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
Private [on diagonal]  
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  
options from pamphlets I had read of yours  

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

V right col:  
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 for 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
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

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
Your 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
Sir

In reply to your letter of January 20, I beg to inform you that Private James Ryan states that Corpl- Trollope 62nd 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”
under very 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 [16:278]

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

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 woodcuts 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
Boston University

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]

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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
Boston University 22

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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 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 lobby 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.

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 –

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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
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. {‘not’ overtop an illeg}

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
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4 Harley St.

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(& 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” Hospl-

   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 buildings/houses, 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 -

Upon another subject, I see
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 non(e) 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 overttop 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 one of the best Officers the Dept= has There are some curious little errors about orderly attendance on sick. But don’t think these are things for the Builder’s pages -

[end]

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 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 drainagge 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 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 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.
Jan 13/61

[16:589–90]

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 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 Hospl=/. 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]

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 [hosp add]
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 Regnl= 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
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 24th: enclosing 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 [hosp]
furthering the cause of 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 Hosp= is removed. If not, nothing. ==== 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! ==== Have you had an Invitation from Malvern to give them a Water Supply? [end]
yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
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 Regi- mental Hosp= of only 60 beds at £70 per bed, with all the modern appliances; (2 Pavilions; also end to end)

But this is a

exclusive of cost of site

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. And 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

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 Hospl=
now building at £70
per bed

The N. Staffordshire
Infirmy is also going to
build: And they have
all my plans and
Estimates now to look
at.

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

1/2/32 signed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper RP 851

32, South Street, {printed address}
Grosvenor Square. W.
9/1/63

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”.  

Ever yours sincerely  
F. Nightingale

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
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 “goodwill 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.
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

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
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 you 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. [end 9:483]

Ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale
1/3/39 signed letter, 1f, pen  {black-edged paper}  [6:199]

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!

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, 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
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 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.

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 [9:526-27]
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    [9:546]
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?  

F.N.

1/4/49 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

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, 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 illeg 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
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 old - 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 -

[archivist: 1873? 71?] [12:170-74]
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
read 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. Many were daughters of clergyman, 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.

liberty of labour {text changes to pencil}

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"?
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 seen at the 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 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.
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
 confidential {on diagonal}  

35, South Street, June 17/69 {printed address}  
Park Lane  
W.  

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 Bagallay

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 [9:647-48] “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
thro’ 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.  
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
35 South Street, Feb 11/71
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.
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? [end]
F.N.

35 South Street, Nov 28/71
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.
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  
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

1/5/64 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper} (vert. on page)

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 desire
Florence Nightingale
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:] {'10' overtop 30} 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
1/5/66 signed letter, 1f, pen (vert. on page)

35 South St
Park Lane W.
May 22/75

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

Address
35 South St.
Park Lane W.
June 27/75

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 illeg 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

[2]
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' overtop an illeg}
- 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. Wadroper, 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 solider 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=
London Jan 26/78 [15:837]

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 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
Aug. 23 1881

Dear Mr. Rawlinson,

I have found all Major Tulloch’s Reports that I have — viz. Report for Drainage of Madras & Bombay Correspondence on Drainage of Bombay

a copy of divers correspondences 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
Madras Drainage & Water Supply
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE, W.
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
Sept 2 1881

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.

[end 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

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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 sewering 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 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. 

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
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
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
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 'Hospils= 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 adminsn = - 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 to tidem 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 -
[3]
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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
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 -
PRIVATE
10 South St. Park Lane W.
Oct 14/84

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 Is Netley to do all the consequence 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 &
[2]
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’ schoolboys had. And they rather glory in it, as being unworldly & spiritual!!

But now— as to the adviseability 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 [word missing] 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
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
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!

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

Yes please Wednesday 26th at 3 p.m.
Boston University  175

F. Nightingale
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
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— not 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 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

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 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.

[2] 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.

(printed address upside down:) 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

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
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 798

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
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
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

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 Adminis-
trators 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 Parl- Good speed: ever faithfully yours
Dr. Evatt
F. Nightingale

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 woful 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.
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
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 — where 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
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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
                    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
Feb 20/87

Dear Miss Marsh

My deepest grief & sympathy for your illness - My warmest thanks for your beautiful little book, & above 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

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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

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
Boston University

address
Dr. Evatt
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 -

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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

Private {up diag} 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. Runchorelal 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
and spacing mistakes
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” (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. At least it maintains successfully rivalry with the Public-houses. To create a practical missionary working Faith among us all, and 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

Florence Nightingale
10 South St
Park Lane
19th. Dec. 1888

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
ever yours most truly
    F. Nightingale
10 South St. Park Lane W. May 20/89

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
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

10 South St- Park Lane [5:697-700]

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) al-
most 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
London  this Cross is offered by
  Feb 26/90 Florence Nightingale
               (sorrowing)

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

April 8/90  [5:702]
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
          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. [end 5:702]
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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
   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

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 grand= child with me - a very
sensitive little girl of 9,
who I was afraid would be
tinking 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 -

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.

1/10/129 signed letter, 2ff, pen (black-edged paper)

August 2/90  [5:703]
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
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

1/10/130 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged paper

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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, 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
{printed address} 10, SOUTH STREET,
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

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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
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 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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
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
April 27/95

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

Sept. 19/95

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
Xmas Eve/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
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
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

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)
[but 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
so 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 [5:712]
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
Florence Nightingale
John Croft Esq

Private {on diagonal}
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 enough 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 [end 9:374]
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 [16:519]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

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 pipes (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)
Addenda

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

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
Oct 6/55

My dear Madam
I send you, with great
gleasure, 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 Hosp, 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

[2]
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, if, pencil

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

1/12/(1975) no i-text, no paper copies, re 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.
Parthenope Nightingale to Lady Adelisa 14 April 55? [shd be 1856], re F.N.’s health, an outbreak of cholera on Scutari, quotes from one of F.N.’s letters, describes F.N.’s work with Schools and Reading Rooms

1/13(1975) correspondence about Miss Charlotte Salisbury, handwritten copy of signed letter, 2ff, not FN’s hand RP 988 as Sept 3, also 8995/41

“Copy” Scutari Barrack Hospital
Sept 30/55
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 Novber 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 ion 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 - whose system has been (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 appraise 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
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-
vincies 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
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 becoming 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 -

Believe me ever faithfully your
F. Nightingale
May 10/58

[2/1/6 signed letter, 3ff, pen {black-edged paper}]

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

[end 14:559]

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: -
[2]
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
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.

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.
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 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 [6:635-36] id as Chiddingstone Castle 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 -
{printed address upside down:}
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
He came here in toggery which would not have disgraced two Dukes - He told me of

[2]
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?

[end 8:986]
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 πο more than 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 supposse 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 {MG: we do not have copies}
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 morng 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.
My dearest Mary,

Charles wrote by last post to thank 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 recounts 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 ....
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 Sardi
nians 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 mis-
ralbe--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 (MG: we do not have a copy of this letter)

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,

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 (MG: we don’t have a copy of this letter)

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 (not transcribed)

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.

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 fluteplayer, 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}
{printed address:} 35 South Street,
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 withdrawing of Mr. Farnall from London as the greatest misfortune that has happened to our cause.

Pray believe me
Sir
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

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 every body 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 acce
ded 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, 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 Bill 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
{printed address:} 35 South Street,
    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
v 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-
damnato," 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—
except 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
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 —

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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 Foot Ball 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
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

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

2/14/8 (RP 2718) signed letter, 4ff, pencil

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
April 28/85

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 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.

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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
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
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

2/14/14 (RP 2718) signed letter, 2ff, pen

Oct 6/85

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.
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

(letter cut off)
2/14/17 (RP 2718)  signed letter, 2ff, pencil

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

Altogether, 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?
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 Entertainmmt- 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.
April 1/86

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=&c

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
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
2/15/23 (RP 2718) signed letter, 3ff, pencil

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

[2]
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
Sept 17/86

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 - room on the floor 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 proficients (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
Boston University

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

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

Mr. E. Butler
Lea School
Cromford
8/1/87
Derby
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 thing 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

[2]
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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, 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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

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
10 South St July 2/87

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
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.

[2]
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 Examn=, & 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 Medl- 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 {MG: [sic]} 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.
ev er 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 –
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

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
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

[added July 2000]

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 [illegible] Wood. Give my love particularly to Hilary. Your affecate 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
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?

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.
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

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  Whitfield
  Hereford

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23rd July 1863
Consent of Miss N.
To appointment
of Mr. Edward Marjoribanks Junior
as member of Council

London 23rd July 1863
I herewith signify my consent
to the appointment of Mr. Edward
Marjoribanks 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, 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 here 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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, [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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Bertha

Many thanks for your kind note of yesterday.

I enclose cheque for the glass & many, 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 [illegible] 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,
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 Madame 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
2/22/4 signed letter, 2ff, pen [8:776-77]

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 -
Jan 3 1856
Scutari
Hospital

Dr Sir
I beg to offer you my
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

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
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 Examin for both Kings & Trinity this Easter at Cambridge
They will choose King’s, because it is the hardest Entrance Examin, & 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
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
  Death rate of Lea & Holloway) per 1000
  (average) for 12 years ) 18. 11
  Average for last 5 years 15. 66
(a) Rate for 1884
Similar districts 15. 37

(a) Note
  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

& 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.
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 [9:673] 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 on his equal for vigour, experience, & knowledge of & influence with natives. But the terrific nature of the interview is: how can we promise an appointment which rests with TWO Secretaries of State? My friend [end 9:673] will be gone before 6.30, for he has to go back into the country. And if I do not hear to the contrary I will expect you at 6.30 to morrow (Thursday)

You are doing wonders-enlisting great men from the best recruiting grounds in numbers. Yes, indeed it is extremely “worth while”
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 –

Boston University
10 South St Aug 2/88

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

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 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, lf, 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
3/5/I 1
mimeo “Reach Into Things Past - Tracking Down One of Miss Nightingale’s Correspondents” re 6 letters to Miss Catherine Marsh, delivered at Nursing Archive Associates, Annual Meeting March 1972, published as “Letters to a Friend” in Nursing Times, 8 Nov 1973 (LU: no not have paper copy)

3/5/I 2a
mimeo of Abstract of Research Project, by Lois A. Monteiro, 2f
October 31, 1972 re: Response in Anger, An Unsent Letter to the Editor

3/5/I 2b
mimeo typescript of Response in Anger, An Unsent Letter to the Editor, 6ff
{some excerpts for the above article were taken from F.N.’s notes below, from undated, incomplete notes:}
incomplete notes, 3ff, pencil

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

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 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 -

3/6 xerox copy, 2ff, typewritten
24 March 1978 re: W. Michael Brooke-Taylor to Miss Palmer concerning newly discovered box of Nightingale manuscripts and relics

3/6 list, 1f, typewritten
4 March 1978 re: forced open contents of unmarked, locked box found at Town Hall Chambers Blackwell, Derbyshire with F.N.’s items

3/7 xerox copy of book, Florence Nightingale, A Contribution to the Sanitary History of the British Army during the late war with Russia, London, J.W. Parker, 1859 {LU: no not have printed copy}
3/8 six photographs, (1) St. Thomas' Hospital - View across the river, (2) the Chapel at St. Thomas' Hospital, (3) Nightingale Home - St. Thomas' Hospital, (4) Nightingale Home Garden - St. Thomas' Hospital, (5) Florence Nightingale's Carriage, (6) Houses of Parliament - Westminster {LU: do not have copies}

3/Boxes 4 & 5 Photocopies of original letters in Boxes 1 & 2 and some transcripts of letters [not complete] {LU: do not have copies}

Box 3 Envelope 1 has a 100+ report of FN: Subsidiary Notes as to the Introduction of Female Nursing into Military Hospitals in Peace and in War. London: Harrison 1858. {MG: we don’t have a copy of this report}

3/9/2 typewritten copy transcribed 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

3/9/2 signed letter, 1f, pencil

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 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

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
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 superceded 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 superceded 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— to day— & 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— & 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— Every body 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.
July 22/85

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

My dear Arthur

You may be sure that I have thought again & again over what you & I *have* were 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!! every where.

You will have to look to this
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
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 -

[end 10:752]

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 Hosps 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

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, 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
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 -

How is Granny? I believe Sam will go down to Embley on Friday, if possible.

Don’t vilify my character [hosp] 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 {LU: includes last folio wh: need to check if still part of letter, unable to locate paper copy 28.08.02 to check} RP

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 ever 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’s 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?
[2]
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 St    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 we 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, 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 expenses. 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.
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 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.

Tomorrow 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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, 
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.
5/20/20 signed letter, 2ff, pencil RP

10 South St March 27/89
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
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
Oct. 17/89

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

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

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, 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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
    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.
Mr. Babington Smith } Jan 29/94
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
          PARK LANE. W.

My dear Arthur I have
    had a serious, good &,
[10:228-29]
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:}

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

mis letter of Arthur Clough, on printed Embley Romsey stationery, Wednesday (16 Jan 1889 arch)

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 18867? 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

Harvard H signed letter, 1f, pen

Mem= 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
{on back of letter in center} Recd - Feb 22
Feb 7/96
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, 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  

text 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 disappointment 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 waste - 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.
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? -
[14:254]
   Believe me,
       dear Mrs. Sansom
       truly yours
       Florence Nightingale

signed note, 1f, pen
[14:301]

Would General Storks see
whether any employment can
be found for this poor
Italian refugee, by talking
with him a few minutes?
[end]
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
Harvard, Countway i 550

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen [Sir John Liddell]

30 Old Burlington St.
W.
Jan 17/57 [16:246]

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
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

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 to 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
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

The Revd=
James Davis
Evangelical Alliance
7 Adam Street
Strand
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.)

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen

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.
Oct 16/85  
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, 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.  

Pray believe me 
YOUR FAITHFUL SERVT=  

Florence Nightingale  

G. Fleetwood Wilson Eq
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.
Harvard, Countway i

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

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
Harvard, Countway i 561

“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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, 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
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

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 Compartmment - 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
‘bus 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

{printed address:}
10, SOUTH STREET,
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
F. Nightingale

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.
Feb 20/89

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 ill 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 dome 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
affly F. Nightingale
   And God speed you!

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper

March 1/89 [see also 47721 f157 which is rougher, and in pencil

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, [8:872]
    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, 2 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  

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  

May 7/90
{printed address:}10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
Dear Mr. Morey
Thank you very much
for your letter and two
Telegrams - 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 Exh= 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:}
PARK 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.{printed address:}  

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  
{printed address} 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,
I have tried in vain to catch you Steeple Claydon, Bucks.
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 {printed sideways:}
Sir Harry I always think we owe to you.  Claydon House,
Mrs. Lloyd Verney went directly she    Winslow,
had my letter to the Stores, & ordered a flannel   Bucks.
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 expences 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
Harvard, Countway i

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

{printed: at angle}

Telegraph,
Steeple Claydon, Bucks.   Jan 9/91
{printed address:}      Claydon House,
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

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edge paper}

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
Harvard, Countway i 581

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil (black-edged paper)

Nov 10/91
{printed address:} Claydon House,
    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

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

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
    F. Nightingale
10/12/91

Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.

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	onight? 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
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
   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
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
May 2/93
10, SOUTH STREET, 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, 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
Harvard, Countway i

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

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

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 expences.

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, 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
Harvard, Countway i 593

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

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
Harvard, Countway i 594

Harvard C signed letter, 1f, pencil

23/9
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

Harvard C signed letter, 2ff, pencil

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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
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
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
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
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 undoubted 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.

Radcliffe, signed letter, Blackwell Family Collection Box 5:70, 3ff, pen

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 - 35 South Street, [Be a woman ever so vicious, she has inalienable personal rights, which none but such idiots W. 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
Private London Aug 14/72 [8:804-08]
& Confidential
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 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 correspoendt 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, under whom she will act.
It is about as pure a piece of (obscure) self-sacrifice (illeg) 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,
Tho' 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 (illegible) 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 Ń/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
Harvard, Countway i 612

Radcliffe, stamped, cancelled envelope

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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.