.
Dear Mr. Butler
I was delighted to receive your letter with the results of the Examn=, showing that they were as favourable as could possibly be expected & that you felt satisfied with your work.

We trust that the regularity of the attendance will improve & I shall be very glad that prizes should be given, tho’ I think in general these prizes do not catch the black sheep, but only the good sheep.

Mr. Arthur Clough will be with you, I believe the day you receive this. And we shall hear from him when he returns, what you think of the desirableness of keeping
Miss Dexter after Christmas
- whether you are sufficiently hopeful about her work
to wish to keep her, in
which case Mrs. Godfrey Lushington & I will have
her up to London & see her.

I am so very glad that
Miss Hepworth’s children have done so well.
Pray tell her so, & give her my kindest regards.

Thank you for the Table

of my scholars ‘passes’ -
Yes, please: - pray
“provide three sets of
“Reading Books” on my
account to “belong to the “School” as the Inspector recommends.

We shall be anxious
to hear from Mr. Clough
what is your opinion about
Miss Dexter - & also
about other things

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I write now only to give
you joy & ourselves joy
of your deserved success,
which we have no doubt
will be always increasing

I will write at greater
length, shortly;
pray believe me with
{letter cut off}
10 South St Dec 1/85
Dear Mr. Butler

I give you joy of the amount of the grant, which must have been the result of real honest work & wise teaching: & which I understand was secured with somewhat fewer children than in two previous high grants.

I could have sung for joy.

Pray also tell Miss Hepworth how we congratulate her on her good work, & the progress of the infants’ School

I cannot say that I am sorry that Needle-work is to be substituted (for the girls) for Geography.
All together, I am sure that you have good reason to be satisfied -
And may God bless you & your work -
Thanks for your note about the Institute’s books.

I trust Mrs. Butler is better & stronger: to whom pray give my kind regards, & also to Miss Hepworth, - & that your children are well.

yours ever faithfully
F. Nightingale

Has Miss Hepworth resumed the teaching of maps to the infants on the floor, as in her old School?
10 South St. Park Lane W.
Dec 23/85
Dear Mr. Butler

I am so delighted at the success of the Scripture Examn=: the more so because you tell me that it was not merely historical but that the Inspector also gave moral lessons to be learnt from Scripture - I give you joy

Thank you for the Acct-, which I pay at once tho’ I have not time to write to you to-day all I would say.

Thank you also for the Programme of the Entertainmnt- which I was charmed with.

I was glad to see the names of some of my children as having Prizes for attendance - I went thro’ all the names with Miss Dexter whom I liked very much

A happy Christmas to you all & good New Year. & many of them for the good cause.

I sent you some books for Institute by Miss Dexter - about which I will write more:
also: a number of Sanitary tracts.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Butler & Miss Hepworth

yours sincerely

F Nightingale

I will write again
Dear Mr Butler

I shall be glad to continue paying the subscriptions of the following to the Institute:

- Mrs. Shardlow: 5/ illeg
- Mr. Sam Crook: 5/ illeg
- W. Sheldon: 5/-Pd
- Sisters Allen: 1/-Pd

as previously please

Miss Dexter: I am very sorry indeed that she has not been well & that she may be compelled to postpone her Examn. I trust that her health & the School attendance may both improve with the weather.

Thank you for your account of my children. It is a sad pity that the two Snowballs are so irregular.

I send a Cheque for £2, if you will be good enough to pay the Treasurer £1.6.4 & keep the in hand 13.8 for payment of Institute Subns=

I will write again - I was about to write about the “Sims” Religious Examination & other things which interest us both so much.

With kind regards to Mrs. Butler, Miss Hepworth & Miss Dexter

sincerely yours

F Nightingale
Dear Mr. Butler

Thank you much for your letter. I enclose Ch. for £2
1. 7 6
In hand-------- 12 6
Yes: I hardly think it worth while for Matilda Turner to come to School at all, if she attends only “20” times out of “99”, as you inform me. Please be so good as to say “to her mother” what you think right, from me -
I hope the other children are doing well

I have not seen Mr. Clough yet since he returned from Lea - But he wrote to me: and Mrs. Lushington sent me the letters about poor Grace Dexter - It is a grievous disappointment that, after your wish that she should be engaged, & after you had taken so much pains in superintendg-her, she should have been found unable to command the attention of & keep in order her class -
Some time ago I wished very much to write to you to ask how she proved herself as a teacher. But I did not like to trouble you, having no ‘official’ claim in the School - nothing but the deepest interest. And I knew, if you had written of any failure to Mrs. Lushington, she would let me know -

I conclude you think that she has no calling to be a future teacher.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Butler who, I hope, with your children, is well - & to Miss Hepworth.

You have my warmest sympathy & fervent prayers that you may have the highest success with the children of this generation that they may really & truly be raised to be Christian citizens -

God speed you all

ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

2/15/21 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pen

July 13/86

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

Dear Mr. Butler

I shall be very glad to see you on Tuesday 20th at 5, if that will suit your convenience.

You do not give me your address in London -

ever faithfully yours

F Nightingale
10 South St. July 17/86
Dear Mr. Butler

I shall be delighted for you to bring your little Bertie on Tuesday, if it will amuse him to have his tea alone in the Dining room, & look at a picture-book, & see me for a few minutes just before you go away. But I am only able to preserve any health or power of business by seeing only one person - And it is many, many years since I have been well enough to talk with any one - a child or other person being in the room.

If you would like to come at 4.30 & have tea with him in the Dining-room, & then see me at 5, leaving him there - but I am afraid it will be very dull for him.

Did your mother ever receive copies of that little tract by Miss Marsh about your Father?

Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale
10 South St   Sept 1/86
Dear Mr. Butler
Institute
    I send the Catalogue containing a complete List of the books adopted by the Pure Litere Socy= which I have obtained from them.
    I believe you are at liberty to mark at half price to the amount of £5 or £10 according as you raise £2.10 or £5 - & to return it to me for “recommendation” for a grant of the books

Would you in any case return me the Catalogue?

2.  I have ordered the Ordnance Maps from Stanford. But Stanford reminds me that the 4 sheets referred to cannot be joined as one without 2 other sheets to form the centre of the map- And I have told him to do so - I hope this will not make the map too large for you?

    He has also asked whether the face of the map is to be varnished And I have told him: Yes.

C.  I am very glad the Committee men are going to bring in each a member to the Institute - This is a good beginning: but every member ought to be a Missionary - & is in some Institutes - every member bringing in one or two or more of his
friends - not saying
‘we are very comfortable here - we had rather
have it to ourselves’ -
But then those are
active Institutes with
active Managers - &
coffee & cake &c &c
Competing with the
public - house -
D. I am very glad you
are mooting the
Harmonium -
You do not say anything

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about the Terrestrial globe
which you were to order
for the School for me -
E. I hope more lads
will join the Institute -
Do not you consider 14
to 16 the dangerous age?
I wish you had a room
(& a Manager) for them -
- I am glad the age has
been lowered to 15.
I am so glad that the

children are working well
at School -
Good speed - God bless you
in greatest haste
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
Sept 8/86
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Butler

I am very glad that you & your Staff are going to the “India & Colonial” - It is most generous of Mr. Wildgoose. But I am a little alarmed, particularly for the ladies, that you are to be (more than) 24 hours on foot. Pray let me provide the Commissariat. And pray do not stint yourselves. You will want a good breakfast, dinner & tea &

supper at the Exhibition. They say the food is very good there. But I am afraid you will all be very tired any how. My kind regards & good wishes to all.

I am not in London, having come down to my Sister at Claydon (who is a great Invalid, tho’ in some respects she can do more than I can) the day after I wrote to you.

All letters will be forwarded to me from South St.

Wishing you the best of sights of that famous Exhibition which I of course have not seen ff fully yrs F. Nightingale
Dear Mr. Butler

I have been hoping to hear from you whether Stanford’s Map which he tells me he has sent is in perfect order & is what you intended
Please let me have if only a Post-Card by return of post.
How did you & your Staff speed at the India & Colonial?
-were they very tired?
& what do I owe you for food?
God bless you
in haste
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Dear Mr. Butler,

I sent you this morning a Daily News & Daily Telegraph containing the particulars of the Meeting at Aldershot held for the “Gordon Boys’ Home” - They put the ‘dangerous’ age at 14 - & keep the boys up to 18 - i.e. they admit them as low as 14 & not above 16 -

All experience makes me feel so anxious that boys should be admitted to Institutes as early as 14.

But then, as you say, you must have a Manager who can manage them, -

[I forget whether I mentioned to you, before, this Meeting for the Gordon Boys Home]

What do you think about ages?

And how late do any boys or girls stay with you at School?

2 I hope the Map was according to your wish -

The only way to make children really understand Geography is - is it not?

1. to draw their own School -
   then to show them on a big map the road from their School to their home then their district or village on the Map then their County then England then Europe then the World
It is quite amazing how young servant maids who have perhaps been their 8 years at School - have perhaps been proficient (in words) in Geography & know no more what a map (say) of the Missionary Journeys of St. Paul of his crossing over from Asia to Europe means, than the Ottoman does.

God bless your Map & your work:
faithfully yrs F. Nightingale

2/15/27 (RP 2718) signed letter, 1f, pen

Oct 8/86
(printed address:) 10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Butler
My best wishes are with you for Monday’s Examination - with you all, yourself, infant mistress, (I am so sorry she is going) pupil teachers, children, all, all - I bear you all in my heart, & wish you all - not forgetting the Managers, the

highest success in this Examn=, not only for your welfare in this, but in the future world.
My kind regards to Mrs. Butler.
I shall be most anxious to know the result.
God bless you all - yours ever faithfully F. Nightingale
I send £5 in hand for Qu. schooling Globe, Commissariat at Exhn - - but don’t expect you to write till after Examn=, of course - Again, God bless you
Dear Mr. Butler

I suppose you have the Scripture Examn= over by this time, & trust it has been successful - successful, I mean, in the highest sense, as showing that the children are obtaining such a practical knowledge & feeling of Scripture as will influence radically their future lives. Otherwise Scripture is only another book of history, poetry & geography, as it is often taught.

I liked what you told me of connecting moral tales & examples with the precepts of Scripture -
We should all be “stewards of its mysteries”, & St. Paul's, each in our small way.
God’s arm is not shortened.
A schoolmaster above all may have this sort of influence with his scholars.
Pray God we all may -

I sent you 2 Vols of Household Economy: one Standard V. for the Girls’ Lending Library - the other, the larger one, for the Institute Lending Library -
And a day or two ago I sent by Herbert Crooks to the Institute a large Map on a roller, just published by Stanford, of little England & her great colonies & possessions
I think it a very useful one & would send one to you for the School if you like it
Also: I sent a paper facsimile of Gordon’s little sketch of the route from Souakim to Khartoum, to the Institute – & would send one to the School too, if you wish it – I dare say you often tell children of that great hero & Saint, Gordon. We knew him – I should be glad, if possible to know before the end of the year whether the Institute means to accept the offer of a £5 library – selecting

its own books from the Catalogue which I sent you some time ago – from the Pure Literature Socy= – As Mr. Wildgoose kindly offered to give £1, one would think it cannot be very difficult for them to raise £1.10 – £2.10 being the requisite sum to obtain the grant – Could you let me know? You will have to sign an Application Form I am glad that you are coming up to London for Xmas, & shall hope to be able to see you – Pray let me know where you are in London
Will you thank the teachers & all kind friends for the photographs kindly sent me of you all & of the buildings? I was very much obliged to you for the result of the Inspector’s Examn- to each of my scholars. It gave me great pleasure to see
that they were getting on well.  

God bless you -

With kind regards to Mrs. Butler, believe me faithfully yours  

F. Nightingale

Herbert Crooks is at home at his father’s, Samuel Crooks, for a time till he gets another place. I want him to belong to the Institute, if for ever so short a time. Let me pay for him  

F.N.

2/16/29 (RP 2718) post card, 1f, pen

Mr. E. Butler  
Lea School  
Cromford

8/1/87 Derby

I trust that you all got home safe & well. Please let me have a post-card to tell me that this is so: & how you & Mrs. Butler are; & the children sincerely yours  

F. Nightingale

Jan 8/87
10 South St. Park Lane W.
April 7/87
Dear Mr. Butler

I was very glad to hear from you - I enclose £2, which, after paying the Quarterly Acct=, will leave you £1 " 5 in hand.

I am so very sorry that your little boy Bertie is so far from well I trust that he will get better as spring advances.

Yes, please: let me pay for Sisters Allen, W. Sheldon, & Mrs. Shardlow, as before, for the Institute.

I was glad to receive a copy of the Report of the Institute for 1886 - especially as it now gives - the number of members, (hopes that it may be increased) - the number of books - " " issued - " " readers in year - the age of admission -

But do not you think it would be useful to tell us more?

Don’t you think such phrases as “not lacking in attendance” “invariably well attended” “not a few”
should be severely excluded from Reports - & instead, we should be told
- the average number of daily readers in the reading-room:
- the average daily number in the Recreation-room
- the number of Cricket members

[It is currently said that Reports, - & with a great deal of truth, - tell us every
ting that we don’t want to know.

I have often been employed in London in showing what ought to be told]

Might we not, besides, be told, what is the “scientific periodical knowledge
“provided”? - how many “periodicals”? - what maps?
&c &c &c

The last Para: but one I rejoice at. It is hopeful
I received a very flowery letter from the Institute, for which I beg to thank them But I regretted that it did not contain a single fact

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I am so glad that you teach the little ones a bit every day yourself & that Miss Barker is doing well -

My kind regards to her & to Mrs. Butler

May God bless your work! 
ever faithfully yours

F Nightingale
April 9/87

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

Dear Mr. Butler

I send my best Easter greetings to you & all yours - to your School & your work both in School & Institute.

With regard to the latter, pray consider my letter to you asking questions as to the Report as quite private, between yourself & me. You will, I doubt not, give me some good hints. For I owe them a letter & am about to write to them.

Do you ever catch the Black Sheep at the Institute?

What are the books they like best?

Again, God bless you -

I send a card for Bertie

ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

May 9/87

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

Dear Mr. Butler

I am very much obliged for your long & most interesting letter, which I will refer to by & bye in a manner more worthy of it -

Now I will only say: Yes, I shall be very glad for the much=tried Mrs. Amatt’s sake to pay Jemmy & Tommy’s School fees - But now would it not be a work
fit for the Institute & worthy of it to try to reclaim that drunken husband, to compete with the Public house, & to enlist Amatt as a member of the Institute? That would be a triumph for it. I hope you Pupil Teachers did well at Derby God bless you & your work I am so glad Bertie is so much stronger With kind regards to Mrs. Butler, sincerely yours F. Nightingale Could you send me a copy of the new Catalogue of Institute Library?

2/16/33 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

June 3/87

Dear Mr. Butler

I wish the Meat Tea all possible success, & have pleasure in sending £5.5, as I conclude from its name that all facilities for obtaining liquor of any kind are to be prevented. We must look to Providence & not to a pint of beer, as I heard one say, to make these things successful. But as for a Jubilee .. we must have something to jubilate about, what do you
propose?
   A lady-friend of mine, who gives a Jubilee dinner (without beer) to some hundreds of men & their wives - next estate to what was my father’s in Hampshire - invited in London singers to volunteer - Fifteen, men & women, immediately volunteered. And they are to have Solos, singing in parts, Choruses &c &c - all Sacred Music -
   Is anything proposed by you?

{in pencil} About the Institute:
   do you know Cox & Co’s “Anti-Burton” (“Haggerstone”)
   Bottled Beer: “Non-intoxicating”
It is drunk in London not only in Working Men’s Coffee rooms but by ladies & gentlemen -
   If you like to order some (178 York Road
      King’s Cross - London)
on my account as an experiment I should be very glad -
   I feel almost inclined to say: for every Black Sheep like poor Amatt & Adam Prince

that the Institute reclaims & makes members of, I will add £1.1 to our Subn=
   They must have refreshment;
   & this Beer might suit them
      Success to you -
   With kind regards
      Sincerely yours
         F. Nightingale
I am going to send you & write to you about some books for the Institute
Dear Mr. Butler

I am so grieved for Mrs. Butler’s illness - And you must have had an anxious & difficult time of it. But I am glad her sister is now with her. I earnestly hope that you will be able to go to the Sea-side.

Excuse pencil

The Jubilee seems to have gone off well. But I agree with you that the “£70 or £80” might have been better spent.

About the Anti-Burton:
I think with the people, 2 d was “dear” for the bottle - Would you kindly tell me some time what is the difference between the sum “you (the Institute) had to pay for “the “3 doz bottles”, & the “3 doz”. two pences? I will then answer your question.

Of course I was unable to see anything of the Jubilee here myself. But the order kept by five millions of people out for the day & night was wonderful & beautiful - And the Board School-children’s fête in Hyde Park was charming.

I shall be very anxious to know how Mrs. Butler goes on - And with kind regards to her, & rejoicing that “all is going on well at School” I am

sincerely yours

F. Nightingale
10 South St. W. Sept 3/87

Dear Mr. Butler

I am very much pleased indeed that you have so large a School to present for Examination - And you will have very busy work indeed to prepare them -

Success to you always, & to Miss Barker - always bearing in mind that not only bookish-ness but life is our object with our children

We note what you say about increased assistance.

When your Examn= is over, I will write to you about the Institute, & what you mentioned to me as to their wish for an Engineering paper or Engineering books - I have made enquiries - But such inventions & discoveries are made every day that many books are quite antiquated now, I am told -

I am very sorry & very glad about Mrs. Butler’s health - sorry for that unfortunate Rheumatic attack & the weakness in the legs - & glad that she is now deriving benefit

I hope the Medical Electro treatment is doing her good

I will gladly, if you wish for Any American book on the subject, which you say is expensive, pay for it, if you will order it. But I think if you consulted Mr Cohen at Blackpool, the word of mouth is the best instructor.
You say Medical Electricity is “in its infancy”. Yes, but at all the Hospitals where our Nurses, trained at St. Thomas’. Are employed. I believe the Galvanic Battery is in use for Medical purposes - And the use of it is taught to our Nurses as part of their training in Medical Nursing.

I trust that your Battery may be of great service to Mrs. Butler, to whom my kindest regards.

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Your Pump has done wonders - I hope from the storms of wind & rain we have that you & Holloway will soon have your wells & tanks filled - Hoping to hear of a most successful Examin=, & with love to Bertie, faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

2/16/37 (RP 2718) signed letter, 4ff, pencil

Oct 10/87
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Butler
Your Govt- Examination is now over, & I trust happily over. I give you joy, & shall hope to hear news of it shortly. May all the children have done well & conscientiously! And then we may leave the result with God.
My kind regards to your colleagues.
I hope the Drawing Examination was also satisfactory.
I am always anxious to hear that, after the Annual Inspection, what you so well proposed as to having a Class or Lessons on each of the pieces of different machinery or implements of the Smedley Mills, with which the children have been and will be conversant all their lives, without perhaps ever observing anything enough to describe it accurately, will be carried out. Factory children learn everything but about their factory - Agricultural children learn everything but about plants, trees, corn, birds, - the things they see every day of their lives. I send you a leaflet, which I printed for private use, from a letter from my niece, Mrs. Verney, tome: she has given these classes to children, poor & rich, at her place in Anglesea - She is on the School Board there - I know of no Botany book which is about plants & flowers= but only about classification & hard names. I have collected the best Botany books which come nearest to the point. What do you think of, next year, when the buds of trees begin, - doing a little with the children in the way of my leaflet viva voce not with a book I wish you success - When you write, please give me news of the progress of my School children
I am very glad that you should have that book on Medical Electricity, as you wished for it; but must renew my caution: “Do not ‘quack’ with it” — Much more is known by the regular faculty about Medical Electricity than you suppose — You have practised, I hope with success on Mrs. Butler for her Rheumatism — But then that was prescribed for you — I am so sorry to hear of her weakness — Would you not consult Dr. Dunn:

or even Dr. Webb of Wirksworth for her?

I would rather have given you the fee for Dr. Webb than the American book — The sea however is better than either — Pray give her my kind regards.

I enclose a Ch. for £2.5.4.; see your Acct- enclosed.
You ask me to tell you, by “your last quarter’s bill”, if you are correct.
That is impossible — It is impossible for me to do your Acct- for you. I will explain why
In the mean time, I have
looked at my own general
Accts= & find
Mr. E. Butler July 2 1887
Ch. 12 school ch: Mids: Qu -
£2 £1.9.4.

[That wd leave
Balance 10.8]
But let us leave it as it is -
I will in future send the
Ch. for the Qu. exact, without
Balance.
Now for the cause of the impossibility.
For many years I have never
had an hour for friendship or
recreation- I do Govermnt= work,
I am an Invalid. I do

Nurse Training=School work,
besides endless business
corresponde= And I have now
a friend seriously ill in the
house, taken ill suddenly here -
Enough of myself -
I trust the children are
making progress in what
is higher even than Government
Examinations & cannot be
tested by these. It is such
a temptation to make what
will tell in the Examn- all
in all -
With every good wish
faithfully yours

{printed address F. Nightingale
upside down:}
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
Excuse pencil. I can only write so -

typewritten enclosure {for above letter}, 2ff
“What are the Elements of Botany?” February, 1887
{with F.N.’s note:} Mr. Butler
from F.N.
Oct 1887
Dear Mr. Butler,

Many happy & blessed returns of the New Year to you & all your flock -

I am grieved at the continuance of Mrs. Butler’s ill health - It is indeed a trial -

Jan 2/88

God bless her -

I trust & hope that she will return from Matlock very much better - But if she is not will you not send for Dr. Webb, if Wirksworth? I would gladly pay his fee -

Your account of the Scripture Examination & your little Sermonettes is delightful to me - May they bring forth fruit! After all, it is fruit we need, fruit we must bring forth - “Nothing but leaves “The Spirit grieves - you know the hymn - “How does it stand with me? “am I now bringing forth fruit “to God? for what we are now. “will fix what we shall be when “our Lord shall come x x x “We are forming now for Eternity: “settling down & consolidating in the
“great mould which ultimately
will determine our everlasting
"state; fruitless now, we shall
"be fruitless then"
That is Macduff:
it is a good motto for the New Year.
Depend upon it, your flock
will remember what you say
to them about 'lost
"opportunities' in after life -
& such practical lessons.

I am sorry two of 'my'
children are leaving before
they are 'educated' -
Some of mine I am afraid
are unsatisfactory - Do they
attend regularly? You asked
me this once before? I do
think that parents who do
not send their children regularly
should have their children
paid for.

ever faithfully yours
F. Nightingale
I have been very ill - & am
not better - You must excuse a
scrawl - but with my
whole heart I pray for blessings
on Lea School. Remember me
kindly to Miss Barker. I think of
Bertie alone with you -
10 South St. Park Lane W.
April 3/88

Dear Mr. Butler

I rejoice with you & her that Mrs. Butler is so much better - May she be restored to perfect health.

Thanks for the Institute Report, about which I hope to write by & bye.

I cannot write more now - for I am quite now (& have been for some time) laid aside by acute illness - But I am always anxious to hear about the School’s progress -

And I should like to know how “my children” are doing.

With kind regard to

Mrs. Butler

faithfully yours

F. Nightingale
Dear Mr. Butler

I am prevented by illness from saying all I could wish but will now thank you for the copies of the Annual Report of the Lea & Holloway Institute (one of which I gave to Mr. Shore Smith) - And we send our most heartfelt good wishes for its success

Mr. Shore Smith and I would venture to suggest that other information might also be given in the Report, as I think we suggested last year.

- premising that the value of a Report is not for the members or contributors alone - but for the information of other Institutions of a similar character, to show them what to do & what to avoid as e.g.

1. at what age boys are admitted?
what is the number of boys who use the Institute?
have they a separate room?
do the older members complain of their noise?

2. It would be interesting to know
how many members are from the mills?
How many not from the mills?
[We have been furnished from other Institutes with a list of the members - occupation affixed to each name -
It would give me great pleasure to have such a complete List of the members of the Lea & Holloway Institute.
And I would gladly, if desired, make some small present to any one who would kindly take the trouble to make the List.

3. What quantity or number of teas, coffees &c &c and food were served in the year?
{in pencil:}to members? - to passers by?
It would add much to the value of the Report if it could say
I. What books are found to be most popular (both of those read in the Institute & of those leant out to people at their own houses.
And, approximately, how many of the members use the books, - & what proportion of them are “youths”?
II. [The “Bill of fare” gives the names of the newspapers - but does not tell us which of the ‘dishes’ are popular]
It would be very useful to know which newspapers
& which Magazines are found to be most read -
and which are most popular among the boys?

III. As before said:
what games do the boys like best?
What number of boys or youths are there among the members?
have they a separate room?
& is their noise complained of by the elder members?

IV. Particulars of the quantity of refreshments - & what description of refreshments are most popular would also be useful - as above said

Cards- As there was much discussion whether cards should be allowed and I think I sent you the report of 80 Institutes which sent their delegates to a Conference at Birmingham, which did not object to Publishing their experience as to gambling results &c the experience being that only 3, I think, out of the 80, permitted or recommended Cards,
it would be useful if the
Lea & Holloway Institute
would now give us its own
experience.

Public Houses It would
be well if we could be told
in what degree the Institute
competes with the Public-house
& how far it is victorious
or defeated -

Does the Institute catch the
‘black sheep’? - or only the
sober & steady men who
would be sober & steady
without it? do they try
to catch the ‘black sheep?
does each Member bring in one
new member a year? or
do they selfishly like to have
it all to themselves?

I do not say that answers to these
last questions can be tabulated
& form part of the Report -
But perhaps the others could.

And I am sure that you will
agree with me that the Report
could give far more & more useful
information than it does -

I must add my friends of
the Institute to take this
letter, & especially those
four who were kind enough
to write to me last year, - as
a letter written to each himself,
in earnest of my deep
interest - & to believe me, in
sickness & anxiety ever their
faithful friend Florence Nightingale
3.
Private
We are talking about drink.
Now, there is a poor man called Adam Prince, whom I have told you about. He is now laid up at home with a bad knee, which he knows and says himself is the result of drink. And his doctor says so too. He is a quarryman.
Have any of your Institute men tried to get hold of him to win him to be steady and sober—to say he shall not be one of the black sheep? Or have they “passed by on the other side,” and left him to bad company and ruin and drink? and even said, He shall not be one of us.
What kind of “respectability” is this?
Well now, God has given them a chance. He is laid up at his mother’s, old Mrs Lydia (Widow) Prince, in Holloway. Can they do nothing for him now?
21/4/88
July 6/88  
{printed address:}  
10, South Street,  
Grosvenor Square. W.  

Dear Mr. Butler  
I am sorry to learn that you are now decidedly on the move from Lea School - but I suppose I ought to be glad that you have your desire to come to London & have obtained a post that suits you - I trust that Mrs. Butler’s health will be better. Pray give her my kind regards -  

Thanks for your account of my children - I suppose Willie Amatt has got work & hope he will do well. I hope John Gregory’s spirit will in time sober down into resolute exertion. Years ago he was a delightful naughty child.  

I will answer your letter about the Institute soon. Believe me, I am deeply interested in it, and in the efforts of the Committee which I hope will have the best success. Pray let me know how I can assist them.  

I have not yet received the List, kindly promised, of the members of the Institute, with their occupations - nor the other answers to my questions which I ventured to trouble them with -  

I shall be so glad if they
enable me to make our
subscription what it used
to be -

Excuse a short letter now:
I am sorry to think this will
be almost the last to you
at Lea -
I hope your children are well
yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

2/18/1 small envelope addressed to Mr. Ebenezer Butler, with a penny stamp, and a London cancellation for Dec 18

2/18/2 large envelope addressed to Mr. Ebenezer Butler, with four and half penny postage, on back written Miss Florence Nightingale letters

2/18/3 Christmas card, 1f, pencil

Florence Nightingale to Lily Butler
{printed:} sends best wishes for
a very Happy Christmas
to............... 

2/18/4 news item “Out and About” Column of the Fulham Chronicle, 1f, printed August 19, 1910 re: Mr. Butler, Lea School and FN

2/18/5 news item From the London Letter of the Daily News, 1f, printed August 25, 1910 re: “Miss Nightingale and the Boys”

2/18/6 typewritten and signed letter, Rosalind Nash to Mr. Ebenezer Butler, 1f 18 Dec 1911 re: letters to be read by the writer of F.N.’s biography
2/19 signed letter, 1f, pen RP 3338

        General Hospital
        Balaclava
        April 18/56

Sir,

      Might I so far trespass upon your time as to request you to inform me whether George E. St. Clare, Lance Corporal, 6th Compy=, of the Regiment under your command, who landed in the Crimea with his Regiment, Dec 20/54 (but from whom his mother has not heard since that day,) is still living, & if so, where? - or if dead, where & when he died, & from what cause? The mother has made enquiries in vain.

With many apologies for thus troubling you, I have the honor to be

Sir
your obedt servt
Florence Nightingale

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

        Monday. July 12th 1830
        Thames Bank

My dear sister,

Aunt Mai gave me a packet of silks, which Dickons left for us, like Marianne’s which I intended to keep like Marianne’s, and give out in the same manner, tell me, when you write, if you like it. I am ready to divide them, if you don’t Give my love to Clémence, and tell her, if you please, that I am not in the room where she established
me, but in a very small one, instead of the beautiful view of the Thames, a most dismal one of the black distillery, and, whenever I open my window, the nasty smell rushes in like a torrent. But, I like it pretty well, notwithstanding. There is a hole, through the wall close to my door, which communicates with the Bath-room, which is next the room where Freddy sleeps & he talks to me by there. Tell her also if you please, that I have washed myself all over, & feet in warm water since I came every night. I went up into the distillery to

the very tip top by ladders with Uncle Oc & Fred Saturday night. We walked along a great pipe. We have had a good deal of boating which I like very much. We see 3 steam-boats pass every day to the Diana, the Fly, and the Endeavour. My love to all of them except Miss [untitled] Wood. Give my love particularly to Hilary. Your affecte and only sister. Dear Pop, I think of you, pray let us love one another more than we have done. Mama wishes it particularly, it is the will of

God, and it will comfort us in our trials through life. Good-bye.

{text upside down} Miss Nightingale
Fair-oak
Boston University

2/20/2 incomplete letter, n.d., 1f, pen RP 3739 (iii)

Dear Lord Palmerston

If I may take advantage of a message sent me by your kindness through Sir Harry Verney, viz that you would be willing to see me to day - & say that, though I am ill now & obliged to be out of town, yet,

when I am able to return, I shall hope that you will permit me to see you?

2/20/3 initialled letter, 2ff, pen RP 3739 (iii) [8:468-69]

Hampstead NW
Dec 21/59

My dear Bertha

For heaven’s sake don’t think x of going to Embley - There may be a case of small=pox arise from it at Claydon during the present century. One never can tell. Think, think what then would be your feelings if you had been the miserable means of carrying the infection now. Be

x Yellow Fever has not unfrequently been known to break out in Jamaica from a person in England having thought of the Colony (while in
advised.
   Yours anxiously
   F.N.
   If I were you, I would retire into Patagonia or to a reef in the Red Sea for a year or two. Infection sometimes dries up by that time. But take the house & your unhappy sister with you - As for Mr. Clough, the neighbourhood of Typhus Fever). For thought, like Infection, is imponderable - Dr. Andrew Smith

he is to be burnt at Smithfield by the Public Health Act. Perhaps you know this. If so, don’t tell his poor wife at present - F.N.

P.S. I feel myself that I have caught “it” - I fear from a sketch of your nephew which Hilary made for me. It is so like. It must be that. Infection is so insidious. F.N.

P.P.S. Be perpetually setting fire to the Baby. The smoke from his clothes will go far to preserve him from Infection - F.N.
2/20/4 signed letter, 3ff, pen RP 3739 (iii)

30 Old Burlington St W
Dec 24/59
Messrs. Harrison
Please to send copies of my “Notes on Nursing: What it is & what it is not” to the 44 persons in the above List with the least possible delay - And please to send me 12 copies to the above address - Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Fowler
Salisbury
== Mrs. Sutherland
41 Finchley New Road
N W
== Miss Sellon
Devonport “Sisters of Mercy”
Plymouth
==
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S.W.
==
Dr. Acland
Oxford
==
Mrs. Nightingale
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Romsey
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Exmouth
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Dr. Combe
Royal Artillery
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Whitfield
Hereford
==
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23rd July 1863
Consent of Miss N.
To appointment
of Mr. E Marjoribanks
Junior
as member of Council

London 23rd July 1863
I herewith signify my consent
to the appointment of Mr. Edward
Majoribanks Junior as a
member of the Council of the
Nightingale Fund.
Florence Nightingale

2/20/6 statement of 2 engravings, 1f, pen (black-edged paper) RP

34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.
July 10/65
These two Engravings - one
from Mr. Cosse’s fresco
in the House of Commons
of the Departure of the
Pilgrim Fathers from
Delft Haven - the other
from Mr. Lucy’s of the
Arrival of the Pilgrim Fathers in America -
are presented to the
Commissioners of Emigration
of New York for the new
Emigrant Hospital on
Ward’s Island,
    by Florence Nightingale
as a slight sign
    of her deepest reverence
& her warmest sympathy
for the noble act, by
    which they have so
magnificently provided
for - not their own Sick
but - those of the old
country.

2/20/7 signed letter, 1f, pen (black-edged paper) RP 3739 (iii)

    July 23/65
    34 South Street, [printed address]
    Park Lane,
    London. W.
My dear Sir
    M. Husson, Director of
the Assistance Publique at
Paris, is now in London
for the purpose of seeing
some of our Workhouses.
But I do not know how
he can be introduced
into these without your
kind aid.
    Can you help him? He
will probably leave this
note upon you himself -
in haste
    yours ever sincerely
H.B. Farnall Eq Florence Nightingale
10 South St.
Feb 18/83
Dear Bertha

This is a sad anniversary to you - And yet I cannot help giving you joy - It is so glorious & touching to think that he lived on here as a bright spirit when the body was all but gone. Few or none have had such a privilege: to “entertain an angel unawares” - not “unawares” tho’ -
You have seen a soul live on by its own livingness. To be the true mother of such a soul - is a great cross & a great crown -
It gives an insight into Immortality - He lives - he cares - You are together still
I thought that little Doctor’s letter the most impressive thing I ever saw -
I do not know how to say it. But - - I know how a sword has pierced the poor mother’s heart - and yet- She would not change with any one -
Pardon that I can't try to say what no words can say.
Willie was so dear & touching
that day he was so good as
to come & see me. He was
quite still: but his voice
could hardly be heard. He
told me a great deal about
Arthur as out of the fulness
of his heart- but all so still:
he cannot be a common heart & mind.
I hope, dear Bertha, you
are better: it has been such
a long strain - and yet you
would not have lost a day of
it. And I hope dear
Urith is with you - It is
worth an education to her to be
so -
May God bless & comfort you

Love to William & Urith:
I hope he is well.
I think of the days when you
spent your 2nd & 3rd birthday
at Embley with Shore -
ever yrs affly
       Aunt Florence
Parthe & Sir Harry came to
South St. yesterday -
She is certainly better ‘in herself’
But we fear the real disease
has yet to run its [illeg]
painful course.
  P. Has always said to me: “I
hope they know I could not
write”. She has thought a great
deal about her god son -
His promise was so great it seems cruel that it should have been, as men say, not shown to us in the fruit & the completion. But who can say that it will not have as much more glorious a completion & perfection there than it could have had her as we believe perfection there surpasses our poor puny failures here -

F.N.

[the RP has env but no letter? RP 3739 (iii)]

2/20/9 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} RP 3739 (iii)

Feb 18/89

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:} [8:870-71]
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Bertha
Your birth-day always recalls to me - & not only your birth-day - the darling little child, the exquisite little creature, with Shore at Embley -
Alas! This is a sad birth-day - the breaking up of the home - I think I feel most for Flossie, whose real life has been in fact spent there - & who has made herself so
many ties there - and
for Blanche who has done
so much there, but who must
need some rest -
How I should like to know
what occupied dearest
Aunt Mai’s thoughts
during her latter years
on those subjects which
made the future to her
almost as present
as the present. Now
she knows, I believe -

What [illegible] is her future
now? Is it possible to believe

that those aspirations are
not carried out?
But I fear you have had
sadder birth days, still
with that dear boy who
is gone too
God bless you, dear Bertha_

I am always trying to
write to Flossie & to Blanche
Would you kindly give
them some message?

May you all of you
have still some joyful
birth-days is the loving wish
of your affectionate
Old Flo

2/20/10 signed letter, 1f, pencil [8:871]

July 3 1900
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

Dearest Bertha, PARK LANE. W.

I am delighted that
Willie & Grace liked
the mirror - Please
send me the Acct= or
tell me what you
have paid so kindly
With love

yours heartily

Florence Nightingale
July 4 1900

10, SOUTH STREET (printed address:)
PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Bertha

Many thanks for your kind note of yesterday.
I enclose cheque for the glass & many thanks for the trouble you took in getting it for me.
I had a nice little note from the Bride
We love dear Urith:
She has been so good.

I shall be very much pleased to see you next [illeg] Monday at 5 or 5.30 as kindly promised.
Your ever loving
old Flo
Cromford Bridge  
Friday  
My dearest little Puff  
I am very sorry to hear that you have had such a cold but I hope it is all right by this time - I send you an account from poor William - very satisfactory I think on the whole, I mean as to his having done all that could be done to obtain information & certainty - Uncle Nicholson listened to it with perfect calmness but yesterday he & Aunt Anne & Marianne were to have come up to town for their first visit to Henry’s rooms - & they could not come - their hearts had failed them - My people are going to Waverley at their special request on Monday or Tuesday. (Tomorrow they go to Combe) - I had felt such terror at the way in which the poor father & mother would might possibly take it that I can feel nothing but relief just now at their great patience - I shall go to them after I
leave here - I believe we shall be here a fortnight & I cannot tell you how I enjoy it being here with Aunt Mai -

You will, please, forward the enclosed to Ardtornish unless you hear from Aunt Ju to the contrary - Shore was here as you know, till yesterday, when he left us - I thought him very nice & satisfactory - except that he caught me no small birds for my owl.

I think your mum is very well - she has quite got rid of her face ache & is very happy here - & dear Aunt Evans so nice
Do you ever write to Gertrude Passen? If you are ever happening to do so, will you mention that we know of a girl of 22, really an admirable person, I wish I could tell you the story of her life, who has been for 6 years governess in a clergy man’s family, & who now wishes to go into a kindly German family as governess, for small salary, for the sake of learning German. She is an enterprising person with much character, I wish I had the quarter- & teaches well -

Dearest, I have not time for more - give my dear love to Bab when you see her & believe me ever thy Flo
le 23 Juillet
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.
Monsieur
Je viens seulement il
y a un instant de
recevoir votre carte.
Je vous reprocherais que
vous ne m’avez pas
donné le plaisir de
vous servir, en me
faisant savoir d’avance
votre arrivé, ainsi que
je vous en avais prié
de grâce.
Probablement vous
avez déjà vos introductions
que vous désiriez.

Cependant je m’empresse
de vous en envoyer une,
à la personne qui,
plus que toute autre,
vous donnerait
l’entrée aux Maisons
de Travail (Work-houses)
de Londres - M. Farnall
J’espère bien qu’il sera
à Londres. C’est lui
qui est le ‘premier
report’ du Poor Law Board,
pour ainsi dire.
Je vous enverrai aussi
Dr. Sutherland, du War Office. Il vous fera voir, si vous en avez le temps, le nouvel Hôpital Militaire, le “Herbert Hospital,” à Woolwich. Il serait aussi un guide admirable pour les Hôpitaux Civils de Londres, ou vous n’avez pourtant pas besoin d’introductions.

Incertaine de votre adresse à Londres, ou si cette lettre vous parviendra, et malade comme je le suis, je n’ose ajouter que mes sentiments les plus empressés.

Florence Nightingale
A Monsieur
M. Armand Husson
My dearest brat

The immediate occasion of this pen is purely commercial but I hope to follow it up with a more poetic line of business - It is to ask you to give Miss Gertrude Passon £1 which we, (i.e. Mrs. Bracebridge & I), send to Madame Pertz at Berlin, to whom I hope Miss Passon will have the goodness to convey it. The said pound I will pay Aunt Mai when she comes here, as I hope she will, after Liverpool.

Will you further explain to Miss Passon that a parcel directed to Mrs. Bracebridge is come from Prague to Madam Pertz’s - that - I have such examples of conscience about troubling Madame Pertz with
even a note, in her state of health, that I should be really grateful to Miss Passon to take this little matter in hand when she returns to Berlin - to open the parcel, find the bill therein, & send the money, (which I believe amounts to 12 florins = said £1) to the sender
Hieronymus Grohinann [?]
Kolorats Strasse 389
Prag
This can be done without difficulty in Prussian “thaler”, by a “Gold=brief” at the Post Office. The parcel may be sent to England by any opportunity that offers - & left at your father’s 6 Whitehall - for Mrs. Bracebridge. I hope Miss Passon will excuse the trouble I am giving her - Madame Passon was very kind to me at Berlin - & the recollection
of the mother’s kindness seems to be my plea for troubling the daughter—

Well, my dear Puff, I am really come home— but my difficulty now is to believe that I have ever been away— when I think of the golden sand & purple rocks of Istanbul & the wild and utter solitude of Nubia, I feel just as if I had been reading Bruce’s Travels, & not a bit as if those places had ever stood before the eyes of the respectable clean-looking person, who now sits in clothes upon a chair. Athena, the owl, (who now sits in a cage, though not in clothes), at the window and looks out from morning till night, with ceaseless wonder, either at the rain, or at the green, or at some others equally miraculous phenomena which she considers purposely got up for her benefit, seems of a different opinion, & considers this the most outlandish country she ever saw— I hope I shall have some day the pleasure of introducing her personally to you, & she will be so good as to live. She made the greatest sensation at Berlin, was examined as to her similarity to the ancient Athenian drachma, & gave satisfaction—

Ever dearest Puff in haste

Your loving Flo

Lea Hurst Sept 4
1. Upper Harley St.
   19 September 1854

Thank you a thousand times,
my dear Leonora, for so kindly
visiting my poor little boy -
I am now going to trespass
further on your goodness on his
behalf. It is very necessary
to keep an eye over him on
this account - the Hagemans,
with whom he is, never
write, apparently in order
that they may be able to
say that they receive nothing
with him, altho' they have
been repeatedly asked whether
they would like the child’s
money paid in advance -
They boast to others of their generosity
towards the child. But no
letter has ever been obtained
about him by his friends
The {illeg........} has been asked to call upon the child.

But the present difficulty is this - The unfortunate mother left 100 q in the hands of a Madame Schartow (which sum was given [illeg] the mother by her mother) for the use of the child. Mme Schartow wishes this small sum to be left in the bank for the child’s future wants. But Mr. Hageman writes to her to ask her to deliver it to him, saying that the poor mother, Miss v. Raven had sent him the receipt & desired that he should have it. Mrs. Schartow writes to know what she is to do - give him the money or not. If it is given to him, the father of the child will hear of it, & stop paying his modicum for the boy himself, & take possession of the money, as he has done previously of all poor - & Miss v. Raven saved for the boy - The Hagemans are quite sure of the child’s little “pension” being paid by its grandmother & if the good of the child were at heart to them they would be glad of his poor little 100 q being in safe-keeping.

Do you think you could kindly call on the Hagemans, & see whether it is necessary that the sum should be given up? If they have a written order for it, I suppose that the demand cannot be refused. Otherwise, they have no right to anything but the child’s little “pension” - And I think it would be desirable to shew them that the child has protectors & will be taken
away & placed elsewhere, 
if they, make exorbitant 
demands - If they shew a 
written document, for the money, 
there is no help for us - 
Am I troubling you too 
much? This can only be done 
by those who are on the spot, 
& I should be sorry to wrong 
the Hagemans, altho’ their conduct 
has been so suspicious lately, 
for they have been on the whole 
kind to the child _ 
I have troubled you with 
all these details, in order that 
you might not be taken at a 
disadvantage by Mr. Hageman - 
I shall be indeed truly obliged 
if you can do anything - 
The cholera is very much 
diminishing here - And the 
rain is very much increasing - 
The harvest has been splendid - 
Your son is now at Combe Hurst - 
Believe me, with kindest regards 
to Dr Pertz. gratefully yours F. Nightingale

2/22/1 signed letter, 2ff, pen, to unnamed recipient

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
March 12/55
My dear Madam
Mr. Sabin gives me 
hopes that you might be 
induced to come out 
here, if it were only for 
six months, to superintend 
one of these Hospitals. 
His being here would 
doubtless greatly influence 
you - & the amount of 
good you might do 
would be another powerful 
reason - 
Koulalee Hospital is
now without a Superintendent
I have written to the
War Office for one, as well
as for eighteen Nurses -
Koulalee is five miles from
hence - But there might
be employment for a Lady
Superintendent here as
well if you would prefer it - I may be obliged
to go up to Balaklava, in
which case how glad I
should be to think of you
in my place here -
If you should, upon
consideration, feel inclined
to come but for six months,
would you send in your
application to the War Office
Believe me, dear Madam,
very truly yours
Florence Nightingale
I can hardly define the
work you would have to
do, other than that it
is the moral control of
Nurses & Sisters -
I leave it to Mr. Sabin
to determine you -
Will you, at the same
time, communicate with

the Honble Mrs. Herbert
49 Belgrave Sq
& show her this letter? If
you decide upon considering
the subject -
2/22/6 letter not in F.N. hand, 2ff, pen, handwriting hard to read, signed by FN, RP 6464

Jan 3 1856
Scutari
Hospital
Dr Sir
I beg to offer you my
c sincere thanks for the
8 first class & 2 second
class passages to England
authorised as I believe
by admiral [?] idea to
the Commandant of
Scutari not being
able to get that officer’s
signature before you
sailed I wrote to the
Secretary at war to
sanction yr giving the
the passages should
you find it neces=
=sary to apply to
him
I have also to thank
you most sincerely
for your generous gift
of the Library of the
Candia which is
of great value
here - should
any difficulty
arise on this head
with your company which you cld not [?] anticipate
I trust you will allow me to reimburse to you the value of it whenever it may suit to inform me of the amount
yours very truly
Florence Nightingale
To -
Capt Field of the Candia

2/22/1 signed letter, 1f, pen

30 Old Burlington St.
London
Dec 8/56
My dear Miss Tebbutt
I know heard with most sincere sympathy of the loss in your family - After our sojourn in a foreign land, in the midst of sorrow & suffering, the return to our families was a moment never to be forgotten - To find that return clouded by sickness & sorrow in your home is a grievous blow - indeed -
Words often seem very poor & fail to express what one desires to say & especially in regard to such an affliction as yours. Let me, however, assure you that my thoughts have been with you in your sorrow - & that you have my best wishes that life may be blessed to you in its griefs & in its joys.

Believe me
my dear Miss Tebbutt,
Yours with deep sympathy
Florence Nightingale

2/22/8 signed letter, 3ff, pen {black-edged paper}

115 Park St
Feb 4/64
Miss Nightingale presents her compliments to Miss Smith & begs to inclose a cheque for £30.4.9 - she will be very much obliged to Miss Smith to send her the change - She begs to say, in answer to a question put to her thro' Mrs. Sutherland, that it will be quite
impossible for her to move at present -
that it is most probable she will stay till Easter or May - but her own impression is that she may remain much longer, unless she finds it too noisy - and unless Mr. Begbie can let the house to better advantage - when she would be sorry not to give him the opportunity - She will however be able to say soon positively how long she would wish to stay.

Miss Nightingale begs to thank Miss Smith for the care & trouble she has taken for her.

She would like a little variety in her dinners. If, for example, there is Fricandeau at the Hotel, or chicken à la Mayonnaise, (Miss N. does not know the names of things) such variety would be very acceptable - also that the vegetables should be a little more done

if Miss Smith would be good enough to give orders to that effect -
I have never met with her equal in devotion to nursing. She has great simplicity of character. She has great influence over Nurses in her charge - and at the same time she is one who will limit herself to her own business - who will stickle for no dignities - & who will never meddle out of her own province with matters, either concerning the authority of others or concerning sectarianisms - She is deeply religious & has strong good sense. Good work, faithfully done - & not interfering in matters which do not belong to her, is, as I have said her characteristic. Believe me ever sincerely yours Florence Nightingale

2/22 envelope stamped Ju 26 1856 addressed to Revd Father K.D. Best, The Oratory, S.W. signed letter, 2ff, pen source
Dear Sir,

I thank you very much for your pamphlet: “Suggestions for National Returns of Sickness”. It will do good.

I believe that when, many years ago, it was proposed – it was restricted to the Poor Law Returns, because the whole numbers, sick & well, could be had.

But there is every reason to believe, as I suppose you will tell us, that among the very poor not under parishes, the Sick rate is higher than among the Parish poor.

Benefit Societies where the numbers are obtainable would afford data. Otherwise the chief result would be to deduce the proportion of sick from particular diseases to the Total Sick –

Upon this however you, of the General Register Office, have of course much better information than I have as to what can be obtained.

With renewed thanks believe me, dear Sir ever your faithful servt= Florence Nightingale

James Lewis Eq
April 28/79
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Blanch

I am so rejoiced that Arthur
has won an Exhibition at
Trinity that it makes me
quite light hearted & happy.
Thank you for telling me:
I shall expect to hear of him
as a Senior Wrangler & a
‘Senior’ Classic as well:
Good speed go with him:
Please give him my love.
I give him joy & you too.
God bless him. It seems
like my old days come back.
I suppose he does not go up
till October. May I send
him Autotypes then to adorn
his rooms?
Where can I send the Illustrated
Edit. of Farrer’s Life of Christ

for Flossy? It is here:
I did not get the big book
because it was a big book, for I
agree that it is less “likely to be
read,” but because it is the
only edit. with illustrations.
Have you any one going down
to whom I could send it?
I am sorry to say Mary Bratby
has been ill again: & again
attended by Mr. Dunn.
Sam, as you know I dare say,
has passed the Entrance
Examn= for both Kings &
Trinity this Easter at Cambridge
They will choose King’s, because
it is the hardest Entrance Examn,
& because they cannot get the
Tutor they wished for at Trinity,
Mr. Prior, who is full. And
Mr. Austen Leigh is friendly
& at King’s. I hope that
Arthur & Sam will be great friends: but I rather
wish that Sam could have been at the same
College with Arthur. [I think Sam has a
good deal of character: & he is so good to
Barbarina] -
    I hope Arthur is strong now:
    my love to all: fare you very well:
Let me thank you for that nice letter from
the Mrs. at Sheffield about Mary Barton
'as was':
    ever yrs affly
    F.N. (Aunt Florence)
I am very glad that Miss Machin is going to Embley.

2/22 signed letter, 2ff, pen

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
May 13/88
Dear General Higginson
    Late last night I received
your kind note. I shall be
very glad to see you, as you
kindly propose, on "Tuesday next,
"the 15th", "at 3.30 p.m.", if you
will be so good as to excuse my
receiving you in my own room,
which I have not yet been
able to leave in consequence of
illness.
To know your views about a
"Matron for the Gordon Boys'
"Home", for which you have done
& are doing so much, will be very
pleasant to me - But I hope
she is not for their "Infirmary" alone,
but to keep them in health as
well as nurse them in illness.
    Pray believe me ever yours faithfully
    Florence Nightingale
Claydon Ho: Winslow: Bucks
Sept 12/85
Dear Arthur
Aunt Beatrice has been very vigorous about the Lea School- & we hope the young lady of Robin Hood, Grace Dexter from Nottingham, will turn out well as a help in the Mixed School - We were sorry to lose your Salome Robinson from Bakewell- But the Gods at Holloway were adverse-

Thank you for all your help- which ("la "reconnaissance") is a "vif sentiment des bienfaits futurs" - How will it go with your personal School Board career? I shall be so glad to hear your experiences I send you what I sent Uncle Shore some weeks ago the Death-rate of Lea & Holloway - | He was which we were talking about.|

pleased to find it so low now- & never so high as what he had supposed. Your holiday has, I hope, answered- And I trust there will be a great deal more of it later on - I hope to return to 10 South St in a few days & then to see you - ever, dear Arthur, your affect Aunt Florence
Death Rate  
Lea & Holloway

Comparative Death-rate in Lea & Holloway & similar district  

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Last year’s death-rate was very greatly below that of similar districts.  
Average rate for last five years practically the same as in similar districts.  
Typhoid Fever cause of former high rate.  
viz. 2.74 per 1000 over similar districts

July 1885

2/23/A2 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP

Claydon       June 17/86  
My dear Arthur  
Thank you very much for your kind note.  
I am afraid I shall not lie in London till Saturday. x But what you say you will kindly do at Lea is exactly, I think, what is wanted - including taking Mr. Butler’s opinion of Grace Dexter’s teaching. I have had a cheerful, tearful note from

x This House is not a House but a Hospital. I will not take up your time with describing it. I hardly know how to leave them
her. She says she is now quite well. I cannot nut think she has great moral capabilities as a future Teacher. Has she technical ones?

I admire your summary of subjects for enquiry e.g. à la Sims’ “Theology” “excessive” &c &c versus maps on the floor religious-moral teaching by word of mouth & little tales &c &c &c &c &c above all by the moral interest & example of the teachers.

Good speed, my dear Arthur: and thank you for going to Lea - ever yours affly Aunt Florence

Since I wrote this note, I have received the enclosed from Grace Dexter which is very bad news- I should have sent it to Aunt Beatrice who doubtless knows it, but that I really have not a minute, & I was writing to you - I am afraid it means that they are not satisfied with her teaching: NOT that they will not give the salary. For they know that the dear Granny at Embley, I believe, (and I too,) would gladly give the salary. It does go to my heart that they keep that poor Lucy Miers, & dismiss Grace D., tho’ I know of course that the cases are not parallel - But it is the tone of the School I am thinking of.
Private {up diag} 17/7/88

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

My dear Arthur

I will most gladly see you at 6.30 on Thursday. And I write to Sam to dine with you -

But as I am sure you are “so very busy”, would you prefer Friday, or Saturday, unless you are going out of London, as I hope? or Monday I would keep either open for you. And I have a terrific interview on Thursday with an Indian Sanitarian, who wants to be on the re-organized Army Sany= Comm:, but not more than we want to have him -

for in 25 years in India we have no one on his equal for vigour,
Mr. Airy’s letter indicates a great catch - a phoenix - but would be not be one of those whom Mr Wildgoose “scarcely expects to stay” - such an accomplished man? And would not Botany, Cricket & Carpentering &c be better for us than Latin, Chemistry & Light? But I don’t know: he sounds very taking -
You have got a supply & a choice indeed.
Don’t despise a “short man” Most great men are short - I like your account of him - Out of door Games, I assure you, are an essential part of a Schoolmaster’s classes

Don’t fash yourself about the Co-ops’ List of Books - They may wait. Many thanks - I am interrupted in haste ever your loving Aunt Florence I hope Aunt Beatrice will hear our prayer - I have a good account this morning from Flossie of Grannie -
My dear friend,

I have sent Burton back his Testimonials— I don’t “regret” at all “having him”, instead of the ‘gentleman’ & the ‘angel’— I may regret not having them all three, as one regrets that one’s window does not look E., S., & W. all together at once. But I am sure Burton is, as you say, the best suited to the place— And I hope he will father all the village, & train the ‘mates’ to rescue the drunkards—

Your un-orthodoxy is intolerant my dear friend. Why can’t you let him ask for ‘prayer’, without “confounding” him? You will set up a Spanish Inquisition soon — the heterodoxy is to become an inquisition — indeed it is already— Tho’ I entirely agree that we are all, almost all,— always, almost always— ‘lying’ & ‘posing’— I am sure I am — yet I do assure you the poor man is not a ‘hypocrite’— I thought him quite natural,
& no cant or phrases &
on one occasion he showed
a good deal of feeling, tho'
no words-
No: I think you perfectly
successful, as you deserve -
For you have been a knight
errant in the cause -
We can't have the 'angel',
but we have Mrs. Burton
instead, who I am sure is
a very zealous & clever school mistress,
& very fond of her school children,
tho' she won't be a proselytizer
of parents -

I have been terribly lousy
with a Simla "Resolution"-
"confound" them - [I must
follow my model]. And I
am very repentant for not
having written before, knight
errant. But I could not -
I return 3 letters -
And I say God bless you,
without 'lying' or 'posing' -
hoping not to be had up
before the Inquisition. And
I wish I were always as
successful as you are
ever your affecte
Aunt Florence
June 13/89  
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}  
PARK LANE. W.  

Dearest Arthur You didn’t take me in on Wednesday. Not do I deserve any credit therefor. I know very well what you are feeling - And with joy & anxiety & all my heart I wait & hope for your perfect success. I too cannot say: ‘Them’s my sentiments’. But my ‘sentiments’ run strong & deep for you & your ladye-love- & are in great suspense to know what comes. Thank you for telling me- about this-

I have had so much said & obscure business since I say you ☹️ as not to be able to write. But all the more & not the less I was thinking of & hoping for you, if that would do any good.

Won’t you & Sam come & dine here soon? & after dinner you can enjoy a shindy with Aunt Parthe, who will trail, poor darling, her coat tails, or you yours - I don’t know which - all over Amerikay & green Erin
for you or her to tread upon. Only don’t let there be any scalp wounds— for we have enough of those in Hospital after rainy Bank Holidays—

Rosalind dined here on Friday— but Sam went to Embley— so on Saturday she took to herself another Nebuchadnezzar worse than herself, on their way to Ipswich, to eat grass with her. I did my humble best to collect grasses for them, such as London grows— mostly in M. Africa, which come with the swallows

And they were pleased to approve of my selection, in spite of outraging the Goddess of simplicity. But of all the superstitions grass is the greenest!

God bless you, my dear Arthur. I have been writing since 4 a.m. & am idiotic & can’t spell. but all the more and ever your loving Aunt Florence

2/23/A6 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP [1:558-59]

10 South St June 20/89
Dearest Arthur

I don’t believe that your ideas are “distorted”. But I believe that this is a time of great suspense to you, to me & those who love you—

The 18th was Waterloo Day: there are many private Battles of Waterloo fought in people’s lives many a day, of which the world knows nothing— I have been & am (often beaten) fighting them always. The day before yesterday two: one,
the fate of a Commission
started by Sidney Herbert
32 years ago on that very day
- the other the fate of the a
Matron of 130 Nurses. But
I fight on.
You remember what your father
said.
"O only source of all our light
& life
Whom as our truth, our strength,
we see & feel,
But whom the hours of mortal
moral strife
Alone aright reveal!"
Waterloo Days are good days
for that.

I think of you continually
But He thinks of you always.
God speed your suit!
Your father said: 'love is
fellow-service'-
ever, dear Arthur, yours
Aunt Florence
Why do you say Rosy S.S. is
of the feud, feudy? She
never was - always tried to
prevent it -

2/23/A7 signed letter, 1f, pencil {vert. on page} RP 6725 [1:559-60]

10 South St July 16/89
My dearest Arthur I am very sorry- grieved
indeed- I think the loss is hers- as
much as yours- But as an old fellow I
think the present finality better than a
correspondence dragging on across the
Atlantic, which is very wearing-
I have understood that she is so fond of her
country that she would not leave it now,
even for a visit- This does not make one
the less grieved & disturbed for you -
   But you will bear it like a man -
I only had your note late last night-
Thank you for writing to me-
   I hope very much you will go to Lea Hurst.
-Burton wants you badly -
   Would you fix some day to dine here, 
either with or without Sam - & let me
   see you a little whole before - perhaps 
tomorrow. (Wednesday)
   For I must not interfere with thy
mother & Flossie, who, I believe,
return tomorrow Thursday -
   or perhaps after they are gone.
God bless you -
   ever your affectionate
   Aunt Florence

2/23/B signed letter, 1f, pencil [1:559]

10 South St.
June 22/89
I think of you more than I can
say, my dear Thena.
Do you think it would be too
foolish to send with him one
red rosebud & a white rosebud
to bloom during the voyage?
red is for love-white for purity
& green for hope.
   If you think it too silly, keep
them yourselves, please.
[An old sea captain friend of
mine, who rescued two of our
Nurses from a total wreck on
their way home across the Atlantic,
always took with him roses,
which kept fresh in a glass of
water with salt, all thro’ the voyage.]
   Ah laugh at me--a laugh
does good
   God speed him & you all
Give my love to Mama &
Flossie
   Aunt Florence
That Nursing is an Art -
That training is necessary for this as for any other Art
That there is no evidence that a “lady” acquires this art with less training than any other woman or than with less training than is needed for any other Art.
That to restrict pay or the class of the labourers is to act on the same arbitrary principle as a Trades Union
That the true test of being able to serve God in this art is not to be able to serve Him in it without pay but to take the training which will command the highest pay -
That this training should be offered accessible to all women of any class, or any sect or church - without exception

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1 That the class from which Head Nurses as well as superintendents are taken can no more be restricted than the class from which any other Artist is taken -
Will you say, all sculptors shall be taken from the “lower middle class” -
That the difficulty at present is, not in offering it as a profession to ladies, lest there should not be sufficient career places for them - but in finding sufficient persons to fill the places
That India & the Colonies, as well as Great Britain are crying out for them - & that an immense field
for nursing the sick poor at home, as well as for Hospitals & Workhouse Infirmaries, is gradually opening, which it will be a work of scores of years to stock with competent trained persons serving for pay, volunteering to serve God in his poor & sick for pay — whether “ladies” or others.

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

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

sick street expression

poor Jew brother rich &
poor Xtian offence “ X

average

Governesses salaries consult of newspaper Governesses’ Institutes

from £20 to £50
Governess (superior) advertises for £50

If Sir it be an exception that ladies undertake education without taste or talent for it, without any other “call” or “qualification but that of poverty, my experience lies among the exceptions — If the £50 salary be an exceptionally low salary for a Governess, my experience lies about the exceptions —

Miss Garrett a Trades Union restricting wages, work, classes —

3/9/2 typewritten copy from catalogue, 1f

Messrs Janson & Cobb
Gentlemen April 1, 1901
Allow me to enclose the Codicil which I wish added to my Will. Would you kindly draw it out for me. I could see any one to [ ] at 5 o’clock to sign it. If it should be on Wednesday or Thursday, I could see him at 3 o’clock. Would it possible for you to let me know?

Yours Faithfully,

Florence Nightingale
April 19/1901
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Messrs Jenson & Cobb
Gentlemen
Allow me to enclose a
Cheque for £200
(Two hundred Pounds)
towards the Four Hundred
(£400) you so kindly lent
me.
Pray let me thank you
for your continued kindness.
I received copies of Will &
Codicil quite safe this morning.
Thanking you for the same
I remain yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Sept 29/69

Madam

In reply to your letter, I have requested Mrs. Wardroper, our Training Matron at St. Thomas’, to send you a Form of Application (to be filled up & returned to her-) to supply you with the Rules - & to let you know whether she has at present a vacancy.

It will be necessary to have a personal interview with her before being Miss Tresidder admitted as a candidate.

I trust that you may succeed in what you desire -

Excuse pencil - from press of work & failing strength -

& pray believe me

Madam

ever your faithful servt-

Florence Nightingale

I send a copy of my little “Notes on Nursing” - of which I beg your kind acceptance. At Appendix p. 112 you will find a very brief sketch of the Training-School.
May 5/95 [13:517]

Dear Sir

May I thank you for your kind letter?

May I recommend you see Miss Crossland, “Home” Sister -- that is Mistress of Probationers-at St Thomas’ Hospital. She has been with us 20 years, & would tell you more than any one else about our system of training Nurses. Please to make an appointment with her, if you wish to see her, & use my name.

If you should still wish to see me on business, that is to give or to received information on any point, I will try some afternoon gladly to see you. But your kindness will, I am sure, excuse me for saying that I am always under the severe pressure of work & illness & have to see persons with long-standing claims upon me. Still I would make time if you have business with me. I have long cease to know what leisure is.

I thank you for your kindness in sending me your books, from which I have no doubt I shall receive much knowledge as from your conversation

Pray excuse pencil.

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

I will write to Miss Crossland asking her to make an appointment with you if you desire it.

F.N.

Alfred Worcester Esq

M D
Dear Nurses,

God bless you every one. And what does His blessing mean to us nurses? Does it not mean that, as Nursing has to do with the body, which is the “temple” of the Holy Spirit—has to do with life and death, (not with books)—all our work in it must “begin, continue & end” in Him.

A good nurse must be a good woman.

A good woman is one who gives the *best of a woman*—intellectual, moral, practical, to her Patients—under the orders of a Doctor. not a Literary woman. More than one Doctor has said to me of a Nurse: “She knows as many words as I do: but she does not know how to make a Patient comfortable.”

Books may do much—Classes more—Clinical Classes especially. You can learn much out of Lectures—as to the reason of what you are doing—why you do this & not that—But a Nurse is not a Lecturer. You may know all that & your Patients not be the better of you.

2. Let us never consider ourselves as finished Nurses. It takes 5 years to make a good Ward “Sister” (Head Nurse). We must be learning all our lives.

3. Besides, every year we know more of the great secrets of Nursing—Also one conundrum has succeeded another—“Gentlemen,” said a Professor of St. Thomas’ Hospital, now dead, to his students, “Disinfectants are of the utmost importance— they make such an abominable ‘stink’ as to compel you to open the window”

The A-Septic has succeeded much. A great Doctor, a friend of mine, said: “Call it germs, bacillus or dirt, what you will—the treatment is the same” i.e. cleanliness. The a-Septic means absolute cleanliness.

4. Let us not treat Nursing as a sacrifice but as the great delight of life.

5. Would you offer less than a perfect Nursing to God?

6. Let us make Nursing less a matter of business & more of a calling.

   It is a noble calling, but we must make it so.

Do you agree that this is what His blessing means to us Nurses?

F.N.

Your beloved & admirable Superintendent asked me to write to you. May we all take example by her!

F.N.

[end 13:523]
June 11/85
My dear Arthur
  I do think it very good
& very ‘necessary’ of you to go
to Lea Hurst -
  But I am thinking of the
ways & means.
  Of course the first thing
is to find out whether Mr
Wildgoose will be at home
  The next: if you could
but have slept in Saturday
night on the spot - but I
am racking my brains where
you could put up comfortably

    at Lea or Holloway - &
can think of no place.
    As you say, I am afraid
R.W. would think it
“immoral” if you were to come
over by Rail from Derby
on Sunday morning - or
even drive over from Matlock, where
you could put up at the
“Old Bath” Hotel, where
Mr. Wass, one of the School
Managers, lives -
    And where will you
lunch?

Mr. Wildgoose is ‘service’-ing
    all Sunday -
Could you go down to
    Derby on Sunday - &
see him, going over from
Derby by Rail, & ordering
a waggonette to meet you at
Whatstandwell, on Monday
- of course making an
appointment with him?
    Yeomans could give you
luncheon -
    The plan of you appearing
to be in the neighbourhood
on is the only plan
Could I see you
to morrow (Friday)
afternoon? I would
put off my other
appointment -
I do not understand
whether you can give us
till Tuesday at Lea Hurs
ever your aff
Aunt Florence

5/18/2 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St
June 13/85

My dear Arthur
The enclosed was Mr-
Airy’s address last Christmas -
[I have not heard since]-
Good speed attend you!
It is very good of you to go.
But I think your Mission
is important- to us
supremely so.
If you have a Waggonette
from Whatstandwell to Mr.
Wildgoose’s, (which perhaps
I was wrong to suggest) do

make the “Cab Proprietor”
give you a closed vehicle
to return from Lea to Matlock
The Hills are cold & the
valleys are damp after
London at the end
of a hot day -
Good speed
Au revoir
ever your affte
Aunt Florence
I return Wildgoose’s letter. I hope you have heard from him—today—and from Mr. Butler too.

Yeomans would give you luncheon on Sunday, if you could let him know—But if Wildgoose does not ask you, I would suggest that you abide at Matlock in the morning, if so it pleases you—lunch there—and go up our hills in the afternoon. [You are then supposed to have done your religious duties.] returning, I hope, to the “Old Bath” for ‘vittles’ at dinner—Everybody is at chapel in the evening (or used to be) at Holloway—But you will see how the land lies when you talk to them & much better than I do. Pardon a fidget

With your leave, I keep Mr. Donne’s letter for refreshment till I see you—

F.N.
5/18/3 signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil RP

Please, an answer

July 22/85

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

My dear Arthur

You may be sure that I have thought again & again over what you & I have been talking about. viz. your change of air - where to? with whom? &c -

One cannot think that the trip to Switzerland or anywhere abroad, done as you would do it, for a short time would do good but the contrary. And the same with a yachting trip to the Mediterranean or a voyage to America- for a bad sailor nothing can make one believe that it is a Hygienic measure

You were speaking about Sam. He is due at Embley (probably with his father) in September; when he adjourns to Winchester for the Militia training- He leaves Embley now when Embley is vacated - Stays, I believe, a little in London with his father- [& then follows his mother to Arran - but you know they are uncertain].
I should think he was available for a trip to Cornwall, as you proposed, or elsewhere, with you, if you liked it, if settled before he would otherwise go to Arran - [This is in reference to the immediate short trip you were thinking of taking].

But there is no doubt that the common sense thing must be for you to consult an experienced Doctor what is the best way for you to get change of air? And as you say you have no one in London who has known you for long & lately (? or in Cambridge) would you not go now x to Sir Henry Acland at Oxford? If you like it, I would gladly give you a letter of introduction to him, & have an appointment made?

ever my dear Arthur
yours affly
Aunt Florence

x Sir Hy Acland is going away of his holiday in August- so there is no time to lose it you will be so very good as to go & see him - in making an appointment- I am busy to-day tomorrow & Friday, but would gladly see you, dear Arthur, before I go to Claydon on Tuesday.
10 South St.
Oct 12/85

My dear Arthur,

I am still encompassed round with 'wild bulls of 'Bashan', & fear I have not a single day this week free- Try me again

Thank you for what you say about Sam - I am so glad you try to see him.

ever your affly

Aunt Florence

I had such a nice little 'wild' (not 'bull' but) cow-kin

on Saturday- a young Irish lady who has actually undertaken 900 beds of the Belfast Workho: Infy= without a single trained Nurse -

She told me a great deal, alas! very unsatisfactory, of the enormous Union Schools- But I think these Schools are And we call ourselves pretty nearly as bad a civilized people!! everywhere.

You will have to look to this

[end 1:557]
5/18/5 signed letter, 1f, pencil RP

So much obliged } July 13/86
for your going to Lea)
My dear Arthur
  I particularly want to see
you, please- but hardly
know how to find a
vacant afternoon just now -
How long shall you be in
London? & shall you be
absent on Sundays?
  I am afraid till after the middle
of next week I have scarcely
a moment.
  Butler, of her School, will
be in London next Saturday.
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday -
(engaged till Saturday afternoon)
  Aunt Florence

5/18/6 signed letter, 1f, pencil RP

Dear Arthur
Mr. Butler’s address in London
  till Saturday night’s last
post
  46 Stepney Green E

    on Monday & Tuesday
    133 Belsize Road
    Abbey Road
    Kilburn
    N.W.

    Many thanks for your visit.
I hope I did not make you
too late.
  ever yours affly
    Aunt Florence
July 15/86
5/18/7 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP

10 South St. July 25/86

My dear Arthur
You were so good as to say
you would like to know
the result of my talk with
Butler, of Lea School -

I send you my rough, very
rough notes -
Could you be so kind as
to return them tomorrow,
as I am writing to Aunt
Beatrice about the whole
concern- & must send her
these -

I believe that half
Grace Dexter’s inefficiency
is owing to her having had no
guidance- to her intense
interests in things--to this reading
of Liberal speeches by the
midnight oil- [If they were
Tory, of course it would be
worse!!] And no one to
give her system & a rule
of life!
If our Probationer Nurses
were left in this way, the
better & richer the soil, the

worse they would be. A
thousand thanks for you interest.
2. Could you be so good as
to tell me whether any
way has been made to
a List of the Sanitary &
Domestic Economy Text-books
used in Primary & Secondary
Schools & Training Colleges
- & also a list of such Sanitary
books as Teachers use to
help themselves in addition
to the Text-books used by
the girls
You were so very kind as to say you would get me these for Lady Dufferin’s Scheme. Thank you very much — hastily but ever your affecte Aunt Florence

How are you? did you see Butler?

5/18/8 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP 6725

10 South St. Aug 23/86

My dear Arthur

I cannot thank you enough for the books you have sent me, all of which are now on their way out to Lady Dufferin

[Please send me in your Bill - not for the kind trouble you have taken- that I cannot repay- but for the books]

But My lady is head strong & Irish- & expect every thing to come by telegraph- She writes to me that she has referred the matter (of the “Manual” for the “European Girls’ Schools”) to the “Home Office”- I presume the Indian “H.O.” - that they have authorized & desired her to get many copies of each of & all the books from England, & to offer a “prize” for the best compilation- a thing which has failed in India as often as it has been tried.

She sends me a List of subjects, arranged by herself,
& desires me to send her
the best books on them. I shall send
her a great quantity of the
National Ladies’ Association
Sanitary tracts— But I
am afraid the thing is
doomed if it is to be done by prizes. She says the
thing is now “in the hands
of the Govt=: the Inspectors
of Schools have taken it
up”: & this is good. “But
she is “to push it on”.
The letter is a long one—
And I will not further
discuss it I shall
send as many books as I
can by next Friday’s mail.

      ever, dear Arthur,
      with very many thanks
      your affte-
      Aunt Florence
Do not hurry yourself— But
anything that you could send
me by next Friday would
go by that mail—
I am afraid the Friday
after I may not be in
London—

5/18/9 signed letter, 2f, pencil RP

10 South St  March 4/87
My dear Arthur
A thousand thanks for
what you have done so
kindly— I immediately, on
receiving yours this morning,
sent a letter by hand to
Dr. Watt,
   6 Charleville Road
   West Kensington
   S. W—
explaining — & urging him
to keep or to make an
appointment with Mr.
Arnold Forster- at Cassell’s
when lo! my Irish-Indian
had rushed off to Scotland
to bid adieu to parents
-his wife’s, I believe-
But, she writes to me that
he will be back to-day
or “some time tomorrow”
“about 9 or perhaps not
“till the afternoon” -
But “he must be back
“sometime tomorrow”
as people are going to
give him a farewell “dinner”
“on Saturday evening”.

She hopes some other
“arrangement” may be made
with Mr. Arnold Forster-
but letters keep coming in
with “appointments” for Dr.
Watt, she says, “before Tuesday”.
Dr. Watt will write, she
says, to me -
Pray crown your goodness
with keeping Mr. Arnold
Forster in good humour for
Dr Watt -
But how a gentleman with

“40000 specimens” to sort
& take with him, as he
told me, & “2 men & one young
“lady working at them under”
him, can find time for these even
short rail-way sprees to
Scotland - I cannot tell
With very many thanks -
believe be ever affly yours
Aunt Florence
My dear Arthur

I have been making enquiries in hopes of being useful to your ‘née Alsop’ at Embley, & am sorry that I can give you so little definite an answer -

I find that thy mother did ask Hy Bonham Carter some months ago about training for Mrs. ‘née A.’, hoping perhaps that she might be taken for a short training into St. Thomas’-

Hy B.C. sent her the terms of admission to Barthow’s=, Guy’s & the London -

We have, I am sorry, no data upon which to form an opinion as to whether “private Nursing” as a profession is “overstocked” -

It depends upon Doctor’s connection, we suppose; & Doctors would be the best advisers on the question.

Does Romsey as a centre afford any prospect of sufficient employment for a Nurse for the well-to-do?
Has she asked the Doctors there? If no result might she not enquire of the Matron of Winchester Hosp\=, as to training there: also: what demand there is for their Nurses for “private” Nursing; as we believe that Hospital sends out Nurses.

Would the Doctors consider any thing less than 12 months’ training sufficient to enable them to recommend a Nurse to their Patients?

[F.N. is afraid they would. But it isn’t.]

2. We should think that the candidates for “Matronships” of small Hosp\=s were are numerous.

3. We think she might have a better chance at Romsey, if there were scope for private Nursing, than elsewhere as a stranger -

N.B. A “Doctor’s widow” would command some interest with the Profession [end]
May 25/88
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Arthur

Thank you so much for seeing Butler, for your kind note, & for coming yesterday.
Yes: I am afraid I do think it “bad news”. And I am afraid Aunt Beatrice will too.
You see Butler knows that he had the post from her. And we should always have had a sort of moral hold upon him -
Now that she has ceased to be a Treasurer - which is really a blow - we shall

not have the same choice of the new man - & we shall have scarcely any hook to hang a hold upon - Messrs. Wildgoose & Yeomans are both such busy men that we shall not get much correspondence out of them now-

But we depend upon you -
You are our sheet anchor.
You have the official authority- And you will steer the new Board -
Yes: by all means “Mr. Airy,” as you propose -

But you have of course
consulted Aunt Beatrice—
  And would you & she
think it worth while to
see after the Assistant
Schoolmaster, somewhere
at Shepherd’s Bush?, whom
she went to see, & both
she & I liked so much 4 years ago,—
  tho’ we decided for Butler,—
something against our
instincts, I think?
  Without our dependence
upon you, I should feel
rather as if Lea Hurst School
were drifting away from
Aunt Beatrice & me —

    From me is of much
less consequence— but I
don’t see, tho’ I would
gladly do it, how I could
hang myself as any acquaintance
on the new man —
& especially as regards
the ‘Institute’, the heel
of which I could always
bite thro’ the Secretaryship
of the last two School Masters —
& thro’ Butler’s extraordinary
Reports. [“the language is
“very beautiful”, as Uncle
Shore says]—
  But I am much obliged
to ‘motives’ my thinking it
“bad news”, not that I want to make a rebellion!
On the contrary- All our dependence is on you -
Can you come & see me some afternoon next week? & will you fix one?
I have hardly been out of my room yet- I was so sorry not to see you yesterday
But I had some one with me about the Gordon Boys’ Home, for which we are finding a Matron -
I trust you will pursue your most appropriate tricycling exercises at Embley.

I have been asked by an Aldershot General, who is instituting physical exercises, to talk to you about the same in Board Schools in London- I meant to have done this 3 months ago-

Au revoir, dear Arthur, ever your loving
Aunt Florence

I am glad you are going to Oxford
10 South St June 4/88

Monday

My dear Arthur,

Dr. Shore Smith is coming to-day to dinner at 7.30 - & hopes to find you here to keep him company.

Pray come -

If you can come before the time & impart to me of your plenty about School-masters &c, I believe I shall be at liberty, & if so at liberty to be very glad to see you.

If you cannot dine to-day, pray say when you can: & if that eminent Doctor can be spared from his practice, he will come & meet you -

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How is Granny?
I believe Sam will go down to Embley on Friday, if possible.

Don’t vilify my character by saying that I would have recommended poor Mrs. Axton for Gordon Boys’ Home Matron.

The woman I have recommended was trained by us at St-Thomas’, has served 10 years in our work in different posts. I have taken her character “confidentially” from her authorities. I have talked with her for 4 hours-written for 5 or 6 hours more about her to the Gordon Boys’ authorities, making conditions & otherwise- & besides had plans & criticized them of their little Hospital. And with all
feel by no means confident -
That is the worst of it.
ever dear Arthur
your affte
Aunt Florence [end]

5/19/13

signed letter, 5ff, pencil

10 South St July 10/88
Lea School
My dear Arthur
I wrote to Mr. Wildgoose
on Friday & had his answer
to- day which I enclose-
I do not know exactly what
to think of it- It is not
strange that Butler has not
told either him or you that
he has got his Assistant
Master ship, if he has got it?
- you who got it for him- I am
sorry if I were the first to tell
Mr. Wildgoose _ But I wrote
to him as it if were a fact
he already knew by formal notice

I am glad that Mr. Wildgoose
is sorry that Butler is going -
& thinks he has done good
work besides the School.
Then with regard to not
wishing for a matter from
London, does he mean that
he does not wish us to look
out? or does he mean that
we are not to look out in
London?
When Aunt Beatrice (and I)
reviewed School Masters before,
two only, I think, were London=made: one was from Penzance, whom I liked very much: but
a man whom we did send
down, not London-made, I think,
did not make up his mind to
refuse the School, till after the
Penzance man had accepted a
post abroad. A fifth was
a Bradford man - a dreadful
engine- [The two London-made
were Butler & Norris.]
But you see we have to
wait for our “commission”
from the Board.
We don’t know whether
“publican” will let us do it or
not. That is rather humiliating.

2 I have bad news from Mr.
Yeomans: he is unaffectedly
sorry that Mr. Wildgoose is
leaving: he says now In answer to my question: “I am
“afraid Mr. Wildgoose will
“not be able to continue on
“the School Board, but if
“as he will not be a
“rate payer in the District {added vert. in left marg:} he need not be
“of the School- board, but if
“he can remain on, I shall
“only be too glad”-
My dear, what shall we do
with the publican - & Yeomans
always away on Surveying
business?
Then he speaks about Butler leaving
the school, & adds: “my feeling
“is that we must have
“an efficient master if the
“salary is more than some of
“the Board think it should be”. That sounds ominous.

3. I am {‘am’ overtop did] glad at least that Mr. Wildgoose is not going for “a year hence”.

I understood from you that Butler “appeared before the Chelsea Managers” last Monday week or to-day (Tuesday) last week – not “Friday”

As for my “kind offer”, I said what you were so good as to allow me to say about your looking out - I deplored “Mrs. G. Lushington” being at Stokke - & I then said I would look too, if he wished it, at those you selected before they were “submitted to the Board”- With great servility & civility, I “implied” that he “& publican” were not to look out for themselves – as you bade me.

But, my dear Arthur, Aunt Beatrice must see these men - I have no discrimination - All I can do
is to take my cue from her, & you, make them talk, & then report to her & you
[I am glad if the Crich Master has produced “remarkable results”- For Crich is a most wicked place.]
The Lea & Holloway people go & drink at Crich, in order to sin unseen
never your affecte Aunt Florence
When will you & Sam come & dine again? & we have a talk?
and our Botany?

Can you recommend me books for “a reference Library” for “cooperators” which is going
to be started in London - & lists of books to begin with are being prepared - one chiefly on “Political Economy”, “social questions” & “contemporary “history & Govt=” &c &c “likely to be useful to working men & women”.
They ask me particularly for books on “India”}
 & the Colonies} & “domestic “matters &c &c - “likely to be useful to w.m. & wo“men”-
I should be very grateful for your help in a List -
F.N.
You never told me what you had spent for me
I think I did not say how good an account
Burton gave of his Night School –
[We had a Night School at Holloway once which fell thro’
mainly I think on account of the Schoolmaster not making it interesting or attractive to boys
of that advanced age – & being altogether lax about it.]
Burton is almost enthusiastically devoted to his Night
School.
I think I would mention this to Wildgoose– (What say
you?) under heading ‘Burton’
[N.B. Wildgoose’s tendency has always been
toward making the “Institute” an Educational not amusing
Institute– & he scoffs at refreshments {overtop an illeg} always
–neither, for any other reason that I know
except that he is not so vicious as I –
or so acquainted with viciousness as I.
I think Holloway wants refreshments & music & concert amusement not
Lectures –
I like your letter very much – my dear
Arthur– & think you leave loophole
enough for the other paragons
Do you think so? What do you
expect the result to be?
P.5 2nd Para:
Will Wildgoose resent being called
a “very rough” place?
I wish that Mr. Butler had
as a friend given us
notice of what was coming -
No doubt Mr. Wildgoose
has written to Aunt Beatrice
[I have heard only this.] I would now, and gladly,
if her teaching is not
condemned, give say a
half year’s salary to keep
her- But of course I must
not go against the Managers’
wishes.
Please give my love to Aunt Beatrice & tell her why
I do not write to-day-
And please let somebody
be so good as to write
to me at 10 South St. &
say what I am to say
to G.D-
O ill-omened day!
F.N.
10 South S  July 17/88  
My dear Arthur  
   Good speed to your efforts  
in our cause: we are so very  
grateful to you- And so are  
Lea & Holloway: only perhaps  
they do not know it- But  
they will some day.  
   I send you Butler’s last  
letter, but only because you  
asked for it. And it is  
more genial than any I  
ever had from him- Please  
to return it -  
   Aunt Beatrice will come up  
   to see the result of your  
harvest, my sower & reaper,  
provided it is not between  
the 25th? & 31st. [She has  
told you when.] I am so glad  
& relieved -  
   [I am involved in India  
matters, owing to the great  
change- which is the  
reason I did not write  
yesterday-]  
   You will let me know  
when you come back- If  
possible to you, I should  
like to see you again before  
you pass the awful review
of your recruits— You are the best Recruiting Officer {‘Officer’ overtop an illeg} I know —
I hope you found Grannie comfortable: did you thank Flossie for her note to me And I hope you Eton beat the “curate” & West Wellow —
in great haste
ever your affte
Aunt Florence
You never told me what you paid for some books you kindly got for me — The

Faunthorpes I sent, O unbeliever, to Lady Dufferin more than two years ago with a legion of others— But I am now trying to send to her advanced Medical books for her Libraries before she leaves— If I have ever “pointed a finger” at her, ’me ne pento’ ’me ne pento,’ as the Neapolitan Pulcinello says — She has a great deal of good ‘go’— F.N.
July 19/88

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

My dear & valiant General of Recruits

I think you have done wonders-
- I telegraphed to you this morning,
as you desired - - that I would
keep Monday afternoon free to
see your Sheffield man at any
time you liked, hoping that
Aunt Beatrice could find it
convenient to see him first-
And I hope that I may see
YOU first. It is very good to you to
take him in

With regard to your letter:
I quite agree with you “to give
“them, the Board, the two best to choose
“from”- & that “Aunt Beatrice” &
I “should see the three or four
“best”. I don’t think I can
manage more than one or at
most two a day. (Or I shall

be like Sidney Smith with
his confusion between the
‘39 Nurses’ & ‘9 Articles’.)

I think I ought to take all or
at least a large part of
their expences. I wish I
could take them in here - but
I can’t.

I am sure you were wise to
leave the “religious point”
alone. But do you not think
that “the Board”, tho’ as a “Board”
it may not ask questions,
will find out through some if its
members at least what
our candidate’s opinions are
& may accept or reject
accordingly.
I don’t exactly know what Butler has been at just now to make a “kicking” desirable-
But as you felt the inclination I am sure he deserved it, & regret he did not get it.
I hope we shall not find that, when Wildgoose is gone, & Yeomans absent, the Board require “kicking” all round.
Poor Bratby would be in the 7th heaven to have you at tea -
I am myself on my way to Hanwell, chiefly owing to Gordon Boys’ Home Committee & others. But I hope Schools will not send you there yet, as you prophecy, hard as you work for us.

Will you come & dine here on Saturday with Dr. Sam?        {'Dr' overtop an illeg}
But perhaps I may see you tomorrow (Friday) too.

ever your affecte Aunt Florence
I will send return Wildgoose’s nice letter to Onslow Houses, for fear this should not reach you

{black-edged paper} 5/19

I think Burton was honestly & anxiously trying to rise above grant, grant, grant, & do something better. And I want to help him before he is degraded.
N.B. The Sims grant is an actively demoralizing process - substituting facts & dates- that is of course fictitious facts & dates; - for the ‘spirit & the truth’- that is a raising influence
I do not like bothering you just before you go to America— & when you are so much wanted at home.

But if you could write fixing an appointment without inconvenience to yourself to see me we might settle something— If not, let it stand over till you come back—

I should be more at liberty after 20th or 21st= But you would I suppose be gone.

My best love to those at home— I hope that are able to take pleasure in life— I was so very grateful for your mother{‘s} {word goes off the page} letter—

ever your affte

Aunt Florence
My dear Arthur

I send you some notes which please bring with you this evening -

Very much I think both B.s are to be liked -

We will have a little dinner for you ready at 7.30 or 8, unless we hear to the contrary -

About Wildgoose & Churchmanship: they, the Board, must find it out viz- that Burton is a Churchman, tho’ moderate & Mrs. Burton is more Church-y than he-
as soon as ever he is established, if appointed, at Lea - And they might then turn nasty - {next 2 lines overflow into next folio:}

One rather dreads the concealment and the disclosure: this way. We will talk it over - What do you say?

I send you Marsh’s nice letter- Please bring it with you too.
ever your affte Aunt Florence

I cannot write any more notes of what Burton said, now. But I have illegible notes of my own- from which I will write something more if you want to report to Aunt Beatrice & Grannie - How is she?
My dear Arthur

I think the plan is as you say to catch Butler on the Saturday even if “late”- for a talk- just to see Wildgoose on the Saturday & sleep at Matlock- I don’t think it will then look half as bad for (in their eyes) for you to come over on Sunday to see Wildgoose leisurely if he will make an appointment & Butler too- It is not at all “out of the “question to ask to see “Mr W- on Sunday” - If he makes you think it is impossible for him, then oh then could you give him Monday morning? Of course he all must depend on his making appointments with you & being at home

Yes, tomorrow (Friday) please, at 5 -
F.N.

Tomor Will you not ask Wildgoose to telegraph to you tomorrow - & let me telegraph, after I have seen you, for rooms at the Old Bath on Saturday night?
There are Excursionist(s) at this season
There will be a difficulty of course about seeing Mr. Butler on Monday. You can only see him at his dinner hour or after school hours - on Monday, unless you were to see him on Saturday afternoon. Otherwise it must be Sunday for him. Could you go down on Saturday morning, seeing him & perhaps Mr Wildgoose on Saturday afternoon - always supposing you can make an appointment with Mr. Wildgoose - sleeping at the "Old Bath" Matlock, on Saturday night? And I must think about the luncheon.

5/20/18 signed letter, 2ff, pencil (black-edged paper)

10 South St. Jan 24/89
Dearest Arthur
You were so good as to call here yesterday - But Aunt Louise was with me - {'me' overtop gone}
I want very much to see you -
If you are not going to Embley on Friday to morrow would you come & dine here - (& come before dinner) & make Sam come too - [Barbarina has measles, as I dare say you know. So, I think, he goes to the
Flat principally as Dr-
I am afraid Tuesday was a
sadly trying day to all-
But how can I ever
believe that you “left”
HER in the grave? Your
Father used to say: 'Death
‘is only going into the
‘next room’-
I will not even say:
Requiescat in pace - Rather
resign “that earthly load
“Of death called life which
us from life doth sever’
Your loving Aunt Florence
How is your mother
& the girls? “Poor
young ones” --‘scarce know how
‘to bear it’- It is ‘O an
‘insupportable & touching loss’–

5/20/19 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper} RP [1:557]

Feb 24/89
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dearest Arthur
Thanks very much for the
two pictures of youth & age,
so lovely- I have several
precious things to return to you
Grannie, I believe, went
on writing every morning
till within the last two years_
No doubt Mama has these
sheets. Will you not look
at them? They must tell something
Aunt Florence’s deepest
sympathy is with you all.
My dear Arthur

Very many thanks for what you have done about Burton & the specimens—15/ is the appropriate ‘figure’, if not more.
I will take care & extol, as you bid me—

“Barford” is a National, & not a (near Warwick) ‘Board’, School as you suspected.

10 years at it have succeeded in depriving my little house maid of any power of words—

But I suppose this is not worse than the case of those gentlemen-boys who come out of a Public School unable to read English aloud intelligibly or to do a sum in arithmetic.

I gratefully return what you so kindly left with me—

I should like to see the Extracts again some time, if I may— I have had no time to copy them—

Success to your America!

Will you thank the mother very much for her most kind note?

Aunt Florence
5/20/21 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP

10 South St Aug 17/89
Dearest Arthur

No sooner were you gone than I received a (6 sheet) answer from Burton at Lea School to my long letter- a very good answer indeed, I think, because it agrees with you -
I do not like to send it to you to-day, unless you wish it- but next week_ [I always think of Granny’s seeing these letters.] I am sorry to say there has been a drunken brawl- O for a Resident Gentleman magistrate there! [I never remember such things]
Burton wants his Fossil collection completed - (& he deserves it)- the one you kindly ordered. Will you kindly manage this when I see you?

Are you so good as to get information for my General about the best methods of Adult Boys’ Night Schools? I have got some-
As to my telegraphing as you proposed, I think it now would be hardly judgmatical. - As you said, there will be plenty of time in September- But if I have news this morning to-day (I have none) yet
I will send it to you-? At the Council Office ever yours Aunt Florence
My dear Arthur

I was so very glad to see you & hope to see you again next week to talk over many things -

This was not one of them about which it now occurs to me to consult you-

You spoke to me once about Herbert Crooks, son of old Crooks, of Lea Hurst, whom I sent 10 or 12 years ago, as “improver” to Clumber Gardens - Thence he went to other Gardens - including Ld Powys’ - has now been 3 years at one in Nottinghamshire which he left last week because wages not high enough. He wishes to emigrate to “Australia” or New Zealand - not, it appears, because any friend there tells him of an opening, but because “friends” here (permiscuous) tell him there is a demand for “Gardeners” & “Agricultural Labourers” there - And he asks me for advice. But I have none to give- I asked Uncle Shore who discouraged the plan, but said
he would enquire—
Could you advise? Do not
take trouble, unless you know
about those parts —
I could not be responsible
for him x, (tho’ I have always
kept up some intercourse with
him & never heard any but
good of him) Therefore I
could not give or ask for letters
of introduction for him to
great people out there - or to
little ones.

ever your loving
   Aunt Florence
x Nor could I ask his several
masters for characters of him
and they would be only perfunctory -

5/20/23 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper} RP [1:560]

Aug 5/90
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
   PARK LANE. W.

I shan’t send you Burton’s
letter, my dear Arthur, if
you call him a ‘prig’—
He is a pedant. So am I.
But a prig is one who
cannot believe in any thing
above his own level —
Uncle shore who is
severe says that, tho’ a
“schoolmaster all over”, he
(Barton) knows well how to
tackle the flimsy smart
young ladies, & that
there is an excellent tone
even between these & him.
   You see Fanny Burton is
at Southlands— My books
are gone to White lands
    I am afraid they are
not one & the same?
What shall I do?
    Return me Mr. Burton
with your hints.
    I go to Claydon tomorrow
Come too.
    Louis goes as the
guardian of youth with
two Siamese prince lings
to Scotland for a month
ever your loving
    Aunt Florence

5/20/24 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged paper RP 6725

    Jan 12/94
    10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
    PARK LANE. W.
My very dear Arthur
    It will be a great privilege
to me to see your
"particular friend",-- tho'
it is rather a nervous
thing to see him without
knowing his name,— who
"is going out to India as
"Secretary (Private Secretary?)
"to Lord Elgin".
    I could see him on
Sunday, Monday or Tuesday
if at 5.15, if he would
kindly let me know
which, if any, would be
convenient to him, as
soon as possible, as we are rather overwhelmed with work at this time
Would you kindly telegraph both name & time, & let me pay the Telegram?
Of course not knowing his name ' argues myself 'unknown'. But you see there was such a running for the post. And I cannot read the newspapers.
Pardon an old fool.
And please insense your "particular friend".
("name, name") that the old woman has had to keep her room for nearly a year by her Doctor’s orders, that he may not be scandalized.
I look forward to seeing you or the lady of your & my love soon
ever your affectionate
Aunt Florence
I will telegraph this evening for your answer about the welcome "Secretary"
F.N.
5/20/25 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper} RP 6725

Mr. Babington Smith } Jan 29/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
   PARK LANE. W.
My dear Arthur I have
   had a serious, good &,
   as far as it can be, satisfactory
   note from Mr. H.B. Smith,
   posted at Modane -
   This I have no doubt I
   owe to you.
   You were so good as to say
   that you would “report” to
   me the result of your interview
   ever your loving
   Aunt Florence
Mr. Smith & Lord Elgin are
   gone out to a Herculean task
   with so many new elements
   in it.
May they prosper! & take the
   great natives in, whom they
   cannot do without-    [end 10:229]

{archivist notes on back of folio re Babington Smith going to India as Secretary to Viceroy Lord Elgin}

5/20/26 undated letter, re Mr. Burton, Mr. Grant and family matters {do not have paper copy}

5/21/1 4ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, Monday evening [June 1885], re: the likelihood of Butler ‘staying’, but if he does go, will give at least three months’ notice

5/21/2 1f, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 7 Nov 1885, re: an upcoming dinner, his plans to arrive a half hour earlier than planned to read books in her dining room, plans to go to Birmingham and possibly to Lea

5/21/3 5ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 10 July 1888, re: his letter to Wildgoose and willingness to search for a suitable man in Sheffield, Birmingham, Leicestershire & Derbyshire
5/22/4 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, Wednesday [June 1889], re: mentions that Sam and himself had too much for dinner, in a sense apologizes for talking ‘rather horridly’ about what he ‘cares for most’ for ‘fear of running his tongue into sentiment’

5/22/5 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence 31 Oct 1889, re: Mr. Tuckwell and his son, the successful decision to raise funds for his son Maurice to attend College, has been in college since Aug 1888, anxious that he be able to stay til the end of the ‘next summer’

{F.N. hand top of first folio:} {up diag:} Please return to F.N.

5/22/6(a) 1f, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, [1885], 4 Onslow Houses SW, re: unable to see her ‘this’ week, Aunt Beatrice also thinks the Lea School is doing well and the new teacher being a windfall or godsend, has been admiring Board School and thinks Ld Salisbury mistaken in thoughts against them

3ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, Thursday [1885], re: has read ‘her little book’ and cried over it, the issue of poverty & slums schooling on the whole being good, Butler and his thoughts of his career being ‘blasted by a false report’, Butler still continuing to feel doubtful about staying

5/22/6(b) 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 10 Feb, 4 Onslow Houses, S.W., re: busy ‘trying cases of starving widows and unemployed who fail to send their offspring to school’, re other teaching matters

5/22/6(c) 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 27 May, 4 Onslow Houses, S.W., re: Mr Arnold Foster writing to Mr Watt ‘that Cassells could not undertake to publish a Botany for Elementary Schools due insufficient number of children to take the subject

5/22/6(d) 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 4 June, re: is to enquire about the London Board Schools, is studying a book Sam has lent him titled ‘Maine and Popular Government’

5/22/6(e) 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 11 June, re: plans to go to Midland towns and call on Butler and Wildgoose, wishes to know if she has any special instructions

5/22/6(f) 2ff, A.H. Clough to Aunt Florence, 16 June, re: has seen Rosy S.S. that day at the Bonham Carters’
Dear Aunt Florence,

I hope it will not last very long now. She lies with her eyes closed, coughing a good deal and finding it difficult to breathe. She has hardly spoken since Monday morning and could scarcely then make herself understood. They think however that she knows people a little when they speak to her, but she hardly opens her eyes.

Mr Taylor says she cannot live through the night. One can only wish that she had been spared the last few days: incessant restlessness and discomfort and choking.

They are all here.

You will have heard that I went off yesterday by an earlier train and so missed your books. They came however by this morning’s post, but I am afraid they have now illeg given up reading to her, for the last day or two.

Your aff AHC

21 April 1888

Private

We are talking about drink. Now, there is a poor man called Adam Prince, whom I have told you about. He is now laid up at home with a bad knee, which he knows and says himself is the result of drink. And his doctor says so too. He is a
quarryman.

Have any of your Institute men tried to get hold of him to win him to be steady and sober—to say he shall not be one of the black sheep? Or have they “passed by on the other side,” and left him to bad company and ruin and drink? and even said, He shall not be one of us.

What kind of “respectability” is this?

Well now, God has given them a chance. He is laid up at his mother’s, old Mrs Lydia (Widow) Prince, in Holloway. Can they do nothing for him now?
2/2/1 letter of CP Villiers 39 Sloane St 11 July 1860 to J.C. Parkinson re gone to Paris to see relief; re Farnall; I heard from Farnall that you have gone to Paris and I am glad now to hear that you are returned. I shd be glad to hear your impressions respecting the Parisian system of relief. It is not understood here and is in some respects, as in the Telegraph system, misrepresented in Whitehall.... re right to relief; re hospitals, who is to manage them when brought in? I would back a Reform Bill passing before their new hospital bill, unless they are to propose ...

2/2/2 etc. hard to read letters to Parkinson

2/8/8 Villiers from Geneva 29 Sept 1867? Private to Parkinson, re his obliging letter and enclosure on arrival; one letter undated asks if anyone going to do anything about Hardy’s Bill, H Verney has given notice of amendments

2/8/14 private 11 September 1867? I have not seen Mr Chadwick’s article in Fraser. I judge however from the extract you have referred to in the article you re PL Board
Protestant Sisters at Kaiserswerth. (Four are come to England.) The upper classes in Germany are gradually joining them — & they have experienced no difficulty from the absence of vows, but quite the contrary. I think there are now above 4000. The Protestant Diaconesses in Paris are of too recent foundation to judge by. Our Nursing Sisters in London are only a good system of servants, & do it merely for a maintenance — But the Age of Zeal (of Crusaders & Anchorites) is past — may not the age of Charity be at hand? & the life which crushes us into vanity & deceit, be exchanged for one where the heart shall be purified, so that it shall see God. Should you know of any similar attempt in America to make Protestant Sisters of Charity, I should be most thankful for any information. Our strength faileth us, because of our iniquity, but if God chooses to have it done, he will not want for instruments, he who chose a “barn door fowl to preach penitence to his apostle & admonished his prophet by an ass” [illeg]

We have had two months of incessant gaiety
from my Aunt, who has been in Rome, though she thought her & her baby rather delicate in appearance.
I heard a great deal that was interesting in London this spring - & we shall probably return there though I doubt whether my father’s tendencies towards his beloved Lea Hurst will not embody themselves into a very short stay & precipitate journey down, unless Peel comes out with some VERY astonishing new forgery just in that nick of time. That worthy, like Pontius Pilate, fearing a tumult among the people, is carrying with unprincipled expedients the (hitherto=by=him=deemed) = expedient principles of Free Trade at a great rate.
But I, who had rather read the London Directory than the newspaper, am not the person to come to for any useful information whatever. Nevertheless, this is a grand time we live in! I am so glad to be in this age. I hope we shall all last to see great discoveries, great increase of knowledge about the unexamined laws of the connexion between Matter & Mind, which,
as Dr. Howe once said, have remained unsifted compared with the Laws of Matter.
I heard a great deal from M. Bunsen, the Prussian minister about the German

Memm=
Patrick Ronan gave me
August 18/55
the Sum of £2.0.0
to send to his father (by P.O. Order)
William Ronau
Parish of Borris
Kill Edmund Post Office
Co. Carlow
Ireland
This Sum the father has never received -
Florence Nightingale
Scutari Feb 10/56
Feb 7/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Burton

I am delighted by the prospect of your Annual Children’s performance lasting for 3 days - For, besides the great improvement in regularity of attendance, it is such a good thing for the children to find amusement under the eyes of their Master & parents, instead of lurking about out of sight.

As for regularity nothing can be done that is of any worth in any occupation or pursuit without regularity.

I send you my contribution for your preparations for the Children’s performance & wish you every success - You deserve it.

I have written to Mr. Yeomans to send all parents & old people (who would like to go) in
good seats. But perhaps he would rather put this in your hands.
The Govt- grants are good to hear of. And I hope you will do as you propose i.e. do something for the best of the School with that little sum I sent you before -
Now comes my annual Contribution to the Institute £5.5 for myself & Mrs. Shore Nightingale - which from a mistake has been long in reaching you - I believe you are still its Secretary.
I thank you for your two excellent articles in the Teacher’s Paper - And we are all your debtors for the great & wise energies you bestow on the School God bless you & them - the children -
yours sincerely Florence Nightingale
Two Cheques enclosed
Believe me, dear Sir,
Yours truly
Florence Nightingale

4, Cleveland Row. {printed address:}
S.W.
May 21/68
My dear Capt. Galton
We have got a
good deal written
about your Hospital
Libraries - But we
can’t go any further
without a copy of
the Genl= Order, No=
823, dated Horse
Guards, 25 March
1863, regarding
Garrison & Regimental
libraries.
Ever yours F Nightingale
{at an angle at right} 30 Old Burlington St.
London W.
Feb 26/58
My dear Madame Pertz
I am very glad that you wrote
to me about the poor child, whose
mother, poor soul! - I remember
perfectly well. She died at Harley St,
while I was Supt= there, & I fished
her out of one of the Public Hospitals.
I never told her story to any one else -
I am very much obliged to you
for having cared so well for the poor
child, & enclose £10, of which £2 {paper damage from seal
from my uncle, Mr. Sam Smith,
for the purposes you so kindly propose of
putting the child to Director Ranke’s
Real Schule for 2 years.
Pray remember me to Dr. Pertz, if he
has not forgotten me & believe me ever
sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

direction:
via Ostend
A Madame
Madame Pertz
Behren Strasse 40
Berlin
Embley May 20
My dearest friend, I have been too busy or too lazy (which is the same thing) to write this last month to explain, that, the Shakespeare Mr. Mills took for me across the Atlantic, is for my little name sake, (you see what wonderful precocity I expect from your offspring) & that the bracelet of my hair which you were gracious enough to ask for, & I ungracious enough to forget, is for you- (You will receive it by another opportunity; it was not finished in time to go by Mr. Mills)
It is a very little one: - I considering that there must be small room - upon your arm occupied by souvenirs which have a better claim than mine, - for another, & yet wishing for my own place there, be it ever so small, yet mine & irremoveable, I had the prudence to have a very tiny one made, - on the principle of that wise book, which explains the, to us otherwise unintelligible, “poverty of spirit” by telling us to use this world as not abusing it. Am I too presumptuous?
Dr. Howe’s last letter gave me very great pleasure — the book, which he was kind enough to send me, had not arrived when I left London, owing to some delay in Wiley & Patnam’s packages, but I shall have it when I return. Meanwhile I have seen & read another copy of it, & like it exceedingly. Has Dr. How seen a curious little Pamphlet by Reichenbach, translated by Dr. Gregory, and à propos to magnetism R. fancies that he has discovered a new Imponderable, & bearing too, as it does, upon Faraday’s late discoveries in Electricity & Magnetism, it is very curious. Has Dr. Howe seen it, or may I send it him? The Fowlers have just been staying with us — they are talking of going to Paris, not to see Arago or Cuvier, but the idiots, & to Interlachen, to see the deaf, dumb & blind person there — & especially the Crétins. Nobody has any value now for Dr. Fowler, unless deprived of one sense at least, — & my star would be much more on the ascendant with him than it is, if I were deaf or dumb or blind or all three. The Bracebridges too have just left us, but you will hear all about them
from Mr. Mills. I have three friends, who
are to me the apt representatives of the
Soul, the Mind & the Heart, the first has
one’s more entire worship, the second one’s
more dazzled admiration, the third one’s
more lively sympathy - the first subdues one,
the second bewitches one, the third interests
one - but Mrs. B. is all three, the Human
Trinity in one, & never do I see her without
feeling that she is eyes to the blind, & feet
to the lame. Many a plan, which disap-
pointment has thinned off into a phantom
in my mind, takes form & shape & fair
reality, when touched by her Ithuriel’s spear,
for there is an Ithuriel’s spear for good as
well as for evil - & till that touch I never
know whether my plans are mere shadows,
which the removal of the light, which
produced them, will send to their real
home, the house of nothing ness, or whether they are
capable of being moulded into form.
So many of our finest projects are only
outlines on the wall, invisible without the
candle which threw them for us. She is
not the light, which originates plans in
any one’s mind, but she is the bright &
true mirror, which reflects so faithfully
all & every impression brought to her by those desirous of the clearing glass of her sympathy.

How do your two little cherubim do? Though, as, upon consulting the “Hebrew Greek,” we find Cherubim to mean knowing ones or Fulness of Knowledge, it may be doubted whether your cherub (big one or little one) according to strict etymology, is entitled to the term of a knowing one - Nature, who has provided all other animals with the talent of self preservation, cats with claws & us with thick sculls, allows these to indulge in all sorts of Saltatory Exhibitions, leaving to us the entire care of the Vital Spark during the same. They are perpetually throwing themselves off the eminence of a stool or a table into the arms of Providence, for I’m sure I don’t know what else they trust to. I wonder if the day will come when I shall ever see them or you again - I am just having a seal=ring engraved with a kneeling woman & the words Ich warte, & round the ring, Ich warte - bis zum Tode, bis zur Ewigkeit which I think but too symbolical of my intercourse with you & yours.

Mrs. Crawford I have had good accounts of

{this text is seen at top of letter}

once
more
farewell
and with
all our
best re=
membrances,
I am
ever yours,
dear friends,
Florence Nightingale

autographed frontispiece, 1f, pen
yours very truly
    Florence Nightingale

{woodcut (?) by} C. Cook
London, George Routledge & Co
497/10
My dear Sir James Clark
   I shall be too glad
   to see you any time
   today before 3 o’clock-
Or, if more convenient
   to you, I would come
   to you— Or, after eight
   this evening, I shall
be at liberty.
yours faithfully
& gratefully
F. Nightingale
Sunday 8 A.M.
Castle Hospital
Balaclava
Oct 30/55

My dear Mrs. Sansom,

I am grieved, though not surprised, to hear that it is thought better for your health to go home - I would far rather have been at Scutari myself, when this decision was arrived at by your Medical attendant. I am particularly sorry not to see you again - But, as my return to Scutari may be delayed yet a little longer, I think it better for you not to put off your return home -

I have therefore taken a passage for you on board the “Cleopatra” - which will
leave this on Saturday - & be at Scutari about Monday next.

    Mrs. Davis, who came out with you, I am sending home for the same reason as yourself. And I am anxious that you should take care of one another home - But, should you not be well enough when the vessel arrives there will be no necessity for you to go -

    Mrs. Smith will be on the look-out for the arrival of the Saturday’s vessel from Balaclava - For another ship is sometimes substituted at the last moment - And it may not therefore be the “Cleopatra” - You have served the cause faithfully & well - you have been quite above all impropriety of manner or intemperance - And I have already written home to the War Office to say so - & to recommend you for two months’ wages from the day of your discharge - which I shall make November 25 - being about the time of your arrival in England.

    I shall therefore owe you £7.4.0 (being 8 weeks at 18/per week) from Sept 30/55 to Nov 25/55 which Mrs. Smith will give you -

    I was very sorry not to see you again the day I left Scutari - But the great anxiety & miserable event
which you know of, so filled
my time those last days
that it was with difficulty
I could come to the house to
see you at all -
I hope that, on arriving
in England, you will write to
me - that, if it please God
I should return, I shall find
you in England safe & well -
& that the return home will
quite restore your health [?]
You may apply at
49 Belgrave Sq for
the gratuity - of two months? -
[end 14:254]
Believe me,
dear Mrs. Sansom
truly yours
Florence Nightingale
signed note, 1f, pen

Would General Storks see
whether any employment can
be found for this poor
Italian refugee, by talking
with him a few minutes?
Florence Nightingale
Scutari Jan 10/56
Barrack Hospital
Scutari
July 7/56
Dear Lord Stratford

In reference to the subject which your Excellency has desired me to reconsider, - viz - that of the distribution of the Sultan’s gift among the Nurses, - I beg to say that I have farther to ask your commands as to whether the same plan should be pursued with respect to the Hospitals of Koulali, Smyrna & Renkioi as to those under my immediate superintendence & to the Naval Hospital at Therapia - namely, whether Instructions should be sent to the Superintendents of each Female Nursing Establishment to give a list of the Ladies & Nurses who have been under their superintendence, in order that these who have participated in the work may participate in His Majesty the Sultan’s bounty, according to the scale & in the mode which has now received Your Excellency’s sanction.

Should it be less trouble to Your Excellency to communicate with me, on these details, trifling but tiresome, in person instead of in writing, I would wait upon you on any day & at any hour which you would appoint -

One of these details to be submitted to your Excellency’s decision
will suggest itself as follows

There was an interregnum at the General Hospital at Balaclava - for some months - during which Mrs. Bridgeman superintended her Nuns at that Hospital. Lord Stratford may indeed remember their Establishment there during that period, since it was to him the Government at home expressed its disapprobation of the course pursued by Mrs. Bridgeman on that occasion, in withdrawing Nuns from under my superintendence at Scutari.

The question to be decided by Your Excellency will be whether Mrs. Bridgeman is to be considered as having been a recognised Superintendent of Hospital Nursing at that time - During the rest of the war that Hospital War under my care.

As your Excellency has desired me to offer suggestions, I would farther submit to your Excellency that the Secretary of State for War should be requested to instruct the several Superintendents of Nurses, late in the Hospitals mentioned above, to forward Lists according to the plan approved by you -

I beg to remain

Dear Lord Stratford
your Excellency’s faithful & grateful Servt
Florence Nightingale

His Excellency
the Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe
My dear Sir

I find that the only days I have at liberty next week are Tuesday or Wednesday, on either of which days I could remain the night at any Hotel near Haslar - returning to London the next day.

As I can hardly expect that, with your multifarious occupations, you should happen to have the same days, at your command, I will ask you to give me one line of reply, when, in case of its being in the negative, we will try to make an appointment for the ensuing week -

Believe me to be

Dear Sir
most faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale
Harvard, Countway i 552

Harvard C signed letter, 1ff, pen

30. Old Burlington Street. {printed address:}

W.

March 28/61

Dear Sir

I have made a very few literal corrections.

I think the type & printing of this does you great credit.

I should be glad if you would tell me what you have decided upon in the matter of paper & calico cover.

I should be glad to take a hundred of the better calico-covered one, if you decide upon it.

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

Private {at angle} 32 South St W.

Dec 16/61

My dear Madam

Would you be so good as to inform me what you are about to do as to reprinting my “Statistical” paper with the paper, a proof of which you have just sent me.

Or, if it is not to be re-printed would you be so good as
to send me proofs
of the Forms A,
B and C, referred
to in (& which
accompanied) my
“Social Science” paper.
Should the
Statistical paper
be reprinted, the
Forms A, B & C
will not be
necessary.
Either way
will necessitate
some re-casting
of my present proof.

I will have the
plans you speak
of, - referred to in
my paper, - reduced
as fast as possible.
But you could
not have chosen
a more unfortunate
time for me to enjoin
upon me haste in calling upon me for
upon me for my contribution.
The preparation
of your book does
not enable you,
I am aware, to
consult the convenience

of your contributors
But neither
does the preparation
of the troops for
Canada enable me
to consult the
convenience of your
book - Alas! that
it should be so!
Yours faithfully,
Florence Nightingale
32 South St.
Park Lane W
Jan 17/63
My dear Sir
I am often asked
for a Nurse & have
not one to recommend.
Now I can strongly
recommend this
Mrs. Logan. She
was one of my best
(Surgical) Nurses in
the Crimea. Now she
is neither young nor
strong. And therefore
cannot take heavy
nor temporary cases.
But for long and
suffering cases,
where constant
vigilance & kindness,
more than running
up & down stairs,
is required, I
scarcely know her
equal. She has
had three such
for periods of two
and three years
each, since she
returned with me
from the Crimea,
and her nursing
was beyond all
praise. It made
the comfort of the
invalid’s life.
Yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
June 22/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
   Park Lane,
   London. W.
My dear Sir
   I beg to acknowledge
   with many thanks a
   Cheque for £20.3.6, -
   the amount of
   subscriptions received
   by you for the “Fliedner
   Fund,” - which I have
   at once paid in to
   the Central Fund.
   And at the same
Revd=
   James Davis &c &c

   time I beg you will
   accept the cordial
   thanks of all Pastor
Fliedner’s friends,
   including myself,
   for the kind trouble
   you have taken
   about this matter.
   Believe me
   My dear Sir
   Your very faithful servt
   Florence Nightingale

{envelope}  
{Miss Nightingale - name not F.N. hand}
THE
Madras Irrigation and Canal
Company
REPORT
OF
PROCEEDINGS
AT THE
Thirty-first Ordinary General Meeting
OF STOCKHOLDERS,
HELD AT THE COMPANY’S OFFICES,
on Monday, November 30th, 1874
JAMES THOMSON, ESQ.,
IN THE CHAIR
Offices: - 24, COLEMAN STREET, LONDON, E.C.
(Removed from Queen Street Place.)

Irrigation & Water Transit May 3/79
in India [red und]
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
   PARK LANE. W.
To the Editor
of the London Illustrated News:
   Sir
I beg to return the Proof:
I have “taken out twelve lines” as
you desired: & made a few, very
few press corrections.
I would see a Revise if you
wished. No doubt the corrections will be
carefully put in.
Please make any “alteration
of the date” you like. Only
it makes the P.S. at the end
a little awkward: as to date.
Pray believe me
your obed serv
Florence Nightingale
The second letter shall reach
you in a day or two. Would
you be so good as to let me see
a Proof of it, with the M.S.?
F.N.
Harvard, Countway i

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen

Oct 16/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Sir

I cannot tell you how much obliged to you I am for bringing me these reports (from Souakim) & for so kindly saying that you will call on me some afternoon to speak to me on the subject - I find that I was reckoning without my host in appointing Tuesday. Will you allow me to write to you & ask for an appointment that may suit you? in a day or two. [15:1016]

Pray believe me

Your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

G. Fleetwood Wilson Eq

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

Telegraph,
“Steeple” Claydon, Bucks. Sept 6/87

Dear Mrs. Morey

Will you say to Mr. Morey that I was sorry not to wish him goodbye? And I hope that you are satisfied about his health - And will you present each of your little ones with my love & one of these little bits of gold - that is, in your keeping? God bless you all in haste

Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale
Private {at angle} Oct 17/87
10, SOUTH LANE, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir
Your wishes are law to me. And your account of the young lady of 18 who wishes to devote herself as a Nurse is so very interesting.
But have you thought whether 18 is not too young, both physically & morally?
There are sacred secrets belonging to the sick which 18 could not & ought not to be able to understand - And there are secrets the very reverse of sacred, the secrets of vice, about Patients which their Nurse must know if she is not to be made a fool of: & which one shrinks from any young woman, gentle or simple, knowing -
[Alas! the 'simple' know them far too soon]
A gentlewoman, or gentle girl, would either be shocked & run away - Or she would be hardened, which is the worst evil of the two -
Then about the physical side
- we do not take any one into
  our Training School at St.
  Thomas’ Hospital under 23
  tho’ I think we strive to make
  it a home where the mother
  of any girl need not object to seeing
her girl daughter -
Whatever you ‘take out’ of a
woman in Nursing life
before 23 or 24 you more than take
out of her at the other end:
indeed you may reckon
two years for every one at this
end that she loses at the other.

Even in Children’s Hospitals
I believe they take no
‘Probationers’ under 20 -
[It is true that the present
Matron of St. Thomas’, (just
appointed), who was Matron
of the great Edinburgh Infy=
for 13 years, came to us
before she was 20, & has
been in the Service ever
since. But the exception
proves the rule - [This lady
is a pearl of the finest water]
And I think even she would
have better health, had she
entered later -

[2]
We even prefer not admitting
gentlewomen earlier than
26 or 27, for two reasons:
one that gentlewomen are
younger in knowingness than
those who have had to rough
it - the other that posts
of Superintendence will be
theirs if they persevere in the
life x - & 24 is too young to
Superintend.
x i.e. after their year’s probation
Having laid these things, as an old Nurse & Trainer, before you & Mrs. Richmond, I will gladly see the young lady whenever we can make an appointment.

Pray do not think that I cry down Hospital life - To me it is the most sacred, the holiest of all. What is the highest character worth but to use it for those who have none? What is holiness for but to spend it for those who are unholy - And the lovely things one sees among Patients, the return of good feeling among those who for years have never heard a ‘good word’, would alone make the life a delightful one -

Pardon me for not having answered your note before. I have been so driven both by work & illness since I came back, that I have scarcely had time to breathe,

& shall be - But in November I hope to have a little more time - & to make an appointment to see your maiden fair.

May she run her noble career in life is the earnest wish of yours ever faithfully

Florence Nightingale

How can I thank you enough for your picture of me; for my sister is more than delighted with it!! That is what genius can do. F.N.

W.B. Richmond Eq

{printed address: upside down}
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
Oct 23/87
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mrs. Robertson

I have been so very much pressed that I have been unable to write.

Is your Truss still not satisfactory when “sitting” or stooping”?

Mr. Makins writes:
that he is afraid that when you sit or stoop “the upper “border of the pad is “borne upon by the “abdominal wall, & the “lower edge pressed down “into the thigh.

He does not “think it would “be easy to modify the “pad so as to altogether “prevent this; already “it has been considerably “narrowed.

He thinks your “best plan “would be to come again “to town if “you” find “it unwearable”. And he “would be quite “pleased to see you again. “On Thursday, Friday & Saturday” he is “at home the whole “morning”. He “would like” you “however
“to give the truss a thorough
  “trial first, as he “felt
  “sure” you “would find
  “it irksome”
He “wishes you to let him
  know in any case how you
  get on with it”.
I earnestly hope that it will
  be at last made comfortable.
  And I trust you will come
  here as before when you
  come up to London about
your poor Truss -
  Please thank Mr. Robertson
for his very kind letter - And
I was so glad to hear about
the Brotherhood Farm & the

labourers’ better feeling. Sir
  Harry likes it -
We have had sad work here,
{pencil starts} nearly all the week, rioting
  & fighting in Trafalgar Sq.
  & Hyde Park. The conduct of the
Police was above all praise,
  temperate & firm. But they are
nearly worn out, patrolling -
We have a strong detachment
mounted & foot, at Grosvenor Gate.
And I feed them a little - So do others,
  I believe - But it was a horrible
  & degrading spectacle that we
can do nothing better with our
vagabonds & unemployed but
  drive them about with our fists -
  With kind regards to Mr. Robertson
ever faithfully yours
  F. Nightingale
April 18/88
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Morey,

I am sorry that I have not sent you this money before when you kindly got me the things - Thank you very much -

I hope you think Sir Harry better - & that he does what Sir Andrew Clark told him - The time he seems to me to want something most is at noon - And when he comes here at twelve, I put on, a little table beside him half a glass of “old pale Sherry” (from Sandeman’s), a few very tender Chicken & Tongue Sandwiches -

(if they are not quite tender, he leaves them) - and two or three rusks or biscuits - I do not invite him to take them - for if I did, he would say he “never takes any thing “between breakfast & lunch” - But he does take them - And several times I am sure they have prevented faintness - I do so hope you will be able to manage that he shall always have these put by him at Claydon - at or about 12

I hope you are yourself quite well -

faithfully yours

F. Nightingale
Harvard, Countway i

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

21/8/88
Dear Mr Morey
  Pray do not send for
John Webb to do the broken
sash-line if the
carpenters are busy elsewhere.
  And as for the great
brown sofa, if Lady Verney
will have it brought up
for herself, I always thought
it a relief to her -
  But if it is to be brought
up for me, I had rather not
have it. I much prefer
sitting on a chair when she
is here - And I think she
likes the little sofa -
Yrs faithfully
  F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen

Claydon: Oct 13/88
Dear Mr. Morey
I am obliged to go on Monday:
Would you be so kind as to
tell me the train which
leaves here about 3 p.m. &
reaches Euston " 4.30 ?
Ought I to write to Euston
  for a Saloon Carriage with
conveniences for Invalid -
  & door thro’ to Servants Compartmen-
  - and to be put in the middle
of the train at Bletchley
[they were exceedingly kind
about this at Bletchley when
I left Claydon last - I found
at Bletchley that orders had
been telegraphed there to put
us in the middle of the train.
And we went in to London
without the slightest oscillation]
Ought I to write to Euston
for a brougham & a private
'bush there to take us to
South St.?
Or could all this be done at this
Station here?
Would you, please, let me have
your Acct=?
yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen

Dec 8/88
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Messrs. Mansell
Gentlemen
I am such a poor customer
now. But if you liked to
send me some Xmas &
New Year’s cards, with
your accustomed courtesy,
 Angioletti, (there used
to be beautiful Angelet’s heads
by Sant) - religious scenes or
texts - I prefer arabesques
or illuminated initials
to flowers - I should like
to choose amongst them -
a few birds or animals or merry
ones for children -
and little white books
with scenes of the Nativity -
 cherub’s heads -
pretty things for poor people
But I do not like to
trouble you -
faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
10 South St Jan 31/89
Dear Mr. Morey
   Thanks for letters &
   instructive Diary
   God speed Sir Andrew
Clark’s judgement to-morrow.
   I wish we might have
the making up of his
Prescriptions at Squire’s.
   I suppose Lady Verney
does not favour the idea
that, taking future
contingencies into consideration
Dr. Gray should meet Sir
Andrew Clark.

2 Does Sir Harry clean his
tongue two or three times
a day with a quill pen -
(with the side of course, not the
nib)- & then gargle his
throat or wash out his
mouth afterwards with
the Condy’s ozonised Water
in water?
   or the tongue may be
cleaned with a semi circle
of a slice of lemon, drawn
along the tongue, which
takes off the foulness bodily,
if the Patient does not dislike
it.
[This cleaning the tongue & washing out the mouth (& nostrils too, if needful, to be wiped out with Condy) makes all the difference in the power of taking food — which a coated tongue prevents—]

I have sent to-day

6 “Orange Pippins” —
the same as you had before (“russets”) &
6 “Newtown Pippins” —
May I know which are best, or the Canada ones?
Shall I send some Pears for stewing?

You will easily guess how eager I shall be for a Telegram after Sir A. Clark’s visit —
You have been most kind in writing & telegraphing —
I am afraid Lady Verney is suffering very much.

sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St    Feb 3/89
Dear Mr. Morey
Thank you so very much for the copy of Sir A. Clark’s scheme of treatment: [Squire has sent me copies of Prescriptions] — & for your Telegrams & Diary & letters — most valuable — most anxiously awaited —
I have seen Capt. Verney —
I sent a bottle last night of Sandeman’s best Brandy, for fear Sir Harry should be out of it — & some Canada apples —
If you will telegraph to me
or write the numbers of the
medicines you want, I will
keep you supplied from
Squire’s –

When a Patient is washed, or
if, please God, Sir Harry is able
by & bye to get up again,
I think he should always have
his flannelette shirt, or whatever
he has next his skin, put on
changed, & the fresh dry one
made quite hot to put on –
This is rather difficult to
manage without fatiguing him –
But I have no doubt you do

manage it.

Not to change the flannel
shirt once or twice during the 24 hours
is to re-introduce the
perspiration into the system.
The one taken off may be
put to dry & air: if it is changed
twice during the 24 hours.

The best time to change it
is after the small washing
which is all the Patient can
bear –

Most gratefully do we
thank you for your care of
Sir Harry

Sincerely yours

If the

F. Nightingale

P.T.O.

If the Temperature goes up
in any marked degree
after post-time, I should be
very much obliged to you to
send me a Telegram by the
8 o’clock postman in the morning.

I don’t want Sir Harry to
pay for all these Telegrams –
I will do so –

F.N.
Dear Mr. Morey

Very many thanks for your letters & Diaries - so instructive & now so satisfactory.

No one but you, with your infinite tact & perseverance, could have made him eat.

Let us hope he may have turned the corner -

I send some hints on another sheet. But Mrs. Broadhurst knows much better than I.

Shall I send another pheasant?

Very sick Patients who cannot eat sometimes like the flavour of Pheasant in their things -

It is not conducive to a good meal to have sips of Brandy & Seltzer between meals perhaps as the expectoration gets better he may be able to leave them off.

Brandy & Seltzer with a meal help the taking food -

I think it wonderful what you have done for him.

I am afraid Lady Verney is very suffering.

ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

One prescription returned
The other Prescription shall be - returned with thanks.
Feb 20/89

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

Dear Miss Gibson

I was disappointed
that you did not redeem
your promise of letting me
see you when you were
last in London -

Now please that you
have ascended the throne
& are in charge, tell me
how it fares with you -
well, I hope - Every
ting you could kindly tell
would interest your ever
ally F. Nightingale
And God speed you!

[end]

March 1/89 [see also 47721 f157 which is rougher, and in pencil]

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

My dear Harry - No words
of mine can tell the
sympathy for such a sorrow.
Sibella must find in her
own grief how deep is our
feeling for you & for them,
the nearest to him who
is gone: a man so
grand & so graceful -
so good & so spiritual -
tried in life & in death
& not found wanting -
What a gap he leaves -
May it be that the home
be not broken up, which
    adds such a pang
  to the terrible blank
left by death in our
bodily life - not in our
souls -
   One feels so for the
daughters- I hope the
boy is better - And the
poor wife?
  My best love to you
& yours
  ever yours
    F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 18/89
Dear Mr. Morey  I am so glad you are going
  upon a little holiday, which I hope you &
Mrs. Morey & your children will enjoy to the
uttermost, after your anxious work with Sir Harry,
which I believe, under God, saved his life.
  I was very grateful to you for your letter
about Mr. Savory, which enables me to press
it on Sir Harry - tho’ he did this time tell me
what he said. I was going to write to you
about this - but will not now - Thank you for your
beautiful cowslips - God bless you. F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

      May 25/89
Dear Mr. Morey
  Thank you very much for your note -
& for the May & hare-bells, half of which I sent
to St. Thomas’, who were greatly pleased.
  Would you kindly see that Sir Harry has
some food when he comes back from Parade?
He has offered to come to me: but I am afraid
it would be too late, & too near his lunch, for
him to accept food here. He will do what you
advise him.  Sincerely yrs F. Nightingale
Dear Mr. Morey,

I have been sorry not to see you, but cannot ask you to come now you are so busy.

Sir Harry has enjoyed the Peptonized Cocoa here, & said he should like it at Claydon. I send a pot. It is to be had at Verney Junction.

I also send a pot of Bovril for him, which is as nourishing, & more palatable than Valentine’s. The sediment should be taken in the fluid.

Like the other, it is a restorative the same as Brandy, & more nourishing,

- when he is faint -

Some day when you have time, would you tell me what I have often wished to ask you: - do you think when the night Nurse took Sir Harry’s temperature in the mouth, that he did not close the mouth?

This often happens when the Patient breathes thro’ the
nose with difficulty; and
would account for the very
low temperature when
she took it.
Would you be so kind as
to give the Coachman
10/ for me with my regards,
5/ " " to the Footman -
With the united thanks of
us all for your great
care of Sir Harry, & hoping
you will find Mrs. Morey &
your children well, believe me
yours sincerely    F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen   [1:400]

May 3/90
Dear Mr. Morey
    I hope you will be so
good as to let me have
a Telegram or at least
a Post card to say how
Lady Verney is this evening -
    & by & bye to say
whether her Night Nurse
is come
    God speed you
    your sincerely
    F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil   [1:401]

May 7/90
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Mr. Morey
    Thank you very much
for your letter and two
Telegram - I was very
anxious to hear. I dare
say you will be kind enough
to write me another
note or two - & to tell me
when the Night Nurse arrives-
    I enjoyed the primroses
& wild flowers which you
were so good as to send by
John Webb. And will you
kindly thank the Jackson
children for them?
  Sir Harry is, I think, even more busy than usual. He is now at the opening of the Military Exhn= by the Pr. & Pss= of Wales. And the streets are quite crowded - towards the Embankment, they say-
  ever sincerely yours,
  F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

June 5/90
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
  ARK LANE. W.
Dear Mr. Morey
  I am very glad that Sir Harry will see Sir James Paget, & very sorry about the foot. [You know what he did yesterday on leaving here at 7 in a pouring rain - with the streets running with slush - he paid a visit in Park Lane on his walk home]
  He talked of coming here this morning at 12 - I shall be so glad to see him: but I hope he will not come if it will be a risk. He must not walk.
  I will do what you say about Miss Farrer. There shall be no difficulty.
Thank you very much
  about the 30 newspapers for St. Thomas’ Nurses- & for sending me one, the only one I have had the courage to read about her. The ‘In Memoriam’ was beautiful
And thank you for not forgetting Lizzie COLEMAN, who valued it greatly.
I will take charge of the distribution of the 30 for St. Thomas’, if you will give them to Messenger - The Nurses will be much touched – And I will say, if I find that there are not enough, that you will kindly send more. I will find out those who interested themselves in sending the “wreath”.

My dear sister & Sir
Harry looked upon you as a faithful friend, as well they might. And I am sure Sir Harry’s gift was just the Sincere gratitude from him & her as to a faithful friend, so trustworthy & kind.
And I hope you will accept the same feeling from me who always say God bless you & believe me

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
June 10/90
10, SOUTH STREET,
Dear Mr. Morey PARK LANE. W.
I enquired about Lady Verney’s little debt to Miss Farrer: & have paid it. I do not think this need go into the Executor’s accounts at all. It has been done in the most delicate way, thanks to you. And Miss Farrer thinks that my sister herself commissioned me to pay it.
Miss Crossland & the Nurses will be delighted with the copies of the newspaper, so kindly sent.
If Sir Harry is very tired, will he not have some sleep before he comes to me.
How is his foot?
Sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

June 21/90
10, SOUTH STREET,
Dear Mr. Morey PARK LANE. W.
Your Telegram yesterday was the greatest relief -
Mrs. Verney told me that Sir Harry had seen Dr. Benson, I suppose professionally- You were probably present- And if you could tell us what was Dr. Benson’s opinion & what his observations on the foot, it would be a great assistance to us -
With many thanks
ever yours sincerely F. Nightingale
July 5/90
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Morey
I send acknowledgments
for your two cheques
with my earnest thanks
to all those who hold
my dear sister in
loving remembrance
and to yourself in
particular. Those wreaths
were a great pleasure
& comfort to me - [I
have paid the Acct=]
And please remember
me gratefully to all
who remember her
& me with her:

Mr. Croft gave me a full Surgical account
of Sir Harry, who has made more progress
under the unremitting care he has received
than Mr. Croft dared to hope. At the same
time Mr. Croft says: “Yet I am as anxious
“as a man in charge of a most valuable
“jewel”. He says that conditionally upon
Sir Harry’s taking care & rest, he hopes
to give him several liberties - [I fear Sir
Harry celebrated his improvement by
standing about with the Nurses]

I need hardly say how much we feel
our great debt of gratitude to you
for your incessant care of him.
I hope Sir Harry will not now be imprudent
Mr. Croft had much conversation with
you, I know. So I need not repeat what
he said.

With kind regards to Mrs. Morey,
pray believe me Yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale
I should like a word from you, please about things.
Does he see Dr. Benson? And does he take enough food?
12/7/90
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Mr. Morey
I was very much obliged
for your note last evening.
And I wrote at once to
Mr. Croft, & have had his
answer -
But still more glad
was I to have your
Telegram this morning,
saying that Sir Harry was
“not inclined” to come to
London at present” - It was
a great relief - I sent it
to Mr. Croft. in haste
yours very sincerely
F. Nightingale

Claydon Aug 16/90
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
Dear Mr. Morey PARK LANE. W.
Thank you very much
for your most lovely Roses -
Would you be kind
enough to give £1 to
Philip Tomes for his Fare &c
on Monday- But if he has
more expences charged to him,
I should like to pay them-
I earnestly wish him
success - I will write to
Mr. Croft, & the Sister of
Edward Ward, to which he
is going -
Sincerely yours
FN
Tomes should be very careful in
getting in & out of the
rail & the Hansom cab X not
to get jarred, or make
a long step too quickly
X F.N.
Perhaps he had better not
take a Hansom

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} [1:407-08]

Claydon 19/11/90
Dear Mr. Morey
I think it is usual under the circumstances
of this family that the livery servants should
be in mourning for 12 months. Perhaps Sir
Harry has some other reason for what he says.
But I do not see myself, as you say new
clothes are wanted, that this should be any
reason for their not being mourning - Perhaps
Sir Harry does not remember the month, tho’
I am sure he misses her every day of his
life. [I was surprised at his saying to me
he should not want any more black-edged paper
a month or two ago] He has not said
anything to me on the subject of the clothes
and I naturally should not speak to him,
unless he did -
I am very glad if the men’s sleeping
accommodation about which he spoke to me
can be satisfactorily arranged.
Every day I have a good Telegram from
Mrs. Verney, tho’ not quite such freedom from
pain as when she telegraphed “spirits riotous” -
But I am afraid it will be a tedious matter
yet
Mr. Fred’s two are making a glorious convalescence

[3]
I am sorry to say Capt-
Verney finds Pau cold
& is gone on to Toulouse
Many thanks for the
splendid Chrysanthemum
Please tell the Gardener
how much I admire it
Yours Sincerely
F. Nightingale
Dear Mr. Morey, Dec 29/90 {printed: at angle} Telegraph, Steeple Claydon, Bucks.
I have tried in vain to catch you this last week to wish you & Mrs. Morey & your children a happy Christmas & New Year - & to send each of my little friends a little Xmas card. God bless you all!
A great deal of our happiness with dear Sir Harry I always think we owe to you. Claydon House, Mrs. Lloyd Verney went directly she had my letter to the Stores, & ordered a flannel shirt according to directions; but alas! we shall not have it till the end of this week -

Would you be so good as to keep one of these £5 Cheques for the expenses I cause you - & for the other give me if possible 4 half sovereigns, £1 in silver, & 2 sovereign (to pay some small Xmas bills)?
I hope Sir Harry is pretty well - He is wonderful to see.

Sincerely yrs
F. Nightingale
Telegraph,
Steeple Claydon, Bucks. Jan 9/91
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Mr. Morey
I think we will say 3.4 train on Monday, please.
Would you kindly change this £20 Cheque for me, please - perhaps a £5 note £2 silver & the rest in sovereigns with as many half-sovereigns as possible, please
Will this give you much trouble?
yrs sincerely  F. Nightingale

Claydon Sept 3/91
Dear Mr. Morey
Would you be so good as to take to-day when you go home, & lay upon my sister’s grave this Cross. [You can take it out of the box to carry it, if more convenient, of course] I believe the Gardener will have made a wreath too.
I have been so very anxious to see you to know what you think about Sir Harry - but I have been so very poorly lately Sincerely yrs F Nightingale
Nov 10/91
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.
Dear Mr. Morey
Please be so good as
to get for me in London
the grapes that Sir
H. will like -
My man will also
send me some presently
I hope Sir H. will
not over tire himself -
But you will take
care of that
yrs sincerely
F Nightingale

26/11/91
Dear Mr. Morey
I thank you for these
excellent Prescriptions -
I am so glad that Sir A.
Clark prescribes Whole
Bread -
Thank you too for the
beautiful Address -
Please post these two
letters in London.
yours sincerely
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Dear Mr. Morey
I think what Sir Harry did yesterday in going to London quite sufficient to account for his state.
Our fears for him have been but too well founded.
Thank you very much for your note -
Would it not be better if he saw Dr. Benson

to-day? Mrs. Verney thinks so too -
We shall all three be better satisfied if he comes - If you think so, will you let Mrs. Verney know?
Yrs sincerely
F Nightingale

11/12/91
Claydon House, (printed address:)
Winslow,
Bucks.
Dear Mr. Morey
I hope our Patient is better to-night with your kind care -
What is the temperature tonight? And did you mean to send for Dr. Benson?
I think the fatigue & exposure he underwent in going to London the day after his fatiguing birth day must account
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for the severe cramp & weakness -
God bless him -
Don’t trouble to answer this in writing
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

12/12/91
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Dear Mr. Morey Bucks.
I am sorry for the inconvenience, which is of course increased by the necessity of taking more liquid than solid - But the worst part of it, namely the lying in wet things will be prevented by your care. I hope his Tempe= is all, right-now-& that he will have a good night now -
We are afraid your nights have been bad -
Perhaps you have heard from Dr. Benson?
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Dec 23/91

{printed address:} Claydon House,
   Winslow,
Dear Mr. Morey Bucks.
I hope to see you to-day
& ask more particularly how
Sir Harry is -
   But I don’t want to
interrupt your skating -
   Could you be so very
kind as to have put up
for me this parcel for
Poona in India to
go via Brindisi by the
Friday mail - [I presume,
tho’ it is Xmas Day, the
mail will go?]
   There ought to be 70 copies.

[If there are more, I shall
   be glad of the surplus-]
I must put in an Invoice
   & direct the parcel_ on
   white paper -
Ought it to be packed
with card board?
&
Thursday evening’s post
   is soon enough for the
Friday’s mail - But
perhaps on Xmas Eve,
it ought to go by the
morning post??
   On Thursday -

Apologizing for the
trouble I am giving you
   sincerely yours
   F. Nightingale
   With a parcel
Mr. Morey
2/1/92
Dear Mr. Morey

Would you be so good as to pay Mr. Payne’s Acct= which I am ashamed to say has come in to me twice - Many happy New Years to you & yours.

Sir Harry’s revival is a New Year’s gift to us. Thank God! yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

10 South St May 10/92
Dear Mr. Morey

It is wonderful the improvement in your patient - And we know how great a debt we owe you. And we are so glad that Mrs. Davidson is there.

I shall send, please God, to morrow, Wednesday, by the tea-train a Cross & a wreath for my sister’s grave on the following day. Perhaps, if Sir Harry does not remember the day, would it be well not to remind him of it?

The things will be addressed to him - But will you be so good as to unpack them? ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
Chicago May 2/93

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

My dear Sir

I have to acknowledge your letter of April 29, which I received yesterday.

May I ask you to be so good as to procure from the Printers & send to me a copy of the revised proof of my article

Pray believe me Yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

Feb 7/94

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

Dear Mr. Morey

Thank you very much for your news of Sir Harry.

I am very much obliged for your paying my Acct= Do I owe you anything else?

I truly hope that your daughter Edith’s health will be set up, by the delightful climate of Las Palmas. It is a great anxiety to have to part with her so far: But, please
God, she will reward
the pains taken for
her - by a great
improvement.

There is the party
too going to Cairo -
I hope there will
not be these storms
for Harry Lloyd Verney
crossing the Bay of
Biscay -

Excuse a short note

& believe me
sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
I am glad you wrote
to Mr. Croft that
Sir Harry’s foot was
so well.
F.N.

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil (black-edged paper)

Claydon Jan 31/95
Dear Mr. Morey
I was so very glad to hear from
Lady Verney before she went to Seaford
how much better Edith was - I trust that
betterness continues -
I am very much obliged to you
for all the kind trouble you take for
me - I think I had better send you a
Cheque - & then you can send me your
Acct- at your leisure, if you ever have any.

You have helped Sir Edmund so
materially at the Lectures - And it has
given immense pleasure to the people
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Claydon Feb 28/95
Dear Mr. Morey,
   Could you kindly get me this Cheque cashed by Friday or Sat.
   £5    Bank note
   £13   gold
   £2    silver
   20
But as I have only sent it you at the last moment, please return it to me if inconvenient to you & tell me how to get it cashed.

Please post this letter for me in London
   Thanks for all you have done for me - I shall hope to see you on your return -
   yours sincerely
   F. Nightingale
I have a book for Edith
Claydon   March 7/95
Dear Mr. Morey
    Thank you for your
letter & Acct-
    I do not see my
debt for magazines to
Botolph Reading-room.
    Please add that you your
Acct-   Yes, please, I
should like of course to
go on with the Magazines
to Botolph, as long as
they like them, or to
order others if they like
them better -

2. I shall be very glad
to write Edith’s name in
Atalanta, if you will
kindly return it to me.

3. Some 8 or 10 days
ago, I wrote by Mr.
Frederick’s desire, to
order a reprint of the
Introduction (in small
8 vo=) to Mr. Fred’s
“Bucks Sanitary Conference”.
By his desire I ordered
500 copies - Sir Hy Acland
had asked me for 100
    Hence the order - And
100 I could do with
myself - And Mr. Fred
wished for some -
    I addressed the letter
according as Mr. F.
desired - I think it
was to
    the Editors
of Bucks Advertiser
    Aylesbury.
And I told him to
    address the Acct- to me
here -
    I have heard nothing
about it since - And
Sir H.A. wants his
copies
Do you know anything
about it? Don’t trouble
if it does not come
in your way - I suppose
I ought to write to
Mr. Fred.
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

10 South St Feb 24/96
Dear Mr. Morey
I am glad that you
intend leaving Edith at
Ventnor "til May". The
spring is the most trying
time for young girls with
delicate chests - And I
don’t wonder that she
seems not to show "so much
"energy". Besides, the poor
darling, I dare say, finds
it rather dull without
her own family. Is she
allowed to walk on the
sea-shore? When I was

a girl, I remember we
could pick up kinds
of shells not common
on the English sea shore
in the I. of Wight -
the Buccinum & the
Mured [?] - But it is
very many years that
I have been obliged
to give up Conchology.
If you would tell
me what sorts of books
she would like to read,
& give me her address,
I should like to send
her a couple of books.
Thank you very much
for your kindness in
paying my bills. I send
£3 to keep you in hand.
And I beg that you will
accept the £5 for
Edith’s expenses.

I had a cheerful
letter from Sir E. & Lady
Verney at Biskra. Lady
Verney is sketching every
day. And they are so
amused with the strings
& caravans of stately
Arabs & all sorts of
camels & asses & horses.

But they already
find the weather rather
hot - But it is the dryness which is so
healthy & delightful -

With kind regards
to Mrs. Morey
pray believe me
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

I return the Receipts you
have kindly sent
You probably like to keep
your receipts. F.N.

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

July 28/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Morey
Thank you for your
note. I know now occupied you have
been about Sir Edmund;
but as he has now a
Night Nurse, & is I
trust better, I hope the
strain will not be so
great on Lady Verney
& yourself.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred left
for Switzerland on Sunday
night & would arrive
last night with the
two little girls.

But what I wanted
to write to you is this:
I have still a hankering
to send you a large book
for a Sports prize.
There is an excellent
Cassell’s History of
England in 8 Vols:
illustrated, which I
dare say I could get

& send you in time
this week: tho’ no
doubt there will be a
great scramble on
the Rail-roads.

Please say what you
like & please mention
how Sir Edmund is –
I thought Mr. & Mrs.
Frederick sadly
wanting a holiday
both of them – Miss
Gwendolen was much

better –
They always gave me
news of Sir Edmund
& Lady Verney

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale
July 19/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Morey,

We have been & are so pressed that I have not had time to answer your letter - I wish the Athletic Sports every success - I hope you are prospering at Verney Junction - I enclose £5, wishing it were more
Please keep £1 for yourself, pay Mr. Milsom’s Bills which you are so good as to pay, if due & give what you please to the Athletics Sports
Two people have written to me - one about the erection of a bell at the Cemetery, if I am not mistaken - & one about an American organ at East Claydon Ch:
I could not give more than 10/ to each - I wish I could. And probably the £5 won’t cover all this. Pray tell me & I will send more

Excuse pencil - And pray excuse my writing in such haste. We are so driven.
I hope you are well & believe me ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Dear Mr. Morey

Mrs. Verney was very anxious that Sir Harry should come back to luncheon here after opening the dinner at Steeple C. Then if he will go to the sports, drive to them with the Miss S. Rices after luncheon -

I should be very glad for him to have a small refection at 12 in my room, if it will not tire him to come before the dinner.

He said he quite enjoyed his small refection at 12 yesterday -

Thank you for your beautiful roses

your sincerely

F. Nightingale

Sept 24

Dear Mr. Morey

Sir H. was very poorly & giddy yesterday in my room - [You were all at dinner, so could not be sent for]- But he lay down on my sofa - had Brandy & a rusk - & recovered. But he still seemed so poorly that I went with him out of my room, tho’ I was not dressed, when he went away. Capt. Verney met him to my great relief, & as I thought understood the state of the case - I sent messages & wrote notes, but somehow no one heard anything till I told Mrs. Verney x at 6- He went a walk with Capt. V. before lunch, when he ought to have been lying down, & I believe a ride after - But I knew nothing of all this till 6 -

I am afraid he is very poorly

He would read the newspaper to me - before this happened

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

x My note to her was brought back to me because no one could find her.

Ruby Innis

Upper Burnab

want Nurses
Oct 3
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE, W.

Dear Mr. Morey

I am very grieved about
Sir Harry, & am almost
glad he has sent for
Dr. Benson - I think we
must discontinue the night
draught for the present -

But I shall be very
anxious to hear from you
what Dr. Benson says of him
I think Dr. B. should know
what fatigue Sir H. went
through at the “Tea” & “Service”
without a proper meal

yours sincerely F. Nightingale

Oct 8
{printed address and text Claydon House, at angle} Telegraph, Winslow,
Steeple Claydon, Bucks Bucks.

Dear Mr. Morey

I cannot think that the “hot
“drink” will interfere with
the “enclosed mixture” - But
I wish I knew what the
“enclosed mixture” is - You
see I don’t - If a great
perspiration were to be
produced, it might
increase the “difficulty”
mentioned. Does Sir Harry
object to a “warm hip bath”?

sincerely yours F. Nightingale
28/10

Dear Mr. Morey

If it is better for Sir Harry to have Mr. Croft at home (that is, at Mr. Calvert’s), I hope you will be able to compass it. Sir Harry wants Mr. Croft to look at his Truss as well as at his foot – This is surely better done at home.

I am writing to Mr. Croft –

God bless all you do –

F. Nightingale

Strength, if possible, which she has not now, to go for a last time for the summer to her old home, Lea Hurst in Derbyshire, which she craves after. We have searched all over Hampstead for a house: in vain: & over Highgate partly. Nothing large enough is to be had so early in the year.

I venture to lay my difficulty before you [We require four bed-rooms on the first floor: or at least three & a dressing room

for I am entirely a prisoner to a couch & a floor, I cannot otherwise be with my mother. It is indeed the sick in charge of the sick.]

I believe I may say that we are good tenants: with good servants: & “no children”.

Pardon me this appeal: remember me most kindly to Mrs. Frewen Turner:
& believe me to be, dear Sir,
ever your faithful servt

Charles Frewen Esq Florence Nightingale
Oct 23/87
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mrs. Robertson

I have been so very much pressed that I have been unable to write.

Is your Truss still not satisfactory when “sitting or stooping”?

Mr. Makins writes:
that he is afraid that when you sit or stoop “the upper “border of the pad is “borne upon by the “abdominal wall, & the “lower edge pressed down “into the thigh.

He does not “think it would “be easy to modify the “pad so as to altogether “prevent this; already “it has been considerably “narrowed.

He thinks your “best plan “would be to come again “to town if “you” find “it unwearable”.

And he “would be quite “pleased to see you again.

“On Thursday, Friday & Saturday” he is “at home the whole “morning”.

He “would like” you “however
“to give the truss a thorough
“trial first, as he “felt
“sure” you “would find
“it irksome”
He “wishes you to let him
know in any case how you
get on with it”.
I earnestly hope that it will
be at last made comfortable.
And I trust you will come
here as before when you
come up to London about
your poor Truss -
Please thank Mr. Robertson
for his very kind letter - And
I was so glad to hear about
the Brotherhood Farm & the
labourers’ better feeling. Sir
Harry likes it -
We have had sad work here,
(pencil starts) nearly all the week, rioting
& fighting in Trafalgar Sq.
& Hyde Park. The conduct of the
Police was above all praise,
temperate & firm. But they are
nearly worn out, patrolling -
We have a strong detachment
mounted & foot, at Grosvenor Gate.
And I feed them a little - So do others,
I believe - But it was a horrible
& degrading spectacle that we
can do nothing better with our
vagabonds & unemployed but
drive them about with our fists -
With kind regards to Mr. Robertson
ever faithfully yours
F. Nightingale
Radcliffe College, paper copies

Radcliffe, signed letter, 3ff, pen

[8:24]

General Hospital Balaclava
May 12/56

I would have written sooner, had I had any opinion to give worth your having. But I have been 1 ½ years away from England, and I cannot therefore give any just judgement upon the state of opinion there now, relative to women undertaking Medicine & Surgery.

So far one can safely say that the first woman who undertakes it will have a hard struggle, & will probably fall the sacrifice, either in spirits or in pocket. - But pioneers must always be prepared to throw their bodies in the breach -

Rather would I ask that pioneer whether she has sufficient confidence in herself that she is the right one to initiate that cause, which, sooner or later must find its way - She must have both natural talent and experience and undoubtedley superiority in her knowledge of Medicine & Surgery (and I would rather be inclined to wish that she might gain her experience elsewhere than in England). She must be entirely above all flirting or even desiring to marry, recollecting that to her, the Apostle of the cause, her cause must be all in all. She must be above all personal feelings, hopes & fears.

A mistake such as ignorance of her profession, using her profession for the sake of social advancement or feminine affection, would wreck that cause for fifty years.

Pray remember me most
affectionately to your Sister, whom I shall never forget -- & believe me, yours most truly, though I have never had the pleasure of seeing you.

F. Nightingale

My time & thoughts are here so more than taken up by almost overwhelming labor that I have not given a particle of either to the consideration of any future scheme for myself, nor have I been able to do so – I thank you for your interest & offer of help, most sincerely in any future work of mine.

May 6/71 7:00 a.m. [8:480-81]

Private

Dear Miss Blackwell

In reply to your note & question, I think, after much consideration, that I hope you will adhere (in your Examination) to the only practical matter: viz. the cruelty of forced examinations – [printed address, on side:] 35 South Street, Park Lane. [Be a woman ever so vicious, she has inalienable personal rights, which none but such idiots as Social legislators would venture to interfere with.]

You kindly say that you wish me to answer only Yes or No: but I do not like to answer No curtly to your further suggestions without at least submitting my reasons to your consideration, as follow: –
1. The Act should go. Government may get rid of its perplexity in a moment by ceasing to interfere beyond its function - For in going out of its way for any unwise purpose, it necessarily becomes & remains perplexed.

2. I am sorry to say the causes of Prostitution are perfectly well known. They can be dealt with mainly only by moral means.
   In distinct cases of seduction, the man, not the woman, should bear all the weight.
   All ‘procuring’ should be felony.
   [The law, however, would meet only the minority of cases.]

3. It is impossible to make ‘voluntary infection’ a crime.
   It would extend to both sexes -- and the animus could never be proved.

4. Compulsory locking up under women is as bad as under men. The great bulk of the prostitute class are not accessible either for locking up.

5. The Police law at present allows the police to clear the streets - and known houses can be shut up.

The only suggestion that can be made is the old, old story -- the one founded on human duty to the erring & diseased i.e. making provision by means of dispensaries & wards under the Poor Law for the treatment of all poor women who present themselves voluntarily --
-- taking means through the Police to inform the poor creatures of the provision made for them --
-- and then let Christian women take their share in dealing with their fallen sisters in the way of gentleness & considerate charity.

The Act has failed in India -- At least it has produced no sensible effect - as you will see in the Annual Report of the Sanitary Commissioner with the Govt of India.

And in spite of Army Medical Dept, it will fail here -
I have written as soon as it was possible --
Excuse me & believe me
yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale
Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge your most kind & gracious letter of -- -- I dare not say how long ago -- & at the same time to ask your pardon for my apparent delay in replying -

I beseech you to believe that this has not been from negligence on my part - & to believe this as it were by "faith" & not by knowledge. For I will not weary you, nor take up your busy time & my own, by explaining how it arose - 1. by my being always overwhelmed with anxious business, from which in 19 years I have had but twice one week’s holiday - & by/ with ever-increasing illness which keeps me entirely a prisoner to my rooms - 2. by the circumstance that the particular subject on which you desire information, - viz. our Training School for Hospital Nurses, has been this year in a state of transition - owing to our being transferred to the new buildings of St Thomas’ Hospitals where the enormous increase of our numbers of all kinds from beds (trebled) to Officers &
space has obliged us to increase & re-organize our Training Staff & arrangements. We are not yet complete.

I had thought of merely writing you a word of thanks & of begging for your mercy till next year when if I live (a matter of great doubt) I might give what you so kindly ask - viz. some account of what has been done for Nurse-training generally - which would be useful, you say, in "directing attention" to it in America - & which in your hands would acquire a value it would not have in mine - provided I had time & strength to show the real wants & practical difficulties without this all my information would but be hurtful as you so well & wisely know.

As you suppose, we are "overwhelmed" with "applications" from Candidates wishing to be admitted for training - but whether of the right sort is quite another thing. We have however, had far more of the 'right sort' recently, than ever in former years. We have always twice as many Probationers waiting to come in than our whole
number.
We are also "overwhelmed with applications" from authorities, foreign & home, from foreign Princesses, (yea from our own Committee which is very trying) asking us to admit persons for a few months’ training, for a few weeks’, nay even for a few days’!!! This would entirely upset the Hospital without being in our opinion of any real use to the Candidates - And if we admitted, which we are more & more confirmed by experience in never doing, for under a year’s training, the Hospital would be inundated with amateur young London ladies, coming in merely for a "lark" or fancy. To prevent this, we are also obliged to be very rigorous in requiring an engagement that the person does mean to serve for at least 3 or 4 years after training.

[As you will readily suppose, the other London Hospitals take our rejected Candidates "for a few months’," a few weeks’, a few days’ training. And this serves very much to lower the standard of training.]
We have even applications from the United States.
Also: we have always far more applications from Institutions to furnish them with Nursing Staffs than we have persons of our own training to recommend. And Institutions have such a strange but rooted delusion that we keep Matrons & Nurses like bottles on a shelf always ready at a moment’s notice that they appear almost incapable of being convinced that it can only be by accident that we have an accomplished "Lady Supt" & Staff ready to send by return of post. These are some of our practical difficulties.

The last is so great & incessant that I am obliged to be perpetually & personally on the watch to see that we do not recommend persons whom we do not know to be fully recommend = able & trained.

It is a specious & very enticing argument, & one often used to us that if we will not recommend ‘one’ for the appointment, So and So (whom we know to be worse) than any of ours, will be appointed.

[As in the Geneva Arbitration, a Newspaper correspondent told the Arbitrators that if they would not give news, he must "invent" some. So I often feel myself in the position
of the Arbitrators - a Nursing
Staff, a "false" Staff will
be "invented," if I will not
give one - But I am too old a
bird to give in to this.]

Have we many Unas? No -
Not many are born:
We have one, for whom I thank
God every day of her life, of
whom I think that, with
all Una’s high moral &
spiritual genius, she has
more of the power of
multiplying herself, - more
system & faculty of
organization.

After having done for a large
new London Workhouse
Infirmary what ‘Una’ did for

the Liverpool, she has now
of her own accord sacrificed
herself in offering herself
for the comparatively
unsatisfactory & far more
drudging post of our
Mistress of Probationers -
the work of the new St
Thomas’ being quite too
much for our Matron now,
derunder whom she will act.
It is about as pure a
piece of (obscure) self-sacrifice
(I know -
And we accept it -
because there are so few Unas.
We have however undertaken for many/some
Institutions & hope to do so
for more -- their whole Nursing.
I should perhaps explain that, in order at once to strike at the root of the fatal error (which Agnes Jones was the very first pupil I ever had who really was in her own person the St Michael to fight), viz.

that "ladies" can teach what they don’t know themselves — that is, that "Lady Superintendts" of Hospitals, or other Institutions, can superintend or train Nurses unless they are at least as well grounded in, as thoroughly acquainted with the practical & theoretical details & doctrine of Nursing,

— not only how it is to be done but why it is to be done that way & not another way — as those under their charge —

in order to oppose this error fatal to all progress in work I was obliged at the very outset to insist that the "ladies" who were of a calibre to be trained as Supts should receive as full a training in Nursing as the others.

[This does not include scrubbing & the like — which we do not require of any of our Nurses, & do not consider desirable for them to do. It includes what is on the List which I enclose *No 6 last page. of accompanying printed document].

But, as there is scarcely any truth without its lining of error, we found ourselves here liable to "fall over the horse"
on the other side -- to wit --
-- Englishwomen, not Scotch women,
of the class which becomes
domestic servants, or Hospital
Nurses, are very much less
well educated than the similar
class in the United States.
These women mixed up in the
same work with educated
women ("ladies") & not
feeling their own inferiority
become conceited - wh: is fatal to progress.
It is therefore necessary to have
all sorts of General Improvements
Classes for these - & also
Devotional but familiar
Meetings. I mean conducted
by a woman & not by a Minister,

Bible=classes, interesting, not
formal, Prayer & Religious
Conversation with their
Mistress - Singing - Classes
& also e.g. a Weekly "Tea," not
expressly for religious purposes
&c &c &c. -

For Hospital Nurses require
more, & receive less, of these
helps than if they were,
as servants, in good domestic
families or if they were at
home.
There is some difficulty in
arranging all this; and a
Matron who only sees
after her Hospital, however
well, will find a grievous
deficiency in her Nurses &
Probationers, if she has
no organization, no one
with a special facility, for
doing this.
But good teachers of children
are rare - Good Matrons of
Patients in Hospitals are
rarer - but the rarest of
all are good teachers of
grown-up women - not
specially in Nursing (that
is less rare) but in all
moral & spiritual gui things.
And this I am obliged to
explain, in order to shew
that, tho’ we are, as you
suppose, “overwhelmed with
applications,” we do not
always get the right sort,
ths’ more than heretofore,
thank God.
It is difficult also for me, --
especially in an old country
where ‘public life’ for women
is less developed, -- to give
anecdotes about the living
which may find their way
into print. The best
don’t like it: the worst
(or least best) are made
more conceited by it.
E. g., had Agnes Jones been
living, I never could have
told anything about her in
print. And I had the greatest difficulty
in preventing her most private letters, many to myself,
from getting into that “Life” of her.
I do not see Agnes Jones in that Life. It is not her.
"And now what more shall I write?"
(as the poor Ranee of Kolhapore
wrote to us after her son’s
death, the young Rajah’s, -
he had travelled in Europe for
the improvement of his States,
& had stayed at my brother-in-law’s.† So she wrote in a
sort of despair - a letter
done up in a (illeg) brilliant silk red
‘étui’ embroidered with gold
& great seals hanging down).
‘What more shall I write?’ I say too
in a sort of despair -
I seem to have written a long
letter to say why I cannot
write - Because I would

not have you think other
than the truth: how very
much I/we value your interest
in our work -
I think that perhaps I could
best show you some of our
difficulties & some of our
aspirations, if I ventured
to send you a copy of a
little address I made to this
little flock which God
seems to have put into
my hands this year.
[I see them one by one, as
much as I am able, to tea
& talk - But I am not
able to be present in their
midst. I therefore wrote
my words to them - And my
Committee had them lithographed.

You see, I promised our flock that you would send them Mr Henry Ward Beecher’s "notice entire" - as you kindly promised, wh: we should value so much.

But it has not come.

I can write no more -

But, dear Madam, I must not conclude without begging you to put your own spirit into this melancholy scribble, written amid countless interruptions, begun at 5:00 o’clock in the morning that I might take time "by the fore lock" - written in pain & weakness --

Like old Richard Baxter, I complain that my "weakness "takes up so much of my time" & that ‘all the pains’ of all my "infirmities" are not "half so grievous" to me as the "unavoidable loss of my time which they occasion," wh: is quite true..

But the bribe you hold out that we "may be of use" to you "in organizing similar movements" makes me wish to do my poor little possible - Your hand must clothe the skeleton And your heart must believe how much I am, dear Madam, ever your faithful servant, tho’ unworthy,

Florence Nightingale
Private United States of America

Mrs. Beecher Stowe
care of the Revd Henry Ward Beecher
Twin Mountain House Brooklyn
White Mountains, New Hampshire
[not FN hand] New York
Florence Nightingale
14/8/72
Harvard University, Pusey Library

unsigned copy of a letter, 2ff, pen, not FN hand

Scutari Hospital

Septbr 18th

1855

Dear Sir

I am very sorry that a press of business, has hitherto prevented my thanking you, as I wished to do, for the interesting book you have been so kind as to send me –

It has been read with particular interest in this Hospital, & is quite in request –

It is valuable to me on that account, & also because it is always gratifying to find that we have friends who think of us in America.

I am sorry to send these brief thanks - but the present state of things in the Crimea makes us more than ordinarily busy.
Pray write to us at Florence, we do not know exactly when we shall be there for we shall most likely not leave Genoa for some days longer, there is so much to see, I hope you will be as much delighted as we are. Au revoir in England if not before. With best love & thanks to Mrs. Wyvill & Lizzy believe me, my dear Henrietta, ever yr affectionate Florence.

My dear Henrietta Pray remember me to your brothers & to all our kind friends at Nice.

You will not lose the pleasure you promised yourself in laughing at us when I tell you that altho' we have not broken our bones on the Corniche, we have been nearly frozen to death for leaving dear Nice. Perhaps however even you have come in for your share of the snow - The drive to Mentone which no doubt you know, is really beautiful, and the little village of Eza before Furbia which your brother told us about, most picturesque. We slept at Oneglia the next night, after as pleasant a journey as disconsolate Parthe & I could have leaving Nice. Conceive our dismay at finding the ground covered with snow - We set forth however & had a heavy snow-shower which just ceased in time to show us the magnificent bay of Alassio, certainly the gem of the Corniche- As to danger on the road, it was nought. The deepest of the torrents about three feet. The only difficult pass that of Finale, the ascent is certainly very narrow, the descent a succession of sharp zigzags on the face of a wall. Never sleep at the inn of Finale in cold weather, even the oil was frozen, and Caroubas form the meat, drink & clothing. I will spare you the description of the glories of the Corniche, the rocks above & the rocks below as you will see them yourself soon - only beseeching you not to go at a time when masses of icicles alternated on the rocks with clusters of aloes. Remember however to see the interiors of the Churches of Finale & Voltri. The village of Bordighera too, on the happy side of San Remo standing literally in wood, (not solitary trees) of palms is very beautiful - Here we are in this city of palaces, but palaces built in such narrow streets that few will admit a carriage, & this hotel, Quatre Nations is the only one which a carriage can reach.
The governor gives a ball every Monday and we have been to one, up long flights of white marble steps with a soldier to the right hand & a soldier to the left on every landing place and we felt, as Beckford says, like Solomons going to give judgment as the crowd gave way before us. Then we made our bow to La Marchesa Paulucci & took our seats in the formal circle of 30 ladies, the proportion to about 150 men, (of whom 100 military) so that partners were in great request. Finally the ball-room, the last of a fine suite of rooms opened & the dancing began but the magnificence was very cold, the people very ugly & the ball very dismally dull in comparison with Mrs. Wyvill's or Mr. Plunkett's. The Genoese nobles are so proud that even two Nissards, daughters of the Commandant here, very nice girls who say that they know you, cannot gain access into their houses. They (the Genoese) will accept invitations to balls but never receive & often do not acknowledge the acquaintance, in return. And though they are very rich, they let their beautiful palaces & live themselves on 2 or 300 a year in the lowest & the worst story. We do not know a great many people - We have been twice to the Opera and such an opera. Not anything in London can rival its magnificence but then everything in Genoa is magnificent. The prima donna comes in as Anna Bolena in ermine & velvet with her pages holding her train & the stage is crowded with attendants instead of the miserable choruses one generally sees. The prima donna acts beautifully but her voice is growing old. As Lucrezia Borgia she is excellent - The churches of Genoa are as rich in their way as the palaces, the walls literally pictura dura, the ceilings all in fresco - Marble pavements and columns are the order of the day & in Sant' Ambrozio you will see when you come an exquisite Guido. San Sero is the bijou of the churches. Goodbye my dear Henrietta, I must leave some room for Parthe, I am sorry not to have anything more entertaining to tell you gay ones at Nice -

C-2 signed letter, 4ff, pen {archivist: 1847} Embley. Oct 12.

Dear Sir [5:653-55]
I am afraid that you must have thought me very ungrateful in returning your books without one word of thanks, but it was the "poverty" of time & not of will "consented"- I read the Phrenological Journal with the greatest interest, & should, if we had remained longer, have ventured to borrow the First Vol, which is, I believe a very good one - But, as we were going away, I was fearful of intruding on your kindness. Dr. Engledue's Essay interested me much,
though I could not quite go
along with him in many things,
concerning "mind" being nothing but "cerebration".
He says that, "in ascending link by link the chain of organic life," we arrive as naturally from the monkey to man, as we did from the sheep &c to the monkey, & that we have no more business to pre-suppose any thing superadded to the organization of man, because he is superior to the monkey, than we have to the organization of the monkey, because it is superior to the sheep. But there seems to me a very great difference, & that there is a gap between the most sagacious monkey & man, which no link can bridge, & which must always be jumped over. Dr. Engledue is himself an instance of it— for he is an example of the progression of the human race, a progress we never see in animals. Sheep & monkeys are the same as they were before the {illeg} Heptarchy, but a Dr. Engledue could with difficulty have been produced in King Alfred's time, when he "would not have had a stool to sit on"— We may spend all imaginable pains in perfecting an individual dog or monkey, but we never improve the race, its children are at last no better than its fathers. Man commits greater mistakes than the animal, it is true, but he learns by them, & teaches again; while the beaver makes no better huts now than
he did before the Flood - he
neither learns nor teaches. No,
there seems to be an inherent
& everlasting difference between
the highest animal & the
lowest man, which defies
Dr. Engledue's chain of links.

Another thing which I did
not quite understand in his
reasoning was that, (in his
admirable directions to us
for reforming & regulating our
poor brains,) he seems almost
to contradict himself in the
assertion that there is nothing
higher than the brain. He says
that "man's actions necessarily
result from his organism" -
then, that he "has the power of
modelling his organism". But
can an organism modify itself?

He refers to the fact that
every function in man is referri-
bale to a particular organ - & then
{illeg} arguing that there can be no
function without an organ - &
then he tells us to modify our
organs - But a liver cannot
modify a liver - the brain must
do that, by using certain means
and what is to modify the brain?
Dr. Engledue tells us that we are
sovereign masters of it, that all
its functions are subject to us,
seeming himself to imply therefore
that there is something higher. You
are sometimes told that there is an organ
of the brain, which generates
will, & sets in action other organs,
but where is the will which
guides the will - what the
organ, which sets in action this organ? Dr. Engledue has only driven it a step further back - And it seems as if about the human Will there hung a mystery which no Physiologist can solve - Though he says that "no manifestation of "any" power whatever is demonstrable in living beings without being referrible" to some cause, i.e. some portion of their structure, he must come at last to a power, the last link, not referrible to any organ, i.e. to action without a cause, unless we refer it to the Great-First Cause.

All that Dr. Engledue says upon the treatment of Criminals as Patients is so admirable that I could not refrain from copying it out a passage in a letter, (which I have just had from Dr. Howe, of Boston,) to show you the coincidence of feeling of generous minds on both sides the Atlantic on this subject. He says that any attention to this subject must lead "to the conclusion that the hue & cry, which has so long been raised by Society against criminals as a class, has served it as the cry of "stop thief" has served many a guilty one, to turn attention away from its own wrong-doings & shortcomings". "You will conclude, he ends, that the "criminal class" has been evolved just as necessarily in the imperfect development of civilization as has the "upper class" & "middle class" &c."
I have written so far, at the
risk of taking up your precious
time from more valuable
occupations, in order to prove
to you that your books
were not unread or wasted by me,
& will now release you, only
begging you to believe me

yours very truly & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

P.S. I took the liberty of writing
in pencil one or two names in
your "Contents of the Quarterly Rev".
but {illeg} I know so little of the
writers in that Revw, that I
was not sufficiently sure of
any others, (except by common
report, to which it is not safe
to trust) to give them - [end 5:655]

C-3 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen black-edged paper and envelope

{envelope}

Mrs. Sutton
Wigthorpe House
W. Carlton

Notts'. {sideways at right end} Florence
{stamp} Nightingale

/53-

Tapton
March 29th=

My dear Mrs. Sutton

I am very much

obliged to you for the

little book which you

have so kindly sent

me, which I shall

value both for its

own sake & for yours,

& also because it was

the last book which

I ever read to my dear

Grandmother- It was

your gifts, I believe - And
I shall never forget the earnest manner in which she responded to & repeated after me the most striking passages. After that, she was unable to listen to any thing else consecutively - passages out of the Scriptures & especially out of the Psalms, (the 23rd was her favourite), she would re-echo, as I repeated them to her from time to time in the quiet nights. But your little book was the last which she was able to hear, before her worst suffering began -

Believe me, dear Madam, with my Aunt's kindest regards,

Yours most truly

Florence Nightingale

C-4 Signed letter, 3ff, pen (black-edged paper) [1:422-23]

Tapton
Easter Eve

My dear Mrs. Sutton
You will rejoice with us, I am sure, that my dear Grandmother fell asleep yesterday morning with words full of trust & love. She appeared to wait for the sacred day for her own release, &
after a week of
great suffering,
which had made
us think that
every hour must
be her last, she
became quite calm
on Good Friday
morning, & went
to rest like a child.
Throughout her
illness her mind
was clear, her
affections strong.

She repeated every
Psalm or Prayer I
ever said to her
after me, adding
to "The Lord is my
shepherd" a kind
shepherd - & saying
no fear - I hope -
pardon - with God.
Mrs. Henry Greaves
& Mr. Chalmers both
saw her & prayed
with her & she
responded fervently.

We were distressed
to hear that you
had been ill after
your visit to her,
but I am sure that
you will be glad to
have seen her so
religiously calm &
to know that your
visit was such a
great pleasure to
her for the last
time -

My aunt, Mrs S
Smith, desires her
kindest regards -
She begged me to write
to you, as she is somewhat worn out, & believe me, dear Mrs. Sutton
Yours most truly
Florence Nightingale

Embley
Romsey
May 22
My dear Miss Frere
I was very sorry not to see you again before I left London, but I hope, when I go to my place, you will allow me to come & ask that advice, which has been already so kindly given to me -

I am now going to ask your advice on a matter of detail -
I have a German widow, who appears to me of high promise as a nurse - She is a woman of education, but is obliged to "go out", in order to maintain a child.
I should have presented her to my
Committee as a Sister,
but, owing to this
circumstance, am
able to do so only
as a Nurse {Nurse overtop Sister}. She
speaks English well,
she was indeed
employed for 2
years as a Sister
without salary
in a Hospital in
the United States.
I went round all
the Hospitals in
London with her
to get her a situation
as extra nurse for
2 or 3 months till
I could take her in
at my place - I
thought I had done
this - but they write
me word that they
will not take a
foreigner now - I
am, above all, anxious
that she should be
in real hard work
till I can take her,
as she is, like most

Germans, inclined to
be dreamy, unless
her sympathies are
strongly excited by
the sight (& I was
going to say the
smell) of the sick.
I could get her
into St. George’s as
a learner, without
wages, if I could but
find her a respec-
table lodging. But
they will not board
her - I can speak
to her trust worthiness,
- high & Xtian principle
& benevolent feeling.

It came into my
head that St. John’s
might take her in,
if it had any spare
room, for 2 or 3
months - (I, of course,
paying the sum
for her board &
lodging which the
St. John’s thinks right).

I thought of
sending her there
to ask the question,

but, on consideration,
deemed it best to
write it best to
write it to you first
& give you this further
trouble, (after all
you have done for
me,) as it may be
quite against the
Rules to receive a
temporary person.

She would, if St
John’s kindly receives
her go to St. George’s
Hospital in the day - & I
should also gain some
knowledge, as to whether
idleness & untidiness which, I fear, are her besetting sins, are really obstacles to her becoming a good Sister. Her address is Madame Therese Forster at Mrs. Chadwick’s 4 Stanhope St Bayswater if you should kindly think of sending her to St. John’s - She is 26. Perhaps you will kindly give me a word in reply & believe me ever yours gratefully & apologetically F Nightingale

C-6 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

1 Upper Harley St 27 April 1854 [12:89-90]
Dear Miss Welch
I think I ought to tell you that I think most seriously of Miss v. Raven’s case, & I should never be surprised, if 24 hours end the scene in this world - She has been since two o’clock yesterday morning in a state of alternate frantic delirium & complete
stupor -
I sent for Dr. Bence Jones & Dr. Weber last night at 11 o’clock & by their orders I was all night pouring Brandy & Laudanum alternately down her throat.
About 5 o’clock this morning she became sensible & asked me to pray in German which I did -
If there are any friends to be let know, there is no time to be lost -
I would not let Madame Lauenstein see her last night because she was then asleep - We are ordered to keep her strictly quiet & in the dark - I therefore should be afraid of letting any one see her -
I have never left her & I am now writing in haste to know whether you think of any friends in Germany to be written to - She may last some time but not likely
Believe me
yours very truly
Florence Nightingale [end 12:90]
1 Upper Harley St
26 May 1854
Madam

The cases to which this Institution hopes to be of service are especially those of operation, & other similar ones, where the first London advice is requisite - which the funds of the Patient are totally unable to meet - I enclose the necessary Papers - & Rules.

You will see that the weekly expense for one room is £1.1 pr week - for part of a divided room 10/6 pr week. It is, however, necessary for an Operation that it should have a room to itself - There is no other expense except the washing of the Patient’s own clothes - No fees are to be given to the Medical Men.

Should the lady you mention have been a Governess, she might obtain
a small grant of money for the purpose from the Governess’ Aid Society, 66 Harley St.
You will see, by the papers, that there is an Application Form, (A), to be filled up by the lady herself, - a Guarantee Form, (B), to be filled up by one of her friends, - a Medical Certificate, to be filled up by her Medical Attendant. These, & two letters of introduction are all that is required.
Should there be any necessity for haste, as there probably is, it being an Operation, I will hurry over all the other formalities, if you will only send the Medical Certificate.
One of the letters of introduction may be from yourself - the other from a clergyman -
I remain, Madam,
your obedt servt
Florence Nightingale
Supt= [end 12:91]
25 Oct
Balaclava Day
10, SOUTH STREET {printed address:}
PARK LANE, W.
{archivist: [1854]}

Dear Mrs. Craven
I have been so busy
that I have not been
able to think or rather
to do about my dear
Godson's books hitherto.

May I take your
hint about Military
books & send him now
___The "Victoria Cross"
which teaches soldier's
splendid gallantry
towards each other & their
country
___Battle of Waterloo
which teaches them how
to win a losing battle

the genius of
the necessity of
attention to details
& the still greater genius
which knows how to
apply these details -
& Mrs. Ewing's two lovely
stories about boy-soldiers

My earnest prayers that
he may make a
hero even among
un-heroic circumstances
-perhaps the greatest
heroes of all are these

May I ask you to give
him the parcel if in
London?
to send it to him wherever he is - & to be so good as to tell me the expence of carriage ever yours & Mr. Craven's sincerely F.

C-9 signed note, 1f, pen [Mary Stanley]

Dearest Will you come & see me? What can be settled without this? Cannot you put Miss Emily Andersen in charge? ever yours F Nightingale

Barrack Hospl December 20.

On back of note, note from M Stanley to My dear Charlotte, 20 Dec, Therapea, re: gives Nightingale’s autograph, tells of rough passage and states the 46 Nurses have suffered much, arrived at Constantinople on the 17th, waiting at Therapea for all to be ready at Scutari [Therapia]

{C-10 - archive’s catalogue states this letter is “missing”}

C-11 signed letter, 1f, pen

Barrack Hospital Nov 22 1854

My dear Sir
   Allow me to thank you for the many occasions in which we have experienced your kindness - & to hope that you will permit {allow overwritten by permit} me five minutes’ conversation with you tomorrow at any time most
convenient to you.  
May I trouble you with three little Requisitions for the use of the Hospital? 
I remain yours truly Florence Nightingale

C-12 unsigned note, 2ff, pen

Scutari Hospital  
10 February 1855

Miss Nightingale presents her compliments to Mr. Milton, & begs to say that she shall be most happy to see him, & to answer every question as to the Purveying Department of these Hospitals, which he may wish to ask - She will also be glad that Mr. Milton should make any notes of her replies, & of any statistics she has on the subject, relating to the wants she has supplied or otherwise - But she does not feel herself called upon to make any formal statement in writing, while treating the subject with perfect candour - The facts will speak for themselves -  
It is obvious that greater simplicity of action & responsibility in the Departments is required than exists - & a greater supervision of that which seems to slip between the Medical & Purveying Depts=

[end 14:139]
May 1855

7 Arrived in the Balaklava Harbour
    landed with Dr Anderson - Genl Hospital
    with Miss K Castle Hospital visited Dr Lawson gave
    him a Nurse Genl Hospital again back to Robt
    Lowe at 8 1/2 found Dr Sutherland talked with him till
    10 o’clock

8 Genl Hospital 91/2 to meet Dr A & Dr S with the
    former & Toyer to Castle Hospital to meet Engineers
    of the {illeg Tiger-settled?} Kitchens back to Genl Hospital
    with To Camp 9 pm 3 Hospitals of
    heavy Cavalry Iniskillin, The Greys, Royals/Drs Macdonald
    Major Wardlaw good Officers
    Head quarters, to find Dr Hall & Lord Raglan
    {illeg & tart Toyer}- firstrate regiment 39th - 55th former
    here Has Col {illeg Morris?} latter worst 39th all hatted
    4th Division turned out to give 3 times 3 - on to
    Cathcart heights mined towers where french & English
    picketts meet dismounted because ground is sheltered

[2]
To northern battery overlooking Sebastapol Harbour
fleets & bay sunken ships - shots & shells whistling
right & left 2 Serjeants of 97th with us - rode back
by Woronzow road though Toaves & Turkish camps
our troops forming every where to go to the trenches
after dark for 24 hours - some by rail
Sevastal magnit town elevated ridge of gorgeous
buildings Dome Church
    a grand Hospital
9th Sir J M Mc Neill & Col Tulloch came to me
before breakfast “Genl” Fielders who was previously
supposed by every one who found him here to
be a non existant personage a myth Mr
Rawlinson & Col Sutherland came packed up things
to send to the Regimental Hospitals - Rowed across the
Harbour with Sanitary Comissns & Toyer to Cossack
bay to the Marine Hospital (Drs Grant & Cap Hamilton)
for the best huts - perfect ventilation a model
twelve wounded— to hold 70 Nurses relieved in
watches 8 watches including 4 doz watches of
2 hours in 24 hours 3 men to the 24 hours
then 8 hours.
Senr Chapn Wright came to me went up
to Castle Hospital with Sany Coms & nurses
settled matters with Dr Dudley & Mrs Stewart
Genl Hospl till 8 P M
10 Rain Dr A came

C-14 not FN hand, signed letter, 2ff, pen

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
November 25th=/55 [14:270-71]

Dear Madam,

I received your note of inquiry about your late Son
Mr= Ellis Jackson just as I was leaving Balaclava for Scutari—
The first time I saw your Son was on going round the wards
in the General Hospital Balaclava. He had been brought in in the morning & was then
lying in one of the Wards
We had him removed into the Officers Ward which contains six compartments nicely partitioned off by curtains. In one of these he was placed and lay till he died. He was always conscious and remained so till
the very last. He prayed aloud
so beautifully that, as the Nurse
in charge said, “It was like
a Sermon to hear him”

He expressed himself to me as
entirely resigned to die. He knew
me & asked to see Miss Nightingale
He pressed my hand when he
could not speak. The last
words he said were “Turn
me on my right side” & we turned
him. He died in the night
He had milk every hour
Arrow Root when he could
take it & Port Wine put between
his lips every quarter of an hour
He required constantly changing
& I took care that he should
have a continual supply
of dry sheets, sometimes

many times a day.

He expressed no complaint
or murmur saw the Chaplain
with pleasure - once spoke
of dying so young, “ but said
that he was ready. & mentioned
his age. He was decently
interred in a burial=ground we
have about a mile from Balaclava
not at the time that the bodies
of those who have died in the
night who are buried all together -
but in the afternoon with a funeral
to himself. One of my own
“Sisters” lies in the same ground,
to whom I have erected a
monument. Should you wish
anything similar to be done
over the grave of your lost
Son, I will endeavour to
gratify you if you will
inform me of your wishes,
    With true sympathy for
your loss,
    I remain, dear Madam
    Yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

C-15 signed letter, 1f, pen

{on an angle} PRIVATE
Barrack Hospital
Scutari
December 8/55
Dear Sister Anne
    I think that you
misunderstood my note
or that I must have
expressed myself very
ill, if you could think
that I “had arrived at
the conclusion that a
private friendship
unfits a Christian for
duty” - Pray tell me
that you did not so
understand what {that overwritten by what} I said.
    With regard to any
arrangement between
you & me, I trust to
talk it over with
you - But I more &
more fear that I
shall be unable to
find you such a
position as you ought
to accept & would like.
    Believe me
    ever yours
Florence Nightingale
Dear Mrs. Trainor,

I deeply regret to have to inform you that your husband, wounded as you suppose, in the thigh at Alma, & brought down here to this Hospital, died here on October 31/54 - just a week after he wrote to you -

He was 20/ in credits to the Pay Master here reckoning to the day of his death, which money you can have by applying to the War Office.

No account of his effects can be given - & doubtless, they were either destroyed, or not brought away at all from the Crimea with him - as happened to so many at that disastrous time-

An Orderly now in my service, of the 7th Fusiliers, recollects your
Husband perfectly, &
gave me an account
of his wound - He died
just before I came
here -

I think that you will
find comfort in the
thought that he was
in his duty -

With true sympathy
for your loss,
I remain-

Yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

C-17 signed incomplete letter, 1f, pen (black-edged paper) Goldie has Mrs Warty?, ref to Private James

Scutari Hospital
Jan 7/56

of an aged mother in
distress, who sent her
three sons to the
Crimean War, of whom
one only survives (who
is now her only child)
the other two having
been killed in the
trenches - Private James
Harty, 9th Light Infantry,
is the name of the
Survivor, to whom I have
written to induce him,
if possible, to send home
a portion of his pay -

Believe me to be,

dear Sir,

Yours faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale
Barrack Hospital
Scutari
Jany. 21st ’56 [14:316]

Sir

I beg to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter
of the 1st of January & to
thank you for the Packets
containing the Yearly Posts
of the “British Workman” &
“the Band of Hope” Review
as well as the monthly copies
of the former publication.
I have not yet received
them, but have no doubt
they will arrive in time -
As you kindly offer
me a choice of a farther
supply of yearly or
monthly posts, I beg to
say that I should prefer
the monthly posts.
With my best thanks
to yourself & to the
friends who are kindly
joining in this contribution
[end]

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedt servt
Florence Nightingale
My dear Miss Wear,

I send you some sheets of the papers we use for our eye-shades, which, if stiffened with news-paper & a little paste, we find answer very well. I have sent for pasteboard - But it is so very long in coming.

I also send

1 Case Eau de Cologne
3 " Tous les Mois
2 " Patent Barley

I think you will find the Tous les Mois with your nice cookery a change for a bad Patient - I have been so extremely busy every day at the L.T.C. Hospitals & never off my horse till 9 or 10 at night that I have been unable to come to you as I wished having much to say -

Today (Thursday) I had purposed coming & will still do so if I can - I am pretty well, many thanks, have a severe cough, owing to being out so late in all weathers - But it was unavoidable -

Believe me

ever yours

F Nightingale
Sir

I am not aware what precisely are the particulars which you desire in your letter of Feb 18.

No 2683, Serjt= Henry Wilson, 30th Regt= left his Regiment in the Crimea Jan 29/55 -- he landed at Koulali Feb 6 -- & died there in Hospital March 14/55 --

The Balance of his pay, amounting to £2.18.2, was transmitted home to the Secretary of State for War, where it may be obtained by any surviving relatives --

I had no personal knowledge of the poor fellow -- for, altho’ Koulali Hospital was under my charge, yet, at that miserable time, I had enough to do without being able, however anxious, to visit every Hospital & Patient --

But I can assure you that he was well cared for -- & that the Surgeons & Nurses at Koulali were most attentive & devoted.

The Serjeant of the 30th who knew him died in the ensuing month to himself -- & the present Serjeant of the 30th here does not remember any further particulars.

We were losing at that time from 70 - 80 Patients daily --

If it is a certificate of his being dead that you want, it can easily be procured at the War Office -- I remain Sir

Your obedt servt

Florence Nightingale
My dear Sir

I fear that you must have thought me very remiss in not answering, before, your kind note of Feb 28.

The fact is that I have been waiting for an arrival of German books & newspapers for your German sick, which shall be forwarded as soon as they come-

I have given Dr. Pincoffs games for them -

I send you this day 2 small Boxes of my best books for your Mounted Sappers - & you will find Chess & Backgammon &c in one of the Boxes - The Books are not quite what I should have wished to send - But at all events there is no trash - Could I but tell the tons of mischief & rubbish which have been sent me from England, (odd Vols of Novels, Treatises on “Midwifery” for the Soldiers, Registers &c &c) you would not wonder that I burn
almost all that comes - I have
had out all my own Private Library,
but that is almost gone -
I do not think the books I now
send at all above the Sappers - if
they do but interest them -
Pray draw upon me for any
thing for your Germans that you want -
Needles, Threads & Tapes
Stationery & Ink
Games & Tobacco
Clothing &c &c
I have kept a kind of General
Store of all things -
And I wish expressly to state
that I am "licensed" by Government -
My Dispatches from the War Office,
which are at any body’s service
to see, expressly authorizing me
to do this -
I remain, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
F Nightingale
G.G. Robertson Esq M.D.

My dear Sir
I made up a very small
box for the Germans today,
addressed to you, which
will reach you with the
other two - making three -
The very few German Tracts
I have put in which I had,
& tho’ I don’t approve of
Tracts in general, these are
all the German books I have,
till I get the arrival I
mentioned to you
A little Stationery &
Cotton & Thread I put in-
The Germans are handy &
thrifty & may be induced
to mend their own garments -
I could send more - Yours very truly
5/3/56
F Nightingale
C-23 signed letter, 1f, pen

General Hospital
Balaclava
June 10/56

My dear Sir
I have sent up some Ice to your Ice-house in the Castle - exclusively for sick purposes. Please not to let it be drawn by any but yourself & myself - There is not enough for after=dinner purposes.

I remain
My dear Sir
Yours faithfully
F Nightingale

C-24 {3 versions of letter: printed excerpt from library catalogue; typed version; and handwritten version}
signed letter, 3ff, pen

General Hospital
Balaclava
June 14/56

Dear Lord Stratford

I feel that, in replying to your letter of June 5, it alone remains for me to express, - as head of the Nursing Department in the War Hospitals, on behalf of the Ladies & Nurses engaged in these, and in their name, the deepest acknowledgments for the Sultan's munificence, which they will appreciate most highly when it comes to their knowledge -

I consider such munificence with less surprise, when I reflect that His Majesty the Sultan has treated the Sick & Wounded of the
British Army as His guests - that they were under His roof - & that the people of England having made some sacrifices for them, His Majesty may graciously have chosen to acknowledge these in the persons of some of the attendants upon these His guests -

When I consider that it is the most gracious manner which could have occurred to a royal imagination to express a Sovereign’s sympathy with a foreign people, after having expressed it to their Queen, I am the less surprised -

In the same light I consider with less confusion His Majesty’s generous recognition of myself, in the gift of the Bracelet -

But I must leave it to your Excellency to express that which I really cannot express, - our suitable acknowledgments to the Sultan for His magnanimous generosity - the more singular because I was wholly unaware that our names could even have reached His ears.

In reply to your Excellency’s question as to how the Sultan’s gifts should be distributed, - as Lord Stratford asks my advice, it appears to me that all I have to do is to give it him.

I would believe that the final arrangements might be left till I return to Scutari, when if
your Excellency will permit me to wait upon you, five minutes’ consultation with Lord Stratford, whose clear views, where even the most trifling details are concerned, would determine these satisfactorily, will, at once, arrange the matter. I shall, now, only beg to suggest for your Excellency’s consideration the following manner of distribution

4. For the Lady Nurses some ornament instead of money - to all alike -

5. For the respective houses of the Roman Catholic “Sisters of Mercy” at Bermondsey, & the Anglican “Sisters” at Devonport, a sum of money - these houses being poor, the individual Sisters unpaid & also unable to accept either ornaments or money - the proportion to be determined by the respective amount of service, & to be greater than that to the paid Nurses.

6. To each paid Nurse a sum of money - the proportion being determined by her length of service - An unusual instance of devotion to her work to be acknowledged suitably - Such Nurses who have been dismissed for misconduct to be, of course, excepted -

7. To the family of each Nurse who has died at her post the sum of money which she would have received - had she survived -
I have given this principle & manner of distribution, as asked for by your Excellency, as the one in which, in my opinion, the Sultan’s intention may be best carried out by your Excellency - Lord Stratford having determined upon the way in which he will give effect to the Sultan’s munificence, I must then make a List in conformity with your Excellency’s decision - when it may also be arranged how the money can best reach those for whom it is intended - [end 14:421]

I have the honor to be
dear Lord Stratford
your Excellency’s obliged & obedt servt
Florence Nightingale

C-25 signed letter, 2ff, pen

My dear Sir
I am distressed to trouble you again.
But I know this day that the D.A. Quarter Master Genl at Scutari is forwarding to me here “a large monument addressed Miss Nightingale Care of Mr. Black Balaclava”

the said Mr. Black being at Scutari, & the
monument being from England -

I have not the least idea what it is - whether it is a mistake for Major Gordon’s Cross, or whether it is really some other monument - possibly for Scutari - as I have ordered several for that place -

Might I so far trespass upon your kindness once more as to ask you to have its arrival reported to you - to ascertain what it is - if not the Cross, some inscription will probably tell for whom & for where it is - And I must impose upon you the labor to decide its destination -

Should it turn out to be for Scutari, would you take the trouble to send it back?

I remain, dear Sir
Yours faithfully & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Balaclava
June. 30/56
C-26 signed letter, 1f, pen

My dear Sir

I was expecting you this morning at 11 o’clock, the hour which you appointed for our business, & was much disappointed not to see you -

Believe me
Yours very truly
Florence Nightingale

11/7/56

C-27 envelope and incomplete signed letter, 2ff, pen

(envelope)
Miss Wear
Monastery Hospital
St. George’s
Crimea

(letter) [2]
One thing more, dear Miss Wear - Forgive me for mentioning how entirely I am compelled to dissent from you as to the adviseability of taking in that poor dying woman x (illeg) into your hut. Had you been alone, I might have thought you imprudent - But I could not have blamed your impulse nor done anything else than sympathize in what I should have done myself, if alone, & have often done when in London, where I kept a Hospital & took in Patients when very ill or insane into my
own private room - But we
Superintendents have no
business to have impulses -
We have Nurses under our
charge - & what would be
right, were we alone, ceases
to be so, when we have
the health of others to be
answerable for. No Hospital
Nurses would be required
to have a Patient in their
room - Among all Sisters of
Charity, Protestant & Catholic,
it is absolutely forbidden -
I would have paid any money
necessary for the comfort of the
poor woman, & you & your
Nurses might have gone to
visit her continually - I know
a woman up there who would
have nursed her, but probably
by this time it is too late -
All we can say is that we
were not sent out by Govts=
for this -
    I rejoiced to hear that
you had change of air -
{following 5 lines crossed out with three diagonal strokes}
    The three Nurses whom
you do not keep will, at
your convenience, go up to
the Castle Hospital where
they are much wanted -
Drake will return to Scutari -
I have written to Dr. Hall
by this post - I hope that
your zeal & devotedness
have not quite “eaten you up”,}
they are the admiration of all who know you
& believe me
ever yours most truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

Thank you for your kind enquiries about my health - I am able to resume a part of my duties in the hospitals
July 28
Since I wrote this, I have had my Balaclava letters - including yours, my dear Miss Wear, which makes me hope you are better - one from Dr. Hadley, & one from Mrs. Stewart - Accordingly to with all these, I think it better that Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Davy & Mrs. Davis should all return to Scutari on

Lea Hurst
Matlock
August 26/56

My dear Miss Wear
I am sorry that you thought it necessary to return the £10 which I certainly wished to have been yours, if it could have been useful to you - I grieve very sincerely for your loss & hope that your health has not been affected by the shock - Many thanks for your kind enquiry after me - I have been much over done by the innumerable trifles of business pouring in upon me on my return when I had been desired to rest -
Believe me,
dear Miss Wear
Yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale

{C-29 - archive’s catalogue lists this letter as “missing"}
My dear Sir

I cannot but be much pleased, if you dedicate your book to me, as a proof from that Scientific & pro-gressive Element, which I so much wish to see introduced into our Army Medical Department, that any assistance I was able to give was not considered presumptuous or interfering.

At the same time, I am bound to tell you that, for the success of your work, I would much rather see it dedicated to some well-known Member of the Civil Medical profession — & that I think each dedication, as you propose, will insure the success of that very scientific element with the Army Medl= Departmt, who want it the most —

I have always declined all dedications for this reason, & now leave you to consider it.

With the most hearty sympathy for you & the cause
C-31 continuation of letter of Sept 9/58 C-46, 4ff, pen, typed copy RAMC 474/1, handwr copy RAMC 1387, seems to be enclosure for C-46

The more I think & inquire into the probable working of Netley Hospital, as originally designed by Dr. Smith, the more difficult does the problem become:

The present practice at Chatham appears to be as follows:

1. There are two Establishments
   - Fort Pitt
   - St. Mary’s Casemates
   in each of which a different discipline has, of course, to be carried out

2. When a ship arrives with Invalids, the bedridden are carried to Fort Pitt, & the convalescents are marched to St. Mary’s Casemates. Both detachments, according to the rules of the Service, are considered to be “in Hospital”.

[1]
[The Invalids at St. Mary’s are passed through Fort Pitt, for the sake of registering their cases].

Fort Pitt therefore contains a certain proportion of bedridden sick & a certain proportion of convalescents, not bedridden - the bulk of the convalescents being at St. Mary’s.

The Sick & Convalescents being at Fort Pitt are under Hospital discipline, which is not a disadvantage, seeing that the bedridden must always be a large proportion -

The Convalescents at St. Mary’s on the contrary are not under Hospital discipline__ but are under a kind of Regimental discipline under the Adjutant. And any defaulters at daily drill are liable to be sent by the Medical Officer to Fort Pitt.

According to Dr. Smith's idea, embodied in Netley, this simple & rational plan appears set aside. And, as all Invalids & Sick are to be placed in the same building, he must have intended one of two things: Either all the Sick & Invalids were to be subjected to Hospital discipline, with its Medical Officers, Orderlies & Nurses in due proportion (33 Medical Officers, 100 Orderlies- & other Servants- plus Divisional Medical Officers) With the sick & dying mixed up in the same wards with Convalescents & men in health, a principle contrary to all humanity as well as to all discipline, he would have committed an atrocity & an extravagance he never
could have contemplated -
   Or he must have separated the
Sick from the Convalescents & Healthy
& treated them by themselves in
separate wards.
   The Chatham experience has fully
shewn that there are two distinct
classes of cases, requiring two distinct
kinds of discipline & management.
And as both of these classes are to
be placed under the same roof at
Netley, it will be necessary for the
sake of economy to place them under
different discipline. The Sick with
their Orderlies, Medical Officers &
Nurses would, I think, be most
economically & humanely administered
in a part of the building specially
provided for them -
   And the Convalescents, not
requiring constant Medical attendance,
might be put under a different
scheme in another part of the
building.
   If this be not done, there would
in all probability be a great outcry
at the enormous & unnecessary cost
of carrying out Hospital arrange-
ments for (say) 1000 sick, of whom
only 150 are sick in bed.
   The disadvantage of such a
division of Sick from Convalescents
would be at the same time enormous.
Because you would have, in fact, a
Barrack & a Hospital under the
same roof. If the thing had to be
done again, the most economical
as well as the most rational way,
as it appears, would be to have a
building separately organized as
a Hospital for Sick, & the great
[2]
Netley Establishment to be confined to Convalescents & men able to walk about, placed under special but not Hospital discipline.

It is not likely, however, you will ever get a separate Sick Hospital- And the problem therefore narrows itself into this:

how best to obtain a Hospital accommodation & arrangements in one part of Netley, & Invalid Depot discipline in another.

The end wards might be used for Sick & cut off by doors from the remainder of the building- or a flat, which holds about 150 beds, might be set apart.

The subject is a very difficult one - And, so far as I can see, the practical objections to Netley as an Invalid Depot, (altogether apart from its site & structure,) are as great as they are against it as a General Hospital-

The country has been landed in an irretrievable mistake - and a very expensive mistake for its pocket too. [end 16:312]
My dear Sir,

I have been desired to send you a copy of your own “Instructions” (for France & Belgium,) in case you should not have kept a copy by you - Mr. Herbert will probably examine upon these heads to morrow, & examine upon facts, not opinions, at this sitting -

faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

29 Burlington St
June 14/57
My dear Sir

Why do you not ask in Commission the question of Sir J. Hall to day by whom was the ground chosen for the Camp of the Light Division at Devna?

Yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

June 22/57

I wrote to Mr. Herbert in the sense in which we agreed about the Warrant - also about the Medical School, of which I heard very bad news yesterday. Can you hear what stage of its progress it is performing?

I have sent corrected copies of the "Regulations" to Dr. Farr, Dr. Sutherland, Mr. Herbert - Otherwise I have kept them quite quiet - Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

P.T.O.

I have not yet received Copies of the Diet Rolls from the Printer, which, as soon as they come, are to be forwarded to you for trial -

F.N.
June 26/57
My dear Sir

I am very sorry that incessant employment has prevented me from thanking you sooner for your very kind letter -

I rejoice that that which was meant as a mark of regard, rather than as a testimony at all commensurate with your exertions in a cause, to which you had so freely devoted yourself, should have been a source of satisfaction to you.

All who have been witnesses to these exertions concur in their estimate of them.

And I should indeed feel overpowered in offering you my thanks, if I had to consider your efforts as having had reference to myself personally. But I am well aware that your incentive has been the hope that the Fund, which you have so largely contributed to raise, may be an instrument for usefully employing numbers, hitherto, unfortunately without congenial occupation - I hope
that it may be so, in course of time. I am very anxious, however, that sanguine expectations may not be formed as to what I may be able to accomplish - For the present, my time is entirely occupied with objects, not unconnected with those which are proposed to me, but more immediately bearing upon my late occupation. I feel now, as if health & strength were too much exhausted to allow me to undertake, satisfactorily to others or to myself, any new course of duty. If it be granted to me to regain them, I desire to do my best -

May I beg Mrs. Hall & yourself to accept my very earnest acknowledgments for

I have just received a very kind note from Mrs. Hall herself - My sister will write to M. Goldschmidt, to whom I know how much we are obliged - I should feel it a great honor to make Mme Goldschmidt’s acquaintance next year, if we are both spared so long.

I trust that you will allow me to see you & Mrs. Hall before you leave England

F.N.
My dear Sir,

Could you look in upon me at 10 o’clock to morrow morning, Wednesday? and if you could bring with you any of your valuable Note= books, which would help us with DATES, in Bulgaria & the Crimea, so much the better -

Yours faithfully,

F. Nightingale

Sir

I have not yet been allowed to leave my room, from illness -

At the same time, I am so deeply interested in the fate of Netley Hospital that, should you be about to stay some few days longer, I should be glad, if you could propose the latest day you can, to see you on this subject as you suggest -
I believe that we shall find that our opinions entirely agree in this matter, although mine are only practical & yours are scientific – I enclose a copy of some Evidence lately given by me before a Commission, & have placed a paper where it touches the point of Hospital Construction. I should be glad, if you have time, that you should glance over it, & will ask you to return it to me, & to consider it “Confidential” till the Blue Book comes out –

I remain, Sir,
faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

Burlington St.
3/11/58
Messrs. Harrison
Please to send by this day’s post a copy of my Précis (both Vols:) to the Honble= & Revd= S. Godolphin Osborne Durweston Blandford
Please to write the word “Confidential” (not immediately over the top word of the Title, where it looks like part of the Title, but) nearer the right hand corner & in a larger hand & UNDERLINED
F. Nightingale
Mssrs. Harrison:

Please to send by this day’s post a copy of my Precis (both volumes) to the Honble. and Revd.

S. Godolphin Osborne,
Durweston,
Blandford.

Please to write the word “Confidential”
(Not immediately over the top word of the title, where it looks like part of the Title, but) nearer the right hand corner and in a larger hand and underlined.

F. Nightingale

My dear Sir

We enclose your proposed Diet Tables, with Dr. Christison’s Letter, which we shall be glad, if you will return, as soon as you have done with it.

We should be glad if you would kindly consider the whole subject over again, and write out the
scheme of Nine Diets in full, stating in each case what the Patient is to have for breakfast, dinner, tea or supper - in short, to completing the Scheme of Diets & preparing it for the press -

Also, to adding at the end such general Instructions at the end as you may think requisite for the system of dieting in Field Hospitals.

If you think it impracticable to draw up a scheme of Preserved Provisions for the purpose, will you look at Soyer’s Diets for the Crimean Hospitals, & consider whether they would be generally applicable for Field Purposes, with or without alteration? And, if so, whether it would be advisable to introduce them by way of information or of Regulation?

Will you be kind enough to return the whole M.S. here as soon as you can? [end]

Believe me very sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

(letter continues next page)
Pg. 2. “its structural” instead of “the said”  
line 8 from bottom

P.3 5 line from top. Insert “for 230 sick which is about the proportion of bedridden Patients to Convalescents able to walk about, derived from the experience of the Chatham Invaliding Establishment”

P.3 middle of page  
Instead of “6”, put “4”  
Instead of “1 for 100 sick”  
“1 for 100 Invalids & Convalescents”

line 3 from bottom  
Instead of “Or” put “Containing”

P.4 line 3 from top  
omit “However”

P.5 top line  
omit “However”  
omit the recommendation about “ventilation & warming”. The Netley Committee would not sanction it but left it to be settled between Mr. Mennie & Mr. Ranger.

Before you complete your Estimate of Orderlies for the Sick End Wards of each flat, consider how you could divide the
sick, distributed thro’ 
three wards, in tens, 
& whether in the 16= bed 
ward, for instance, you 
would not need to 
have two Orderlies, & 
the same in each Ward 
of above 10 beds – There 
are, I believe, in the 
End two wards of 12 
& one ‘ ’ ‘ ’ 16

C-39 signed letter, 1f, pen, to Thomas Alexander, typed copy RAMC 454/1

May 5/58 [14:558]
My dear Sir
Would you take the 
trouble to read the 
enclosed from Dr. 
Christison & to see 
whether you would 
make any modification 
in consequence in 
your own Draft, 
which I enclose?
Perhaps too Dr. 
Burrell may have

proposed something 
fresh –
If you could 
meet Dr. Sutherland 
here tomorrow 
morning at 11, 
you could talk it 
out with him.
And the thing might 
be settled at once. [end]

Yours sincerely 
Florence Nightingale
C-40 signed letter, June 28, 1f, pen [arch: To Card. Newman but to Manning]

30 Old Burlington St.
June 28
Do you, by chance, know what are the means & what the conditions of obtaining admittance for a lost child into the Hammersmith house of the Good Shepherd? There is no time to be lost. It is a miserable girl of fourteen & I have no Catholic friend in London - I make no apology for troubling you - for you are now, like our Lord, dedicated, I know, to saving the world - Florence Nightingale
One word of answer to this is all that is necessary.

C-41 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.
July 6/58
My dear Sir
We (which, in my language, means the troops & I) have business to= night - which, I am afraid, will prevent me from having the pleasure of seeing you. - Between 12 & 2
to=morrow (Wednesday)
I should be free -
But, if those hours
are inconvenient to you,
it might be perhaps
just as well to
postpone your visit
till NEXT Tuesday,
when I shall be
able to behave more
like a reasonable
being; that is to say,
attend to your orders.
Believe me to be
very faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

C-42 signed letter, 3ff, pen

Private {up diag}
30 Old Burlington St.
W.
July 12/58
My dear Sir
As I know that
Mr. Herbert desires
you to be kept au
fait of any thing
we may do, I think
I had better enclose
to you (confidentially)
a Proof of a Letter
which is to precede
the “Regulations”, &

which you will see
(not confidentially)
in a very few days.
Also, a privately
printed paper of
“Remarks on the
Report of the Netley
Committee”, which
“Remarks” have been presented
to Genl= Peel but
have not yet been
laid before the House.
And, till that is
done, it must be strictly private -
It has been fathered
by Mr. Herbert,
Dr. Sutherland,
Dr. Burrell &
Capt. Galton - and
was enclosed to
Genl= Peel with a
private letter from
Mr. Herbert, to try
to obtain a General
Hospital & Medical
School at Aldershot.

_ in order to leave
you the option of
sending Invalids
either to Netley
or Aldershot, as
might appear
desirable -

The practical &
eventual result
may very likely
be that you will
choose to send
9 tenths of all
the Invalids from

abroad to the
Aldershot Hospital
& all the
recipient Consumption
cases from home
stations to Netley.

But this is
strictly for your
own private
information
Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
July 26/58
My dear Sir
I received from the Printer on Saturday the "Regulations". I immediately forwarded to Genl= Peel 2 Copies, with 2 Copies of the "Statistical Report", and a letter from Mr. Herbert, requesting that the whole should be considered

as a whole, & not picked to pieces by minutes, and that all disputed points should be referred to you for explanation till his (Mr. Herbert’s) return.
I also forwarded to you 2 Copies.
I now send you a corrected Copy -
I did not correct the 4 Copies above
mentioned (sent to you & Genl= Peel) because, as all the misprints were unimportant except one, I thought it better not to risk the recognition of my hand at the War Office. The one important misprint is at P. 26, where a note of Mr. Herbert’s printed into the text makes it nonsense -

At P. 126 too Form M has been printed Form N.

Being in hopes that these Regulations may possibly, even yet, be referred to you for explanation, before Mr. Herbert’s return, I send you this corrected copy.

Perhaps you also may be able to jog the memories of the Minute-Makers in the matter.
My dear Sir

The Shorncliffe

Return was duly received - And now we are going to ask you to give us some further Returns - I enclose a Note from Dr. Sutherland on the subject -

Thank you also for sending me Dr.

Smith’s two fat Vols: which I have glanced thro’- He has written his own character - (or biography - or epitaph) in the Prefatory page - He says he wanted a precedent-(-Had he no invention?-) to encounter the Crimean War with - Did he not know that the Commissariat precedents
of the Peninsula were
our worst stumbling=
block in the Crimea?
& would not Sir J.
McGregor’s medical
precedents of the
Peninsula, had they
existed, have been
his worst guide
for the Crimea?

If the two years’
Crimean War required
a correspondence,
of which the Précis
(only) occupies two
thick folio Vols:,

the best “precedent”
it affords to his
successor (in any war)
is to put it in the
fire - This is at
least, I think, is a
safe conclusion.-

Sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
My dear Sir

I have read all
the enclosed - I think,
with regard to the
two Copies, there is
scarcely a word
which could be altered
for the better - I think
you should let Mr.
Herbert see them
when he comes back.
He will see how
efficiently you are
carrying out the

spirit of your Royal
Commission - He will
see that your
Department cannot
now be slighted by
the War Dep., as it
once was - & that
there is every prospect,
with such a head
to the Army Medical
Dep., of carrying all
the reforms desirable.

The only words I
could have wished
left out are in the letter
of Aug. 28. (under No=3.)
“and be the great
“Invaliding Establishment
“for the Army”. It is perfectly true, but it might lead them to put the School at Netley. However, this is a hyper=criticism.

With regard to your Draft Letter, I have thought over very attentively your conversation with Dr. Sutherland last night. It is to be considered that you are asked
to make arrangements for a thing whose arrangements you disapprove. Also, to construct a scheme of government for a thing which is entirely new, viz. an Invalid Establishment - the Invalids & the Sick from among the Invalids never having been before under one roof - To do this will require a great deal of consideration - It
seems to me that what you want for your information is
1. Present No= of Invalids at Chatham
2. Present No= of Sick in Fort Pitt from among Invalids
   The same for Yarmouth.
3. The total average Invalids
4. Total average Sick from among Invalids.

Then
No= 1. Average No= of men not confined to bed
No= 2. Average No= of men confined to bed

On No= 1 to scheme a plan of government & discipline
On No= 2 to scheme a plan of government & MEDICAL & other attendance
For No= 2 will be a Hospital, & No= 1 will be a lodging=house, altho' under the same roof.

Then to find the number of Medical Officers required to visit Invalids in St. Mary’s Casemates, & who perform no other duties -
Or the number of Medical Officers who would require to give their whole time to visiting
St. Mary’s Casemates.—
On these data I
would frame my scheme.

Note: I have never thought
of the subject before —
But it seems to me
that, for the Invalids,
one Medical Officer
might inspect 100,
& from 2 - 4 Orderlies
do for each flat —
The four two ends on each
flat for sick I would
mount exactly on the
footing of a Hospital.
But it would be
impossible to frame any
scheme till you have

the foregoing data —
As far as getting
Netley abandoned goes
I would send your
Draft Letter as it is,
for I think it will
frighten the War Dep —
But this would hardly
be fair

On the whole, I
think that, under
your administration,
there {you overwritten by there} may ultimately
be the greatest blessings
to the poor soldier that
ever were {was overwritten by were}, even thro’ the
means of Netley. For
you will take care that your Medl- Officers report to you all the incipient pulmonary Cases from every where - And these will, if sent down to Netley, derive the greatest benefit -

Meanwhile, it is necessary to consider it as an Invalid Establishment - & to consider it as the Invalids being the rule, & the Wounded from foreign wars the exception

Yours very truly

F. Nightingale

30 Old Burlington St.  
Sept 9/58

My dear Sir

I enclose what I have been thinking about the organization of Netley for your consideration -

But, as there may be, & most likely is, error in it, I shall make no attempt to found any scheme of organization upon it, (as it might prove wrong or extravagant), till I hear from you

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[C-31 is a continuation of this letter]
C-47 signed letter, 1f, pen, to Thomas Alexander, typed copy 454/1

30 Old Burlington St.
Sept 12/58
My dear Sir

I think your Letter
says all that it is
possible to say, in
the matter of a
construction which
you do not approve.
I enclose a few
unimportant sugges-
tions. There are pencil
marks in the Letter
at the places to which
they refer - Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

C-48 signed letter, 1f, pen

30 O. Burlington St.
Oct 30/58
Messrs. Harrison

Please to send 6
copies to me of my
Précis (both Vols:)
to day.
Please to send
me the number of
copies of “Diagrams”
(sent to me the other
day, but without
an Invoice) -

Florence Nightingale
Dear Sir

Although I can scarcely suppose that you will remember me, yet I venture to hope that I may be allowed to send you a copy of my Report to the War Office? It is an old story now - But the good sense, the unalterable patience, the heroic simplicity of our men can never be an old story.

If you have not time to read it yourself, which perhaps I can hardly expect, may I ask that you will not let any one else read it? It has not been laid on the table of
the House - And therefore it must not lie on any other table. It is, indeed in no sense a public document but strictly a "Confidential" one - I think there are some points in it which might interest you, and therefore I take the liberty of sending it. faithfully yours Florence Nightingale

C-50 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St W 22/11/58 [14:985]

Mssrs. Harrison
Please to send copies of my Précis (both Vols:) to the Very Revd the Dean of St. Paul’s Deanery St. Paul’s

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to Colonel Haly C.B. Commandt. 47th Regiment Camp Aldershot
to Thomas Turner Esq
Treasurer’s House
Guy’s Hospital
S.E.
------
to Major General
the Lord Rokeby
1 Upper Berkeley St.
------
The Revd= Henry Bunsen
Vicarage
Lillieshall
Newport
Salop
------
The Revd=
F.D. Maurice
5 Russell Sq

The Revd=
J. T. Giffard
Long Ditton Vicarage
Surrey
------
John Roberton Esq
Manchester
------
John Conolly Esq MD
The Lawn House
Hanwell
------
Colonel Walker C.B.
45 Upper Seymour St.
& to
Lt General
Sir W. J. Codrington M.P.
110 Eaton Sq.
------
with the “Confidential”

written in a large
hand near the
left right hand
corner, top of every
Vol.

[yours faithfully]
F. Nightingale
C-51 signed letter, 1f, pen {smaller, different hand in top corner:}

My Monckton Nurse
I should like very much to see you at 1 o’clock tomorrow, if that hour would suit you.

Yours ever
F Nightingale
27/11/58

C-52 copy of signed letter, 1f, typewritten

30 Old Burlington St.
London [W] 30/11/58

Dear Sir

I believe that it will interest you to see a copy of a certain private Report of mine to the War Office - & therefore I send you one, only premising that it is really “confidential” & that therefore you will be kind enough, I am sure, not to let it lie upon your table nor to let anyone else see it. It has not been presented to the House of Commons therefore I am obliged to be thus cautious. It is no sense public property. Believe me, dear Sir,

Very faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

{archivist:} In 1857 she issued an exhaustive and confidential report on the workings of the Army Medical Department in the Crimea. Next year [1858] she printed “Notes on Matters affecting Health, Efficiency, and Hospital Administration of the British Army.” The letter may refer to this latter report. Her “Notes on Nursing” appeared in 1860. [Collection of Captain F.L. Pleadwell]
Jany 7th/59

Mssrs. Harrison, would you be so good as to send copies of the “Sanitary Contribution &c” to

Philip Holland Esqre
Burial Acts Office
5. Old Palace Yard
Westminster

& to Thomas Baker Esq at the same address

also to
Sir John Richardson CB
Inspector General of Hospitals
Lancrigg
Grasmere

C-54 signed note, 1f, pen

London March 7 1860
Please to pay to the account of Miss Beatrice A. S. Smith for the Lea School the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds (£500).

Florence Nightingale
C-54a signed cheques dated May 21 - December 17, 1860, 8ff, pen

{sample printed cheques:}
No. B60151  London  May 21  1860
The London Joint Stock Bank
WESTERN BRANCH 69, Pall Mall
Pay to Joseph Adshead Esq or Bearer
the Sum of Ten Pounds 0/0
Florence Nightingale
£10. 0. 0

{Other cheques to:} Mrs. Barrie, Ladies’ Sanitary Ass., Garibaldi (for wounded), Grainger Testimonial Fund, Mrs. Clough, Mr. Rouse, Mr. James Lewis, Mr. F.I. Williams, Mssrs. Bickers & Bush, A. Jackson Esq., Mssrs. Eyre & Spottiswoode (2), Miss B.E.S.S., Sir John McNeill

C-55 signed letter, 3ff, pen (black-edged paper) [5:164]

30 Old Burlington St
June 12/60
Dear William Coltman
I think you used
to know Spitalfields
very well; or, at
least, Mr. Vivian
(the Revd=) of St.
Bartholomew’s in
Spitalfields Bethnal
Green.
Some weeks ago,
the distress of the
Spitalfields weavers,
& their wish to
seek labor elsewhere,
was very urgently
represented to me.
In consequence
of this, I opened
a correspondence
with the Lancashire
Masters - And I
have offers of work
enough to absorb
the whole of the
starving Spitalfields
population -
But, (mainly as
I think, in consequence of the want of business habits of the "Devonport Sisters of Mercy", who were my first informants, - nothing has been organized at this end, for the transference of this starving population - who, according to the "Sisters' " account,

(which I do not believe,) prefer now silk & starvation to cotton & food.

Now, if Mr. Vivian is a business man, & knows Spitalfields families who would like to go into Lancashire, & if he would furnish me with Lists, - I would furnish him with the demands of the Lancashire Masters (at Blackburn, Bacup, Accrington & elsewhere) who are willing to pay the journeys of the families down, find them with lodgings &c & work

yours sincerely

F Nightingale
London
August 18
1860
I learn from you
that a lady named
Contessa Galasco Martine
& now calling herself
Contessa della Torre,
has been collecting
money at Palermo
for the Wounded -
& claiming to be
employed in the
Hospitals, on the
ground that she
and I “were the
organizers of the
Hospitals in the
Crimea”.
It appears that
Dr. Ripari, Head
Physician of the
Army of the South
in Sicily, has declined
to give her employment
and objects to her
receiving money.
I think it to be
my duty to say that
this lady never
served (in any
way, directly or
indirectly,) in any
of the British War-
Hospitals in the
Crimean War -
and that I am
not aware that
she had any
connection, direct
or indirect, with
the service of the
French or Sardinian
War= Hospitals in
the same war.
You are at
liberty to make
any use of this
statement which
you think desirable.
Florence Nightingale
Madame Schwabe

C-57 Signed letter, 2ff, pen, prob to Schwabe

Aug 18/60
Dear Madam
I send the two
Vols: of Macaulay's
Miscellaneous
Writings, which
I hope are those
you intended. They
are directed to
Baron de Bunsen
I also send
the packet, marked
"Confidential", which
you were so good
as to say you
would give to
Madame Bunsen
(with the enclosed
letter to her,)
when she was
with you ALONE
It sounds
like a conspiracy
But it is a
very innocent
one -
Thanking you for your great kindness,
I am ever
Yours faithfully & obliged
Florence Nightingale

C-58 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
Sept 1/60 [15:382-83]

Dear Sir
I am extremely indebted to you for your kind thought of me in sending me your most valuable work on disease in India. The opinion of all those, whose opinions are really worth having on the subject unite in testifying to its worth & completeness -
Would you do me the favor of accepting a copy of the new Edition of my little book on Nursing - and you will much oblige
Yours faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale
C. Morehead Esq MD
All who were interested in the
Army Medical School
deeply regretted
your refusal to
accept the Medl=
Professorship, as
an irreparable
loss to the efficiency
of the School. [end 15:383]

Have you heard
anything farther
from Dr. Maclean
since the letter
you forwarded to
Sir James Clark?
F.N.

C-59 signed ‘note’ (or cheque), 1f, pen

London November 1 1860
Messrs Glyn & Co
pay to Messrs Day or Order
the Sum of Seven Pounds 10/0 {stamped across cheque at angle: UNION BANK
LONDON}
£ 7. 10. 0 {second line of stamped text illeg}
Florence Nightingale
{stamp with F.N. initials on top of text to left of her signature}
PAYABLE ON DEMAND OR RECEIPT
ONE PENNY

C-60 signed letter, 1f, pen {round insignia at top of folio & placed on top of
a square, turned sideways}

Dear Mr. Dawson Mama is
unexpectedly come back from
the country, not having
found her Sister at home.
She is very sorry to have
troubled you and will
gladly take the 3 tickets.
Yours very truly
Florence Nightingale
30 Burlington St.
Monday
May I send you a copy of my Statistical paper with the additions proposed at last year's Congress? and a copy of the last Editn= of my little book on Nursing (for working people) with a chapter on "Minding Baby" suggested to me by a National Schoolmaster.

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

My dear Sir

I often receive letters like the enclosed but seldom one so explicit -

Of course the only information which could serve this poor woman would be the Medical record of the Post= Mortem examination.

Do you think
you could, without
too much trouble
to yourself, put
me in the way of
obtaining the
official record
of this, if it
exists?

_Serjt= Walker_
3rd Batt. Grenadier Guards
died at Malta
I suppose in 1855 or
1856 - But unfortunately
she does not seem
to know the date -

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

C-63 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
W.
March 15/61
Dear Mrs. Walker
I am sorry to say
that, after the most
minute search, nothing
can be found in the
records of your
husband’s death
which can in any way
assist your claim.
I cannot see how,
if I had been in
Captain Fishbourne’s
place, I could have acted otherwise than as he has done -

   There is nothing to shew that Serjeant Major Walker’s death was in any way connected with his Crimean Service -

   No one will take the same trouble with your case, as I have done, in having old Returns hunted up - And therefore I am afraid you must rest satisfied with the assurance (which I am very sorry to give you) that no plea can be found on which to support your claim-

     I would gladly have seen you, but that my health now prevents me from seeing any one or doing anything but what the most urgent of my many occupations requires

     I have (besides) nothing more to tell or to advise you -

     I remain sincerely yours

     Florence Nightingale
May 23/61

Dear Mr. Whitfield

Thank you very much for your great kindness in facilitating Mr. Clough's absence. His wife & Mr. H. B. Carter have telegraphed to him to the effect that an arrangement has been made—

I think it most kind of you to offer to accompany Mr. H. B. Carter before the "N.f." Committee, which indeed I believe to be the only way by which he could do the work—

I quite agree with you, tho' I was not aware that Mr. Clough had come to that conclusion, that to register the Nurses (& not to give them at first a certificate to carry about) is the better & safer plan—

I shall be very glad to see you & Mrs. Wardroper, as you so kindly propose, on Friday (tomorrow) Would it be convenient to you to come & take luncheon here together about two
o'clock? - and then we could talk over things afterwards

Believe me
Sincerely & gratefully
Yours
Florence Nightingale

C-65 signed letter, 1f, pen

Hampstead
London NW
Aug 10/61
My dear Madam
I send by rail (today) my paper with Forms & Plans, for the "Public Health" Section- My paper is very short. I have requested Dr. Lyons to read it.
Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Miss Craig

C-66 signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper}

9 Chesterfield St
W.
Ap 26/62

Sir
My reason for not answering sooner your kind note of April 2 is that I have been & continue to be very ill.
It is most desirable both for private houses & for Hospitals that every effort should be made to improve (& to improve cheaply) porcelain sinks &
baths. If you would like to send a specimen of each kind to this house, & allow it to remain for 24 hours so that I may be able to look at it when least unwell, I should be very much obliged.

Yours faithfully
F Nightingale

C-67 signed letter, 4ff, pen (black-edged paper)

Hampstead NW
Aug 15/63
Dear Lady Monteagle
Knowing how often & how kindly you have interested yourself for me & mine I venture to send you a paper of mine, printed in our India Army Sanitary Report, which is out at last - Would you ask Lord Monteagle to order for himself
(from the Clerk of the Ho: of Lords) a copy of the two folio Blue Books of the said India Army Sanitary Commission?

“By mistake” Sir C. Wood (so he writes) presented to the Ho: of Commons, not this which is the complete Report & Evidence, but a paltry 8vo= containing nothing but the Report & a Precis of Evidence, simply ludicrous from its incompleteness -

“By mistake” the type of the complete work has been broken up.

“By mistake” it is not to be sold at the Parly= Depots.

We have obtained that 150 of the two= folio Blue Books (100 to the Ho: of C. 50 to the Ho: of Lords) should be sent to the Houses of Parliament. But they are to be given to those members
only who apply for them.

We have also obtained, & with great difficulty, that orders be given at the Sale Offices of Parliamentary papers to refer any one who wants a copy to a Mr. Baker (Burial Acts Office 4 Old Palace Yard S.W.)

It is of course of the greatest importance to us that the few copies of what is already a very rare book, should be in the hands of good men for future reference.

Even before the Session was up, Sir C. Wood attacked our Statistics in the Ho: of C.

Now our Death rate is actually under stated.

What we venture to hope is that Lord Monteagle will give us his support,
if he thinks fits, in pressing upon Govt=
the immediate
carrying out of the
recommendations of
the R. Commission -
especially & principally
the appointment of
the three Commissions
in India, one for each
Presidency, & of the
home advising
Commission, attached
to the India & War
Offices, to bring our home
experience of Sanitary
works to help the

Presidency Commissions.

Any M. P.s or others,
whom you could
induce to get the
complete Report,
(in the respective
ways indicated,)
would strengthen
our cause. [end 9:241]

Believe me
dear Lady Monteagle
ever yours gratefully
F. Nightingale

{archivist: Florence Nightingale Indian Sanitary Report Aug /63}
C-68 signed letter, 1f, pen

The little pamphlet enclosed shows the practical working of the office of Officer of Health in London - If Dr. Hathaway would send it to Dr. Walker or Mr. Strachey, it might be found to contain useful hints.

F. Nightingale
London
April 26/64 {in another hand:} Do this

C-69 Signed letter, 1f, pen

115 Park St W.
May 19/64
Dear Mr. Rawlinson

We are precluded by our Instructions from entering on the subject of your Memorandum. We have indeed been obliged to alter materially in principle the proof of the "Suggestions" (which you saw) on account of feeling shewn at the I.O. In all matters relating to temporary means of dealing with
epidemics, the Indian
Code is very good, &
in some respects in
advance of anything
we have here. The
great thing is to make
them carry out what
they have-
   Sir A. Tulloch’s
   almost sudden death
   and grievous loss will
   I am sure be felt by
you-
   ever yours truly
   F. Nightingale

C-70 Signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private {on diagonal}
  32 South Street
   Grosvenor Square
   London W.
   July 26/64
   Sir
Mr. John Clark, (the [9:490]
   son of my old friend
   Sir James Clark), encouraged
me to venture to
communicate with you
direct, on the subject
of the Sanitary Commission
of which you are President.
Otherwise I should be
afraid you would
wonder who your
correspondent was-
   I send you, by this
Mail, the first (signed) 
copy of "Suggestions" for 
Sanitary Works for 
Indian Stations, drawn 
up in obedience to certain 
Minutes, as you will 
see by the title= page. 
It will be forwarded 
to you officially by the 
India Office here in 
the usual manner. 
But the roads are 
difficult & almost 
impassable, as perhaps 
you know, between 
Pall Mall & Victoria St. 
And Her Majesty is 
much the quickest 
post=man - altho' it is somewhat 
irregular of me to use the quick, instead 
of the slow method. [end 9:490]
I beg to remain, 
Sir 
Your faithful servt= 
Florence Nightingale 

Henry Staunton Ellis &c &c [shd be Robert St. Ellis] 
President of Madras Sanitary 
Commission
Private {on diagonal}
32 South Street
Grosvenor Square
London W.
July 26/64

Sir
I beg have to thank
you very sincerely for your
"Second & Third Sections"
of "Cholera Epidemic of
1861" which you have
been kind enough to
send me - a most
valuable work. And
Your Commission is doing
great & good service.
I send by this Mail
the "Suggestions" for Sanitary
Works for Indian Stations,
John Strachey Esq

drawn up in obedience to
your Minute of March 24,
forwarded to me by the
India Office here on
May 20. (dated April 5.)
It is rather irregular
my sending it to you
direct. But you may
perhaps like to see the
first (signed) copy. And
it is about to be forwarded
officially in the usual
manner to India by the
India Office here -

Pray believe me
your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
C-72 signed letter, 1f, pen

Dear Sir

I beg to enclose a Cheque for my little Account -

Tho' not a newspaper reader, I saw the birth of a little child to you, & trust that it & its mother are well= doing.

Your faithful servt

F. Nightingale
Aug 10/ 64

Fred. H. Janson Eq

C-73 signed letter, 1f, pen

Hampstead N.W.

Aug 23/64

[13:46]

My dear Sir

I know not how we can thank you for your invaluable attention to poor Phebe Burton. I fear she was a troublesome patient; & sometimes disobedient to her kind physician. This she was thro' life to every one - but withal a woman of the strongest & warmest affections

T.H. Tanner Eq MD
I ever met.
   Her life has been
prolonged & her suffering
materially lessened by
   And I wish you
would have allowed us
to make you a more
suitable acknowledgement.
At least you will not
refuse a small
remembrance of your
most kind assistance.
   Believe me
    yours ever sincerely
   & gratefully -
   Florence Nightingale [end]
C-74 signed letter, 4ff, pen {black-edged paper}

Private {up diag} 32 South Street
   London W.
   10/11/64
My dear Sir
   I am at a loss how to [9:500-01]
thank you for your kind
letter, for your great
exertions in the good cause
in Bengal, & for the copies
of interesting Minutes
which, thro’ the kindness
of Dr. Walker, have
reached me - Proceedings
for July - Letter, No 620, by
from yourself, of Sept 5 -
Proceedings of Madras Sanitary
Commission.
   I will not waste time
in words - but only assure
you that, as far as Bengal is concerned, there are 99 out of every 100 bodies in England incapable of any thing like the same wise & energetic measures. And I only wish that the other Presidencies were under the Bengal Sanitary Commissioners, as their Head Quarters Staff.

The draft Rules and Regulations you were so kind as to send me are very good, & shew the earnestness & skill with which you are laying the foundations of a sound Sanitary service for India. You are quite right in not attempting a complete system at first - Because without experience this cannot be done. And from time to time things must be added, altered & amended, as the administration improves & answers its object.

You contemplate chiefly the removal or prevention of easily removable causes of disease. This is perhaps all you can do at first - but in the end, we should expect that the introduction of sanitary works would have more effect on the health, both of troops & native populations, than mere temporary measures. It was at one time thought that in London it would be necessary to avoid
sanitary works, & trust
to cleansing solely, in
districts inhabited by the
poorer & least civilized
Irish populations. But for
many years it has been
found that they- & even
the “dangerous classes”, thieves
&c, - appreciate wholesome
domestic conveniences
with water=supply, just
as much as the richer
classes. Our experience
here has been that even
the most ignorant very
soon learn to appreciate
& use such facilities for
health & cleanliness.

With regard to permanent
works, such as drainage &
water supply of towns &
stations, (described in the
“Suggestions,” by the War
Office Commission,) we
suppose the Works Dept=
are responsible for these;
but any sanitary enquiry
at a Station should
contemplate, as one of its
results, a plan for drainage
& water supply of the Station.
We see you refer to the
dry conservancy system in
your Minutes. This may
be necessary as a temporary
measure; but you will
have to do what our
War Office has had to do
with Aldershot, viz. to
abolish the dry system
after a number of year’s
experience, & drain the
camp & apply the sewage to agriculture. Three-fourths of all the camp sewage are conveyed away by drainage - and 300 acres of barren sandy land have been leased to an enterprising agriculturalist, & are about to be brought under cultivation by irrigation. He will supply the whole camp with vegetables, milk, butter, & a good deal of grain, grass & hay. The man will make his fortune very shortly. He has already begun his stock feeding on land which, six months ago, was like the sea-shore.

If you could incorporate into your draft Regulations any additional points arising out of the "Suggestions" & if you would think well to send them here to the War Office Commission, they would be truly glad, & feel flattered, if they might give you any aid in their power to make the regulations as complete as possible.

I trust your health is better.

I write in haste to save the mail; but I shall do myself the honour of writing again, as you have been so good as to afford me the opportunity - And I beg that you will believe me, dear Sir ever your faithful servt.

Florence Nightingale
J.Strachey Esq
27, Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
   Park Lane. W.
   Christmas Eve/64
Dear Sir
   I could not bear to assail you the very instant you arrived in England - the more so, because I fear your health is the cause of your visit here - And I dare say you wish as much as possible to forget, while you are here,

the Augean stables of which it has been but one of your labours of Hercules to attempt the cleansing.

   Otherwise I should have written before to thank you for giving me your address, & for bringing the two months of your “Proceedings” (from Dr. Walker) - And also to hope that it was
not very inconvenient to you to come out of your way to find me here. [end 9:502]

I trust also that you have better weather for the recovery of your health at Clifton than we have in London - snow, thick London fog, & bitter North-East wind would have greeted you here.

I beg to assure you that all who know anything about the matter in England have been delighted with the zeal, energy & sound Sanitary knowledge, with which the Bengal Sanitary Commission under your auspices, have set about their gigantic work, to which all that we have here is mere child’s play. You have nothing to learn from us.

You have, of course, the advantage over us...
in local knowledge - & as to the rules & methods applicable to Indian work -
  All we could do for you here would be to shew you the working details of various Departments - And the War Office “Barrack & Hospital Improvement Commission” would help you to this information, I am sure, to the utmost of their power, if you wished it - and

if you intend to visit London, your health permitting. They would gladly have you meet them, to see how they work, - & esteem it an honour, if you would do so -
  You could also see, if you wished, the working of the “Local Government Act office” - also of Local Improvement Offices - of Officers=of= Health=Departments
I too should think it a favour, if you wished for introductions from me to any of the offices mentioned above, to which indeed your name would be a sufficient introduction.

We can shew you completed towns, where every house is drained & supplied with water, & the sewage applied to agriculture.

You could see an Indian problem solved at Aldershot, where the camp is drained, supplied with water - and its sewage is being applied to agriculture.

Any practical experience we could give you would be the best object to seek after - as in matters of principle you are all right.

But your health must be the first thing: - as
India cannot afford to lose the help of such men as you -

It would be a great advantage to me, if I could be allowed, while you are in England, occasionally to ask your advice upon one or two important points. E.g. would you not think it well that certain papers, as well as plans, such as, e.g.

Col. Crommelin's paper on the Construction of Hospitals, dated Simla, August 15, 1864, should be sent home officially for the revisal of the "Barrack & Hospital Improvement Commission"? By your kindness, & by that of Sir John Lawrence, or Sir C. Trevelyan, or Dr. Walker's, - I have, I believe, received most of your printed
papers about Indian
Sanitary improvements; -
also about the Commissariat,
& about Municipal
powers which it is
proposed to grant
after enquiry.
  But they were
sent to me privately -
and I could make
no official use of
them - except that
I generally shewed
them, with permission,
to Lord Stanley, as
Chairman of our late
"Royal Commission" on
the "Indian Army" Sanitary
state.
  I do not even know
whether these kinds
of papers are sent
home by the Govt= in
India to the India
Govt= at home.
  I think it would be
a very great advantage
to both countries, if
Sir John Lawrence
would direct all
such papers, involving
Sanitary principles
of permanent importance
{printed address: upside down} 75, Norfolk Street.
    Park Lane. W.
  & involving expenditure
of money) to be sent home, before being sanctioned (thro’ Sir C. Wood) to the home B. & H. Commission officially
[Col: Crommelin’s paper on Barracks, of which I have only an uncorrected proof, would be such a paper (to submit officially)]

It does not do for these things to depend on the life of one person, or the good will of another, or &c &c. They should be done, if at all regularly & officially.

No undue control could be thereby exercised by us upon you - On the contrary, as (unfortunately as I venture to think) there is absolute control vested, in money matters, in the home Govt= of India, I believe we should help you considerably in getting expenditure authorized -

I have just had a
most kind note from
Sir John Lawrence,
(Barrackpoor, Nov 20) -
I was really thinking
of writing to him, by
this mail, what I have
just ventured to
submit to you - But,
as I have the advantage
of being able now to
submit questions to
you at home, I will
not write to him till
I have heard from
you -

I will not now prolong
this unreasonably long
letter - but only beg for
permission to submit
such questions to you
occasionally.

With my warmest
Christmas wishes for
your perfect recovery
of health, & for the
power of enjoying
your valuable life,
I am, my dear Sir,
Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale
{printed address: upside down} 75, Norfolk Street.
          Park Lane. W.
John Strachey Esq
Dear Sir

Indeed I am truly sorry to hear that your health is so indifferent, & your stay in England so short.

You will need all your energy to cope with the inertia in India. I wish you could lay in a good stock of health here.

To lose the opportunity of seeing you before you return to India, - so little likely to occur again for me - would be to me almost as if I had not seized the opportunity, which Sir John Lawrence's goodness gave me, of seeing him, before he
went out as Viceroy. If therefore you will be good enough to let me know when you come to London, & to let me make an appointment to see you, I shall do so, if it be only possible.

I feel so strongly, with regard to India, that what is to be done must be done now, or not at all - I mean, during Sir John Lawrence's time - in Sanitary Matters.

We had a Sidney Herbert at the War Office - with his life, all progress passed away.

So - may it not be with Sir John Lawrence's - but I fear it will. [end 9:504]

With the truest & best New Year's wishes for your perfect restoration to health, believe me, dear Sir, most faithfully yours Florence Nightingale
Private {on diagonal}
is a very different place [15:405-06] 
indeed, from what
it was when Sidney
Herbert was in it.
Still it is just
possible that our
present Secretary of
State might take
it up warmly, &
urge, it with the
Commander-in-Chief,
(which, as you are
aware, is the only way)
an abolition of the prohibition.

____________________________________________________________________________________

It goes to my heart
to set my face against

any little good you might
think extracts from
my letters might do.
But I think I must
see copies of the parts
you desire to print,
before I answer your
question as to whether
there would be any
objection.
I am so very glad
your Meeting was so
successful, & believe [end 15:406]
me ever yours most
hopefully
F. Nightingale
John Strachey Esq
Almond’s Hotel
6 Clifford Street

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
11/1/65

Dear Sir,
I should be extremely sorry not to see you when you kind enough to at
{page seems cut, a line is missing} you?
I could make it some other time, if this does not suit your convenience.

My reason for putting it off till Friday is to give myself a better chance - as I am rather more than usually ill just now
{page seems cut}
John Strachey Esq
My dear Sir

I send you one of the earliest copies of the “Remarks” on Dr. Leith’s Report. They are, in fact, a sequel to the “Suggestions”.

The first thing now to be done is: - that the Presidency Governments should have Surveys made.

The steps would be these: -

1. the Sanitary Commissions to advise the Government as to the Stations most requiring improvement
2. Government to appoint a Committee to survey the Station or town, as laid down in the “Suggestions” & “Remarks”. - there is no objection to the sanitary member of the Commission acting as sanitary member of the Survey Commission
3. Survey Commission to report, as advised in “Suggestions” & “Remarks”
4. Sanitary Commission to examine reports & plans, & make their recommendations
5. Reports & plans &c then to be sent home to the India Office for sanction (when they would be submitted to the War Office Commission)

If you have no Sanitary Engineers capable of making the survey, I have reason to believe that we could find you men who would gladly go to India to do this work.

I hold it as a fortunate thing that Dr. Leith’s ignorance has enabled the War Off: Commission distinctly to recommend a course of proceeding to be followed at all Indian Stations.

I trust your health is improving. [end 9:396]

ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
    Park Lane W.       [8:760-61]

January 24/65

Dearest Helen

I am sure that your goodness not only prompted you to send me that Review of your dear father- but that it will tell you how much I felt your remembrance, & with what deep interest I read the memorial of him whom I was so proud & glad to call my friend.

You must not judge of my interest in it by my delay in telling you so. I often feel like the poor washerwoman who said that heaven would be to have one hour a day to sit still & do nothing.

I hope that the Southern Winter has done you & Joanna some good.

But in London I never remember so dark & foggy, so long & trying a winter.

Dearest Helen, ever yours, in heart & in spirit, tho' we never meet,

F. Nightingale
32 South Street  
Park Lane  
London W  
26/1/65  
My dear Sir  
You will laugh at my writing to India to know whether you are not lost in the fog in the wilds of Oxford St. But I really was so uneasy when I found that, without even the hospitality of savages, they had let you go out of my house to look for your own cab, that I could not sleep for two nights for it. I fancied you J. Strachey Esq would make yourself worse, & perhaps not get to the rail-road in time - And I had kept our Messenger all day in the house on purpose, that he might fetch you a cab or do any message for you  
When here, you desired to be informed whether there were Tables for calculating percentages. At the Registrar-General’s Office, they use common division and also logarithms. Dr. Farr, (of the General
Register Office) says that
the following books will
answer for Logarithms -
no doubt they are well
known at Calcutta - but,
should you want additional
copies, I will gladly send
them -

- Hutton’s Logarithms
- Society (for diffusing Useful
  Knowledge)’s small book of
- Logarithms
- Barlow’s Tables of reciprocals

The best way for you to do,
with regard to your Census
and Mortality Statistics,
would be to have a
competent man from the
Registrar-General’s Office,
here. And this, I happen
to know, could be done.

I trust that your health
improved during your stay
in England, altho’ this
unusually dark & foggy
winter could not have
done its best for it.

I believe this letter will
go out by the same mail as
yourself -

I thank you most sincerely [9:509]
for the second set of Dr.
Bryden’s Tables, which
are most valuable containing
in addition, the Mortality
of women & children, Native
troops & prisoners.
I have let the Registrar
General see them -
also for Col: Crommelin’s
papers on Military &
Native Hospitals. [end 9:509]
Believe me, my dear Sir,
most sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

I give my old address, as
being always safe. For in
another 3 months, I may
have left the house you
found me in.

C-81 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen
(on an angle) Private

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address}
   Park Lane W.
   March 8/65 [16:439-40]

My dear Sir

I will answer the
last part of your kind
note first.

You are perhaps aware
that all Barrack
construction, new & old,
comes now before a
standing Commission
at the War Office,
called the “Barrack
& Hospital Improvement
Commission”, & founded
by Sidney Herbert.

In this way, I see
pretty much all
that is going on - And
if at any time you
saw anything wrong
about to be done, &
would send me a line,
I could probably
put you in the way
of making an official
representation {application overwritten by representation}.

With regard to your
Barracks, however, the case stands thus., -- in the Cavalry Barracks; -- the rooms are to be greatly improved, & all the present schools & recreation rooms are to be removed out of them, & built elsewhere.

The Infantry Barracks are to be extended on new ground, and the present barracks improved -- Suitable recreation- rooms will then be provided.

I am glad you mentioned it, because now I can be on the look out, to see that these promises are fulfilled.

The other matter (about the prohibition to form any temperance Society within the Battalions) I will today write about to the War Office. I don’t say this at all in any sanguine hope. The War Office
C-82 signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper}

27. Norfolk Street {printed address:}
   Park Lane. W.
   March 20/65
Miss Nightingale presents
her compliments to
Mr. Jeffs, & begs to
know whether there
is any chance of the
arrival of the book
ordered on February 25
& finally promised
last week - from Paris -
Chinese poetry,
translated by M.d’Hervé

C-83 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

Private {up diag}
   32 South Street
   Park Lane
   London W.
   April 26/65
My dear Sir
   I will now, by
this mail, do no more
than say how truly sorry
I am that your visit
to Europe has done so
little in improving
your health.
   It will not do for
Sanitarians to die -
especially in such places
as Calcutta.
And I do trust the Sanitary Commission will always go to Simlah with the Government, and visit the plague spot in the Delta as little as possible.

I am afraid you hardly think a tour of inspection of Military Stations a healthy occupation.

With regard to your kind question about the Nursing, I thought it best, on the whole, to send out, as Dr. Walker will tell you - such a (private) paper as I could write on the information I had. It may possibly enable you, which would be much the best course, to draw up a scheme suitable for your circumstances. And I need hardly say that, should you then think well to send it to me, I will carefully go over it, with all the experience in details of Nurse Training which I may have, 

give you all the light I can - Believe me my dear Sir

Yours most truly

Florence Nightingale

J. Strachey Esq
March 12/66
35 South Street, (printed address:)
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Madam

I cannot tell you how deeply I felt your kindness in writing to me about Mr. Paget —
I hope you will be able to send me a verbal message this morning that he has had a good night.

Few will have such a concert of fervent wishes as you have.

Apart from the deep & grateful friendship I feel for Mr. Paget — tho’ I never see him, as you know — I think that the progress of his profession in real things depends almost entirely upon his having health & strength granted to work up his School & his Hospital to something like what School & Hospital ought to be. He stands quite
alone - I know no one but Mr. Paget who is a great leader in putting the right questions to Nature. But I hope now he will put the right questions to himself & not over-work himself for a long time to come.

Pray believe, my dear Madam, that there are none who feel more deeply for you & with you in this than yours sincerely & gratefully Florence Nightingale Mrs. Paget

C-85 signed letter, 2ff, pen (black-edged paper)

Private London March 26 1866
{up diag} 32 South Street Park Lane W.
My dear Sir

As I am uncertain [9:546] where or if this letter will reach you, I will only thank you most cordially for your very kind letter of Feb 22, containing too the reasons for Sir John Lawrence’s Minute concerning the remodelling of the Sanitary Commissions. You have done us a most important
service thereby. For
1. the Secy of State for
India here was not
aware that this Minute
had arrived - and
the India Office had
been searched in vain
for it
2. he was not aware
of the reasons for
Sir John Lawrence’s
determination & against Mr Ellis’ paper; & was
in the act of writing
to him in a different
sense -
    I will say no more

at present - but only
hope that you will
permit me to write
to you in Oudh & beg
you to believe me
    ever yours most truly
    & gratefully
    Florence Nightingale
John Strachey Esq

C-86 signed letter, 3ff, pencil & pen

Embley Park  {printed address:}35 South Street
Romsey Park Lane,
Hampshire          London W.
Aug 26/66
Dear Madam
    I am extremely obliged
to you for your persevering
kindness about Mrs. Brown -
And I think I cannot do
better than avail myself of
it - if you can, as you are
so kind as to propose, -
spare her on the 31st for
a week to come here.
    I trust that you will
not have thought me ungrateful
in not having answered sooner
your kind letter of the 18th=. 
I was sent for down here
to see my dear mother who
was alone (my father being
absent in Derbyshire) &
where I have not been for
9 years - It was thought
she was failing - but, thank
God, she is now as well as
usual - for some days after
it I was not able to sit
up even in bed - But I
should not have troubled
even your kindness with
these particulars about strangers
but that it will now be
necessary for Mrs. Brown,
if she comes, to come down
here - It is rather
unfortunate, as Mrs. Brown
will not see here the
kind of life I lead nor
the tiny household, (except
one,) she will have to
manage, if she comes to me
in London - consisting of three maids
only, besides herself, & of
a Messenger (a man) who
comes into the house to
clean my one knife & fork,
the maids’ shoes, & to carry
up coals &c - but does not
live in the house -
I am not aware whether it is better to
go round by London or to come across
country from Shrewsbury to Romsey -
I do not know much about Rail-road trains. But, should Mrs. Brown not be able to do the distance through from Shrewsbury to Romsey in one day - & should it be easier to her to pass thro’ London, she might sleep at my house (I enclose a card for her) she will then see the house, & two maids - Probably her own discretion will tell her that it is better not to speak of her errand. She would then come to this place as on a visit - and, if I did not suit her or she me, there would be no harm done to her - Of course I should pay all her expences - both ways - Romsey (on the "South Western" Railway) is the Station (& also the post-town) to this house - (2 miles’ distant) Altho’ I shall have all the business that can be sent to me here - yet I rather regret that Mrs. Brown should not see me in my ordinary busy life - which makes the silent thoughtful waiting of my own maid so necessary to me - it is rather difficult to explain this to
one’s own maid - because
Invalids usually like a
little chat -
Even your kindness will think
now that I have trespassed
quite too much upon it
with my domestic particularities.
Pray believe me
dear Madam
Yours most gratefully & truly
Florence Nightingale
Mrs. Richd- Morris

C-87 signed letter, 3ff, pen, draft in JS hand LMA H1/ST/NC2/V40/67

Oct. 24/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.
Madam
I take really the first [16:763]
10 minutes I have (not
of leisure, for I have
not known these 14
years what it is to
have 5 minutes’ leisure)
to answer your kind &
most interesting letter of
Oct. 19.
No words can state too
strongly the necessity
of Convalescent Homes
for the sick poor. Every
County & every Hospital ought to have one. But its situation is of primary importance. It should have the best possible air, the best possible soil, the best possible position, either on hills, or by the sea, or in some open healthy district. And, besides being: exceptionally well placed, it must be exceptionally well constructed (& of course well administered).

Nothing of all this is, so far as I know, possessed by St. Cross, — is it? So far as I know of St. Cross, it is about the last position which ought to be occupied by a Hospital, for Convalescents or otherwise — but especially for Convalescents.

I am afraid you will think me abrupt. But 'it is my poverty' (of strength) ' & not my will consents'.
I am an invalid entirely
a prisoner to bed -
And I never see any one
except on urgent business.
Otherwise I should be
too glad to accept your
kind offer & make
your acquaintance.
For such a vocation as yours,
is it not a pity that
it should be thrown
away? Would you
not utilize it to the
highest possible extent?
There is so much room
for it. If I could be
of any use to you in this
way, please make use
of me, & believe me [end]

Madam
ever your faithful Servt-
Florence Nightingale
Miss Ellen Gorham

C-88 signed letter, 1f, pencil

March 14
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Madam
I have been very ill for
many weeks -
Do you know whether
Mrs. Matthew has recently
received any communication
from the Patriotic Fund? -
Yours faithfully
F Nightingale
April 5/68

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

My sister, Lady Verney tells me that you are kind enough to be thinking of our wants, in respect to a Lady Supt- for our Nurses of Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary - 1350 beds - 80 Nurses & Probationers.

You ask “whether there is a Salary”. Yes. It is £70.
And you kindly mention a Miss Wright.

Altho’ there is a Trained Assistant Matron, I do not believe it possible for any person, however accomplished, to undertake, without training or experience, this charge - And this is the reason why I venture to write to you. I want to enlist you in our cause.

You can scarcely imagine the dearth of live material to be trained, - while, for Trained Matrons & Supts=, we never have any lack of situations - & highly paid situations too. We have not to seek for them. They overwhelm us - rain upon us -

But, then, “ladies do not like to be trained”.

May I enclose to you our “Regulations for Special Probationers”?
And may I add that the
Committee are enabled at the present time to admit a few gentlewomen free of expense - that we have applications from Institutions in want of Superintendents or Matrons for Hospitals in India, for provincial Hospitals in England, & for a large Workhouse Infirmary - And, should any Probationer after a month’s or somewhat longer trial afford satisfactory evidence of prospective fitness for such appointments, the Committee would be prepared to allow her a moderate salary during the year of training.

These are the dry bones of the affair.

But, if I could clothe them with the unspeakably beautiful image of the one we have lost - the Matron of the Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary - it seems to me as if all England would try to fill her place - She was pretty & young & rich & witty - Yet she gave herself up to nurse the first Workhouse that ever has been nursed by Trained Nurses - having previously trained herself with us to the utmost extent -

And, when her whole
history rises before my mind, how she kept in Christian discipline, - far better than the police could have done, as they themselves said, - the most disorderly Hospital population in the world - how she led her Nurses as if they were one mind - how she brought over a dry old Vestry as by enchantment - So far from not believing in the story of Una & her lion - so far from not believing in Ariosto’s & Tasso’s enchantments - so far from doubting the miracles of Catholic Saints & Martyrs - I say, here is the greatest miracle of all - here is Una among her paupers - far worse than lions to tame - [The old paupers actually made verses to her after her death.]

She died as she had lived at her post - of Typhus & over-work. She overworked, because others underwork. I do not expect to find many like her - for she was the very poetry of Charity - a sort of ideal in the flesh of hard work, which has scarcely ever been idealized before - except in R. Catholic legends - But I do wonder that the
work is not itself more
known & followed after,
We do not say, as R. Catholic
Orders do:- the test of your
admission to God’s service
shall be whether you can
take it without pay.
On the contrary - we say: -
the test shall be whether
you can be trained to
command the highest pay.
For to return to the dry bones
- we have situations (to train
for) of a much higher pay
than this Liverpool Workhouse.
Alas! dear Lady Eastlake,
how much, how much,-
more of woe than of weal, -
has passed since
you & I last met -

but pray believe me
ever your faithful & affecte=

Florence Nightingale
When I compare my Una’s life with
mine, I feel like that Hindoo monk
or begging friar (of whom there is
a full, true & particular account
in Hindostanee) who was found
drumming for his amusement
in a grave-yard to a Society
of evil spirits on a skull
“with a girdle of thigh- bones
around his waist” - by
another gentleman with a
Vampyre on his back -
(the evil spirits for civility’s sake
we will call Ahrimans -)
And between him & me the only difference is that
I certainly don’t do it “for
my amusement” - God

35 South St.               knows.
Park Lane,                 F.N.
London W. {printed address upside down}
April 23/68
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Madam

I do (in these things) exactly as Mr. Stuart-Mill bids me.
If he bids me sign after Mrs. Somerville, I do it. If he bids me sign a great deal lower down, which I think would be much more proper, I do it.

[I am quite afraid that this candid confession will deprive me, in his mind, of all title to his esteem & even of all title to a vote - as an independent "female".]

Will you kindly tell him,
Miss Helen Taylor
(at a convenient season)
that nothing but the
feeling that I had not
the time to write anything
which was worth his time
for reading prevented me
from answering the most
kind & noble letter with
which he honoured me
(from Avignon) - that I
sent my "adhesion" to the
Woman's Suffrage to Mrs.
P.A. Taylor, instead of to
him - not liking to trouble
him -
that, altho' I entirely adhere
to his admirable principles,
I don't think he quite
understands my position -
which is a lack=a=daisical
word- I mean my work.
Perhaps, when this busy Session
is over, if I am still alive,
I may venture to trouble
him with an answer. And,
if I am not, it does not
very much matter.
With thanks for your kind note
pray believe me, dear Madam,
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
Dear Lady Eastlake

A thousand thanks for your kindness.

If Miss Wright will ask for an interview by appointment with Mrs. Wardroper Matron St. Thomas' Hospital Newington S.

I have no doubt that we shall find means to agree. [We are just now taking in Probationers for the year.]

We are obliged to have a special sanction from our Committee to admit ladies for training for a less period than a year.

And they do not grant this except on a special recommendation from Mrs. Wardroper.

For of course all ladies think, each of herself, that she does not want
a year's training.

At this moment I can only recollect four exceptions, who all took more than their year's training with us, & who all have risen to the top of the tree in Nursing.

1. my darling who died at Liverpool Workhouse
2. a lady whom [archivist: [Agnes Jones]] we have just sent out at the head of our Nursing Staff to take charge of the Sydney Infirmary - & whose first Patient was:- Prince Alfred.
3. the Supt= Genl= of the Military Hospitals

4. a lady whose Mother has interfered to put a stop to her Nursing operations for the present.

As a general rule we, - in common with, I believe, every Institution of the kind, both Roman Catholic & Protestant, - do not find that experience gained at other Institutions much helps in the training, Sometimes it absolutely hinders. We have had more than one lady who
came to St. Thomas',
  apparently to teach
  Mrs. Wardroper, not to
  learn from her.
But I would ask you not
to say this to Miss Wright.
It sounds as if we
thought that there was
nothing good excepting
out of St. Thomas’ -
which, I assure you, is
far from being the Case.
I fancy that Miss Wright
is far too valuable a
person to allow her to slip
away from the

Nursing Cause -
  many, many thanks.
I can fancy the sad clinging
to what you call your
"dull Square" - And yet I
think I should like to see
the Riviera & the glorious
Mediterranean again,
before I die - which
I never shall -
Pray, dear Lady Eastlake
believe me always yours
  Florence Nightingale

Having to send to Mrs.
Wadroper on business
most days, I mentioned
that a Miss Wright might
possibly ask for an
appointment with her
& detailed the circumstances.  [end 12:179]
    F.N.
My dear Sir,

I cannot thank you sufficiently for your most kind & interesting & instructive letter of Oct. 10—which is just as important on the side of Sanitary economics as a Sanitary Report is important on the side of health.

We entirely understand what has occurred— and we deeply sympathize with the difficulties which surround progress in India.

The Hon.ble John Strachey &c &c

But even with the present revenue deficiency, there is really nothing to fear. With such able statesmen as you are to adapt and to originate, no position is really more hopeful for a country than the one which induces a Government to look carefully to their existing obligations & existing expenditure so as to adjust both wisely.

A great fault of our national character has
always been to substitute principles for details. It is so much easier to settle all questions (or to pretend to settle them) by a single stroke of the pen!! But such a way of doing things ruins a business, as we all know. And it ruins a Government just as much, to say the least! I am sure that, great as your difficulties are, they will, as you point out, only make the good day more sure to come.

You have 150 millions of people behind you whose lives & security & trade & commerce you have to provide for - The inducement is greater than fear: - And your careful consideration of the various interests & questions at stake will throw the necessary caution & light into your future proceedings.

So far as concerns our great questions of the health of troops, we more than agree with every word you say. Both the R. India Sanitary Comm: & the present standing Army Sanitary Comm: (Late the "Barrack & Hospi= Improvement" Comm:)

had no other idea but to arrive at the soundest general principles - Leaving to you in India to originate the best applications of them in detail.

We have all along felt with you that we must go on 'unto perfection'.

Towns & Stations are, as you know from your own great experience, very like Patients. They have not all the same disease. They don't want all the same medicine. A careful diagnosis must be made of the Complaints of each Town, Station, Barrack or District. And it would be mere useless extravagance, as you say, to apply the same expensive medicine to the complaints of all diseased cities or Stations. We cannot improve the health of all groups of population by any one procedure. Individual enquiries into the requirements of Stations must be made & then "plans of improvement drawn up.

We have often thought that if you thought well to command the services of a
thorough Sanitary Engineer & Health Officer (for which office Medical knowledge per se is not of much use) you might put your Stations, - one at a time and the worst first - into their hands just as we put sick under clinical care, & your Officers might report to you: "such & such a Station is ill of such & such a complaint - & the remedies are so & so."

This is what we are at the present time doing here. We have had our Barracks not only examined, & their symptoms stated - but we

have had the symptoms classified according to their importance. The most pressing are to be dealt with first. Double-storied Barracks will, as you say, no more cure all your Stations than single-storied Barracks. Ornamental & extravagant Barracks will cure none. Measures which are immediately & urgently required & measures which may be allowed to stand over can be determined by a thoroughly competent enquiry -

If you had this enquiry made
from yourselves, this would determine where first money must be spent to save a greater loss - where delay may safely be made till there is more money to spend.

A great part of your Death-rate in ordinary years comes from certain Stations & not from others. This is always a guide.

Your Statistics are a matter of intense interest to us. They indicate very decided improvement for all ordinary seasons - And this result corresponds with that obtained for our foreign- not Indian- Stations generally.

Your danger is now, as your knowledge which is far greater than mine tells, from Epidemic seasons.

Our hope is that the Cholera enquiry, if duly carried out, will tell you what to do.

Your influence is all-essential to obtain facts.

[If one could joke on so vital a matter, one would say: fine every Doctor who upholds or starts a theory. There is not one which is more philosophic than witchcraft. All theories are only the cloak of ignorance- the surest sign
of mental incapacity. Instead of drawing conclusions first & observing afterwards, let them collect facts first, & sacrifice theory to fact.]

As for your Barrack requirements:-
the first thing is: to arrive at an enlightened Military knowledge of what is wanted, to decide this- then to put the requirements into the hands of the Sanitary & Engineering authority to be properly embodied.

As you say, it would have been much cheaper to have adopted the construction advised by the Army Sanitary Comm: generally- also perhaps their iron construction.

You are doing a most hopeful thing in occupying your attention with the general question of country drainage in Bengal.

It is in Lower Bengal that the great Epidemic problem has to be grappled with.

Lower Bengal is, I suppose the Endemic centre of India. This, you will say, is only a theory. But at least it expresses one fact: viz. that of all parts of Northern India, Cholera & Fever are most apt to appear there.

There, (as elsewhere,) after the Epidemic has
assumed a certain intensity, it spreads & flies about like an Incendiary lighting up the conflagration wherever there are materials ready to catch fire. However much the N.W. may be improved, Cholera & Fevers will remain indigenous in Lower Bengal. But, should you ever succeed in draining that huge swamp, and clothing it with crops, we shall hear little of Cholera-I would you had a Ministry of Agriculture!

The world's thanks are due to you for the amazing improvement in the health of Calcutta. Taken on the last 2 years, the Death-rate of Calcutta has been lower than that of Liverpool or Manchester. [I fancy that the Calcutta works might have been more cheaply done - might not they?]

=I am sure that the deficient revenues will not in the slightest degree lead any statesman in India into the enormous mistake,- committed by us here before the Crimean War,- of saving a few thousands to incur an expenditure of as many millions in order to replace troops prematurely cut off by preventible disease.
= N.B. If you should think well to initiate any such enquiry as that mentioned above, into individual Stations- & wished for a R. Engineer of great Sanitary experience to help to conduct it, it might be possible for us to find you one.

Pray believe me, my dear Sir
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

Since writing the above, I have looked at the propositions of the R. Commission on the Sanitary state of the Indian Army, - also at the "Suggestions" of the Standing Army Sanitary Comm: (called, till lately, the "Barrack & Hospital Improvement" Comm:) also at their Reply to Dr. Leith. They all agree, as you say, in recommending a course similar to that stated above_ similar to what the Presidency Sanitary Commissions, which had too short a life, intended - viz. for you to conduct these very local enquiries- & to recommend the measures necessary for removing the several disease= causes= pointedly adding that Barrack building must not be considered as the remedy for unwholesome Stations. It is only a remedy - and a remedy, only where required.

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

You will now, I am certain, be
- taking up the question anew,
in which you have already
done so much, on its
economic side—effect
even more good than you have
yet effected—& at a much
less proportionate cost—
I will not make a letter already
too long longer by apologies—
but only thank you again
for your inspiring letter—&
remind you that "la
reconnaissance n'est qu'un
vif sentiment des bienfaits
futurs"—

F.N.

C-93 signed letter, 3ff, pen (black-edged paper)

35 South Street, Oct. 19/68
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

Dear Lady Eastlake

Pray never use any word
near the word "trouble" in
any connection from you to
me. I think it so very
good of you to try to get us
volunteers.

Yes: surely, it was I who
sent you "Una" in "Good Words"—
(this in reference to a former
note of yours). It was owing
to you that I wrote it—It
was owing to your kind &
encouraging sympathy with
some expressions I had
used about her in a letter
to you that I had the
courage to write it. But
nothing that I could say about her could come up to her worth. What is that line about Una? "She made a sunshine in a shady place"? That was really the case with my darling. I used an expression of your own in my little sketch.

In answer to your kind question: there are several free vacancies at St. Thomas' Hospital Training School, which will shortly be filled up -there are a large number of candidates.

I venture to enclose two copies of Form's-

The steps which your lady should take would be: to fill up the Form & send it to Mrs. Wardroper St. Thomas' Hospital Newington S.E.

stating particulars of previous history. It will be necessary to see Mrs. Wardroper before being admitted as a Probationer-

[In this lady's case, the paying clauses in the "Regulations" of course will not apply- that is: the vacancy will be free -]
I hope your other Volunteer will come to us.

I think our Liverpool Workhouse Nursing, in which I am sure you are kindly interested for "Una's sake, is going on well. Two maiden aunts of hers took it for a few months, (the elder of whom was almost 70 - was not that beautiful?-) in order to give us time; & did not leave till after they had established her Successor. Una's successor is, except in activity & conscientiousness, as unlike as possible- And perhaps it is as well that it should be so- both because the Nurses do not make comparisons- & also because it should not be said that Workhouse Nursing cannot be carried on except under one who does not visit this earth once in a century.

We have been asked to undertake the Nursing of one of the largest London Workhouse Infirmaries- which is, I am sure, due to my dear Una's memory- We shall want many candidates for this. But time has very reasonably been given us-
Pray, dear Lady Eastlake,
believe me, with many a
tender look towards
past days, yours affectely
& gratefully
Florence Nightingale

C-94 signed letter, 4ff, pen (black-edged paper)

35 South Street, May 14/69
Park Lane, (printed address:)

W.

My dear Sir
Although it is a thousand years and a half since I have heard from you, still I hope that we have interests enough in common for me to write to you, not as a stranger. I have had the very great pleasure of seeing Sir John Lawrence since his return (I don’t like to call him by his new title yet - his old is so one & the same - with our noblest history of India). He was good enough to come & see me in my sick-room. He does not look a day older.

And I hope there are long years of service for him yet. He may still do so much good for India here, even without Office. I always think of him as of the most impressive man I have ever known - (tho’ I have known many - in a very eventful life.)

Let me mention to you the proposed enquiry into Cholera. I write to you, who did so much in the former enquiry, to ask your kind aid & co-operation in giving effect to the present one. The question of these
Epidemics has assumed a high degree of importance in Europe both scientifically & practically, since your former Report - so much so that we are no longer as it were standing on the same ground- And, as the Constantinople “Conference has failed to give light either to scientific or to practical men we now look to you in India for a final settlement of the question. The matter has been so complicated by Medical theories & other similar impracticabilities that nobody believes anything And what we now want is an exhaustive statement of fact -

- no opinions. We here are adepts in forming opinions & theories continuing any amount of contradictions - And we leave Governments & merchants to find their way thro’ our darkness as best they can. If you can tell us one real fact about Cholera - and I am sure you will tell us many - this will be a great gain.

A set of pointed questions has been sent out (800 copies). - Practised scientific observers - And we are looking forward eagerly & with confidence to this that, before long, you will send us not one but a great many facts - and that eventually you will be able
to supply the means of solving
to supply the means of solving
all the difficulties of Indian,
therefore of Asiatic & European,
epidemics. We look to you.
If India cannot furnish the
reply we want, then we must
rest satisfied with merely
negative knowledge.]
However, we would earnestly
bespeak your best assistance
in this great work- a work
not for India alone but
for all humanity. [end 9:900]
I am not so impertinent as to
deal in praise. Mr. Gladstone
says that praise always
implies something patronizing
& that we ought to approach
as pupils, not as praisers.
And when I think of the
immense work you & Sir

John Lawrence have done in
inaugurating the Sanitary
work all through India, -
a problem so immeasurable
that we have nothing like it
in England - I feel most
deeply that it is not for me
to approach with praise
but with reverence.
However, I had almost left,
woman = like, the most
important thing to the end.
And that is, the organization
of a Sanitary Executive on
which, we understand, you
are engaged. This would be
the crown to your arch.
We hear, from time to time,
of the administrative progress
you are making in Public Health
work. But we have not
heard but little of the results of the questions you sent some time ago to Local Governments about points of Sanitary Executive. If you have time to write a line - and great men have always time - it would interest me exceedingly to hear the result of this - also, how the administration of your Sanitary rules is to be carried out. Time & strength are very short with me - (for I am not a ‘great man’-) And I am so overwhelmed with business as to have power for nothing This must be my excuse for writing so meagrely also that my hand, from excess of business = writing, almost refuses its office. Pray believe me My dear Sir ever your faithful servt= Florence Nightingale The Honble= John Strachey &c &c

{printed address upside down centered at bottom of page:}
35 South Street,
Park Lane, W.
35 South Street, Dec 1/69

Park Lane, {printed address:}

W.

Dear Sir

I thank you most cordially for your kind note about your house at Highgate.

The facts to which you allude are these: -

More than a year ago, Mr. Wyatt, the admirable Chairman of the then Board of St. Pancras' Guardians, asked me to train & provide a Supt= & Nursing Staff for the new Highgate Infirmary.

My Committee consented.

And our Training Matron at St. Thomas' immediately set about it. The Nursing Staff would have been completed by the time appointed.

The conduct of the "New Guardians" is so fully known that all comment of mine upon them is unnecessary. The new Highgate Infirmary they tried to stop altogether. The Poor Law Board having now taken a course upon the matter, it is supposed
that our engagement will go
on. We, at least, shall
not be wanting in performing
our part of it, if allowed
to do so under the new
arrangement.
This is all the "personal
superintendence" which
it is possible for me to
give. But our excellent
Training - Matron supplies
my place.
I am entirely a prisoner
to my room from illness
& never, I believe, likely
to be otherwise. My
business keeps me within
a very short tether of the
London
Public Offices- and, my
mother being now aged,
I go to her when she
can not come to me -
I shall never forget your
great kindness.
Pray give my respectful
love to Mrs. Frewen Turner,
& my kindest- regards
to Miss Eleanor Martin,
if she is with her -
& believe me (in haste)
My dear Sir
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
C.H. Frewen Eq
35 South Street, Aug 15/7
Park Lane, {printed address:}

My dear Mrs. Schwabe
I cannot forbear sending
you £5 for the Victoria
Stiftung of which I know
something & which I have
no doubt is well managed -
& wish it were 10 times as much.

It is difficult to make
any comparison between
German & French misery.
The accounts I hear from
the provinces of France of
the distress, terror &
bewilderment of the poor
people are dreadful.

Large gifts from the people
had been coming in thro' the Sub. Prefectures to the Ministries of the Interior & of War of corn, horses, linen, wine & eau-de-vie de &c &c &c - for the soldiers, the wounded, the destitute & the widows & orphans.

But, rightly or wrongly, they fancy that the Treasury, under pretext of selling "objets non utilisables," takes their gifts for the
Treasury’s own purposes -
And this has had the
result of stopping the gifts.
All France is now organized
in “comités de dames,” who
collect - & the people give -
for their own widows &
orphans - for the destitute
wives & children of their
own soldiers. & for any
sick & wounded who
may be sent them - every
Civil Hospital, tho’ sadly
poor, having offered beds.
I have however no special
Institution in France to ask
your kindness for, like the
Victoria Stiftung - at Berlin
How gladly one would, by
laying down one’s life,
save any portion of
this awful death & misery
Ever yours
F. Nightingale

My dear Mrs. Schwabe
I am very much obliged to you for having
told me the authors of those two letters in the “Times”.
While the horrors of the War increase day
by day the generosity & helpfulness of people
seems also to increase - And this is the only
spot of comfort in all this awful storm.
But we must all thank you, who were here
the first in the work, & who labour so earnestly
in making people think of the terrible necessities
of those in the Field. Money & articles seem
to be coming in. But Wounded come in faster -
How long, O Lord, how long? -
Do you know who
sent me “Daheim & “Kölische Zeitung” from Coblenz which you were so good as to forward.
The cuts of Hospital Huts &c in “Daheim” are very instructive.
Did you receive my little contribution of £5 to the Victoria Stiftung at Berlin, which I sent last week in an order to your name? – Do not trouble yourself to answer this, if it came all safe. But, having heard from you this morning without your mentioning it, it occurred to me that it might be lost – [end 15:676]

Ever yours
Aug 21/70 F Nightingale

Lea Hurst
Matlock Aug 21/70

My dear Madam
I cannot forbear thanking [15:675-76] you for your kind note –
& your goodness to our poor Sick & Wounded –
I send to – day by post a large packet of the different (4) kinds of Circulars, Lists & “Notes”
to Miss Eleanor Martin which you desire to be sent.
You were so good as to enclose a sovereign. I shall gratefully pay it in to-morrow to our “Aid to Sick & Wounded” Fund.
The numbers & necessities of our poor Wounded increase week by week - the three dreadful battles before Metz doubled & more than doubled the number in Hospital last week.

We send out nearly every day now from our Central Committee Surgeons, who also carry some hundred pounds' worth of the Articles asked for, to the Hospitals on both sides. But we could send ten times the quantity - and a hundred times will be wanted. The War- Hospitals say that the things sent out by the English cannot be had for money. Money is also sent.

We gladly pay the carriage at 2 St. Martin’s Place on all Articles kindly contributed & forwarded to us from the country.]

No one knows how long this dreadful work may be going on. I have had a most pathetic little book sent me by a Society of Russian ladies, also connected with the Relief of the Sick & Wounded, who asked me to be their Vice-President - a book of Prayers with Passages from Scripture in all languages of nations engaged (or who can
possibly be engaged) in the War — So far as I can judge, they are extremely well selected — The English prayers are taken from our Church Communion Service (& one or two others in the Prayer book,) with the Lord’s Prayer & the Apostles’ Creed. The 1st Epistle of St. John is given entire — with several Chapters of St. John’s Gospel — &c — &c. When one thinks of how many tens of thousands there are at this moment of sick & dying men to use those prayers, one can scarcely look at it without tears.

Tho’ I am afraid I shall not be able to see Mme- Mohl, I hear her cheerful voice, quite as young & fresh as those of some young ladies who are here; — & I hope that she is forgetting the horrors of this time.

My mother I think I have never seen better in all her life —

May I beg my-love to Miss Eleanor Martin & pray that you will believe me ever my dear Madam your gratefully affec.te-, with  

God bless you,

Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Frewen Turner

{envelope}

Mrs. Frewen Turner
Cold Overton
Oakham

{left-side sideways:} Augt-21-70 Miss Nightingale
Miss Eleanor Martin
Mrs. Frewen Turner’s
Cold Overton
Oakham

My dear Miss Eleanor Martin

As you are so good as to wish for more papers, I
send some, in case our Secy= at St. Martin’s Place
should have been too much hurried to answer your
call at once -

I have no good news. The best informed people
think rather that the war will be prolonged than
brought quickly to an end. And this is the worst
news of all - I feel almost as anxious as
Mme Mohl to hear from M. Mohl -

The fighting is not fighting. It is a carnage - a
massacre. To me who remember how hideous it
was to see the parties of men silently arming every
night in the Crimea to march to the trenches - & to say
‘10 or 20 will not come back at all of those men; 40 or
50 will come back on stretchers to be laid in the
Hospital beds’ - the accounts are ghastly, insupportable
of these battles where whole Regiments of French
& Germans have half their numbers dead & wounded
on the field. And of the wounded many die
of neglect before they can be removed.

We keep sending out things- But nothing we can
do is able to meet their wants. It seems hopeless
to send enough.

People are most generous. All the country towns
almost are helping now - But the Wounded
need it all & much more.

I should like to hear how Mrs. Frewen Turner
& Madame Mohl are -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Lea Hurst
Aug 27/70
My dearest Mme= Schwabe

I thank you 1000 times for your most kind letter-

I cannot help asking you to send or use the enclosed £20 (how I wish it was ten times as much!) for which "Society" you judge best, for the Starving people around Metz & round Sedan -

In this most terrible of all earth’s wars, in the countless horrors of this most horrible of mankind's histories, I believe the sufferings of the starving, stripped & burnt out peasantry are the greatest horror of all -

England will have to do all she can -

I cannot acquit the Prussians as hitherto has been done - I believe "German unity" means nothing but Prussia's aggrandizement & Prussia's aggrandizement means nothing but a crushing military rule over the most highly & widely educated nations of the earth. Stamping out all civil freedom & political progress -

Do not trouble yourself, dearest Mme= Schwabe, to acknowledge this Cheque

Only put an Envelope in the post addressed to me -

in haste

Yours ever

F. Nightingale

I need hardly say to you, how desirable it is to employ the poor women on the spot round Metz & round Sedan to make up the clothing given away - & pay them for their work -

For, if this is possible, I am sure you have done it already -

F.N.

[end]
My dear Mme Schwabe

Tho’ I very much dislike (in general) a letter written quite in private, & without the least idea of its going any farther, being made use of for any public purpose, yet, I cannot refuse those few words being used at the Friends’ “discretion,” if it can be of the least little service to our poor starving friends among the French peasantry - for whom they are doing so much -

ever yours (in haste)  
F Nightingale

Nov. 18/70

My dear Mrs. Schwabe

I am so sorry to trouble you - but would you write a printed Receipt separate,- or if you have no printed forms, a Receipt on a separate (large) sheet of paper for Mr. John Denman for £22.8.2 

for the Widows & Orphans Fund

__(the proceeds of a Concert) received from the Revd- John Denman, Rector of Newmarket - or something to that effect - that he may be able to give it separately to the body of persons who contributed to that separately (viz. the Widows & Orphans’ Fund) ever yours  
F. Nightingale

Dec 30/70
My dearest Mrs. Schwabe

I was sorry not to have had your note, dated Jan 10, about Dr. Laseron in time for the Tuesday Committee Meeting at St. Martin’s Place. Sir Harry Verney was there but went out of London immediately after. I wrote however at once to another man - we have so few Committee men in London now. I hope that they may make a grant to Dr. Laseron; but I do not know. They often say that they have only funds in hand to carry on their own immense operations. And now here is Le Mans - another frightful centre of misery.

I send you a little mite for Dr. Laseron - £5. Perhaps you will think it had better be laid out here in such things as he wants most. This is for the Sick & Wounded, please - the soldiers - [I see that he goes out again with both objects - that of the peasantry as well in view -]

The horrors get more horrible every day. What good wishes can one make for the New Year except that none may ever see such another Year till the end of the world? [We hear the most ‘navrants’ accounts from inside Paris.] ever yours

F. Nightingale
Private {printed address:}
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Mrs. Schwabe
I think it will be very kind of you to send the “contents announced in the “enclosed note to Breslau” — I see no objection to Mme Werckner’s letter from Breslau being shewn to Css- Bernstorff “privately as from yourself.”
But I doubt its doing much good — It was we who told the Bernstorffs of the “Calais Prisoners” — (German) — If you were kindly to mention the “Rugs” to Capt. Galton (12 Chester St.) It might be of use ever yours F.N.
13/1/71

C-105 {no paper copy; no i-text} letter to S.F. Bagnall, 21 April 1871, London, re: reply to his inquiry re number of Nurses necessary (Letter bound in Notes on Hospitals, 3rd ed.)
My "Notes on Lying-in Institutions".
35 South Street, July 17/71
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.
Messrs. Spottiswoode -{illeg}
Gentlemen
I beg to thank you for
sending me this Revise so quickly
[The paper reads 100 per cent -
better for having the Tables
in the text -]
I have now re-numbered
the Tables & references, & put
in the headings, as desired -
& beg to return the Revise -
I do not know whether
you intended me to do this -
or to correct this Revise
before proceeding with the rest
sending me the whole -
If not, will you be so
good as to send me this
back with a second copy,
& the rest, at your earliest
convenience - but (two
copies of the whole Revise).
I am extremely obliged to you
for making such prompt
progress with it - which
is what I very much need -
[I retain the Lithographs till
I have the whole.] I have made
some corrections to Wood-cut, p. 40, which had not
been attended to.
Pray believe me
Gentlemen
ever your faithful servant
Florence Nightingale
C-107 signed note, 1f, pen

35 South Street, Oct 12/71
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.
With Florence Nightingale’s
compliments & thanks

C-108 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir H -
I was so very sorry not
to be able to see you yesterday
- But it was quite impossible.
- I have the engagements of
nearly a year to make up.

Will you kindly tell
Sir John Strachey
that I am so very much obliged
by his kind remembrance -
- that of course it would be
the blackest treason against
Friendship if he were to

leave England without
seeing me
that this week I am so busy
& so ill
& next week I fear I must
go to my mother
but that I hope he will
allow me to ask him
to fix some day & hour
convenient to him when
I return -
F.
17/2/73
35 South St. July 30/73
Park Lane W
Dear Sir John Strachey
I have not forgotten your
great kindness in writing
to me - & offering me the
privilege of seeing you - which
I value so much.
I had, then, to go out
of London to attend upon
my mother. And since
my return I have been
so immersed in business -
- Matrons & Nurses of our
various Nursing Establishments
coming & going - & sick ones
in the house - which is
the case now - besides
other business - (and I
entirely a prisoner to my
room from illness -)
that I have never found
a day to claim your
kind promise -
And now, as soon as
I can dispose of my Invalid,
I must go again to attend
on my mother -
Shall you be in London
in October?
If so, give me another
chance: and it will go
hard with me but I
will better the opportunity
to see you -
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
35 South St.  
Park Lane W.  
Dec 11/73

Mssrs Graves

Gentlemen

1. Mrs. Godfrey Lushington informed me that you would be kind enough to let me have a good proof of Veit’s “Two Maries at the Sepulchre” for £1.1. unframed.

2. Also: could you let me have a St. Katharine Carried by Angels - Also: could you send me a Christ carrying a Lantern

I do not exactly know what this is - But you probably know - It is a favourite religious print among the poor.

I beg to remain

Gentlemen

ever your faithful Servt=

Florence Nightingale

April 23/74

Madam

I have just received your note, & though, overworked & ill as I am, I am generally compelled to decline all intercourse with strangers, yet your object is one of such interest to me that I cannot help trying to aid you in it.

In the first place: we cannot employ in the Hospitals & Workhouse Infirmaries in which we nurse any but those who have had a year’s

Mrs. Kate Coulin
training with us: for this is
the first stipulation always
made by our Employers. And this
year’s training you probably
neither could nor would
undertake to pass thro’ -
But your mention of
‘Workhouses’ & ‘Refugees’ suggests
something else to me -
Our great difficulty &
great ‘call’ in Workhouses is:
to provide means for reform
for all the poor bad girls -
who come in from disease -
when cured. This is a
fearful strain upon our
Matrons who have quite
too much to do, even with
Assistant Matrons to help
them: in addition to
the getting out our poor
Magdalen to “Homes” &
corresponding with them -
What should you think of
assisting one of our
Matrons in a large
new Sick Asylum near
London with the
Magdalen Department?
[She is a woman whom
any one might be proud
to help.]
Another thing would be: I do
not believe that a greater
good could be done than
by an independent lady
keeping a small Refuge
for penitents.
[I do not see that either of
these occupations would
prevent your doing ‘work’
with your ‘pen’.]
I wish you God speed, with
all my heart & soul: I cannot
but think a way will be
opened, if you are serious
in wishing it -
I will write at once to the
‘Sick Asylum’ I have mentioned
Pray believe me, Madam,
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

C-112 signed letter, 3ff, pen {black-edged paper}

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
June 25/74
My dear Miss Cameron
As I am unable to go & look over ‘Soho
Square’ with you, I feel that it would
be wrong for me to undertake any
responsibility in as to ‘advising’ you as to
‘number of nurses’. Besides which,
you seem to have pretty well made up
your mind. No one could advise you
better than Mrs. Wardroper
who has also
seen the place.
I have at this moment rather more
to do than can be done in the 24 hours:
and am much more ill than usual. It
is impossible for me to see you this week
or next: or to write at much length.
But I will if you please take care
to see you some day before “July 16,” when
we can talk over all things together. You have
my warmest interest: as you know well.
I shall see Mrs. Wardroper in the
meantime: & will talk over your wishes & interests as to Nurses with her.

You will of course see & consult Miss Hill: as to general management of Probationers:
She is very busy & you must make an appointment with her: she leaves
Highgate for a, too short, holiday on July 6: she can give good advice about Probationers:
I wish that you were not going to begin at once with Probationers. Did you say “six”?
(I could not quite read your letter).

I am sleepless from overwork: & cannot write more at present.
I return your Portsmouth enclosures: but I will keep Lord Cholmondeley’s letter to consult for the present.
I am more thankful than I can say that they have determined to make a thorough cleansing out of that place: as to Drainage & Ventilation too: & also to begin anew with a new Staff: & have a Housekeeper instead of a Steward -

[2]
I most earnestly pray that this new Nursing experiment may be carefully made & thoroughly successful, as a work of God. But for this there must be no cant, as I am sure you will agree - Pray believe me, with Godspeed to the work, ever your faithful Florence Nightingale
I know the Tottenham Institution: it has an excellent spirit: but to the best of my belief, it only sends out women under a Matron=Sister of its own to undertake sole charge: as we for the most part do. But you should go & see the Institution: Highly trained | F.N. Nurses I know they have not. Their women sometimes apply to us to be trained.
Dear Colonel Denny,

I was so touched by your kind remembrance of our people: as you say, so few, so very few remain of those we cared for at Scutari in 1854-5: I especially have lost almost all: I was so pleased by your kind note of Oct. 29, that, tho’ I was quite unable to see you, as you were so good as to propose, yet I cannot help thanking you for it, even at this late hour: & regretting that, under the pressure of severe illness & constant overwork, it should be so impossible to me to see one who remembers those that are gone - I have been, as you (may overwritten by have) have heard, a prisoner to my couch for years: but I am still thankful to be able to work: even tho’ I am overworked- I would not talk willingly of myself but that you are so good as to ask: & still to remember me as yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Would you accept a small pamphlet of mine on Army Sanitary subjects: tho’ published a year & a half ago?

F.N.

My dear Sir,

I believe that I must return to London on Saturday: I shall be much obliged to you to be so good as to send me your Acct= for all your kind & skilful attendances both in this house & in the village on my behalf.
I hope that you will kindly give a look during the winter to poor Mrs. Swindell: when she returns from Sheffield: [I shall see that she is provided with Milk & Port Wine: & if you wish anything different, perhaps you would have the great kindness to write to me at 35 South St. Park Lane London W. Or to order it yourself at my expence:]

Also: that you will be good enough to look at Elizabeth Holmes now & then: And should you wish her to return to Buxton When the spring returns I shall be too glad to send her. [Her cough seems to me very bad: & she says it will scarcely let her rest at night.]

- charging of your kind attendances, of course, of these two to me.

Hoping to hear from you by return of post, pray believe me dear Sir ever your faithful servt= Florence Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

[2]

C-115 signed letter, 2ff, pen

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Jan 22/77

Henry Graves Esq

Sir I am extremely indebted to you for your great kindness in sending the 3 beautiful “Christ the Light of the World”: “the good Shepherd & the “Shepherd at Jerusalem”: framed: for the Edinburgh Infirmary. They are by this time arrived at their destination, where I am sure they will give the most intense pleasure – I beg to enclose, with thanks, my part of
the debt, £8.

With regard to the last 4 lines of the Hospital Hymn, to be done in illuminated scrolls,
I am much obliged to you for the offer of writing them on a card 14 X 6: & would gladly give 66/ for having them done in the prettier style: did I think it would answer the purpose. But Hospital people complain that they cannot read a thing of that size, except by going quite close

What they want appears to be an illuminated scroll of very large size to catch the eye, like a Text, across a large room or Ward:
I presume for this it would be necessary to have almost each line on a separate scroll with appropriate devices:
- & to hang the four on the same level, or two & two on two levels: along the wall
How would this look? Would you kindly advise? & oblige,
your faithful & grateful servt=
Florence Nightingale [end]

C-116 signed letter, 1ff, pen [16:822]

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Jan 29/77
Henry Graves Esq
Sir
I am extremely indebted to you for your note of the 25th= with reference to the verse of the Hospital Hymn - I should like to have one done after the present sketch (returned):
viz. on “drawing paper” in “black letters” with the capitals in colours as here indicated: & also “brightened here & there with a little colour”: as mentioned.
“And mounted on a strainer:
“Price £2.10.”
It has been suggested to me that the words
might be a line or two more apart,
without or scarcely lengthening the whole.
If this one succeeds, I shall have at
least one more copy done, with your
kind permission.
I will ask leave to be allowed to
decide whether to have them
framed, after I have seen the
first “mounted on a strainer.”
The beautiful engravings gave the most affecting
impression & immense pleasure at
Edinburgh Infirmary: They beg to return
their truest thanks: & I to remain, Sir [end]
Yours most faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

C-117 signed letter, 1f, pen [6:633]

My dear Sir
I am afraid that Rose Wren (silly girl)
will never keep on the Cold Water Compress bandage
[or think it does her any good] - unless
you send the water in a bottle, with
“The Hydro = Fresco Lotion:
to be applied with caution:” on it:
Would you like it to be put on
as a compress with oiled silk &
bandage over it? Yrs sincerely
C.B.N. Dunn Esq F Nightingale
Sept 7/77
Lea Hurst
Cromford: Derby
Nov 2/77

My dear Madam

I am most truly sorry to hear that your resolution to return to Germany cannot now be altered.

May I express a hope that before returning to the United States you may yet be induced to come back to England, & as you desired to see the Nursing of a Hospital Training School, yet be received at St. Thomas’ on exceptional conditions?

I am writing in great haste & under pressure: & can only add the doubt whether there were not some mistake between you & Mr. Bonham Carter. It is true that we do in general train & send out Staffs of Nurses= but it is also true that we make many exceptions to this rule. And I can scarcely suppose that he had any idea of the impression he was conveying to you, - especially not that “a pledge” would be “necessary”: as he wrote to me afterwards not in that tone.

- Mrs. Wardroper also wrote that she had offered you an interview: but that you were already engaged to St. B.’s-

I can only repeat how sorry I am that you are leaving England: & hopeful that you may return: & _ bidding you ‘God speed’ wherever you are & ‘God speed to the cause of good Nursing - ask you to believe me ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

Miss Rankin
C-119 signed letter, 1f, pen

35 South St.
   Park Lane W.
   Jan 31/78

Mssrs. Henry Graves
Gentlemen
I am very sorry that the Acct= (just received)
should have remained unpaid so long.
But if it has not been paid before it is
because it has not been sent before=
   I beg to remain
   Yr obed serv
   Florence Nightingale

C-120 {C-121 added at end of letter} signed letter, 1f, pen

London April 3 1878
Sir
I wish success with all my heart to every
effort made to furnish our working men
   & if possible women too- by means of
Coffee-houses & lodgings &c with the
comforts, decencies & true interests of life
   for want of which so many young men
& women, & our race too as a consequence,
are degenerating body, mind & soul & spirit:
They know no interest but drink, - no comfort-
but the public-house & ‘gin Palace’ - no
decency at all in lodging or resort.
And who can say it is their fault?
I should be much obliged to you to inscribe me
for £10 worth of shares in the "Coffee Tavern
Co." for which I beg to inclose a Cheque
for £10.
And I earnestly wish you success. I hope that there
will be Coffee Taverns, that is Coffee Public-houses with eating
& lodging rooms, all over London
& in every town in England. Pray believe me, Sir,
your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

C-121 {added to end of letter C-120} unsigned letter, 1f, pen

To the Hon. Sec=
of the Coffee Tavern Co. (Limited)
N.B. I re-open my letter to ask if people are generally
aware to what an extent in less than the last quarter
of ½ a century German lodging= homes for unmarried
(travelling) working men have been founded of
an excellent description: superseding the vile old
lodging-houses.
I see an account of them in the "Times" of
this morning:

J.C. Barnard Esq

C-122 signed letter, 2ff, pen  [3:502-03]

Lea Hurst
Cromford: Derby
Aug16/78

Dear Sir
Four of our trained Nurses have been wrecked
on their way home from Canada, where they
had been nursing for us at the Montreal
General Hospital & were returning for
further Nursing employment under us.
The steamer was wrecked upon a reef two
days out from Canada: on July 21.
All night she was beaten about & in danger
of going to pieces. At day-break the Captain
lowered his passengers into a life-boat: but she drifted out to sea & again they were with difficulty saved. For a whole week till the 28th they were on an island, whence an officer made his way to the nearest light-house, swimming two rivers, (which the crew would not cross): or battened down in the hold of a small fish-schooner, without food or air, in a terrific storm: On July 28 they were rescued by the Erl King, Capt. Ed. Scott, whose kindness we can never forget, bound for Glasgow where they landed safe on Aug 9.

Would you allow me to return thanks for them our four Nurses in your Church next Sunday? Their names are: Nurse Styring
Nurse Wilson
" Cross
" Webb:

Might I say, in any terms you would be good enough to use: X____ Florence Nightingale desires to return the most humble & hearty thanks to Almighty God for four trained Nurses returning home (on duty) from Canada – who were wrecked on July 21, were saved three times from a watery grave, & after severe sufferings for a week from exposure & hardship, were rescued on the 28th= by a vessel bound for Glasgow & safely landed on August 9, thro' a merciful Providence

Pray believe me, Sir, [end 3:503]

ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

The Revd=
W. Acraman
10, South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane. W.
Jan 24/79
Dear Colonel Denny
I return your beautiful sketches
& her Journal: & tho’ it is with
reluctance, yet it is with the
keenest gratitude to you for having
lent these precious treasures so long.
The sketch of Balaclava you so
kindly sent afterwards, you will
find inside one of the Portfolios
You kindly ask: which shall
you copy for me?
If you would copy the two
Balaclava & Constantinople
sketches _ _ But I do not like
to ask it. _ _ And sometimes I
think it is almost too much for
me looking at these memorials
of times & places when all
with whom I cared for them
are gone -
I hope you will soon be
rid of your cough: & that you
will find your pencil a
good friend
The African (Carthage)
sketches are invaluable
Pray believe me
yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale
London Feb 12/79

Sir

I scarcely know an undertaking whose success I more ardently hope for than that of your Coffee Taverns— And I give you joy. You are making good progress —

With regard to your kind request that I should be one of your Vice-Presidents, I wish I could accede, as you are good enough to wish it. But, under the severe pressure of overwork & illness, I have unwillingly to decline, so many such requests; from various quarters, because I would fain not give my poor name without giving my work,— & this is impossible — that I am afraid I must limit myself to sending my very best wishes that this movement — the best hope against intemperance & degradation may become every year firmer & larger throughout the country.

The objections I hear urged by the working-men — but not at all against the “Coffee Tavern Company” — are -1. that ‘coffee palaces,’ (in a
large & very drunken town
in England), give only
“coffee & a bun”:
2. that where meals are
given, these are not solid
enough: not ‘solid beef &
potatoes’. This complaint is frequent
almost everywhere.
3. that the quality of the
food & drinks given is not so good
as it used to be
4. that they want not only
to eat, & have a place where
they can eat a comfortable
meal: but they want to
sleep & have a place where
there is decent sleeping room.
5. I have sometimes heard
them say that they wished
there was a place to take
their money – that money they
used to spend in drink
‘handy’: I suppose to be paid
afterwards into the P.O. Savings Banks.
I trust that you will forgive
my great interest in the
subject for these remarks
We Nurses hear a good deal
from the working men, And
the “Coffee Tavern Company”
has it in its power to spread
sound principles.
Thanking you for my
Certificate for 10 shares in
your Company, pray believe
me ever your faithful serv
Florence Nightingale
John C. Barnard Esq
Hon. Sec
Coffee Tavern Company
4/2/79

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

My dear Mrs. Schwabe

It is a long while since I have heard anything of you: but I know how much you have been doing about your Naples Schools.

Could you send me any small Report about them; & the good you are doing there?

I should like to send you a small sum for them:

I have a little legacy left me by a Mrs. Franck, of Naples, (whom I never heard of) in remembrance of the Crimea.

Alas! Our dear friend, M. Mohl, the last time I heard of your Schools was from him.

Pray believe me

Yrs sincerely

Florence Nightingale
April 26/79 [1:774]
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mary

I was very sorry to hear of your being poorly again, as Mr. Dunn had already written to me, but I hope you are now pretty well again. Do you know we pray for your health at our family prayer night & morning?

I like to hear that Bratby wants to get into his garden: & I hope that at last spring is coming. It has been as bad weather in London as anywhere else: snow last week. Mrs. Nightingale & Mrs. Shore Smith have both had Bronchitis, but both are better. We lost a young trained Head Nurse on Easter Monday.

Boy Sam has passed his Entrance Examination at Cambridge, & goes up to Trinity College in October. It makes me think of his father, tho' he is not like a bit to his father.

I hear very good accounts of the Embley people.

As soon as I had your letter, I wrote to order 24 Tins of Cocoatine to go down to you. Please let me know when it arrives. It was addressed to you, care of Mr. Yeomans, Whatstandwell Station:

Would you please give a
Tin of Cocoatine to that poor woman, Mary Shardlow, who lives with her Sister? She has written to ask for it. Mr. Dunn attends her & thinks ill of her. She is neglected & miserable in soul & body. I am going to ask Mr. Yeomans to give her milk.

I hope the little Allison Grandchildren are quite well: Mr. Dunn has quite set up Jane Allison. And I trust she is continuing well.

Do you know that Mr. Alfred is going to be married, to a lady some 20 years younger than himself, Mrs. Harry's sister (Miss Norman)

You know, I dare say, that Mrs. Grace is going to be married to Mr. Poyser, a Grocer of Wirksworth - a great misfortune to my Mother at her age. And we are in all the misery now of making the change. Pray God the new maid may succeed.

With kind regards to Bratby

I am ever your much overworked & ill but ever affly yours

F. Nightingale
8/1/80
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dearest Louisa
I was so sorry not to see you
when you were so good as to
call yesterday. I had
just seen 2 people &
was just about to see a
third - of the most
fatigu ing class.
I do not like to ask to
see you to day: being Sam’s
last day: to whom Aunt
Florence’s very best love:
but I am afraid it is my
only day this week. [I could
see you at 1.30 or at 5, or 6,
whichever IF any hour is most convenient.] With 1000 loves to all
ever yours F. Nightingale

2/2/80
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Mary
I am sure that you &
Bratby will be thinking
of us. Just after
Midnight my dear Mother
died quite peacefully.
Since Thursday week
She had had much sweatiness
& painfulness - tho' not
so much as during her
attack at Lea Hurst.
She was always & at all times soothed when
by Mr. Shore came in. And When it came near the last, she
smiled a smile as if she
said: 'I'm dying: it's all right'.
She longed to go home.
Up to the last,
She always responded to or repeated her favourite hymn & prayer. Then it grew more solemn as if she saw God when she smiled.

When Mrs. Shore repeated the Lord's Prayer, after she could neither speak nor swallow, She put out her arm, & waved it gently over her head in triumph, as it were, as if she said: 'I see God, I am going home'. Then she composed her own self to death at 9 last night: folded her hands, laid herself down, closed her own eyes & in 3 hours she was gone home.

I will write again: Please tell your 'Aunt Fanny' & Sisters Allen.

God bless you, dear Mary:

Ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

Mrs. Morris was all kindness & mourns her as truly as a daughter her mother. Her attention to her was beautiful.

F.N.
Dear Miss Mochler

I was very glad to hear from you. I wish I had better & more satisfactory news to give you.

Poor old Widow Gregory in the last few days of August fell off the Close Stool when she was by herself in the house & fractured her hip. They sent the idiot to Mr. Dunn's surgery the next day with a confused message about her wanting something to rub her leg. His good genius prompted him to go to her: but nothing could be done. She died next morning. This was all before I came. I cannot make out that she was actually drunk. But it is a terrible thing - a thing which must have happened, uncared for as she was: & which I always told them would happen. That poor old woman haunts me now. May she have forgiven & been forgiven!

The idiot Philip is, I believe, to go to the Union - The poor little children Platts have had Scarlet Fever & the younger has died

Dear Miss Mochler

This is a scrap written to you long ago: You see the date - I send it now:

F.N. [end 6:639]

26/12/80
Lea Hurst  
Oct 29/80  
My very dear Mary  
I am sure that "Aunt Mai" would wish you to know that God is calling him whom you & Bratby cared for so long...to his home.  
On Tuesday the 19th there was a great change: he had been particularly well up to that day. Mr. Taylor thinks that it is only the failure of the vital powers hastened by the sudden change to sharp frost: but that there may have been a slight stroke...  
He lies quite peacefully for the most part: now & then speaking to whichever is by him. At times he speaks just like himself. He is now too weak even to have his bed made, except with him in it.  
He suffers only from occasional restlessness...& then he sometimes wanders.  
He takes only liquid from a cup with a spout: milk, with brandy or soup or a pounded rusk in milk, or cocoa.  
Yesterday they were to have a Nurse from London - Hawkins has been most attentive & has a bed in his room. Ellen Gibson sits with him when one or other of the
family is not there by him
Mr. Shore is distressed
beyond measure at not being
with him & them at the
last. But it was quite
impossible. His progress is
very slow: & he has often
had drawbacks, alas! [I don't
think his Mother realizes
how serious his illness has
been.]

I hope dear Mary, that
you & Bratby keep better.
I trust to see you soon:
God bless you:
always yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

He sometimes speaks to
Mrs. Smith quite like
himself which is a great
comfort to her.
Miss Julia Smith
was at Embley with
two friends: but
considerately left for
Ravensbourne yesterday.
She saw her brother
while he was asleep.

C-131 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

November 12/80
B.F. Stevens Esq

Sir
I extremely regret that the
letters addressed to me
by yourself & the United
States Commissioner of
Education which
have just been forwarded
to me should have thus
remained without an answer.

But you will I am sure
kindly excuse me when
you know that, always
under the severe pressure
of overwork & illness,
this has greatly increased
of late. And I am now away from London but not from work. I am afraid there is not a chance of my being able to see you, or of my returning to London, "by the end of this month". I can only refer to you to our Secretary of the Nightingale Fund, my cousin, Hy Bonham Carter Esq 91 Gloucester Terrace Hyde Park W. He is a very busy man: but will, I am sure, if you could kindly write to him, asking for an appointment, try to make one to see you, And I will write to him by this post. My warmest wishes for the progress of Training Schools for Nurses, as well in the United States as in England, among all our English-speaking brothers & sisters, are yours. And I am sure your kindness will thank General Eaton for his letter to me, will convey my regrets for my inability to do more, & will assure him of my heartiest hopes for his highest success. Pray let your kindness also pardon me for my inability: & believe me Sir ever your faithful servt= Florence Nightingale
24/2/81

Dear Charles,

I hear from Mrs. Shore Smith that you are going to keep a Coffee-house at Brecon. And I heartily give you joy & wish you well. And if you like to write to me I should be exceedingly interested to hear any particulars of your Coffee-house, & how it succeeds & what drinks succeed best. We are going to have a Coffee-room, please God, as I dare say Mr. Shore Smith has told you, at Whatstandwell. I am always interested in all particulars about Coffee-rooms - & in what directions & in what ways they succeed - & what attracts people most - & whether your men call for dinners & early breakfasts.

I wish you well & your wife & child too - And I hope you will accept a little present from me (enclosed)

yours in good hope

Florence Nightingale

Messenger told me yesterday that Brown's Acct= for a Carriage the day I arrived here Dec 21 7/6, had never been paid till this month & he repaid you for it yesterday. It was paid at the door here on Dec 21. And I gave Fanny the money for it. She is away now for change of air after her illnes And I cannot ask her.

Do not worry about this: if Brown has brought you the Bill twice - at least not till Fanny comes back. When I asked her for the receipt - on Dec 21, I understood her to say that you had taken it. But I may be mistaken in this.

F. Nightingale
May 23/81
6. a.m.

10, SOUTH STREET, (printed address:)
PARK LANE. W. [13:464]

I was so very sorry, my dear Fräulein von Cornberg, to return to London only after you had flown. I wished much to have seen you again, - yet more should I wish to see you after you had seen Liverpool & Edinburgh - Very glad am I that you feel it was desirable for you to see the great Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary. Pray write to me all about it: nothing interests me so much. Write in German, (only not in the German character but in the Latin.) - I shall understand.

My love & kindest regards
to Miss Gordon & Miss Huguenin -
Be sure that everything that you can tell me of your impressions will interest me. I suppose you will be going to Edinburgh about the June 1. Write a few days beforehand to Miss Pringle
Royal Infirmary
Edinburgh
naming your day & train-
They will send to meet you.
And give them some mark
by which the person who
comes to meet you can
recognize you.
How I should like to see you
again before you leave
England for Germany.
But I shall hear from
you. My best thanks to
Miss Gordon for her
welcome to you. I would
write to her but that I
am so pressed. All that
is done for you I take as
done for myself -
in haste

ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

C-136 incomplete, unsigned letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: replid 18/10/81}

October 11 1881
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Sir
Pray accept my heartiest
thanks for your kind note,
& for copies of your two
most interesting Reports on
your Tours in the Trichinopoly
& in the Cuddapah & North
Arcot Districts.

That you were at home on
sick leave I was truly
sorry to hear from Mr.
Robertson.

May I hope that you are
better, & may I ask how
Charles Benson Esq
It seems that Agricultural affairs in Madras are 'looking up', & prospects improving. Surely the Stipendiaryship in the College for each Collectorate in the Presidency must do good. We have long wished for an Agricultural test, as being quite essential for Revenue Dept= candidates.

Is it for European as well as native Candidates? And this, it seems, we are to have. And also agricultural classes in the High Schools of in the Presidency.

I am so glad to hear that your College buildings will soon be ready. All this is good news. But Mr. Robertson must miss you very much.

Your new Governor, Mr. Grant Duff, is quite interested in agricultural progress, & will, I trust & believe, do great things for it.

I will lend the copies of Reports you have been so good as to send me to those I think will be interested. And
interest in India is, I am happy to think, increasing. And as you have kindly given me leave I may apply to you to send for another copy or two to people. And I should be very glad to see the Report on the Bellary district which you so kindly promise me.

It would be most exceedingly interesting to know how the native “Graduates” of your College are turning out - All particulars of this kind would be very welcome.

[end 10:687]

C-137 initialed note, 1f, pen & pencil

{archivist: Florence Nightingale, Lea Hurst, Nov. 1881}
The old-fashioned white Derbyshire Cottage Rose,
double but not very double. - It flowers in great profusion.
The old fashioned crimson (or dark pink) Derbyshire Cottage Rose - so little double that it shows its golden eye -
The old fashioned Damask Rose - scarcely double at all.

F.N.
3/11/81
Mr Francis
Lea Hurst  
Nov 26 1881

Dear Sir,

I beg your acceptance of a donation £3.3 for any of your works that require it most: Temperance or Curates or Lay Reader.

I wish it were more, but the claims upon me are far beyond my means.

I trust that your fight in favour of Temperance will be crowned with success, as I am sure you also pray for ours -

Drink & dress seem to be the great barriers against a higher civilization,

against God’s work in these parts. The people do not even understand their own interests: they will live in wretched quarters, perhaps 7 in family and a lodger in two miserable bed rooms - happy too if grown up sons & daughters are not in the same bed =room & even (up into the teens) in the same bed - while they spend more on eating & drinking & dressing (with no mending) than we do - & mend their clothes less than we do.

These are people earning, - (parents, sons & daughters included,) considerably more than a London Government clerk, who has to appear like a gentleman. What wonder if immorality is rampant!

I have to thank you for a sermon preached the Sunday before last against profession, & against drinking, repeated to me, as far as I could guess, almost word for word, by my Maid.
I always make them tell me the Sermons they hear.
I pray God to bless your work -
   Excuse pencil
   & pray believe me
ever your faithful servt-
Florence Nightingale
Rev. W. Acraman

C-139 incomplete, unsigned letter, 1f, pen & pencil

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

My dear Sir
One of the many questions that I wished to take advantage of your valuable presence to ask, when you took me by surprise, was: - a pupil of Howard’s of Bedford told me that there should be Steam threshing machines for threshing rice (like wheat) for Bengal. [One threshes as much in a day as 60 men, he said.]
Could you kindly tell me whether Steam threshing machines are among those which you think suitable to India & of which you purposed to take back models?
I derived the greatest possible information from your too short visit. But I trust some day to have a less hurried one by appointment. {pencil} I have so many questions to ask. 

[end 10:692]
My dear Sir

Many thanks for your most interesting news. I am very sorry that you are laid up with Bronchitis, but trust that it will soon be over.

"The best thing will be for Mr. Benson to write "to Sir Louis Mallet "officially, asking the "question: & he will do "his best to have his & Mr. Benson’s "suggestion favourably "considered." This I learn direct from the India Office on enquiry.

The “question” of course is what you mentioned to me: viz. that you should be commissioned by the I. O. to visit Ransomes of Ipswich, Fowler of Leeds, Howard of Bedford, & others, in order to tell them what Agricultural implements & machines are suitable for India, (& what else you mentioned to me), with
a view to their sending
out specimens to be tried
in India &c &c &c
I would add that, the
sooner you write the
better. as the India Office
does not answer in a
day. And the Christmas
holidays will be upon
us directly.

[Sir Louis Mallet
 &c &c
 India Office
is his address.]
I earnestly hope that
all your plans for the
good of India will
succeed:

[10:692]
to our hearts’ content:
and pray believe me
ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
C Benson Esq
My dear Sir,

I assure you that I am quite as much distressed by the character of the "Resolution" of the Govt. of India on the new Agricultl= Dept= as any one can be. To connect Agricultl= "improvement" with Settlement operations is completely to close the door on all possibility of ever helping the cultivator of India.

Anything that you can tell me will be put to use. And not a word will be lost. [I have a copy of the Resolution.]

2. I bear in mind what you told me about the "native Inspectors."

It is doubly alarming now when we think of what new powers may be put into their hands?

Can you tell me what is the native name of these Inspectors?

Also: who appoints them?

how many (about) there are to each Tahsildar?

or each Taluq? or District?

& how the selection is made?
3. Have you heard what has been the result of Mr. Buck’s visit to Madras, if indeed it has already taken place?
   That the Govt. of India should have a considered policy as to Agricultural reform — including of course education. & that it should systematically admit “qualified experts” — seem two vital conditions of any improvement.

4. Could you tell me how far the use of Steam Agricultural implements will be affected in India by the want of fuel? What will be the fuel used? and, whatever it is, is it not so expensive as to make the use of steam in Agrcl= machines almost beyond native capability?
   Do you use steam for any Agrcl= operations at Sydapet? — & what fuel do you use?
   [I was told of some sort of fuel; but I could not read the word in handwriting.]
I trust that you have received your Commn- to visit the Agricl= Implement makers:
& that you have completely lost any trace of Bronchitis in this lovely spring weather.
I entirely agree that without agricultural education the Govt= can do nothing to improve {pencil} the land of India

in haste
pray believe me
ever faithfully yrs
F. Nightingale
C. Benson Esq

February 27 1882
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Mrs. Outram
Miss Cusden has mentioned you to me as looking out for a cook’s situation, & says that she has described mine to you -
If you would like to come here to morrow (Tuesday) at 1.30, I would be glad to see if you could suit my place.
Take a cab if it is wet:
faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Sarah Outram
56 Rutland Gate
Hyde Park
W.

27/2/82
Private

Mar 2 1882
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir,

I am extremely obliged to you for your 2 letters, for the {overtop illeg} contents, & for enclosures, & for the copy of your Annual Report, which I read at once.

It would be a great art so to present the truths you wish to tell the Govt= that they will not cut out the passages in which these {these overtop they} occur.

To me these are all welcome. I will not say more to-day.
Could you kindly tell me

the name of the Revenue "Inspectors" in the NATIVE language? [Spell it in English, please.]
There is nothing to correspond with them in Bengal.
[And the Govt so frequently takes its ideas from Bengal.]
Also; you say there would be 3-5 in a Taluq - Is a Taluq the Tahsildar’s jurisdiction?
And Then how many Taluqs are there to a District, (a Collector’s District)? 
And how many Districts
to a division – (? a Commissioner’s Division) and how many divisions to the Presidency?
I think you said there were 30 Districts to the Madras Presidency.
You see it is wanted to form an idea what are the numbers of these native Revenue Inspectors.
I think you said there might be 50 whom you have known: & 20 or 30 to a ? District. {pencil} But that would make a VERY large number to the Presidency. {pen} I will only trouble you with this question now, but please let me know anything you hear from Madras.
Would it not be a great thing [10:696] if a qualified Agricultural expert, an Englishman whom they knew, could take a few Indians, Zemindar or Ryot, a tour to say Italy and Egypt, a winter in China & a summer in England? Their Reports would be worth having. [end 10:696]
Pray believe me faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
C. Benson Esq
{pencil} Thank you for all your information
June 20 1882

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

My dear Sir

I cannot tell you with what interest I watch what passes in India Agriculturally - & I thank you much for your letter at the end of May.

You say you will be in London “early in July”: & would {overtop will} see me. [10:699]

I would gladly see you on Tuesday, July 4 {overtop 5}, (this day fortnight) at 5 o’clock. Or if it would be more convenient to you, I would reserve for you Monday, [end 10:699]

July 3, at 5, or Wednesday July 5 at the same hour. But would you be so good as to let me know as soon as possible which of these days or if any later day would suit you?

I delight in hearing of your progress in Madras: but I am very sorry that you think of leaving Mr. Robertson. It will be a great loss -

Mr. Robertson has been appointed a Fellow of the
Columbia U

Madras University -
(pencil) I have been interrupted
& must stop -
You do not tell me
whether you have done your
Agril= Machine Makers’
inspections. [end 10:699]
I hope your health is
very much improved
faithfully yrs
F. Nightingale
C. Benson Esq

C-145 signed letter, 3ff, pen to Henrietta Stewart

Private Aug 7 1882 [15:922-23]
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Miss Stewart,
I am so very sorry not
to see you before you go:
but we shall meet in prayer
in the presence of Him whose
work we trust it is on
which you are all going-
& who can alone give it
success. Indeed I do pray
Him night & day for these
His Servants & especially
for the present party. Let
me introduce & recommend
to you -(to you whose
Superintendence, if I
could have chosen, I should
have desired more than any
other - for our people -)
Mrs. Fellowes - who needs
   no recommendation from
   me - She is the lady
of whom we talked together -
  She comes to be your "true
   & loyal servant" - these are
her very words to-day -
She is the widow of Genl=
   Fellowes - she has had
between 2 and 3 years'
  experience at St. Thomas',
   where she came immediately after her first shock of widowhood
for a year's training - &

especially, as I always felt
   & recognized her call for it,
with a view to nursing in
   Military Hospitals.
Her call is for the soldier - She
has great & unbounded
influence over her Men-Patients -
& I have always thought
would have it over the
far more difficult beings,
the Orderlies. [I think so
much of these - that we may
be able to raise & train
them. God grant it -]
the men & N.C. Officers of
the A.H. Corps.
Mrs. Fellowes volunteered as
Night Staff Nurse, immediately
on the conclusion of her year's
training, in one of our heaviest
Men's Surgical Wards: she
did it admirably. Then she
volunteered for the Transvaal
War: but, as Sir F. Roberts
was recalled from the Cape
because it was thought the
war was over, she returned
from Pieter Maritzburg, &
came back straight from to
St. Thomas': where she
has been ever since & is
now the most efficient Sister
of a Men's Surgical Ward,
-& this very day in the midst
of her last preparations
remained in her Ward for a
difficult case of operation
to help the new Sister-

[2]
1 We shall miss her, oh so much
at St. Thomas': but give
her to you gladly- And
May God be with you all.
2. Let me introduce to you
Miss Solly- She is Mrs.
Fellowes' senior in service -
She has been between 4 and
5 years at St. Thomas': &
is the daughter of its late
Senior Surgeon, Mr. Solly,
who is dead. She has
been upwards of 3 years
Sister in charge of that
heavy Men's Surgical Ward
of which Mrs. Fellowes
volunteered as Night Nurse.
She is a first rate Nurse
& Sister: Capital at every thing.
You will find both these
Sisters shrink at no work:
at the same time wise & discreet=
Both will be after your own
heart. I can say no more.
We have sent you our two
best Sisters: whom we
could ill spare- both thoroughly
skilled & experienced.
I try not to be anxious.
That is an impertinence
to God.
May He be with you at
every moment is the unceasing
prayer of yours ever
Florence Nightingale [end 15:923]

C-146 signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

Aug 12 1882
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir
I will gladly see you
on Tuesday afternoon at 5,
if that will suit you:
or at 4 or at 3: if you
are wishing to go out of London
that night, & will let me know.
Thank you very much for
the books you sent me:
Question papers: & Dr. Murdoch’s Education:
I am going to ask you a
great favour to leave them
with me: & to let me
buy of you Dr. Murdoch’s
invaluable Letter on Education
& to order {overtop illeg} me some more
copies from Madras. For I am sure much use might be made of it here:
in great haste
faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
If I do not hear from you to the contrary I shall expect you on Tuesday at 5.
F.N.
We are so busy with the Nursing arrangements of the troops going out that I have scarcely time to breathe.

C-147 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10, South St
Park Lane W.
Dr Evatt May 20/82
My dear Sir
It is 9 or 10 months since I have heard from you- And I do not even know whether you are in England.
I think the time is come when something might be done about matters you are interested in, if only you are within reach to be communicated with - Pray believe me, sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
My dear Sir

You have talked much & wisely to me about the necessity of teaching, if the A.M.O.’s are to have all the administration in their hands, (to them) administration.

Could you write me a few lines suggesting what questions should be asked to elicit what administration is or can be taught at Netley, including nursing, cooking, washing - ward management &c &c &c

and suggesting what & how the ideal course of administration should be taught.

What would be your course of administration?

& could it be taught at Netley?

The Field Hospital course would have to be taught at Aldershot.

How?
2. We have also said much about Nurses & the undesirability of substituting trained women for trained men: or of considering that the substitution of women for Medical Officers, to train the men, is desirable. Besides - how can the M.O.s know whether the Nurses women are good Nurses or not, if they themselves know nothing about Nursing, & have never been taught, as is the case at present.

Could you send me such questions as you think desirable

1. for the D.G. to obtain answers to from the Medical Officers in Egypt as to the Nurses (trained women) who have been or are serving there.
   a. as to their work descending to particulars such as giving enemas " / opium changing helpless men__ washing "backs in bed preventing bedsores dressing wounds accuracy in -reporting to Medl Offr as to results of treatment including stools urine &c &c &c
   b. as to capability of training Orderlies in &c &c &c

2. for the D.G. to ask (in
My dear Sir,

I think your scheme of the "Army Hospital Flower Mission" most admirable, I wish it 'good speed' with all my heart. It will do a great deal of good - I wish I could see my way to doing as you ask: but I never like to give my "name" where I cannot give my work: & I think it would be putting myself forward -

With regard to my writing to Sir Henry Ponsonby, I do not know him personally - & after taking some advice I find it is feared that he will say that he has so many things to lay before the Queen that he cannot do this. [end]

ever sincerely yrs
F Nightingale

Pray excuse my delay in answering:
And do not think {think is written over another word) that I do not wish your scheme well - Believe me that you have my warmest wishes for your success

Do you think that you would be so good as to send me a copy of the List of Military Hospitals at the end? FN
May 23/83
10, South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Madam,

I have only just heard from the Director Genl=’s Office that you are at Chatham. I need not say how sorry I was not to see you when you were good enough to propose to call on your return from Egypt.

Should you be coming up to London occasionally & would kindly make an appointment to see me some afternoon about 5, I shall hope to be more fortunate.

If you could give me a choice of two or three days, I should be certain to be able to fix one that would, I hope, suit you.

Pray believe me ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

Miss Stewart
May 24/83
10, South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane. W.
Messrs. Harrison & Howson
Gentlemen
I have a case of Knives &
Forks, much prized by
me, given me on my
return from the Crimean
War by the Cutlers of
Sheffield.
The blades of the knives
now require repairing
very much. New blades I suppose
must be put.
Would you undertake
this? If so, shall I
send you the case? & how?
Perhaps you have some
agent in London to
whom I could send it.
And will you be so good
as to say how soon I
may expect the case back
(with Acct=).
Pray oblige
your obed serv
Florence Nightingale
I should wish the very best
blades put, for the sake
of those who so kindly
gave it me.
F.N.
C-152 signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 26/83
My dear Col. Denny
I do trust that you are well & flourishing now.
I was so unhappy that you left that £2 here the other day. You must allow me to restore it - Indeed it would spoil all my pleasure in your kind friendship if you did not
Also: it makes me anxious to have your valuable sketch books here. It would make me much more easy if I might send them back. Choose one sketch yourself if you are so kind as to wish to copy one for me. I shall be sure to like it.

yrs ffaly
F. Nightingale

C-153 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St
June 13/83
My dear Sir
What constitutes a Corps? (referring to the future "Royal Medical Corps") in the sense of the other Army Scientific Corps - I think if you would kindly answer me this question we could then get on to the practical applications
faithfully yours
F. Nightingale
Dr. Evatt
18 July/83
My dear Joanna, & old friend,
   Thank you for your
most kind letter -
& wish to know where
I was born - It was at
the Villa Colombaja
at near Florence
   Do you live near
there?
It would give me
such very great
pleasure to see you

again- but especially
at this time of year
when press of work
compels one to abandon
some things - & those
often which one cares
for most. Another
straw splits the
back already broken.
I never see more than
one person a day if
it can be helped. And
this is almost always
on the most exhausting

business - talk -
My love to Susan -
   I give you joy on
your nephew’s marriage
   & believe me
ever    with best
wishes for your
Florence life - dear
noble old Florence -
hers renewed life.
Yours & Susan’s
   for auld lang syne
loving old friend
    F Nightingale
My dear Sir I have not had such good news, no, not for years, first, that you have been appointed Sanitary Commissioner, & next that it is to be for the full term. I give the Bombay Presidency joy: I give ourselves joy. I give you joy. Yes, surely, you will leave your mark.

Alas! I wish I could say that we are making progress in Europe in Sanitary things - It seems rather as if we were making retrogression (since 20 years ago). The insanity of our doctrines about "germs" proceedings about Cholera is so virulent - Our whole Indian experience tends to nay actually proves that Cholera is not communicable
from person to person: that it is a local disease, depending on pollution of buildings, earth, air & water - that quarantine, cordons, medical inspection & the like are all fatal aggravations of the disease: that the only remedies preventives are, first, to remove healthy troops, healthy people from the locality: then to put the earth, air & water & buildings into a healthy state by scavenging, line washing & all sanitary work. [Had we done what you did in Bombay City as Officer of Health when we decided to stay in Egypt, Cholera would never have come or but a slight Epidemic]

Is this not so?

[printed text upside down:]

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
POST CARD - GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND
(GRANDE BRETAGNE ET IRLANDE)
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

Give me a post-card about affairs. [end 6:568]

[3]
- that attendants do not “catch” the disease from the sick, any more than they do from poisoned cases. Is not all this so? Yet look at Egypt & Europe now - It is this doctrine of “germs” which has “poisoned” us.

Our only reason now against enforcing quarantine is - not that it is an efficient mode of breeding disease but that it cannot be enforced “if it could be, all would be well.” As I heard one of the few good men & true say: people will soon believe that you can take a railway ticket for Cholera Prayer helps us - [end 9:921]

Excuse these cards

[4]
Pray believe me ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
Dr. Gillham Hewlett:
Sanitary Commissioner

[printed text upside down:]

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
POST CARD - GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND
(GRANDE BRETAGNE ET IRLANDE)
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.
Claydon Ho: Bucks Oct 3/83

Dear Bratby I am very sorry indeed not to see you again this year. But Mr. Shore will have told you how impossible it is for me to leave poor Lady Verney till I am obliged to return to London - And at this moment there is nobody but me. Sir Harry is absent.

1. I owe you for a year’s Daily News. And- could you go on with some of the things our dear Mary did for me?

1. There is Martha Sheldon whom you & I talked together about. What would you advise to be done for her this year?

2. And there is Widow Barton - one of the best women that ever lived, whom Mr. Nightingale was very fond of. She is very poor: some flannel or warm shawl or gown for the winter: & 3 or 4 months of 2 lbs. Meat a week from the butcher perhaps would be the best things for her. Could you see her & ask?
3. Then there is poor old Lyddy Prince, who might be so comfortable if Adam were a better man. I think she must want something of warm clothes for the winter.

4. And there is old Mrs. Brown. She too must want something of the sort. Meat also.

5. And the Sisters Allen - They are very proud. But perhaps you or your niece could make out from them what they want in the way of warm clothing. Pray tell all of these with my kindest regards how very sorry I am not to see them this year. I hope you yourself are pretty well & your niece too & her eyes: Pray give her my kind regards & would she be so very good as to send me a List of those who have Cocoatina: And perhaps she would write me a List of what these our friends want that I may send you the money if you will be so good as to undertake it.
(2.) If Widow Barton would like the meat, then I send an order on Walker for it to Mr. Yeomans. (4.) And should Widow Brown be failing, then she might like 2 lbs meat weekly too.  
6. And you I must not forget to send a message of love to “Aunt Fanny,” Mrs. Wildgoose for me, & tell her how sorry I am not to see her. How is she?  
7. And I think our dear Mary used to pay Lizzie Holmes for doing some knitting or crochet work for me - Would you kindly undertake that this year? I am particularly sorry not to see the Holmes’ this year. They are such good people. I heard some talk of their going to America. I should be so sorry. 8. And Jane Allison - we must do something for her: And now, dear Bratby, good bye: I am glad to have seen you in London: yours ever faithfully F. Nightingale
I seem to be making out
the List as I used to do
with our dear Mary
yours & hers most faithfully
F.N.
You have had Mr. Shore
& Mr. Sam & Mrs. Shore
& Miss Rosy & the other two:
so you will not have
missed me.
You will be sorry to hear
that our Fanny is still
ill in bed here -

C-157 letter to Miss [Henrietta] Stewart, 10 Oct 1883, 10 South St., Park Lane W., re: expresses appreciation in hearing of the progress of the work at Fort Pitt

Oct 10/83
10 SOUTH STREET, [printed address]
PARK LANE, W.
Dear Miss Stewart
I had a kind note from you
telling me of the progress of your
work at Fort Pitt. Indeed you know
well how deeply interested I am &
always shall be in the Military Hospitals.
You kindly ask me to come, &
see your Chatham work. How much
I should like it! But that is a feat
I have not performed for 26 years, &

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one which, alas! I shall never be able
to perform in this world again
[It is 26 years since I was at Fort Pitt Hospital]
You must come & see me, as you
kindly promise.
I am not now at home. I was summoned
to attend my sister in a most painful
& I fear incurable illness tho’s she may live for years. But I am obliged to
return shortly & shall hope you will
be able to find an hour for me.
Do you find Patients to be nurses
sufficient for your Nursing? at Fort Pitt?
May God bless the work.

Pray believe me
with every best wish for its
highest success & hoping to see you
ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

C-158 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:777]

10 South St.
Nov 8/83

Dear Bratby

I have sent off
to-day by quick train
(carriage paid) to you
from St Pancras’
a package
of which I enclose the List
of Contents - & for whom -
[You will of course charge
to me the porter:age &c]
If you will be so very
good as to give the
things & ask them all
the people
to write to me & tell
me particulars of
how they are - I
shall be grateful to you.
I enclose on the
Envelope what
the gowns ought to have
for lining & braid -
which can be got in
Holloway, if you will
be so very good as to
arrange this: or give with
each of the gowns 2/each.
I hope you are keeping
pretty well.

I will write more, &
send you some more
money, please -
But I have been very
poorly since I came
home - And Fanny
is still in bed, tho'
going on well -
ever sincerely yours
& dear Mary’s
F. Nightingale
All the things come from
the best Manufacturer
in North Wales & I
hope are the best
Nov 20/83  
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}  
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Sir

I cannot be too grateful for your kindness, which I know I owe to Dr. Acland, in taking up my maid’s case in the midst of all your avocations.

The conditions of payment will be most joyfully fulfilled by me. But the conditions embodied in Rule 6 cannot, I fear, possibly be performed by the Invalid, my maid. viz. to “make her own bed,” “Make herself generally useful,” “not go to her Bed-room in the day-time”, “walk out daily”, &c &c.

All her three Doctors, Dr. Acland, Dr. Armitage & Dr. Denton (of Claydon) are so anxious to get her to Bournemouth as soon as possible, and I shr under your care, and I should be so willing to pay for any Nursing necessary to the case, that I venture as an old Nurse
to urge the present (Nursing) state of the Patient, which is as follows: before sending you the Medical certificate filled by Dr. Armitage who attends her daily, as you kindly permit.

She, Fanny Dowding, has now been 2 months a prisoner to her room, (viz. one month at Claydon, and one month here)—waited on by two women, not allowed even to wash herself, or to walk across the room by Dr. Armitage. For the last 3 days she has been down-stairs & out in a Bath chair, but with the effect of increasing the expectoration & the blood-spitting.

And Dr. Armitage now has her carried up & down stairs. She is weaker than she was a month ago when she came here from Claydon.

She bore the journey quite well—

And she is said to be quite fit for the journey to Bournemouth. And her
Physicians wished her to go at once.
Not with any foolish idea of anticipating the regular Medical Certificate, I venture to trouble you with Dr. Armitage’s written opinion to me yesterday: I showed him the Regulations, kindly sent me by Dr. Humby)

Nov 19. “The No= 6 Rule is wholly inadmissible in Fanny’s case, & if it is not relaxed, she cannot be entered at the Sanatorium x x x “On the whole she has gained ground most decidedly.

“I think it of great importance she should go to Bournemouth: x x x “The area of dulness is not so extensive nor the bronchophony so loud: the vesicular murmur more distinct: but there is a prolonged expiratory murmur indicative of INCIPIENT Phthisis. To-day the sputa rather more abundant, but only slightly tinged with blood. x x

[To-day there is much more blood]

20/11/83 F.N.

“When Fanny goes out, she must be carried to the chair, as evidently very little motion accelerates the expectoration”. 
2. That you will "not have
   "a vacancy till near
   "Christmas," is a very
serious thing for us.
   And I appreciate your
great kindness in offering
to ascertain "whether she
can be admitted at the
Herbert Home" - especially
if she may be treated there
by yourself.
   Could Hospital Nursing
be given to her there, till
she is better?
   I am giving you a great
deal of trouble, emboldened
by your great kindness -
I can do no other than
tell you the (nursing) State
   of the Patient, & leave
ourselves in your kind
hands: to advise
& to guide us - repeating what
the Medical gentlemen say that they wish her
to go to Bournemouth at once - if possible -

Pray believe me
   ever your faithful servt=
   Florence Nightingale [end 6:647]
Wm Stewart Falls Eq M.D.
{printed address: upside down} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
Dec 7/83
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Bratby
I am so very sorry that you are disabled again - & very much obliged to you for all you have done for the people
I ordered the Cocoatina the same day that I received Mrs. Brocklehurst’s letter & hope that it has arrived
A Cheque for £5 is enclosed, as I think you will be wanting money to go on with what you have kindly undertaken - Pray remember me kindly to Martha Sheldon.
I am very sorry she is so poorly. If she likes to have Dr. Dunn, I will gladly pay for him for her. I am glad you told her to knit stockings - 2 pairs might go to Lyddy Prince 2 prs to Mrs. Broomhead, who I hear is very ill, if she likes them - 2 prs to Mrs. Barton - Remember me most kindly to all -
I am very glad the Memorial Stone is finished. That is a very nice verse Miss Smith chose for it - God bless you & poor dear Mary - not poor but rich indeed - I am sure she thinks of you. By dint of good Nursing, Lady Verney is a trifle better, thank God. She can occupy herself more - But she will never walk again. Fanny has been a terrible anxiety for 10 weeks that she has kept her room - with Doctors nearly every day. She has been restless all the time, & last Monday she went most eagerly to St. Thomas’ Hospl=. And next day she wanted to come out agin - However she is quieting down - They are as kind to her as if she were every one’s only child there - I would have written before - but as you may fancy I am quite knocked down by all this & can hardly do the work which comes in so fast, & which dear Mary knew so well: God bless you always ever yours sincerely F. Nightingale I am always glad to hear from you & about all the people -
New Year’s Day 1884
Dear Bratby
Your flowers were quite in time. I should like to tell you how Mrs. Hy Bonham Carter carried the flowers & herself dropped them into the grave in Keston Church yard - & on Sunday morning last Miss Alice saw them still looking fresh - the flowers as well as the wreaths having all been placed on the outside of the Grave - & the soft wreathing mists have laid their dews on it & kept the blooms all fresh.

Five of Mr. Harry Bonham Carter’s boys asked to come to follow their loving Great Aunt
Mr Shore & Sam -
Arthur Clough - Mr. Coltman
Mr. Godfrey Lushington & Beatrice - Mr. & Mrs. Harry & Alfred & Hugh Bonham Carter -
Miss Alice & Beavis, her Aunt Julia’s excellent maid
Miss Burnett & Mrs. Moore and Mr. Mason from Lewes the women in a carriage the men walking
followed the coffin from
Ravensbourne to the beautiful
little Keston Churchyard
where the vault is dug
in pure white chalk
in the hill side -
& covered with flowers
  Mrs. Bonham Carter,
who is ill, could not
be told of her Sister
Julia’s death till the
Saturday after the funeral
(Saturday 29th) when she
asked for her - & Miss Alice
told her. She took it
quite calmly _ but afterwards
when she realized her loss
  was much agitated, shaken
& distressed. And Miss
Alice was almost glad
when on Sunday afternoon
she was too ill to remember
her loss -
All our families remember
you & your loss
  which is ours too -
  God bless you &
give you all the highest
  New Year’s blessings - which
dear Mary has already
hers & yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
C-162 signed letter, 1f, pen [1:791]

June 2/84
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Frances Groundsell
I promised that I would let
you know when I should want
you: And I should be glad for
you to come on Saturday
next, June 7: on which day I
understand that you will be
at liberty.
I trust that you will be
comfortable here: & I earnestly

hope that this will be a
peaceful & happy home.
God bless you. {blotches of ink on page}
Florence Nightingale

C-162A signed letter and envelope), 2ff, pen {black-edged paper and envelope}

10 South St. W.
June 19/84
My dear Miss Rees
May God bless &
comfort you in the
great loss He has seen
fit to lay upon you -
& not upon you only
but upon so many to
Whom your Father’s life
was a blessing.
But it is a blessing
to think what a loss he
is - your heart feels
what I mean.
There is joy in sorrow -
but what a trouble it is when one cannot feel this.
May God bless you again & again.
Do not think I have been careless because I have not written - I will tell you about myself when I am thinking less about yourself-
Success to you in the highest sense.

ever yours heartily & anxiously
F. Nightingale

{envelope}
To enquire With 2 parcels of books

Miss Rees
(Ward Sister)
Charing Cross Hospital
19/6/84
Dear Sir,

Pardon me for not having answered your most kind & interesting letter of I am afraid to think how many months ago. My inability to write is my alas! too true excuse.

I am so anxious to know how it fares with Mr. Robertson & the College & the Education: & with yourself & the farming: & with all the Mofussil in these respects. You are so kind as to offer me information: all information is most welcome to me -

You mentioned your tour to the Godavery & Kistna Deltas

Those have been a main object of my interest for years - I should so like to know the results you saw.

The copy of your Report which you so kindly promised me has never reached me

Indeed I have had no Reports at all from you or Mr. Robertson lately

But chiefly I am anxious to know, whether agricultural tests have yet been adopted for employment in the Revenue Dept= -

[end 10:705]
My hand fails me to write more by this mail: but I hope to write again - In the mean time any information that you will be so very good as to give me will be of the highest interest to me.

How do improved ploughs & improved Agricultural implements fare? & improved seeds?

I hope the health both of yourself & Mr. Robertson is good. Good speed to your great work. Pray believe me always yours faithfully & India’s Florence Nightingale

C. Benson Esq

10 South St. March 13/88
Dear Bratby I have thought a great deal of you during this severe weather, & feared that you were suffering more. I trust that you have had Dr. Dunn; & are now better.
I have not heard much of Hannah Allen lately, tho I wrote to her. As she has her niece living with her which I am glad to hear I should welcome a letter from her -

Poor Mrs. Broomhead! She is a terrible sufferer - How her life is prolonged! There is
however no “cancer” in the case, as Mrs. Brocklehurst supposes - I hear of her from Dr. Dunn. Pray give my kindest regards to her & tell her I should like to hear from her son of her - Is she cheerful? 

But you must tell them all, please, that, tho’ I think of them, I cannot write - They, & you too, must think of me as seriously ill, with a Night Nurse (which I have never had in my life before), & a Doctor two or three times a day -

They must pray for me as I do for them: & God bless you all I say continually

And poor Mrs. Brown, she has my best good wishes.

[The last time Mrs. Brocklehurst told me she was so poorly, I sent word to Dr. Dunn _ And he went at once. But he found her “better than usual” So I was rather in a scrape] I am very glad you sent Mr. Graves to poor Martha Sheldon, to whom my kind remembrances, & gave her
“good Beef Tea,” & “Gin”, or whatever Mr. Graves ordered - And please go on -

Dr. Dunn gives me a very deplorable account of Jane Allison, that is of the state of her mind, & the worry her relations cause her - Do you ever see her?

I hope Lyddy Prince is pretty well - Is Adam good to her? Or is he out of work this Severe Weather? Give her too a message from me - Is there anything you would like me to do for her? She does have an allowance from Mr. Yeomans for me.

I will send you £5, in case you want more money.

I hope you get your newspaper regularly - & that your eyes are good - Poor Lady Verney is still in much the same state. But it is astonishing how much she likes seeing people - And they even give a dinner-party- She seeing the company before & after dinner -
My Aunt at Embley has not been allowed even to sit up in bed during this very cold weather- And she has had tooth ache & had a tooth out - But I hear from her often - her hand as good & her mind as clear as ever- And she suffers less -

Shore & his son Louis have been staying here for an Examination of Louis - Shore is going down to Embley to-morrow -

You know that Mrs. Smith was 90 on Feby- 4-

Now I cannot write a word more. So, dear Bratby, God bless you -

faithfully yours

F Nightingale

I am sorry that Mrs Brocklehurst is so poorly herself & much obliged to her for writing to me.

C-165 signed letter, 1f, pen

July 14/85 
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Joanna

Thank you for your good kind letter. I am so pressed (& so ill) just now that I am afraid I have not a chance of being able to see you, But you say that you will be in London again for a fortnight in October. Give me another
chance then.
   My love to Susan, please.
I like to hear of your adopted niece.
God bless you
   ever your affecte old
   F. Nightingale
Alas for me I am never able to
   see two people at once.

C-166 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

      July 26/85
My dear Capt. Galton
   Very many thanks for your note. And I will expect
your valuable Draft about Army San. Comm: (with,
please, my notes & Dr. Sutherland’s)
“tomorrow, Monday, before “mid day”.
   My Monday is already
so fully taken up that I think I will put off my going,
& see you on Tuesday, please, as you kindly propose,

    at 5.30. “after 5” -
that is, at 5.15 -
    Good speed
    ever yours most truly
    F. Nightingale
Dr. Benson
Steeple Claydon
F. Nightingale
11/8/85
Claydon Ho: Aug 11/85
My dear Sir
Could you be so good as to postpone your visit to me till tomorrow or next day? & which, & at what hour?
I am so very much pressed by business this morning your fful servt=
Dr. Benson F. Nightingale

Sept 17/85 10 a.m.
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
To the Inspector PARK LANE. W.
Euston Station
Sir When arriving by the 2.30 train from Bletchley way, I saw you yesterday, you were good enough to take trouble about a Persian kitten we had lost on the other side Watford Station.
Last night I wired to the Watford Station Master & had a reply:
“Cat found not hurt will Send it to your address “Seven twenty-five hence tonight”.
But the poor little cat did not come – & I have heard nothing of it either last night or this morning. Might I trouble you to let me know whether you have received the cat? And if not what you would advise to do further?

With many apologies believe me your faithful servt = Florence Nightingale

C-169 signed letter, 3ff, pencil [1:788-89]

Nov 16/88
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Bratby
I am very sorry that I have not been able to write before – I have been so pressed for 3 weeks by Lord Lansdowne’s leaving England as Viceroy for India – And my eyes & health are very bad –
About Martha Sheldon’s money, I have just seen Mr. Shore Smith, who came up to London late last night, & came to see me this morning
Both he & I would like
to know: had you any
distinct order or authority
from Martha Sheldon to
pay for her funeral?
If not written, spoken?
Also: did she say or
write anything as to what
should be done with
the remainder of her
money? If not, Wm Sheldon
ought to have it.
I have written this to
Mr. Yeomans, & asked
him to advise with you.

Poor old Lydia Prince - I am
very sorry for her. Do you
know how much arrears of
rent she has to pay? I
would continue, if you
think well, the 2/6 a week
for 4 weeks longer, after
the 8 weeks. I am glad
she has the 3/ a week
Parish relief-

James Bunting has
written to me to ask me
to serve as his reference.
I do not much like this,
for I do not do this with
our own trained Matrons
& Nurses from our St.
Thomas’ School, unless I
have had personal acquaintance
with them & their work.
That is the only value of
a Testimonial
James Bunting refers me
to you. I believe you have
a very good opinion of him
   And I will ask you, if this
is the case, but not
otherwise, to give him
the enclosed.
Mrs. Smith of Embley is
still bright & cheerful
when not suffering - She
is carried into the South
room most days - but
does not sit up except
in bed or on the sofa -
sincerely yrs
F. Nightingale

C-170 signed letter, 2ff, pen

London May 22/86
My dear Capt. Galton
   Professor Weinbrenner who
will present this letter of
introduction to you, as the
greatest authority on Sanitary
& administrative Hospital
building here, is the very
distinguished Architect &
Professor of the Polytechnic
School at Carlsruhe -- who
has undertaken the plans
of the ‘Clinique’ to be erected
there - & comes to England
on a mission from the
Grand Duchess of Baden,
to see the “specialties” of
Hospital building here,
“inside & out” — as regards
health, administration,
distribution of wards & offices
&c.
Will you kindly tell him the
best Hospitals to see —
& the best way of seeing them
— & perhaps introduce him
to some of the best Hospital
architects?
He also wishes to see the
“specialities” of building of other
Institutions, Schools &c.
& English houses — “of the English
“Gothic Style, sloping roof
“bow-windows &c,” as the
Grand Duchess calls them.

Pray believe me
dear Captain Galton
ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

C-171 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W.
July 5/86
Dear Sir Nevill Chamberlain
How good of you to call!
I should be so sorry not to
see you before you leave London
Might I hope to see you on
Wednesday at 5 or at 6?
Or, if not then, to-day (Monday)
at 6.30 or at 3?
ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale
Miss Frances Groundsell
10 South St.
Park Lane
28/9/86 London W.

Claydon Sept 28/86
My dear Frances

I have no time to write
as I had intended - I am so
glad that you have had
a nice holiday & are
looking better for it- And
I hope that you will take
a little run in the park
every day to keep you well.

I send your Quarter’s
wages: & £2 for the
Savings’ Bank, hoping
that you will be able
this Quarter to put in a

C-173 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:779-80]

10 South St. Nov 9/86
Dear Bratby

I am very sorry to have been
so long in writing -

Thank God that you were
the better for Ramsgate:
but I am sorry the poor
hands are not better -

I wrote to Mr. Yeomans
as soon as I had Mrs-
Brocklehurst’s note, to
whom my kind regards,
asking him to send a
Load of Coals to Mrs. Barton,
which I hope arrived -

Could you tell me - &
whether she will want
some more?

Martha Sheldon writes
to me that, if I mean to
give her work, I had
better do so at once -
Would you kindly do this?

Stockings, I think you must
order - but not for Sir Harry
Verney, for he will not look
at them -

She has been nursing her

brother. If you could tell
me of anything I could do
for her, I would do it.

I have a good account
from Mr. Dunn, on the
whole, of our people -

And I hope to hear
from you again soon.

But this must be a very
short note -

I saw Mr. Shore last-night
& heard from Mrs. S. Smith
at Embley this morning - in

her own clear hand- writing
- this morning - all right-

Do you want money? Please
tell me.

Mrs. Thomason is with me,
as temporary cook - She
looks well - My cook is ill.

ever dear Bratby

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I hope you go on with
your “Daily News”
10 South St. Dec 3/86
Dear Bratby

   I hope you will be so
good as to get a pair of
   blankets for Martha Sheldon
   - She seems to be behaving
very kindly to her brother,-at
last. The blankets to be had
at Matlock Bath, or even at
Holloway, are just as good
I have found as here: So
perhaps you will kindly
get them for her -
   I am afraid you must
have had some snow yesterday.

   I ought to have written
before, but I have been so
ill & so overworked with the
India Office & War Office,
like what I was when
dear Mary & you were with
me, that I have scarcely
been able to do anything else.
   I hope you are pretty
well - & Mrs. Brocklehurst.
Please give her my kind
regards & thank her for
her letter.

   Of my friends, Mrs. Barton,
Mrs. Broomhead, Lyddy
Prince, & the Sisters Allen,
& all of them, I should like to hear.
To-day is India mail-day, & I must stop unwillingly -
Mrs. Smith is very well - Shore is going down to Embley to-day -
Lady Verney, wonderful to say, has been better the last week or two, & very active - But you know she is quite helpless - every joint is bad - She cannot even turn in bed -
God bless you:
sincerely yrs
F. Nightingale {text above name at an angle:}
Sir Harry comes up on Tuesday for Lord Hastington's Meeting

C-175 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:780-81]

Dec 29/86
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Bratby
I send for Mrs. Broomhead
a soft Invalid gown & flannel for drawers & singlets

Lyddy Prince
an 'active' gown

Mrs. Holmes (who gives away the milk)
a cloth gown
Please give to each of those who have gowns 2/6 for lining &c or whatever it was we gave before.
for Sisters Hannah Allen
  flannel for drawers
  Ann
red flannel for petticoats

for Mrs. Barton
  flannel for drawers & singlets

for Mrs. Brown
  flannel       ditto

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all with my kindest regards
& hopes that the things
  which all come from Wales

& I am told are the best of
  their kind
will prove comfortable & good
  I am sorry not to do
them up all in separate
parcels for you to send;
but we are such Invalids
in this house, & I am so busy
  Perhaps Mrs. Brocklehurst
would be so very good
as to buy paper, charging
it to me, & do them up -

  & particularly the gown
for Mrs. Holmes, if she
  would do it up carefully
& direct it outside & send.
  Pray give her my kind
regards & best thanks -
  I am so sorry that
your shoulders are so
bad. Still I can wish
you happiness in the New
Year in doing many a
kindness to your poor
neighbours. And I always
think of dear Mary -
  ever yours & hers  F Nightingale
What stirring times these are.
10 South St March 8/87

Dear Bratby & Mrs. Brocklehurst

Thank you very much for all your kindness to our dear old Mrs. Barton, & for the letters about her.

I am sure the end of her life was made much happier by your attention.

I was very fond of her - When she lived, a happy wife & mother at Leashaw Lodge, Mr. Nightingale used to go & see them almost every Sunday afternoon - And he

used to sit on the three-legged table before the fire - how often, she has told me this _ & say: “Now, Barton, read us a bit of a Chapter” (to her husband) - “And the Squire would sometimes choose the Chapter himself, but most times he would say:”Barton, you choose it-“

She was a good woman, so patient, living her lonely life in Holloway, & so industrious, as long as she could work at all -
Mrs. Brocklehurst has been very kind to her - And Mrs. Holmes has contributed to make her end happy - I hope she died happy -

Now she wants no more -
She is happy now -
I have written to Mr. Yeomans to continue her two Milks, her Meat & her Eggs, to that daughter-in-law who was kind to her, & who, I believe, was is much worn, till Lady Day. And if you think help is wanted to wash up what the
good old lady has left,
will you kindly pay for that washing? - I hope what is worth it will go to that daughter - in - law -
I have ordered a black gown from Wales which I will send her) - for her mourning, please.
I am afraid the other daughter - in - law was the contrary of kind in more ways than one -
But I hope she had some comfort in her sons -

“Now the labourer’s task is done o’er,
“Now the battle-field is passed,
“Now upon the farther shore,
“Lands the traveller at last”
God bless you both -

Sir Harry Verney, I am sorry to say, is in bed with a cold, under Sir Andrew Clark’s care -

His bad illnesses, during which he has lain at death’s door for weeks, have always been during the March, or March & February East Winds, but we hope this will be nothing serious, having taken it in time -

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

C-177 envelope only, 1f, pen

Ernest Morgan Esq
Secretary
34 Craven Street
Charing Cross
Florence Nightingale
18/4/87

Dear Bratby Thank God you are so much better - And I hope the Ramsgate expedition will come to pass, as you wish it, & Dr. Dunn approves of it; and you have a friend to go with you.

Your recovery is wonderful, thank God for it - And I trust you have not much pain now, & that your cough is going, this very warm summer.

Your neighbours, I am sure, have wished you well; & will rejoice to have you coming among them again -
Give my kind regards & thanks to Mrs. Brocklehurst, & tell her that I have not written, because all this year I have been so poorly that I have barely been able to do the most pressing business - But I have corresponded constantly with Dr. Dunn about you - And at one time he very kindly wrote to me every day. And Dr. Webb wrote to me too.

I should like to hear (when you can dictate a letter), how the Sisters Allen are, & Martha Sheldon, of whom I have not heard for a long time, & Lyddy Prince & her naughty son, & poor Mrs. Broomhead, & all my friends. Do you want money?

I hope you have been able to take interest in the Jubilee doings lately - Mr. Shore who has been a good deal at Embley lately because his mother is far from well, I grieve to say, goes to-day to the Naval Review at Portsmouth, with Sam: & Mrs. Shore goes with her brother from London. Louis is gone to Germany.
for 2 months to read -  
Arthur Clough told me when
that he had seen you.
Mr. Fred. Verney has
sailed to-day with the
Siamese Princes [he is
Secretary to the Siamese
Legation in London] for
America, Japan, Siam -
to negotiate treaties. It is
a sacrifice & a risk - &
Mrs. Fred. Verney & her
children remain behind.
Now God bless you -
Sincerely yours,
F. Nightingale
July 23/87

C-179 signed letter, 1f, pencil [1:766]

10 South St. Park Lane W.
Sept 1/87
Dear Madam

Herewith comes my pet cat
Quiz - who I am sure will
find a happy home with you -
And I hope she will be
as affectionate as she has
been with me -
I will send you some
particulars tomorrow about
the way she has been brought
up, if you will allow me -
And might I ask that you
will let me know in two or
three days whether she
goes on well --& then,
later on again, as you kindly
proposed -
most faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
Mrs. Hales
My dear Sir

Pardon me for troubling you.

Mrs. Robertson consulted you yesterday about a great (occasional) pain in the groin. And you recommended her to go to London “to be fitted with a pad” & to “rest” -

She spoke to me about it - Would you be so very kind as to write to me (I start immediately) at 10 South St Park Lane, W. London W -

& tell me, as to an old Nurse, what exactly is the matter - what sort of truss with pad do you recommend - whether there is any immediate danger? if she does not rest enough -

She tells me she cannot go to London till next week.

and do you recommend Spratt in Bond St? Pray oblige

yours faithfully in haste

Florence Nightingale

Dr. Benson

{envelope} Dr. Benson
Steeple Claydon
F. Nightingale
7/9/87
Sept. 8/87
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Madam

In reply to your kind note, I was away for a little rest (which turned out to be a great deal of business) when it reached me.

[Miss Aston has no doubt told you that I am an overworked Invalid].

I returned home yesterday, but it was impossible for me to see you this morning, as you kindly proposed, after great fatigue.

I am afraid that I am entirely engaged, & on more that I have strength to do, till the end of this month— I would next month, if you are pleased to wish it, make an appointment with you some afternoon about 5 o'clock—

But I deprecate the attaching much importance to the advice of one who, like myself, is quite unable under the severe pressure of business & illness, to visit & see things for herself.

Success to all your efforts in the great cause—
& to Miss Aston is the fervent wish of yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Miss Baker
10 South St. Park Lane W  
Dec 13/87  

Dear Bratby  
I am afraid I did not send you the £5 you wanted. I thought I did. This was a great mistake on my part - But here it is -  
I fear you are very suffering this weather. Pray have Dr. Dunn -  

PRIVATE  
Poor Sisters Allen: I hope they have all they want, while Ann is in this state. I have asked Mr. Yeomans to give them £5, (£1 at a time) during the winter months. I hope Hannah does not sleep in the same bed with Ann in her present illness -  
Will you kindly tell all my friends whom you see that I shall not be able to send them Christmas & New Year's cards this year, but I shall wish them my best wishes all the more & to you too.  
I am obliged by Doctors'
orders to go away for a time
   into perfect solitude- in order
   to put off the complete
   breaking up, if it be God's
   will, & the loss of my
   eye-sight.
But letters will be forwarded
to me.
I have letters from my Aunt
at Embley nobly &
cheerfully calm, tho' she
knows she will never
leave her rooms while
in this world. And she
writes just like herself
& in a firm hand writing.

   God bless you & all my
Holloway friends -
   Pray have Dr Dunn
ever sincerely yours
with kind regards to
Mrs. Brocklehurst
F. Nightingale

C-183 signed letter, 2ff, pen [1:791-92]

Caydon Jan 25/88
Dear Frances
   I am so very happy that Mr.
Verney is getting so much
better. And I thank you for
all that you are doing for
them. They are very much
pleased with what you do
for them, Mr & Mrs. Verney.
I bless God, & so I am sure
do you, that he is so much
better.
   This is the day of the
Conversion of St. Paul,
when he asked so humbly
& generously, “Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?”
And thirty years of labours & sufferings & persecutions
made him only the more anxious to know & to do
what Christ would have him do.

Lizzie is quite well.
Lady Verney is very poorly.
Little cat has tumbled out of a high window, but does not seem much the worse.
I hope the cats have not disgraced us. Have they ever done anything wrong in any of their rooms? Or do they go into them at all? Or on the stairs? Quiz is the only one to be trusted -
I am glad the papers have been moved out of my bed-room. As to the rest, I am sure you do what Mrs. Verney likes best.
I hope Nelly & the Charwoman & Messenger help you in carrying things upstairs.

God bless you
ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale
C-184 signed letter, 2ff, pen [1:784]

June 5/88
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Bratby
I am very sorry that you are suffering so much: & very sorry that your eyes are so bad. But Mr. Shore, I hoped, would have suited your eyes with glasses. He wishes to take any pains to suit them - & I hope he will still be able to do so—Just now he is in Devonshire, but going to Embley, I believe, this week.
I have sent you some Cocoatina. I did not understand Mrs.

Brocklehurst's letter, when she said: - you would want in 3 weeks: & did not say what. I meant to have written to enquire: but was too ill. Poor Lady Verney is very bad. It is very, very kind of Mr. Wildgoose to pay for Adam Prince at the Hospital I trust poor Adam will now leave off the drink entirely. I would go on with Mrs. Smith's allowance to Lyddy Prince, if you think she needs it badly. I do make her a small allowance.
I am so very, very sorry that Hannah Allen's good
niece has had to leave her.
You know that H. Allen
had a delusion that she
was being poisoned. This went
off for a time, partly, I believe,
because I send her things
from here. I wish I had
known beforehand that the
niece was going to leave her.
Possibly I might have been
able to prevent it, at least
for a time. It is a thousand
pities. Poor old Hannah Allen!
I am glad you do for
Martha Sheldon - Pray
give to all my kindest
regards.
I hope you will go on trying
to get glasses that suit you.
I believe it is not of serious

Seeing "two Swallows" when
there is only one - It only
means that one eye has a
longer sight than the other-
the two eyes see but one
object when the sight is
equal.
My eyes are very bad. Glasses
hardly help me at all-
But the sight of one eye
is very much shorter than
the other -
I have only been out of bed
3 times in 3 months long
enough to have my room done
& don't seem to get much better.
But we are very busy now.
Sir Harry is brisk, but older.
He fainted in my room,
which is a serious thing for one
of his age. God bless you
ever faithfully yours
F. Nightingale
10 South St. July 6/88
Dear Bratby
    I hope you are not suffering much this very bad summer - I am so very sorry that Mr. Wildgoose is going to leave Holloway, & sorry for you too. You will miss them.
    I have very good accounts of Mrs. Sam Smith on the whole - But you know she was down-stairs for the last time on May 24 last year. She is now entirely in bed in the Music-room & is not now able to sit up in bed. But her mind is as bright as ever. And she not seldom writes to me— She has suffered a good deal but not lately. She still has the same Nurses, a Day Nurse & a Night Nurse - & still has the same power of attaching people to her so much.
    I heard from Mr. Shore this morning- He is in Devonshire with Mrs. Shore
& Rosalind & Louis. Louis
is there from Oxford for his
Vacation. They are staying
with an old cousin of Mrs.
Shore's, who, having lost her
only brother, is very lonely.
How is Martha Sheldon?
Please remember me to her
& to Jane Allison. How is
she?
Mr. Arthur Clough is
very bright & active, &
does famous work at
the Education Office -
Sam is studying at St.
Bartholomew's Hospital, as you
know. The two young gentlemen
come & dine here pretty often. When Rosalind
was staying here, Sam came
every day.
Rosalind is extremely
active in Co-operation,
& attended the Dewsbury
Congress as a Delegate!!
There is no hanging back
from work among our
young people now-a-days.
Thena Clough lives a
great deal with her Aunt,
helping her - Miss Clough
being the Principal of a
College for Ladies at Cambridge as you know. The other Principal is a daughter of Mr. Gladstone’s. You may have seen the opening of "Clough" Hall by the Prince & Princess of Wales in the newspaper (which I hope you can read) last month.

Lady Verney is very poorly - But they had all our Probationer-Nurses down to Claydon for the day from St. Thomas', which they enjoyed excessively, last Thursday.

Sir Harry ages, but is very active. Beatrice is at Stokke. I am scarcely able to leave my bed at all- but am able to do a good bit of work. Lately we have sent 'Sisters' to a Mahometan Hospital for women in Egypt - one to South Africa with 25 Hampshire agricultural families, including 100 children, 5 Gordon Boys: where Lady Ossington, an old lady of 84, has contributed the funds
to form a settlement, 140
miles west of Port East London,
called the Tennyson settlement.
We have besides more Hospital
business than we can
undertake. Mrs. Wardroper,
Matron of St. Thomas', has
retired, after 37 years' service
And Miss Pringle, one of ours,
13 years' Lady Supt= of the
great Edinburgh Infirmary,
which has 1500 students,
has succeeded her at St.
Thomas'.
God bless you
ever faithfully yours
F. Nightingale
Please remember me to all my
friends at Holloway & to
Mrs. Brocklehurst.
Has Adam Prince left
the Matlock Water-cure?
how kind of Mr. Wildgoose
to put him there -
And how is he? & his
mother? my friend Lyddy Prince
I hope you have Mr. Dunn
whenever you wish for him
F.N
7/7/88
July 7/88
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Madam,

Pray let me acknowledge gratefully your letter of June 20 with its enclosure. And pray let me make to your kindness, my most unwilling excuse that, - being always, & this year more than ever, under the severe pressure of illness & over-work which prevents my undertaking even two straws more, - I have made what would be an unpardonable if not unavoidable delay in answering.

My deepest sympathy is with your objects, as you well know - with the need which you have so well & so effectively expressed -

I have ventured to send you, employing an Amanuensis, some notes on our experience in these matters: tho' I am afraid you may justly say that these are not of much use to you -

I wish I could be of use to you so very much.

As for the request which you do me the honour to make that I should become the President of an Association,
I trust that the notes & remarks enclosed may have afforded ground enough for the conclusion that a Central Association & appeal to the public hardly appears for the present to be altogether either expedient or opportune.

It grieves me much to have to say that I have always thought it 'impudent' to give my poor name where I could not give my work; & that it is quite impossible to give my work to the Association - however deeply I sympathize with its object.

You may, and I think with reason, say that I have given you no help in promoting the object you have in view, & that much of what I have written does not apply to the particular cases you refer to-

But 'Good speed' I pray with all my heart to your proposed work. And may you have to teach us! How we shall welcome it.

Pray believe me ever your faithful servant Florence Nightingale

Could you be so very kind as to tell me what "the Bill now before Parliament for the registration of "Certificated Midwives" is?

F.N.
Private {up diag} July 9/88
   10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
   PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Yours of July 7 received to-day.

I don’t know that I ever had a more anxious problem.
I have taken advice- But it is too difficult - between the immense desire to secure your invaluable help for work connected with India - your unique fitness for it and the impossibility of promising the appointment which rests with TWO Secretaries of State to say what is best for you.

It is a matter of great regret that the offer of Dr. Mouat’s post should have turned up just at this moment - a moment of such uncertainty that one cannot say: “refuse the bird in hand because there is such a bird in the bush which is of far greater interest.”

At the same time if it were certain that the Army Sanitary Comm: would be reconstituted, we should certainly beg you to wait-

We suppose it to be pretty certain -

Then, alas! I am bound to say that the successor to Dr. Sutherland’s post will have
no bed of roses (only roses too have thorns) {pencil} with the R.E. Dept= even here - And strong good views must be dressed in heavenly expressions for them to accept. You see how I am torn in pieces. It will break my heart if we lose your work for India - But it would be unpardonable of me if I were to advise you to renounce Dr. Mouat’s post when we cannot certify even that the other - the one connected with Indian work - will be created-

If you are in London on Thursday, I would gladly see you at 5 - But if, as is probable, you wish to get back to Bedford, would 3.15 suit you?

Pray take care of your throat. That is all important. And believe me most anxiously yours F. Nightingale

{diag:} But I shall have nothing more to say on Thursday And I am afraid you will say & with truth that I have not helped you to a decision. I have not helped myself - F.N. F. G. Hewlett Esq

{archivist: Received through Dr Hugh Auchincloss Jr after his father’s passing}
Dear Bratby

I hope your maid is going on well - If not, that you will send for Dr. Graves - I believe Dr. Dunn is away -

I feel very sorry for poor old Lydia Prince. And yet all one gives her is so much saved for Adam Prince to put into himself for drink - If you like to give her half a crown a week for 2 months - & to tell me what she wants most - flannels - for what? - or a warm gown -

She is very much to be pitied.

I hope you pay for your newspaper out of what money you have of mine.

Lady Verney is worse - And Sir Harry's brother, also above 80, is come here completely broken up. There are only we 4 - And yet we are not an uncheerful 4 - Yet it seems a strange 4, without chick nor child. Mrs. Verney is coming soon - And then I must return to South St-

We have as much to do in London as when you & Mary
were with me in Burlington St-
   And I am worse -
Dr. Sutherland is dying- He
   has resigned his post- He is
80 - & so is Mrs. Sutherland -
Dear Aunt Mai at Embley
no longer writes, but she
reads letters - She is pretty
comfortable.
Shore was telegraphed for
from Embley to nurse a
poor old Lady=Cousin of his
wife's in Devonshire,
where they have been staying
much this summer to be
with her. He is so good -
Mrs. Shore & Rosalind

return from Ireland this
week- Rosalind is working
hard at Co-operatives-

To return to poor Lydia Prince:
Do you know what Doctor
   attends Adam? I suppose it
is Dr. Graves?
Will you tell me if she had
the "medicine" she asked for
which I sent before to Adam,
& which is a cordial prescribed
by a London Doctor against
drink? I ordered two bottles
from London to be sent them
I am glad that poor Martha
Sheldon is spending her Savings
Bank money. She had better
spend it when she wants it
Thank you for going to see poor Jane Allison too - I have not heard from her - I asked her to choose a favourite hymn - and I mentioned one or two - & to repeat it every day & tell me she had done so. It is very difficult now for me to write much besides my most pressing business. My kind regards to Mrs. Brocklehurst - & thank her for writing. God bless you ever sincerely yours Florence Nightingale

C-189 signed letter and envelope, 2ff, pencil
{diag printed:} Oct 3/88
Telegraph Claydon House,
Steeple Claydon, Bucks {printed address:}

Dear Sir
Would you be so kind, if you see Mr. Calvert again this week, as to ask to see for me Elizabeth Hubbard, a little under-housemaid of mine aged just 16, who has a goitre-like throat, larger on one side than the other - [She cannot remember when it came] She has the soundest of health, which one can so seldom say of girls now-a-days - has the monthly period well
established. And I should be very sorry if this throat made any treatment necessary which might disturb her health. She is from Warwickshire - & has not been long with me - The goitre seems to occasion her not the slightest inconvenience _ & not to have increased of late- But I had rather you saw it. [I sent for her here, because they were rather short-handed here. And she came last Thursday] She is a remarkably nice, happy girl And I am very fond of her & anxious about her. Excuse me - I hope you will say it is of no consequence - I have not heard from your Patient, Emily Baker, since she left. Pray believe me faithfully yours F. Nightingale Philip Benson Eq MD
Diag printed: Oct 11/88

Telegram

Dear Bratby

Thank you very much for telling me of poor Martha Sheldon's death 'poor' no longer And thank your scribe, please

Some forty years ago, she was such a nice young woman. She was in my class of adult mill-girls. And I was fond of her. Some twenty years afterwards I saw her again & was shocked at the change. - so wild & quarrelsome. I think during her last few years she was not responsible

for what she did & said -

"Tis a Loving Father calls the "wanderer home". And I hope she is gone home. It was very gentle her last call. And I am glad she was spared a long illness in bed, which would have been terrible, so suspicious as she was of every one. Now that is all over. "The young Immortal wakes "Wakes with her God".

Thank you for what you did for her- It was very sad, with her heart-complaint, (tho' Dr. Dunn had never given me the least idea that she was in danger), that we could not
get in a woman to clean, & a 
woman to wash for her -
Please thank Mrs. Bunting
for making her Beef Tea - And
if you could make her a little
present for me -
I think, as you say, that Martha's
money ought to go for what
she saved it for -
I cannot think how her
old brother will do for himself.
Could you kindly make a
message to him for me,
telling him what a regard I
had for his sister - and how
glad I am she has now peace_
It is a blessed change for her -
I am afraid she had no joy of

her life here-
I have been thinking continually
of you all - but have been
so poorly that I have not
been able to do any but the
most pressing business.
I am obliged to go back to
South St. on Monday -
Lady Verney is not better
But Mrs. (Captain) Verney is
coming to her here - Sir Harry
is well -
God bless you
sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
Mr. Shore is at Embley. His
mother is much the same
but happy
Dear Sir

I & mine leave here on Monday for 10 South St. London-and I have to thank you for your kindness. You were so good as to say that you would see Elizth- Hubbard, my little housemaid, "in about a week - But we shall not be here then Could you make it convenient to come & see her here either to-morrow (Saturday) or Sunday? & tell me how to go on -

I am so sorry not to be able to see you But I have no strength to see one additional person

Could you have the kindness to write to me, enclosing a Prescription, if you wish her to go on - & tell me how long she is to take it - & if, then, I should have advice in London for her - & how I am to know whether she requires in future Medical advice? I suppose I must measure the throat round, say once a week?

I am afraid I could not have her drinking water "boiled" before it is "filtered". It always is filtered. And our filter is a tell-tale one, showing if the servants have not drawn a
sufficient quantity of drinking & cooking water from the filter. But I can always have it "boiled" after its being "filtered". Will that do?

Is the goitre likely to increase? Might I ask you, if possible, to say what hour you will come on Saturday or Sunday?

I was very sorry to hear of the accident to 'Master' King's wife - Will she recover? Might I ask you if you have heard from or seen Emily Baker, your Patient? I have not -

Yesterday was the day you told her to come to you again I will send her from Squire's the proper Malt & Codliver Oil with Hypophosphates - if you wish it.

Might I ask you to be so good as to send me your Acct- for her - (not but that I hope she will continue your Patient, & I have another Acct- - & also for Elizth- Hubbard x & to believe me with thanks yours very faithfully Florence Nightingale Philip Benson Eq MD x The water was hard at Elizth- Hubbard's home in Warwickshire
Oct 24/88
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Susan
I am so glad you went
to {illeg Toynbee?} -
I could gladly see you if it
were possible to you to come for
half an hour tomorrow
(Thursday) at 6 or 6.30, if
that suits you - But I
scarcely dare hope it
And it would be more wasting
your time to let you come
without an appointment  x
God bless you
ever yours sincerely
F Nightingale
x
I have no time or strength
but for my work - & not
time or strength for that

10 South St. Jan 17/89
Dear Bratby
You will have been
prepared, I hope, by what
I told you, to hear that,
since last Friday, my
deepest Aunt's life at
Embley has been only a
question of hours - and
alas! of more or less suffering.
She went home this
morning at one o'clock
quite quietly - home to
her God whom she had
so loved & sought
She was apparently conscious to the last, but too weak to speak above a word or two.

They were all there - Mr. Shore returned to her on Monday. Mr. Arthur Clough on Tuesday -

They will all feel her loss terribly - Shore most for all - but all of us. God bless you
faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

C-194 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:789-90]

10 South St. May 7/89
Dear Bratby
I send you £5, because I want you not to run short of cash- & because I want you to pay for your own newspaper out of it. Pray do this.

At this moment Mr. Shore is in London - & I think may very likely come to Lea Hurst, that is, to Matlock, for a few days- Mrs. Shore is in London or rather taking back Barbara to School at Brighton. Rosalind is at Albert Hall Mansions, working
hard. Sam is gone back
to St. Bartholomew's Hospital
& Louis is at Oxford.
Mrs. Clough & Flossie are
staying at a friend's at
Lyndhurst in the New Forest.
Thena is at Cambridge - Arthur
not come back from America.
I hope you are pretty well
God bless you
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Sir Harry & Lady Verney
are both at South St-
They are sadly altered
but full of energy -

C-195 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Bombay Village Sanitation Bill
{at angle:} PRIVATE August 1/89
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square. W.
Dear Sir Raymond West
Allow me to thank you [10:350]
heartily for your most kind
letter of July 8 about the
Bombay Sann= Bill in Committee.
We may trust to you, I know,
to press all that you think
wise in the popular view of the
case. I rejoice to think
that you have "got in the thin
"end of the wedge," because we
know that you will follow it up
till you have got in the thick
drive end also: making the people
see or at least think that
it is their own doing as well
as for their own interests!
I shall gladly see the copy of the Report of the Select Committee which you promise; and I will make any suggestions that occur to me, as you are so good as to desire. But it is in the administration of the Act that lies the pith of the whole matter, and where I feel confident that Sir Raymond West will continue his good work. The best Act in the world may, as we know, be administered or neglected so as to remain a dead letter; or, worse, set the people against it - while a not altogether good Act may succeed in its object, bringing sanitation among the people, if worked in the manner that a great Administrator in India so well understands.
I am hopeful that you will tell your Assistant Collectors or Sub-officials to carry it out in a sympathetic manner among the people. If the Assistant Collector or Officer who worked it well were mentioned with praise on the Administrative Report, - then, as you have taught me, the other Assistant Collectors or Officers would be sure to make it work - and in a sympathetic or popular manner - letting things drop that they found offensive, even, as you say, to the “defects
“or prejudices of the people.”
I have even hopes that I shall see some day in an Indian paper, Sir Raymond West or Lord Reay making a speech to a Municipality, referring to the Village Sanitary Act as a measure to which the Sirkar attaches much importance.

Pray believe me
dear Sir Raymond West
yours faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

C-196 signed letter, 1f, pen

Jan 31/90
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square, W.
Dear Miss Stanley
Thank you very much for your more than kind letter
With regard to Mrs. Sandwell’s desire to be admitted at St. Thomas’ for a year’s training, there will be no vacancy for a ‘special Probationer till June, unless through some unforeseen chance.
I beg you to send the “Regulations”. Should Mrs. Sandwell wish to fill up the form at the back, she had
better send it straight to Miss Pringle at St. Thomas’. And she has my best wishes for her highest success in her career, I assure you, because she is your recommendation. I can express no opinion as to her prospect of admission, for Candidates are numerous. But any information from personal knowledge that you can give will have its fullest weight.

Pray believe me most sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

C-197 signed letter, 2ff, pen

10 South St. Park Lane. W. Feb 7/90

Dear Madam
I have not lost an hour in making the enquiries you desired with regard to your daughter & St. Thomas’ Hospital, where I earnestly hope she may receive benefit.

The lowest charge at the St. Thomas’ “Home” is 3 guineas a week for a Surgical case: & as the Doctor of the “Home” does not perform considerable operations, there is, besides, the fee to the Surgeon (any one whom the Patient may select) for the operation.

In the General Surgical Female Ward “Alexandra” of
St. Thomas’ Hospital under Mr. Croft, the Visiting Surgeon, every thing would be done for your daughter that the greatest Surgical Skill & the best Nursing could possibly effect. The charge would be £1. 1 a week. No further charge for Operation, or any thing else.

I have never known any Patient, gentleman or lady, who had been in the General Wards, but said: how happy & comfortable it had been - & how well cared for.

If your daughter will trust herself to Alexandra Ward, they will show her the utmost gentleness & screen her in every way.

Unfortunately Mr. Croft cannot offer her a bed in the Small Ward attached to Alexandra, for that room is occupied just now - And you tell me that her case is immediate.

Mr. Croft is good enough to say that, if she will come to his own house 48 Brook St any morning about 11 o’clock to be seen by him, no fee shall be charged.

I would strongly recommend you to accept this offer.

Earnestly wishing your daughter the highest success, believe me
yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Taviner
You should go & look at Alexandra Ward for yourself
F.N.
25/2/90
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Bratby

I am so sorry for your being so suffering. Please send for Dr. Graves, or Dr. Dunn; and Dr. Webb, of Wirksworth, if you like it, to meet one of them.

2. Tho' Mrs. Brocklehurst mentions that Lydia Prince "is much worse" & "very ill", I am disappointed that she does not say that you have got Lydia the pair of blankets which I was in hopes she would have had directly. Also: if she has "parted" with anything necessary to her, I should like to replace it. I want to make her comfortable. And if you could mention anything else -- [I don't suppose she can last long.] I asked Mr. Yeomans to pay any woman she would like to come in & clean for her. She must want some one now to do more than that for her-

Could you settle something for her?

And if you could hear what the Doctor orders for Adam? I should like to do something more for them - Adam Prince must want some books now he is in bed

I asked Mr. Y. to subscribe to the
Institute for books for him -
3. I sent the Cocoatina, because Mrs. Brocklehurst asked me some time ago- I was very glad you gave some to ---
-- Mrs. Wheeler, was it?-
I am able to write so little. And we are so busy.
I am glad Mrs. Brown is better.
Pray thank Mrs. Brocklehurst for her letter -
God bless you ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

C-199 signed letter, 1f, pen

London May 7/90
Dear Sir
I desire success with all my heart & soul to the M. & N. Nursing Association at Hammersmith, & wish that I could give more
Pray accept my small contribution with all my best wishes 2p-
& believe me ever faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
Harry V. Toynbee Eq
My dear Frances

I send you your Quarter
with my very best wishes.

I hope that you have
been drinking the Tintara
wine. You may call at
Dr. Armitage’s to morrow
morning (when you receive
this) - And he will see
how you are, & whether
he recommends you to
have “a glass of ale every
“day at dinner.”

I hope you are quite
strong, & take a walk
in the Park every day.

Thank you very much
for your very nice letter.
I quite depend upon you -
Or rather let us be able to
say: God depends upon you.

I should like to hear how
you are getting on - you
& YOUR GIRLS: God bless you all
and perhaps Mrs. Burge
will like to send a message
by you.

Is she very tired when
she comes home at night?

Sir Harry’s health varies
very much. But he is
wonderfully active - And
he trusts in God -
ever, dear Frances,
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Jan 11/91
{diag printed:} Claydon House,
Telegraph         Winslow, {printed address:}
My dear Sir
Yesterday Mrs. Broadhurst
cut her finger & thumb
badly. [I did not know it
till tonight-] Will
you kindly come & see
her early to-morrow
(Monday) morning - &
charge her as a Patient
to me? yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Dr. Benson

{postmarked, black-edged envelope, pen}
Immediate
    Dr. Benson
    The Elms
    Steeple Claydon
11/1/91

C-202 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

    May 26/91
    10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
    PARK LANE. W.
Yes, please, dear Miss
Johnston.
5 to morrow (Wednesday)
afternoon, as you
so kindly propose
A demain then - meanwhile
    ever yours
    F Nightingale
July 15/91
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
  PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir
I am truly sorry for your illness & obliged for your kind letter.
The only time I could hear your lovely music would be this afternoon at 6 when an appointment has fortunately failed. But your kindness will see at once that "to judge of the effect" "to attest it" "to speak of it with power" is a great exertion, quite neutralizing all soothing results
While I could not undertake any publicity, such as having a "Central Office named" after me &c - which would unavoidably entail my being made a reference & being applied to as such

If I could enjoy your music as an Invalid & not as a "judge", I who can hardly find strength to write this note, overwhelmed as I am with work & illness, & sorrow, it would be different -
Excuse this note - & haste your kindness will understand it
I wish your undertaking all success - & believe me
faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

Rev.
Frederick H. Harford
Steeple Claydon  [6:572]

Nov 21/91
    Claydon House, {printed address:}
    Winslow,
    Bucks
My dear Sir
    How is Marsh Gibbon?
how is the Scarlatina?
I cannot help asking
your kindness -
    If you will simply
answer 'Yes' or 'No' -
I shall be thankful -
    'Yes' meaning that
things are going on
favourably - 'No' not-
yours sincerely
      F. Nightingale
Dr. Benson

C-205 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}  [1:793]

Nov 26/91
    Claydon House {printed address:}
    Winslow,
    Bucks.
Dear Frances
    Please send by
to-day's post to me
    the exact address
of your aunt (name
& all) the name of Railway
& the Station by
which the flannel
is to come from
Bradford.
    I know you are a
long way from any

    Station & you will
send her the money
for the Carriage from
the Station -
God bless you
    Sincerely Yours
      F. Nightingale
C-206 signed letter and envelope, 2ff, pen (black-edged paper and postmarked envelope)

Dec 15/91

Claydon House, {printed address:}

Winslow,

Bucks.

My dear Frances

You have acted wisely & well, & tho’ I was shocked to hear about Mrs. Burge, it is a great comfort to me to think that all is safe with you. I should be glad if Mrs. R. Codlin could sleep at the house, but I am not uneasy. Would you find out if Mrs. Codlin, the mother is at home & could come to us when I come back or before?

I have not heard from any Doctor about Mrs. Burge. I was very much obliged to you for Dr. Roberts’ address, & I telegraphed to him at once. But he merely answered that he had advised her removal to the Hospital.

I was very glad to receive Mrs. Burge’s address.

I hope to hear more to morrow -

Sir Harry is very poorly.

I am sorry to say -

Mr. Fred is gone to India for a few months -

I was intending to come home on Thursday or Friday
but fear it will not
be so soon
Kind regards to Kate.
I hope you have prayers
in the morning.
I am sure you will
manage well.
God bless you both.
your constant friend
F. Nightingale

{envelope postmarked WINSLOW DE 15 91}
Miss Frances Groundsell
10 South St
Park Lane
London W
15/12/91

C-207 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper} [1:794]

Dec 21/91
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.
Dear Frances
Will you be so good as to
order in from Allen’s & from
Welch’s for Christmas Day
Sirloin of Beef
Mrs. Thomason - - - - - - 8 or 9 lbs
Messenger (how is he?) - - 8 or 9 "
Mrs. R. Codlin    7 or 8 "
Mrs. Zanelli - - - - - - 7 or 8 "
Mrs. Wilks  6
& for yourselves a piece for Sunday
A Turkey & some Sausages will
come for yourselves - to morrow
or next day. Perhaps you will
each of you like to ask a friend -
to dinner -
Can you make a Plum pudding
& Mince Pies for yourselves?
Mrs. Burge had ordered in the
Materials - And you may give
the Materials too for a Plum pudding
to Mrs. Thomason & to Messenger -
One Hamper & two small Hampers of Xmas greeneries will come from Embley -
  Take some out for yourselves.
  Give some to Messenger & Mrs. Thomason & a few to the others.
  And please take a nice bunch to 23 Bloomsbury Square & to 510 Edgeware Road & to Mrs. Craven’s Rectory 26 Great Ormond St
with my love

Kindest regards to Kate & a good Christmas to all -
  Glory to God in the highest & on earth peace Good-will towards men -
yours sincerely
  F. Nightingale

C-208 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [1:794-95]

Claydon Jan 10/92
My dear Frances
  We shall be, please God, at Euston on Tuesday at 2_35_ And I have desired Messenger to come to you in the morning & to meet us at Euston at 2 35_ I was so sorry he had been ill.
  Mrs. Burge and I shall be very much obliged to you to pack up her things - & send them
to her - I enclose her note -
You will be glad that Nelly Owen is coming to us as cook for a time to help us on Wednesday 13th. She had better be in what was Mrs.-Burge's room: had she not?
I am sorry that perhaps Mrs. Verney & Miss Ellin are not coming.
Jubilee, the cat, will come back with us -
You can order in things for us -
We shall bring chickens, eggs & bacon -
I shall want a very little luncheon at 3 - & dinner at the usual time - I know that Kate will do her best for me - so I do not order what -
The chickens won't be ready for cooking probably
The girls will want dinner on arriving -

You will order things, of course, from the usual places.
I know that every thing will look very clean & nice
Will you get some Brown Wool from Savory's?
God bless you
sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale
January 22/92
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Sir Raymond West

May I venture to send [10:365-66] you a copy of a letter of mine to the Poona Sarvajanik Sabha? And may I still farther venture to ask you to give me your invaluable support, if you agree in my suggestions on a subject to which you have given so much attention?

Before you receive this you will have had a letter of introduction presented to you by Mr. Frederick Verney, who is travelling with Prince Damrong of Siam- May I presume to say that every kindness you may have been able to show Mr. F. Verney who is seeking instruction, not pleasure, will be taken by me as a kindness done to myself? He is particularly interested in the Bombay Village Sanitation Act - & such like things of which you are a master -

[3]

It seems late to wish you a happy and successful New Year- & many of them - nevertheless I do with all my heart - [end 10:365]

Ever faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

Excuse a hurried note
Columbia U

C-210 signed letter, 1f, pen (black-edged paper)

London April 18/92

Sir

I beg to thank you for
my oak cabinet which
is beautifully made, &
which I like in every
respect.

And I beg to send a
Cheque for my Acct=

I must apologize for
my delay in acknowledgement.
A press of business & also
of illness prevented my
having the Cabinet unpacked
at once & will I hope
excuse to your kindness

yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Mr. Thomas Holton

C-211 signed letter, 1f, pen (black-edged paper)

July 3/92       [8:811]

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

Dear Lady Burdett Coutts

You were so kind as to
call here on Wednesday,
- and I was, unhappily for
me, unable to receive you.

You kindly said that
you were staying in
London for a week -

If I should be so
fortunate as that you
wish to see me, & could
make an appointment
any hour to-morrow
(Monday) afternoon or
Tuesday afternoon, I would
keep it, if only possible.

But I bear in mind
how occupied you must be.

We cannot thank you
enough for your signature
to the Memorial to the
S. of S. for India for
the Poona Native Girls’
High School –
Believe me to be
your faithful servant
Florence Nightingale
A verbal answer, please.

C-212 signed letter, 1f, pen [8:811]

July 3/92
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
PARK LANE, W.
Dear Lady Burdett Coutts
Your kindness said
that I might let you know
this morning if you could
be so good as to come this
afternoon. I should be
only too glad to see you.
Would 5.30 or 6 suit
you? If neither, would
you kindly send a verbal
message what hour would
suit you better this afternoon
to
your faithful servant
Florence Nightingale
C-213 signed letter, 1f, pen & pencil {black-edged paper}

July 7/92 {written over top of June 18}
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
   PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Lückes

Thank you for your kind note- I should indeed be sorry not to see you before you leave London which I am glad to hear is to be on the 19th- Shall you make a trip to the Scilly? Would Thursday 14th - about 5.15 suit you - subject to both you & me saying: ‘I ‘have another appointment ‘I cannot put off’? Or would you fix another day?

ever yours sincerely
   Florence Nightingale

C-214 signed letter, 1f, pen [draft in LMA 92/12]

August 23/92
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square. W.

Commr= No- 1216 William Magee [1:820-21]

has been in my service since January - He has been uniformly sober, punctual & attentive, both in his indoor work & messages - scrupulously honest - doing his best - handy in many things - clean, quiet & very obliging - Careful of my interests -

I have reason to be satisfied with him, & should wish to have him again -

   Florence Nightingale
C-215 signed letter, 2ff, pen [2nd part of letter in LMA 92/114]

Telegraph,
Steeple Claydon. Bucks Aug 28/92
{printed address:} Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Frances

With regard to your & Kate’s holidays, I am most anxious to please you both & I know you are to please me. I think what I said to you both, before I went, was: settle between your= = selves what you like best & let me know - of course in time for me to say what I think best after considering it._

Now I can only say this: You think that you must be at South St. both when the men come in & when they have done to arrange for me properly - as Mrs. Broome is a stranger -

If Kate goes on Wednesday for a fortnight’s holiday, that will only leave one week for your holiday, if I have to come back in a month.

Would you like to put off your holiday till a week after I come home; that will put off your holiday a fortnight?

Please, both you & Kate answer this - either by return of post - or by telegram on Monday morning,
if you want me to telegraph,
   by return
And I wish you both a
   pleasant holiday -
May God bless you -
   Do you read prayers?
your affectionate
   F. Nightingale

C-216 telegraph, 1f, pen
   {printed:} POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS No. of Telegram 791
   Postmarked THORNHAM
       OC 18 92
   {Handed in at the} Steeple Claydon {Office at} 12.54 P {Received here at} 1-38/P

   Reply Paid 24 words
TO     Miss Frances Groundsell
       Thornham Green
       nr Lynn Nfk
Would you like to stay
till Friday or even till
Monday? Telegraph to me here.
   Nightingale
   Steeple Claydon Bucks

C-217 signed letter and envelope, 1f, pen
   {envelope, Archivist: seems not to have been out} [3:507-08]
   Miss Kate Marsden
       11 Redcliffe Gardens
       S.W.
27/1/93

   London Jan 27/93
   Dear Madam
   I thank you very much for sending me
your most valuable & interesting book about
the Siberian lepers - and I wish you the
highest success in your mission to our poor
fellow-creatures.
   Work & illness I regret to say prevent me
from seeing you before you leave England, as
you so kindly propose
God speed you in your work among the lepers

Sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

Miss Kate Marsden

C-218 signed letter, 2ff, pen (black-edged paper)

August 26/93

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

Dear Sir

I hear you are in England. I should be so glad to make your acquaintance if you would grant me that privilege - I am deeply interested in the working of the Bengal Tenancy Act -

As far as I at present know, I could see you, if you would be so very kind as to make an appointment or give me a choice of appointments any afternoon up to the end of next week, except Wednesday, & except Monday about 5 or 6 o’clock

If you are spending this next winter in England, I shall be in London all the winter - & it might be more convenient to you to see me then

Pray believe me yours very faithfully

Florence Nightingale

M. Finucano Esq

&c &c &c
London October 25 1893
Dear Sir

Will you kindly offer my deepest gratitude to your Committee & to those of the “Survivors” of the Balaclava Charge who remember me for their affectionate greeting & good wishes. Believe me, I value nothing more deeply - And I reciprocate them with all my heart. Accept the

same yourself -

I have written a few lines which perhaps you will think almost too serious. But soldiers know how to bear life with seriousness & yet with joy. If you are kind enough to read them, they ought, you will think, hardly to be read fast, & slight pauses to be made between those simple sentences.

Again wishing you all the joys which the love of God bestows on His faithful soldiers in both worlds believe me, your & their hopeful & faithful servant

Florence Nightingale

Allow me to send my small contribution to the dinner. The flowers shall follow as early as possible: I hope by 2.30

Mr. I Herbert
President of the Balaclava Commemoration Socy=
To the Survivors of the Balaclava Charge October 25 1893

My friends
I am asked to greet you the survivors on this anniversary of the heroic Balaclava charge
I do so with heartiest sympathy.

May I ask you to day, remembering the heroism with which some of your Light Brigade went back under fire to the rescue from death of some wounded Comrade

or Officer, this question: will you not show that heroism still in rescuing comrades wounded by the temptations which lead to a low or sinful life?

You know how often our Great Captain calls sin ‘death’: and gives His life to save us from it.

Who follows in His train?

"O God, to us may grace be given "To follow in His train your faithful friend Florence Nightingale
I beg to acknowledge your note of Nov 1, as also your letter in the “Times” which I had carefully read -

I am sorry to be obliged to concur with them both, as far as my knowledge extends.

The thing is: how to get an enquiry into these facts, as you say - And I have delayed my answer till by questioning people, I could propose something to you.

If you could kindly make a clear, concise sort of statement, shewing what is wanted, stating the danger of the present system, the need & necessity of reform in the particular branches, it should then be submitted to Sir Redvers Buller, & supported in every way that was feasible.

This, if it commends itself to you, should be done as soon as possible,
I understand.
   May the highest success
attend your exertions in
remedying so great an
evil in our machinery for War.  
   Pray believe me
   yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Surgeon Colonel
J.B. Hamilton &c &c

C-222 signed letter, 1f, pen (black edged paper)

{on an angle} Private
   Nov 15/93
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
   PARK LANE. W.
   Sir
I beg to thank
you for your note.
I am exceedingly grieved
at the difficulty in
the way & wish I
could help. You are
very good to desire
to have some talk
with me.
   If you do not
mind seeing a great
Invalid who is
now entirely a
prisoner to her room,
but who still sees
people on pressing
business, I would
gladly accept your
offer to come tomorrow
(Thursday) if that
would suit you
at 5.15 p.m.
   Pray believe me
   yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Surgeon Colonel
Dr. Hamilton
Private
Nov 18/93
10, SOUTH STREET, [printed address] [16:491]
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

I return you with many thanks your valuable paper. And could you kindly let me have the type-written copy (with ample spaces between the lines) that you were so good as to promise me by Tuesday morning? It is very much desired that you should write an Article for the XIX Century or the Fortnightly giving the sting of that paper. But you may perhaps object to this?

Also: could the Director Genl= bring about as regards Aldershot at least some part of what is so desirable in the paper I return? [Lord Ripon is not now available as being in the Cabinet]

These are the things which are said to me - I hope next week to have more to say [end]

Believe me yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

Surg. Col. Hamilton
C-224 signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper}

Nov 20/93
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

A thousand thanks for your very great kindness to Lizzie Coleman, & for your note.

Ought she not to wear your bandage some time longer? & for how long? I should doubt the ankle being strong enough to do without the bandage yet.

What should you order?

Excuse haste yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Dr. Benson
My dear Sir,

I have not been idle, nor, I am sure, have you, about your admirable “Suggestions” which I have heard pronounced as giving the whole case unansweredly. There seems however no opportunity of getting a “day” for it in the House of Commons this Session. There is nothing coming on about the Army - is there? The thing is now to get public attention drawn to it in view of the next Session.

The thing is now - and these are the questions asked me with reference to the forthcoming pamphlet -

Is it to be published?

Who is publishing it?

It is feared that, if it is published, the “XIX Century,” which likes something fresh, would not insert your Article.

But if you mean to publish it then the thing would be to get it reviewed?

But the pamphlet might be given about, I am told, without detriment to the Article being received into
the “XIX”Century—"

   Any how it could not
come out till the January
Number -
   It would be as well, if
you are kind enough to
send me some copies of
your printed pamphlet
for distribution, that it
should be as soon as possible,
because the Christmas
holidays are so near,
when no man will work -
   Pray believe that I wish
the highest success to this
important movement -
   I am sorry to seem so
dilatory - but I have
much work on my hands
   & am much interrupted -
I seem to have written a good deal
& said nothing.
   Pray believe me
   yours very faithfully
       Florence Nightingale
Surgeon Colonel Hamilton
My dear Sir,

I am glad to hear that you are making progress. You truly say that we shall in the end get all we want, but that it will be a long & uphill fight.

We await your promised Article for a Magazine - & Sir Douglas Galton will try & get it into the XIX Century for January. But, for this, your M.S. should be ready by the middle of this month.

I wish that you knew Sir Douglas Galton - & he would be very glad to know you & would be helpful. [You know that he was for years at the War Office that he is on the Army Sanitary Commission - & is I suppose the first Military SANITARY Engineer of the time]

His address is

12 Chester Street
Grosvenor Place S.W.

Will you not leave your card upon him with a message, if he is not at home? He is a very busy man & is often not in
London for more than a week
together,-besides being
sometimes at his Worcestershire
home -
\{2 diagonal slashes at margin\}
As to the “20000 beds,” it is
indeed an immense work
for you to do- However
it is something that the
War Office have arrived
at thinking even of such
a matter -
//    You were to speak to - day
at the Volunteer Ambulance
Association. And I hope
you have won over Sir
Algernon Borthwick -
All this will tend to the
‘educating of public opinion’ -
Thank you for the copy
of Sir T. Longmore’s letter
to the Brit. Med= Journal
Pray believe me
with great hope
yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Surgeon. Col.
Hamilton
My dear Sir,

Lizzie Coleman, the girl who sprained her ankle, to whom you were so kind, is going home tomorrow (Friday) for a week's holiday.

I should be extremely obliged to you if you would call on her professionally, as I am quite sure she will not ask your assistance.

She manfully (or woman-fully) kept on her your bandage as you desired. But as it had rumpled, causing her a good deal of irritation, I sent for our family doctor; & he put on another bandage - since when she has had a good deal of pain, but I hope it is partly the weather, to which she is very sensitive -

I have had an elastic stocking made for her, & sent it with her, in case you should wish her to wear one -
Any how I depend 
on your skill & kindness 
which have been so 
efficient - 

She often has a white 
tongue- And her 
digestion is not good. 
And she is often 
hysterical - But of course 
I do not tell her that - 

Pray let me wish you 
a happy Christmas - 
And with many thanks 
believe me yours sincerely 

Florence Nightingale 
Philip L. Benson Esq MD

C-227 signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper}

To Messenger 
To bring me back at 
once from Mr. Fitz Roy 
my two Photographs of 
Sir Harry Verney 
F.N. 
14/2/94
May 19/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
   PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir
I have never thanked
you for your constant
attention to dear Sir
Harry, in words.
   But I do, while
asking you to be so
kind as to see
professionally on my
account Mrs. Joseph
Coleman at the house
which once was
Quainton’s. I am
afraid that move

of theirs from their
old house was rather
disastrous.
I tried in vain to
persuade them to have
a woman to wait
upon the mother.
Perhaps you will kindly
tell me what you
think of her.
My maid Lizzie their
daughter is with them
now - Please send me
kindly your Acct- for
her. She has had but
a poor winter. She is
strumous, as you said
- & sometimes her
ance, & sometimes her
back troubles her, tho’
she will tell you she
is quite well. I fancy
there is distension of
the Abdomen sometimes from
flatulence (not fluid)
And her shoulders
have increased in fat
so much lately. But
it is difficult to make
these remarks to her.
She has had here
Medical advice. She
often complains of
head-ache. Perhaps
you could kindly
prescribe for her -
sincerely yours
    Florence Nightingale
Dr. Benson

C-229 draft, 1f, pencil

Cambridge, Duke of,
  1895
  Sir
May I venture to express to
Y.R.H. the regret which
in common with so much of the
Army, we feel at losing Y.R.H.
as our C. in C. the great
interest, sympathy & kindness
which he has always felt
in the men - the improvements
he has made in their condition,
the unfailing care of them & their education
so as to make them
to be good men & true
-all bespeak & receive our
warmest gratitude
Stanbridge  
June 26/95  
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}  
PARK LANE. W.  
My dear Harry  
I send you this enclosed  
from F. Verney  
- You have been so kind  
//Douglas Galton wants me  
to write a note of  
appreciation to the D. of  
Cambridge on his  
resignation - It was an  
idea never would have  
occurred to me -  
What do you say?  
ever yours  
F.N.

Signed reply to F.N. by Henry Bonham Carter, June 27, 1895, 1f, pen  
Nor would it to me, but I do not  
know what your relations to  
the Duke as C. in C may have  
been - If not absolutely  
distasteful to you, I should  
be disposed to accede to Galton’s  
request. It will do no harm -  
Henry B C  
27/6/95

May 14/96  
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}  
PARK LANE. W.  
Dear Lord Monteagle  
- I was very glad indeed  
to hear from you on  
the subject of Workhouse  
Nursing in Ireland.  
- May I ask you to  
let me write again  
about it. It is deeply interesting  
to me  
& to believe me  
yours faithfully  
Florence Nightingale
C-232 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Sept 18/96
Dear Madam
    I am sorry (for myself) [13:519] that I am now lying helpless with a little febrile attack, by Medical orders to see no one - How long are you going to stay in London? I should be sorry indeed not to see you at all. I wish Dr. Worcester had consulted beforehand whether you had better begin your residence with London or Liverpool - I should have advised London - You would still have found Miss Crossland here - She has resigned after 21 years of imperishable work - to our extreme regret - & not in London Miss Hughes of the District Nurses has gone to be Supt- of a great Workho: Infy- at Bolton Her successor, Miss Gray, is at 23 Bloomsbury Sq. Shall I give you a card for Miss Gordon, 23 St. Thomas’ Hospl- & one for Miss Gray? But probably you want no introduction from me Hoping to see you yet, yours faithfully F Nightingale [end]
Miss Charlotte Macleod
Sept 21/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Madam

Thank you for your kind note -
You ask me to give you some hints for your “course” “here” -
I would recommend you to concentrate a good deal of your attention on Edinburgh - There is the R. Infirmary with Miss Spencer as the head of its Nursing - She has too much to do,

but she has divine springs of action -
Take it for all in all,
I should say it was the best Hospital as to Nursing & organization of Nursing, (barring one thing in which I venture to differ from her) in the United Kingdom -
We will compare notes when we meet in November & December.
Doubtless you have letters to her. But I enclose a ‘Card’ -
Then in Edinburgh see the Central Home for District Nurses - & its Supt - [Miss Spencer will give you name & address- ]
And see Miss Guthrie Wright its outside authority, to whom I enclose a ‘Card’. She is full of experience
This is all I can say for the present.
Sincerely saluting you as the Traveller & hoping to gain valuable information from your Travels when you return

yours faithfully,

Florence Nightingale

Miss Charlotte Macleod

C-234 signed letter, 1f, pen

Nov 24/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Miss Charlotte Macleod

Dear Madam

I was very glad to hear from you. I was quite uneasy at having no tidings of you.

On Saturday at 5 o'clock I would keep myself open to see you if that will suit you & if you will kindly tell me whether I shall keep it open as soon as possible

yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale
C-235 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Dec 5/96
10, SOUTH STREET, (printed address:)
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Macleod

Pray excuse me for not writing before - We have had such a press of business.

Miss Crossland’s address is: -
Miss Crossland
The Nest
Walcot
Stalham
Norwich

I send the two cards (i.e Envelopes) which I promised for the respective Matrons of St. Thomas’ & Westminster -

Pray, you who know what work is, make appointments with these two Hospital ladies respectively. Otherwise they will not have time to see you properly.

I will write to Miss Gordon to-day to announce you -

We in England in our large London Hospitals consider that the key-note of the Hospital is the Ward Sister - She is the trainer-
& therefore I have indicated this on the St. Thomas’ card - Westminster is the place for private and Hospital Nurses - I shall hope to see you, you know, before you go - give me the choice of two or three afternoons - in haste yours ever, in hope [end 13:521]

F Nightingale

C-236 signed letter & postmarked envelope, 1f, pen & pencil

{envelope} Miss Macleod
51 Torrington Square
N.W.
12/12/96
{letter} Dec 12/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Lady
Your letter has been wandering up & down Park Lane & Park St. because there was no one “South St.” on the address
I shall be most happy to see you either this day fourth week, Dec 19, or Sunday 20 (Dec. 21 you are engaged) or Tuesday 22, (Dec 24 you go away) at 5.15 p.m - And you will tell me all you have been seeing.

I am rather sorry you like the 3 months’ preparation To me it seems like putting the cart before the horse. - the books before the Patients. But perhaps I may alter my opinion when I hear more - [end]

God bless you yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Miss Macleod
10 South St Jan 3/97

Dear Messenger,

I wish you a happy New Year, & should wish to know what book you would like for me to give you - and if you would have your Christmas photograph framed after your own liking & let me pay for it.

Do you want a book to read now?

F. Nightingale

C-238 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

April 3/97

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

Dear Lady Monteagle

You were so very good as to write to me (I am afraid to say how long ago) & offer to see me - And I did so wish to see you - there are interests so dear between you & me - But we were so full up to the muzzle with work - And now Easter is coming - And I am so afraid that you will
be going out of town -
    Could you kindly fix
any afternoon about 5
that is not inconvenient
to you to see me?
And I will keep it open

if I possibly can -
With kind regards to
    Lord Monteagle
    believe me
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

I replied Ly
M. not leaving
town for Easter
    - am here
she 'can' arrange
day

C-239 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [6:503-04]

    April 20/97
    10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
    PARK LANE. W.
Dear Lady Monteagle
    May I enclose this
letter from Miss Pringle to
you, tho' doubtless you have
heard more fully from herself.
[I am glad at all events
    that at your place she
lives on the spot]
Do you & Lord Monteagle
    think that there is hope
of the GUARDIANS
supplying what she wants
most, in the material way: viz
accommodation for
Probationers - & I suppose
hot water & linen &c for
the Hospital?
The training for the nuns
she supplies herself-
lay Nurses & Probationers
for “reliable Assistants”
to the nuns she now fully
acknowledges as necessary.
Where are the Probationers
to come from? (as we have
so often asked lately)

Gerald Balfour’s Bill
was to find funds as
well as “dissolve” the
Workhouses - was it not?
But at any rate may
I ask you the question
now about the Guardians?
Lord Monteagle & you
have worked such
wonders that we seem
to be always expecting
fresh wonders of you
- Easter wonders
ever yours admiringly
F. Nightingale

Florence Nightingale

C-240 signed letter and envelope, 2ff, pen, copy roll 5, and published by
Lamorna, Nursing Mirror and Midwives Chronicle

{envelope} via Brindisi
India
Sister Franklin
Valentine Lodge The Plague Hospital
Ganyam Cutch Maudvie
14/5/97 Poona India
May 14/97
10, SOUTH STREET, PARK LANE. W.
My very dear Sister Franklin - You cannot tell how glad I was to hear from you, nor how thankful to you for writing so soon - I shall be anxious to hear when you have begun your duties in the Plague camp: Pray present my kindest regards to your two companions - how well - I know how all those duties will be performed. I am glad to know of the Assistants under you. I believe Ayahs are often very nice people & teachable May God be with you -

And He will be with you. Christ endured that intense heat at the Sea of Galilee which they say is the hottest place in the world. We pray for you every morning to Our Father yours as well as ours, ours as well as yours. Then we are all one family in His blessed hands. We have several Indians of mark in England, sent for over here, to give their evidence before the "Indian Expenditure Royal Commission". The one from Bombay I have seen already. And I am to see the one from Poona very soon
I have no home news, you would
care to hear. We have had a
good deal of illness at St.
Thomas; but thank God
all have recovered or are
recovering— I sent a
Telegram with the main
contents of your letter to
Miss Gordon immediately
for herself & Sister Arthur;
but very likely S. Arthur
had heard from you.
We have still this
dreadful war between
Greece & Turkey going on,
but we shall keep out
of an European War.
People consider what an
European War would mean
now, but can hardly imagine
it. With our arms of
precision, our long-range
guns, our "Maxims" & "Gatlings"

& worst of all our own Iron clads
And now I must stop
and remembering that
you are never far from
our thoughts wish you
not good bye but what
that word means: God
be with you- as He is:
ever yours
anxiously & hopefully
F. Nightingale
May 19/99
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address;}
PARK LANE, W.
Dear Lady Monteagle
Thank you much for
your very kind letter -
I shall be so glad to
see you on Monday
May 22 at 5.30
if that is quite convenient
to you - & if you
will excuse me for
receiving you in bed -
where I am kept

by illness & stupidity
Stupidity is not 'catching' -
ever yours
F. Nightingale

June 30/99
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W. [13:876]
Dear Lady Aberdeen
I send at your
kind request this
poor little word
for the Nurses -
Let me answer
later on your kind
letter -
Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
London June 30/99
Dear Nurses
very dear Nurses
Thank you, thank you
for all the progress
you have made in
these last years.
May God bless you!
And He does bless
you.
You should be the
'salt of the earth' -
for such opportunities
are yours- such
opportunities with
your Patients -
without saying a
word of preaching
Just show them in
your practice what
a woman should be.
And that every
year should show
this forth more &
more
is the earnest prayer
of your affectionate
and grateful
Florence Nightingale
To the Nurses
Dear Lady Aberdeen,

Thank you so much for your very kind letter. I am so sorry to give you so much trouble. I am not allowed to see more than one person at a time or more than one a day. [I am entirely a prisoner to my room from illness & almost to my bed.]

But I could see one of the "foreign "Nurses" on Monday at 5.30 [I will not bite her or frighten her] And one on Tuesday at the same hour. And perhaps one on Thursday.

But is this not troubling you too much? I need not say how
delighted I shall be to see you some afternoon “after the Congress is “over”, if you do not feel that I am ‘too ‘tiresome’.

May all success attend your “Nursing Meetings” - I should like so much to know about them It must do much good for the foreign & English Nurses to interchange their experience & ideas.

Pray excuse pencil & believe me yours most faithfully & with the sincerest admiration Florence Nightingale [end]

C-245 MS letter “My dear Children”, 28 May 1900, [London], re: thanking for progress they have made
C. S. Whitbread Esq-
President of the
Cecil Hall Christian Endeavour Socy=
Cecil Road
2/8/1901 Enfield

Aug 2/1901
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Sir

May I offer my best &
heartiest thanks to the
Committee for the box
of beautiful flowers
which arrived in great
force to gladden my
eyes & heart.

As I am a prisoner
from illness to my
room, it gives me the
greatest pleasure to
feel that there are
bands of Christians to
carry on God’s work.

God help you all.

With hearty thanks
& kindest regards to
my unknown friends

yours ever faithfully

Florence Nightingale

C. S. Whitbread Esq
President of the
Cecil Hall
Christian Endeavour Socy-
Novber=11, 1901
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Messenger
I hear from Ellin
that you are going to be
married next Tuesday =
to Frances I wish you every
happiness & the best
of health -
I should like you to
have next Tuesday &
Wednesday. And longer
if you require it.
Also, I should like
to make arrangements
so that you have
your Sundays entirely
off, which can be
easily done if I get
a few more extra Coal=
=boxes that you may
be able to get in a few
more Coals on Saturday.
With best wishes
I remain yours truly
Florence Nightingale

My dear Mlle Bunsen
I ought to have
answered your kind note
before - & in case I
do not see you today,
having only just returned
to London, I write one
line to beg Mr. Bunsen
to do as he likes about
his good little Bristol
printer, who is quite
welcome to the poor
little Pamphlet I have
hitherto sold it for the
benefit of the Institution
(at Hookham's)-
I have heard from Fliedner
who is recovering. It
takes a great deal to
kill those kinds of men.
And poor Madame
Fliedner has weathered
the illness of 8 children
& her husband &
the care of the whole
Institution -
   With many thanks

for your most kind
note, believe me
Yours very truly & gratefully
   Florence Nightingale
30 Old Burlington St.
   Saturday

C-249 Same as C-75, transcription done as C-75

C-250 signed letter, 1f, pen

I know not how to
apologize for my long
delay in answering
your kind letter. I am
ashamed of myself.
My only excuse is that
I have been very ill
& very full of work
both British & Indian
May I rest my excuse
   on your kindness, because
   you ask for the “enclosure”
   back “at” my “leisure”,
   & kindly desire me not
to send you an answer
on the application
unless I had any
"recollection" of the
applicant.
   Pray believe me
   yours faithfully
   Florence Nightingale

Bernard Mallet Esq
   &c &c &c

C-251 signed letter, 2ff, pen

   Many thanks, my dear
Sir, for remembering me &
my Mesmeric curiosities -
We are just starting for
a Sheffield concert on
Saturday evening, so that
I have only time to give
you Mr. Smith Wright’s
direction, which is

Rempstone
   near Loughbro’
I hope you will have a
pleasant visit there.
I hear Mr. Everett is in
that neighbourhood.
   Yours very truly
   Florence Nightingale

I am afraid Dr. Howe will
prove less faithful to his
promise than you have
been -
   Chesterfield
   Friday
Aug 19
My dear Sir
We shall be equally
glad to see you on
Monday if you find
that Saturday is
inconveniently soon
for you to leave London
& hope you will be
able to spend some
days with us
truly yours
F Nightingale

Friday night
Dear Sir
We are not
acquainted with
Miss Dickinson &
I am sorry to say
cannot give You
her address. Should
you be disengaged
on Friday or
Saturday morning
perhaps you will
look in upon us
at Breakfast at
a little before 10
truly yours
F Nightingale
My dear Joanna

I have only this morning received these lines of Sir John Herschel’s, which I must ask you not to give away, please, or to copy. They were written for Mrs. Kater & sung to her & Capt. Kater as a duet to the tune of Cherry Ripe, which in their way of singing, slow & with an Accompt= of chords, was the most pathetic thing imaginable. I believe the marriage with Miss Stewart was no love marriage, though they are very happy together - & I suppose he does not expect in her that she should be that complement of himself, which makes of two people one being, almost divine, which every true pair must be -

Many, many thanks for your letter, your news & your poetry - which I could ill return, unless I were strong in the confidence in my poetry - our news principally consis= ting of the number of trees cut down by the Empsons - on which subject I think I may confidently affirm that their penultimate tree will come down by the 21st Sunday after Trinity, & their last bush on the 1st Sunday in Advent -

I had a most kind note from Mr. Horner the other day, which I answered, in a discourse in 4 sheets, of which he will justly observe to himself that the Devil has taken her & she proses like a Presbyterian. If he comes to nineteenthly & to conclude, which I suspect
Whither, whither shall I flee
Far from look or thought of thee?
By what spell compel my heart
From its baffled love to part?
Like the Dove, that round the ark
O'er those waters lone & dark
Urging far her weary race
Flew & found no resting-place,
So to thee my thoughts, in vain
Driven abroad, return again.
Spite of scorn, of broken vow,
All without is cheerless now,
Yet, perchance, as worldlings say,
Time may bring a calmer day,
Years may blight love's sweetest breath,
Absence do the work of death—
Whither, whither shall I flee
Far from look or thought of thee?
Say, can adverse winds assail
Him, who courts no favouring gale?

Fate hold scourges yet in store
For him who loves & hopes no more?
Vain, tis vain, the heart bereaved
of all its highest dreams conceived,
Where a stamp like this is set,
Pines or breaks — can ne'er forget—

C-255 incomplete and unsigned letter, 2ff, pen [8:767-68]

Embley
Tuesday
My dear Susan [Horner?]
I ought to have answered
you before, but we have been
wandering over the face of the earth
paying visits, & have only just
niche'd ourselves at home, before
this wicked rain set in. What a
summer what an autumn we
have had! no extent of frightful
cloud can blot out the recollection
of the blue skies we have enjoyed
from my grateful & admiring mind!
I suppose you are thinking of a
reunion of your scattered members
& mean to rejoice together in Nov.
we saw a stray sheep or two as we passed through London, Alf to give an account of Lausanne, Uncle Oc ditto of Hosswyl, Henry to tell of Norway - in the process of all which we nearly died, ‘the caverns vast, & hills whose tops touched heaven’ abounded so strangely in their divers histories, so that we were obliged to go to Semiramide to regain our scattered spirits, - if you have any spirit or any time my love let me strongly recommend the Adelaide to your notice in that character, it is decidedly a very amiable & creditable one, a great one, one that will not disgrace that taste for which you are so preeminent among women - seriously, she is very magnificent in it, & the whole thing is got up in the most gorgeous fashion. She is almost Siddonian in some parts I should think, & a touch of Pasta to boot. Aunt Mai was delighted, so was Papa, I mention these sober minded individuals to show it is not merely the “minuta gente” who value her. How does your drawing get on this dark weather? mine stands still, in consequence of the principles of perpetual motion which I am exemplifying in my own person - does Leonora know that camels hair tip brushes which ruin one in England to the Chanson of 6 or 7 shillings
are to be had in Paris for 2 or 3 francs? Pray tell her to lay in a large stock to retail in London to her admiring friends: if she would bring a fine fat one rather effilé tho’ I like them for me I would go on my knees to her, with gratitude, having long contemplated my stump with effroi, thinking how he is to be replaced without a volcano in our finances - when do they come home? Pray thank Joanna very much for her letter & her most nicely accomplished commission, I will not trouble her with any thing else concerning it. Have you read Dickens? He looked empty, so we sent him home again, but the newspaper extracts are so amusing that we think of recalling our imperial veto- What do Parisian authorities say as to garnitures? are all their sleeves coat sleeves? & are no more ‘pointes’ worn in the morning. I speak feelingly for Mariette is just about to make my new gown. goodbye dear Susan, what a C-256 incomplete letter, 1f, pen from myself -
She is a great loss to me, I have paid her wages, 18/ per week, up to the day of her departure - I remain, dear Madam, yours truly, Florence Nightingale I have told Mrs. Wheatstone that I will add to you that she gave information (I believe from the pure
Frances Nightingale 26 March [1855] to Sir, re portrait of FN

Frances Nightingale to Jebb nd

Parthenope Nightingale to Lady Monteagle 1855

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Parthenope Nightingale to Lady Monteagle June 19 [1:319]

Parthenope Nightingale to Lady Monteagle Sept 24 [1856] [1:320-21]

Transcription for 0.8 and 0.9:

To be returned -

Florence N - or some one with her

We have now 4 miles of beds, not 18 inches apart - Our quarters are in one Tower of this barrack (7 rooms). & this fresh influx (600 men) has been laid down between us & the main guard in two corridors, with a line of beds down each side, just room for one person to pass between - We had but half an hour’s notice to prepare for them - between one & nine oclock we had the mattresses stuffed sewn up & laid down, the
men put to bed fed & all their wounds dressed -
These poor fellows bear pain & mutilation with unshrinking heroism.

Nov {illeg 9?} - 15
Nothing can exceed the patience & endurance & propriety of the men -
It would have done your heart good when Florence began yesterday after a days arrangement with the 8 Chiefs. She went from ward to ward with 9 nurses & after dressing 62 people after the surgeon she placed them 2 & 2 along the wards -
She did the same today in the other Hospital every one is doing their utmost & beyond -

Florence seems only thinner for her seasickness, calm in no hurry, she could manage 100 nurses as easily as 90 if once organised -
I found Mrs Roberts with a little drummer boy in her arms & with a "Turn round my child" she got at a wound in his arm - One young fellow has a shot through nose behind one eye & out thro’ the side of his head says he can’t see has a swelled face 'but his head does not ache much'! - another thro’ arm & side, said he was only a little sore ! another whose smashed leg to be amputated tomorrow had been bathed for an hour by a sister said he was quite easy & should sleep. CHB.

20 Nov -
There is great uneasiness about two ships full of wounded men from Sebastopol which ought to have been here - we have no cholera now, & very little fever, but a good deal of Dysentery, about half the amputation cases die - The good that Florence has done & is doing is priceless & is felt to be so by all - the general order & arrangement
O-9 contd

the cleanliness of the wounds the
cooking for the sick &c -
The three principal medical men
are humane gentlemanly & efficient -

SB -

O-10 Robert Rawlinson to Mrs Ashworth [?] 12 March 1864, encloses note of FN re sanitary works in India, black-edged paper

Dear Madam: Enclosed I send a note from Florence Nightingale of more than usual interest as it relates to a proposed commencement of sanitary works in India under that great and good man Sir John Lawrence.

You will see it is marked “Private”. This will of course extend to any present use of it. You will not shew it beyond your own family. To do good to the uttermost and not to let the world know is the dominant feeling of earnest pure minded Florence Nightingale. She fears that publicity would weaken her power, as it certainly would encumber her with correspondence.

Thanks for your kind hospital to myself and please make my respects to mr Ashworth and to the several members of your family... Robert Rawlinson

O-11 Burdett Coutts to FN 18 June 1892

O-12 Burdett Coutts to FN 3 July 1892

O-13 Oct 1/95 George to FN [duke of Cambridge]

O-14 Lord Cromer to FN 16 July 1910

O-15 Manning to FN [3:271]

O-16 Manning to FN [3:272]

O-17 Martineau letter to FN 24 December 1862

O-18 Frederick Roberts to FN 4 March 1881 re Mrs Fellowes

O-19 Frederick Roberts to FN 29 June 1881 (later Ld Roberts of Kandahar)

O-20 Frederick Roberts to FN 29 October 1885

O-21 Frederick Roberts to FN 3 December 1907

O-22 Lord Rosebery to FN 10 February 1899

O-23 Scott letter to FN re British Antarctic Expedition 4 November 1909

O-24 Taft letter to FN for American Red Cross 17 May 1910

O-25 Helen Taylor letter to FN 25 April 1868, copy?

O-26 Dowager Empress Frederick to FN from Schloss Friedrichshof 19 May 1900
Where pity, love and tenderness are found, the Christ must be,
So, whereso’er thy footsteps press his presence walks with thee.
* 
If now the vast, far reaching good is hidden from thy eyes,
Of all thy gracious womanhood and free self-sacrifice,
* 
Ere long upon thy works shall fall the clear white light of Heaven.
But then as now to Him shall all thy grateful praise be given.
John Greenleaf Whittier
Oak Knoll
Danvers U.S.
5th Nov [?] 1882

O-28 Evelyn Wood to FN 12 January 1890 [1:729]
April 12/68

35 South Street [printed address]
Park Lane
London W
Easter Day

Dearest Mrs Fowler
I am so delighted with your mug.
And so is Mrs. Wardroper.
At St Thomas’ Hospital we have not 12 out of 90 cups that have not lost their handles.
And for drinking cups & goblets, not mugs and without rims at the bottom
To keep these rims quite clean requires actual scrubbing [?] and time which we have not in Hospitals.
So we consider ourselves hearers & not abiders at the present St Thomas’, both Mrs. Wardroper and I think we ought not to trouble your kindness to “find” us with mugs while we are there.
Pray, dear Mrs. Fowler believe me yours ever affectely

Florence Nightingale

dedication on Introductory Notes on Lying-in Institutions. Fly leaf. “To Mrs Frederick Werckner, who has done such great things for the relief of such deep miseries among the French prisoners in Germany, this little book is offered by one who is proud to call herself countrywoman to such a true heroine.” Florence Nightingale March 1872.
U Penn signed letter, 1f, pen

Scutari  
Barrack Hospital  
3/3/56
My dearest
I always rejoice
to hear of your happiness & in this instance I
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my blessing, such as
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little treasure you are expecting - altho' it
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If your child is a boy, I should like it
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Take care of yourself -
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London Oct 31/96

Sir

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In answer to your enquiry,

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The name of the purchaser is Coates - his son-in-law. Major Chichester will reside there - but I have understood that the present agent will be continued -

Excuse pencil - I am hardworked, tho' a willing worker -

your obedient Florence Nightingale

Major Genl

Thos Mannsell
Signor

Sir

I have delayed acknowledging your kindness in sending me a box of Meat-juice, (with the Journal) & your letter of June 7, until I could try the Meat juice & make some enquiries about it. My miserable health makes a still further delay. The flavour is not equal to good Beef Tea, made from selected pieces.

But it is probable that, were the juice made solely from such Beef as we use for the best Beef Tea, the flavour would be as rich and agreeable to the sick. As it is, this Beef juice is the best thing I have ever seen. It answers by itself with salt & boiling water, or with vermicelli or with vegetables. I consider it as a vast acquisition for Hospital purposes - especially
Field Hospitals - where it would give all the nourishment required in such preparations.

Besides its use for sick, it would be an excellent substitute for stock in ordinary Kitchen use, on occasions. I think there can be no doubt that, for this purpose also, the quality might be improved by selecting the meat with more care.

There are two objections to it at present - one, the difficulty of making it of uniform quality & in sufficient quantity - the other, the high price.

Both objections can only be overcome by having the juice made an article of commerce. If offered in London in sufficient quantity and at a suitable price, it would have every chance of becoming extensively used, both for sick & for families.

It is an admirable contrivance for introducing into Europe in a portable form the large quantity of waste meat in South America, Australia & elsewhere.
But, if it should unfortunately happen that dishonest makers should use other flesh or bad flesh, in making it, the preparation would speedily disappear from the market.

I find on enquiry that this meat juice has been before both the War Officer authorities & the Admiralty - that it has been examined & approved - & that the Admiralty has a contract in hand just now for having it supplied to the Navy. If this contract is entered into, the War Office will have the benefit of it, & would, I am told, have its supply from the Admiralty.

May I ask if there is any similar preparation from mutton? And would you tell me where in London the Meat juice can be had?

I am, Sir, your faithful & obliged servt Florence Nightingale

Charles Boner Esq
Bellevue Alumnae Center for Nursing History, paper

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
June 7/78

My dear Sir
I can never forget your kindness about this Irrigation matter: & as "la reconnaissance n’est qu’un vif sentiment des bienfaits futurs"
I am already grateful for your benefits to come. Your two minutes of Evidence are carefully returned with many thanks.
Also: the beautiful Map just arrived with my copy from Stanford’s by sending for it.

Pray believe me ever yours faithfully & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Col. Fife RE

letter with envelope, paper

Private. London Aug 21/73
Dear Madam
I have yet to answer your kind letter of February and I do so by means of my friend Miss Florence Lees who possesses European knowledge of the subject which interests us both & who will speak my answer far better than I can write it.

[I saw the correspondence with Mr Rathbone & was]
thankful to know that
you had in some
measure found thro’
him what you wanted.
I wish we could have helped
you out of our own resources.
But these are still quite
inadequate for our many
calls in England & England’s
own dependencies.]
Miss Florence Lees is making
this tour in (Canada &) the
United States on purpose
to study your Hospitals &
will fully avail herself
of any opportunities you
may kindly put in her
way as regards
your Hospitals at New York.
Pray believe me
dear Madam
[and may God speed you
in all your undertakings
for His poor people!]
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Joseph Hobson
President of Visiting Committee

envelope, no stamp

favoured by Miss Florence Lees
Mrs. Joseph Hobson
6 East 17th Street
New York
Florence Nightingale
Aug 21/73
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3/3/56  
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Thos Mannsell
Feb 19/67
35 South Street, [printed address]
   Park Lane,
   London, W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

Mr. Hardy intends to bring on his Bill on Thursday, if he can. But another Bill, which is expected to excite discussion, is before him.

I have asked Sir Harry Verney, if he can learn anything more decisive at the Ho: of C. tonight, to write to you direct from thence.

1000 thanks for your most valuable Statistics, received this morning.

I will write again.

ever yours

F. Nightingale
Dear Sir,

Supposing the authorization for your works has not yet arrived (which I most sincerely trust is not the case,) could you tell me whether the present impediments lie in the Bengal Office - under the Lt Governor Mr. Geo: Campbell- or in the Financial Dept= of the Govt= of India under sir Richard Temple & Lord Mayo? Or possibly a little in both?

I am sorry not to have time W. Clark Esq C.E. &c &c or strength to write more by this mail - but would not delay a thing so very near my heart as is the Drainage & Water - supply of your capital -

Pray believe me dear Sir ever your faithful servt- Florence Nightingale
signed note, 1f, pen
I am charmed that this excellent year’s work of yours is so near a conclusion & happy success - & am ever, my dear Sir, your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

Dear Mr Chadwick
I am always glad to see your hand-writing and your activity and thank you very much for your two valuable papers on water supply & Prize for Sanitation of Dwellings I wish God speed with all my heart & soul to every undertaking for training Nurses all over the world & I enclose a paper of “Suggestions” of mine to your “American friends” It will delight me if it can be of the least use. But no advice is of much use. And until a thoroughly competent Matron can be laid hold of & her recommendations be the guide printed or written matter does small good.
May the “New York Hospital” obtain such a Training Matron is the heartiest wish
of yours ever faithfully
Dear Mr Chadwick
Florence Nightingale
Edwin Chadwick Esq C.B.