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BL20gen, Add Mss 49977O, 52427, 56105F, 59786, 61991, 63520; correspondence with Verney family: 68882-90, 72832, 907 pages

Add Mss 49977O ff75, pen, letter, presented by Mrs A.H. Dawson, Alicia Hugh Dawson

f75

Scutari [14:289]
Barrack Hosp
Dec 22/55

Sir

My duties are essentially
to the sick & Wounded
But, having seen wants
among the troops which
led directly to sickness,
I have in some instances
stretched my powers
to meet these wants.

I have been especially
alarmed by the large
proportion of Land
Transport men now in
Hospital & shall
therefore, if you will
be kind enough to

f76

send me in a Return
of the Names of men
who want warm
clothing & *the Articles*
(by each) wanted, be happy
to supply these Articles
as far as I am able.
This Requisition has
been sent in to me in
every case.

[end]

I remain, Sir
your obedt servt
Florence Nightingale

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Add Mss 54221. Adam Matthew reel 86. 104 folios, Lytton Strachey Ms of Eminent Victorians chapter. Beginning is different:

f1 l. There are some who come to greatness by devious paths and accidental by-ways who linger for long - unconscious of their destiny, in idleness or in misdirected effort, and who drift at last into glory without provision and even perhaps without desire. There are others who bear, so to speak, the mark of Fate upon their brows, who, sealed from the first of the Tribe of Heroes, rush through thick and thin straight at their life's achievement, like hounds upon their quarry and of these was Florence Nightingale. [above omitted]

[book begins] Everyone knows the
otherwise a draft of the book. No notes from sources

Add Mss 52427, microfilm, 137 folios, 63 pages, miscellaneous notes, correspondence, Adam Matthew reel 85. "offered as a gift by Mrs Mary Dunlop, the Deanery, Lincoln, 1964; According to a note in the dept. file, 'these papers had at one time formed part of the main body of the Nightingale Papers.' No further information available."

ff1-1v, printed 1, Adam Street, Adelphi, W.C , November 23, 1870 from Edwin Pears, general secretary of the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science

Dear Madam

On Monday next Mr Ernest Hart (who has recently returned from the Continent) will read a paper on "Medical organisation in time of war." Colonel Loyd Lindsay will be in the chair.

The Committee have directed me to make this known to you and to request on their behalf that you will do them the honour either of attending or, if this be not convenient, of *communicating such* [FN red und] remarks on the subject as your experience may suggest.

ff3-4, printed, Park Cottage, East Sheen, Mortlake S.W., November 22, 1870, from E. Chadwick

Dear Miss Nightingale

A paper is to be read tonight at the Association for the Promotion of Social Science, by Ernest hart, on "Medical organisation in time of war." Col Loyd Lindsay is to take the chair.

If there be anything that you desire to have said on the subject, and you can send me a note on it for the association, I shall be very happy to try and say it.

I have been trying today, mischief as well as to advance what I feel to be good on the education question, and have not been in the way of doing anything hitherto, for the advancement of sanitary principles in connexion with the war. I have imagined that if anybody in England had opportunity of promulgating doctrine upon it, you would have and would make the most of them.

Having done as much as I could on educational reform, I may now probably go back to sanitary reform.

Yours ever faithfully, Edwin Chadwick

since I wrote the above I have seen Rawlinson who tells me that it is known that the deaths, from disease in the Prussian Army, number 2000 a day.

If you have anything you wish read, the messenger shall call for it at any time you wish, before seven o'clock.

It would be open to you to say anything you thought fit to say yourself by letter.

f5, written in German from Karl Fliedner 27/6/71

ff6-7, Kaiserswerth, April 17, 1871, written in German from Karl Fliedner

ff8-8v, Kaiserswerth Villa, 6 Halliford Street, Essex Road, N., London, 27.7.1871 written in German by Theodore Fliedner (son of)

f9, February 24, 1872 written in German by Theodor Fliedner (son of), requests visit of mother in London

f10-11, printed, undated appeal on behalf of the Protestant Infant and Elementary School in Islington, signed Theodore Fliedner, pastor of the German Evangelical Church, Islington, 6 Halliford St., Essex St., London N.

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f11v, undated from Hy Bonham Carter. Th Fliedner. It may interest you to see this, a translation for a German Prospectus which Th Fliedner asked me to make for him. Re eliciting info about the school

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prayer, ff12v-15, pencil **[4:109-10]**

f12v

Almighty & merciful Father, grant that this ~~the~~/day
~~time of my Confirmation (Communion)~~ may be
the beginning of a new life to me that I may
not forget the good lessons I have learnt - to
be thoughtful & not hasty - to be as kind to all
as if they were Jesus Christ himself - to be in
submission to all that are in any authority over
me, remembering that to resist them in anything
that is right is resisting God, to prefer others in
honour: to be as glad that they should be praised
or happy as oneself - to listen to what is told me :

f13

to be modest in every look & word: to have no jealousy or dislike, especially not against any who have offended me if any such there be, remembering that if I love not my brother/neighbour, I am a murderer in my heart & even that if I love not my enemy or any one that I dislike or that has done me hurt I am a murderer in my heart -

to do everything in my daily work in God's name, & particularly my housemaid's or cook's work as Christ would have done it & did do it when He was here as a village workman

f14v

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to do God divine service *every* day & not only at Church - thinking of Him in everything, as the handmaid of the Lord, & doing *everything* as Christ would have it done; *making it my Father's business as He did*: & commending my mind & spirit, my whole life into my Father's hands as He did .

Grant me to renew these resolutions, ~~every~~/this day ~~time I eat & drink the Lord's supper~~, & that they may be a guide & help to me thro' life, & at last bring me home to Thine everlasting

f15

kingdom, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A prayer to be used particularly before every communion : as a reminder of the resolutions I make at my first Communion
March 1877

"You have taken pains & given thought to your preparation - It will be well for you to write out a prayer for your own use - God grant you grace to fulfil all that you have learnt" W.H.F.

ff16-20v, December 15, 1886, printed article in Italian about a School for Nurses

ff21-27v , February 3 and 12, 1887, printed article in Italian about Florence Nightingale, from a biography by Elisa Alldridge. Trad. *Florenza Nightingale*, trad. E.C. Giornale dell' Associazione Politca Progressista in Lucca.

f22 Lucca printed newspaper article 5 Feb 1887

f25 excerpts from biography

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unsigned notes, ff28v-31, pencil

f28v

10 S. St. Feb 18-19 night 2-3 a.m. Feb 19-20 night 1887

[Feb 7 1887 - from 1837 - G called when I was 16 -

My Jubilee over - what have I done with my 50 years?

Feb 8 Sacramento self in all: Harley St.

Army San: Comm: Sir A. V. Morey very ill

intense impression

Come O thou Traveller unknown Whom yet I feel but cannot see
My company before is gone And I am left alone with Thee
With Thee all night I mean to stay And wrestle till the break of day.

Thy nature & Thy name is Love -

I surrender to Thy love -

O spare me that I may recover strength - this one more chance - & do
Thee yet a little service - never yet - never yet

To do the
best for Mrs.
Bathen -
To do the
best for
Mrs. Neill

f29

intense impression

Feb 19-20 "He will give thee all thou needest".

Army San: Comm: public & bad houses (Glasgow): Chatham

Sany Commn in India - Hewlett Aldershot

St. Thomas' Matronship: servants

all going by the board

Not mine, *but Thine & theirs*, Lord -

that all should be done "to the *honour & glory x of God*" -

not to work my own works but the works of Him that
sent me -

Come in Lord Jesus, come into my heart now: what
does that
imply?

1. that I may love others as Thou hast loved me
(this little household)
2. that it may be all x "*my Father's business*": I belong to my Master
[Behold the handmaid of the Lord "Lea Hurst - Shore, a child]
- alas for me!

f30v

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"The Voice - in answer to my cry:

"Here I am, my child"

"Fear not, for I am with Thee" W. H. Smith
transferred from
W. O.

"Be strong & *work*, for I am with Thee - x x my spirit
remaineth with thee: fear not" - Haggai
India Mail day Feb 18/87

What wouldst thou that I should do unto thee?

Lord that I should receive my sight -
Am I to give all my time & strength, 10 a.m. - 12 noon to Mrs
Field, to Sir H., when such matters as India & Army San =
Comm: & Nurses are waiting? W

f31

What wilt Thou have me to do?
India, A.S.C. waiting

reprobate

f32, index, 1887

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copy of letter, ff33v-38, pencil [8:497-98]

f33v

Letter to C. Acland M.P. from Dr. Curtis
Senior Surgeon, Cork General Hospl - in charge of Lock
Hospl Cork

"Cork. Feb 21/87

"The greater the privacy, the greater the success in
persuading the present class of prostitutes to
enter an Hospl or Home for them; attaching Lock
Wards to existing Hospls could never be done here
A small house in a quiet place capable of working
from 12 to 20 beds; in fact a Cottage Hospital
& call it a Magdalen home [No: F.N.] In a week
every prostitute in Cork wd know what it was for

f34

“And then the proper (i.e. the bad) cases who wd rather rot than go to the Workhouse or any other Hospital would go there - the young particularly - disease would gradually lessen”

x x x

“I have done my best to work the Hospital here Since the compulsory clause was withdrawn as a voluntary Hospl - & was very much disheartened - Applicants with only trivial diseases applying, trying to make it a place of rest - And the cases that were doing most injury never coming near the Hospl. It had been so long a compulsory & Govt Hospl that they shunned it. It is a younger class of females employed

f35

in public houses, stores, shops &c that are now doing the most mischief - the old hands during the continuance of the Acts having gradually passed away

f36 [cda]

Mr. C. Acland

whether any proper Hospl accommn had been provided at Chatham for female Lock Patients & if so what?

f37v [cda]

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“Cork March 3/87

“Take any 20 cases in any of our Public Hospls - the cure in 15 out of 20 is retarded by Syphilis, either hereditary or acquired X X X

“The real good the compulsory clause of the C. D. Acts did was ~~the~~its deterrent power in preventing young girls from becoming Prostitutes X X

“A young Prostitute is more prone to disease than an old one - a young girl gets seduced; her first step is to plunge into drink, & take refuge in a Brothel - She soon gets disease, & if she wishes to get

f38

cured or give up sin, & that there is no proper place for her to go to, she remains spreading the disease broadcast - What I mean by a proper place, I don't mean a Union Hospl, or Workhouse, or any Public Hospl, for the nature of the sin makes her shun publicity - And they rather die rotten than go to such a place, perhaps to be taunted by their former friends -

2. What is the best & cheapest method of saving young Prostitutes both body & soul
voluntary "Magdalen Home" for the cure of disease
-largely subsidized by Govt 12 to 20 beds £500 a year"
15 at £33 "
less than half what it cost Govt under the C. D. Acts

unsigned letter draft, ff39-44, pencil [8:501-03]

f39

10 South St Park Lane W.
March 5/87

My dear Miss Hopkins

I fain would say what I cannot how deeply touched & greatly interested I am by your work & your letter. It is so kind of you to write me such a letter - It will inspire me to my life's end.

God speed your brave work - & give you health to pursue it

It is ~~one~~/a work indeed in which all the women of England should unite - you who *can* to address the men & form the White Cross - others

f39v

to influence the wives &
mothers to keep up a
higher standard, & to rouse
those who have none to make as
the standard for men as for women
others to get legislation
if legislation is needed - or
to get it enforced. {the following lines are interwoven I have deciphered them as best I can}

Eg There are two Acts most useful ones
under one of which drugging beer could be prevented
& under the other harbouring prostitutes in
public houses but neither ~~are always~~/is often
enforced
others to help poor women
who live by hand-work
& eke out their most
scanty wages by the wages
of sin, to do good work
& obtain the market value
of good work, by all means
including combination - For
the starvation pay of women's

f40

work is one great cause of
her vice -
& to help them by a house of call
for industries - by good
lodgings & the like not to
~~fall~~/run into temptation while yet innocent -
You are on the right tack who
try to *prevent* it -
Others to make a life, for
soldiers & sailors especially,
which will make it not so
easy to sin -
others to bring civilians, in co-operation with
the Police The subject is as large
as woman hood - & embraces
all the relations, all the
doings of womanhood. It is inextricably inter-

f41v

question - no question but
this evil - starts up & meets
us, if ~~we~~/you who have ~~but one~~ the
touch of the Ithuriel's spear -
know this

~~Every minute of our lives~~
Then, it is so interwoven with
drink, with the public - house
business - The drink Bill,
the gigantic interests of
capitalists & brewers mixed
up with the drink Bill,
war against us -
drugging, using public houses for improper
purposes
2 Acts

Here are but a very few
of the relations, touching us
at every moment of our lives -
almost -

f42

If we could each do the
part of our work which
God, miscalled Circumstance
has placed before us, as
nobly as you have -----

But, with regard to your
request, I think you must
let me go my own poor little
way - Will you kindly
thank Lady Laura Ridding -
for doing me the honour of
wishing for me to be upon
her League, & ~~say that~~
ask her to pardon me & say
that I think I must keep

f42v

to my rule of not giving my
poor name where I cannot
give my work -

I am an overworked
Invalid, hardly ever going
beyond my rooms or even
my couch - with far more
to do than I can do justice to
- ~~never seeing any one but those~~/ only those
with long standing claims of
business upon me - I could
not join in any Meeting,
could not indeed see any of
those whom I so honour.

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I grieve more than I can say
for your suffering - but
while I have but too much
sympathy with the longing
for rest, I cannot but
hope that you will have
those "ten years' more work"
which you are so generously
willing to live -

And surely that willingness
to live will be accepted
It is harder to live than
to die -

Hurra then for the White
Cross - & the lady of the
White Cross - Your

f43v

letter is so inspiring while
so suffering -

"Who follows in her train?"

I say -
"A noble army, men & boys
The matron & the maid"
will be your recompense -

f44

I have to ask you a question :

Mr. Acland, MP. who is
as you perhaps know, going/~~ab~~ to
bring in a Bill, about which he & has
consulted Mr. Parey Bunting
& others ~~about it~~ - I do not
enter into the contents of that
Bill, because you probably
know them :

asks "whether Miss Hopkins
"is opposed to ~~me giving~~/making
"generally in our towns
"the power of search of bad
"houses, provided that
"Civilians are in co-operation
with the Police" -

signed letter draft, ff45-51, pencil

f45

Please London. March 5/87
return to

F.N.

a brave work in which all the
women of England should unite
some, for
the "White Cross" -

others
to influence wives & mothers to
keep up a higher standard & to
rouse those who have none -
to make same (purity) standard
for men & / as for women

others
to get legislation if legislation is
needed or to get it enforced -
e.g. two most useful Acts
under one of which drugging beer
~~could~~ be prevented & under the other
harboring prostitutes in public houses
- neither enforced

others
to help poor women who live by
hand-work to help themselves

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& to be helped by other women
who would otherwise be a poor
as themselves - to do good work
& obtain the market value of
good work, be every means,
including combination.

For many, ~~es~~ perhaps an increasing
number, & of classes higher up in
'respectable' life, eke out their
most scanty wages by the wages
of sin. starvation=pay of
women's work one great cause
of "Social Evil" -
to help them by a House of Call
for Industries - where they
can get information as to work
to be had -
by good cheap lodgings for
single women - (*not* a charity)

f46

by women's Clubs & recreation
& refreshment rooms where
they can spend their evenings
respectably & cheerfully

&c &c
to help them
not to run into temptation
while yet innocent -
[those are on the right tack
who try to *prevent*.]

others

to make a life for the young
working-men (who flock into
London & the great towns) where
they can have similar advantages
for *their* evenings, their meals & sleep
(especially for soldiers & sailors,
mutatis mutandis), {with the necessary changes made -GW} which will make
it not so easy to sin & drink

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others
to bring civilians into co-operation
with the Police
as at Glasgow -

The subject as large as woman
= hood or women kind -
embraces all the relations, all
the doings of woman kind -
inextricably interwoven with
all that women have to think
& say & do
with us from the cradle to the
grave
question of a nation's health
Sanitary question, lines &
doubles the web all through -
prevention here too more
hopeful than cure -

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In Hospital work it meets one
at every turn -
Every Nurse knows the disease of
vice complicates the case, perhaps in 15-12/0
out of 20 men Patients, delays
recovery or hurries to the grave
And there the poor babies
who can have done no sin -
there is our Cradle question
- foreign traffic in women
- ~~new~~ short service in Army
against us -
Above all, protect the *girls*,
the *young*: help them to
protect themselves -
Poverty & love of dress - the
occasions of fall - *not* love
Everywhere, at every turn, this
question, this evil, starts up

f47v

& meets us, like Milton's Devil
at Ithuriel's spear

interwoven with drink, with
the public - house business
The 'drink Bill', the gigantic
interests of capitalists & brewers
mixed up with the 'drink Bill,'
war against us -

Here are but a very few
of the relations of this question,
touching us at almost every
moment of our lives -

If we could each do the
part of our work which
God, miscalled Circumstance
has placed before us,
quietly, stedfastly, unselfishly -
And having done all, to stand

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decline being upon Purity
League General Commn
could not join in any Meeting,
or even see those who have
not long standing claims of
business on me
those whom I so honour.

ask questions about Mr.
Acland's Bill - do they approve?

sympathize with 'longing for rest'

but hope that you will have
those "ten years' more work"
surely that willingness
to live will be accepted

It is harder to live than
to die -

Hurra then for the lady of
the White Cross -

f48v

“Who follows in her train?”

x x

“A noble army, men & boys

The matron & the maid”

The

Socyl called “Women’s Protective &

Provident League: Its chief object is to enable women who work to gain the highest market-wage - Its - chief champion was Mrs. Paterson who lately died - the wife of cabinet maker, An obscure socyl; numbering but some hundred women belonging to various trades - obscure &, the more remarkable - it has lived for 11 years a hard but healthy life on what has practically been its own independence & the sympathy of a few friends who have shared in its work.

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The funds of its various Sections are created out of weekly two pences of its members - invested in Savings Bonds, & utilized when members are *sick* or *out of work* - Intended to have (x)

Labour Registry Office where a woman can have indicated to her where to get work, & its value

which both employer & employées can make a House of Call. employers to find hands - employées to find work - & money - wch they do not desire should ever come without it/work to a healthy working woman

f49v

(x) or Women's Friendly Society

2. to be extended to a Fund
where any woman may by
paying in receive sick pay
- any woman, not necessarily
a member of the Women's Unions -
a Fund or Socy which strange to say
does not exist in this England
of ours - practical England?

3. where conferences can be
held of women of all classes
- where those who buy can
learn what firms & business
houses & shops give fair
wages & fair treatment to
their work women - are not
'sweaters' - And this would
indirectly & gradually influence

f50

those who *are*

4. Speaking quite roughly, 20-15 years ago, there was not
a decent lodging or a decent
place where the young single
working-*man* who flock/come into
London could have their meals
or spend their evenings pleasantly
without drink - or sleep -

Trained Nurses who first began
in *Workho: Infies* about that time
ago can speak to how the poor
fellows used to say: 'Sister,
you don't know what it is; -
we shall come in & come in
& come in again here till we
come in to go out no more' -
And so they did -

Now things are different,
thank God, even in the suburbs
of London - 'The Coffee- houses

f50v

(many of them ~~only~~ on the
 principles of trade) have
 done ~~much~~ something tho' still
 but a drip in the ocean.

But, speaking roughly too,
 little or nothing has been done for
 single young *women & girls* - There are no women's
 Clubs, places where they can
 spend their cheerful evenings,
 with a good loving Matron-Manager
 to consult with & guide -
 [*such* an influence over young
 women] - where they can
 have meals or refreshments
 & pleasant, warm, *clean* amusement
 This in a dense working population
 is a sine qua non - when women
 earn their fair wages, this would
 soon become self-supporting

f51

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And so all these objects
 would work into each other's
 hands for each other's good -

It is not intended to
 limit these Women's Clubs to
~~wom~~ members of Women's Unions.

It is sought to add ~~these~~/is
 to the Houses of Call, which
 is the immediate object of
 this Memorial

God speed the right
 Florence Nightingale

ff52v-5, rough copy of ff48-51, pencil

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unsigned letter draft, f57, pencil [8:503]

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March 6/87

Dearest Mrs. Hawthorn

Mr. Acland brought me some interesting
letters last night - I have to return them to night -
with my criticisms

So could not send them to you -

But I have made some Extracts for you & me -
(tho' we should neither of us concur with all
the letters) - if you care to read them - And here they are

Dr. Curtis is a C. D. Acts man -
I am obliged to ask you to return me these pages.

Excuse greatest haste with your criticisms
or information, if you will
be so good

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F.N.

Closing brothels without a provision of Lock Hospls & Homes
is simple cruelty. What is to become of these poor women,
our fellow creatures?

They suffer for us

And we suffer by them.

But the Lock Hosp is to lead to the "Home" & to rescue
- not to re-entering prostitution

Please
return
to F.N.

f59

what objections would
you or Miss Rye make to *any*
of these arrangements?

was there any objection to
the Students?

I am troubling you, because,
tho' I have a particular
dislike to giving advice, I
cannot well refuse in this
instance - a particular friend
of mine, a Colonel's wife,
in one of the worst Garrison
towns in England, having

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thrown herself into the
work, which she does
admirably -

If you return *this* to me
I hope it will not give
you *very* much trouble
writing the answers -

God bless you
ever yours affly

initialled letter, ff60-1v, pencil

f60

10 South S April 6/87
{archivist: Recd 10/4} *Italian lady*
Yes, thanks; I have a copy
of the "Quain" Article, &
adopt your suggestion -
About the Sabilla Novello
translation of "Notes on
Nursing": it is 25-28 years
since I gave her my leave
& neither the letter nor my
memory could possibly now
be found. I do not
know whether I have a
right to give this new
lady leave - nor, as you say,
whether she would do better

f60v

Yes. I noticed about
the Infirmiers -
Even at Paris, in the *Civil*
Hospitals, there are in ~~the~~/each
male Wards, i.e. in my day,
2 Infirmiers to one Infirmière
(under the Nuns)
in ~~the~~/each Female Wards
1 Infirmier to two Infirmières

I know not what to recommend
about training the Infirmiers
I presume but do not know
that there is a Military
Training School for the
Military Hospital Orderlies -
in Italy -

f61

with Sisters (there were Sisters in
the Crimea in the
Italian War Hospls)
who gave the finishing touch
to the Nursing - but had
not at all the powers we
had)

A Military Training School
is a poor thing without
Sisters - except at Paris
where the Military Training
School is or was so
admirable that, tho' there
were Sisters, the men
actually nursed better
than the Soeurs -

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Our Training of Orderlies
here remains almost as
bad as it can be - in spite
of all the Doctors & all the Commissions

If you could kindly
return me this WITH
YOUR REMARKS, perhaps
it would help me in
answering that part of
the Italian lady's letter
F.N.

unsigned note, f62, pencil

f62

Easter Day April 10/87 Matronship

"Lord, Thou knowest all things: it is *all Thy* work;
Thou that art Love, do *in us* what Thou wilt have
us do. For the Father is the 'irresistible King '
For Love is irresistible
Pray, pray

initialled letter, ff63-74v, pencil

f63 {there are notes in ink by Hy Bonham Carter-I will put them in bold GW}

-1- *Immediate*

Matronship

25/5/87

Miss Crossland 10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

[12:395]

You said that I should wait
to answer Misses *Solly & Scott*
till it was known who our
candidates would be

Did you mean me to do
it now? **No Wait till Miss
P's acceptance has been
received by the Treasurer &
has been in all known by him. -**

I think you can scarcely
be thanked enough for having
conducted the negotiation so
ably & so quietly - no clash
of candidates - in a position
so very difficult that one can hardly
rejoice.

If only poor Edinburgh could
be suited!

f63v

Do you think *I ought to see
Miss Crossland now* (I am
engaged to day & to morrow)
& *talk it out with her?*

I am cowardly;
but I suppose it would be
absurd & wicked for me now to
ignore that the formal offer
has been or is being made to *Miss Pringle?*
And, *Ought I to write to Miss
Crossland at once, asking her
to come ? in that case?*

Please say.

[xx I suppose all the Hospl knows
it at ~~one~~ by now?] **xx No, I THINK NOT.**

f64

Yes: thank you - I should
be very glad to see you on
Tuesday, unless Miss Crossland
bargains for that day

May I write or telegraph
to you? **Send on Tuesday**
morning to Hyde Park
Square -

[end 12:395]

ever yours gratefully
F.N.

Let everybody have
their Bank holiday &
Whitsuntide, including
yourself, & don't do any
thing till after Monday.

If Miss Crossland wishes
to come on Tuesday I think
that you had better

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put her off, unless in
the meantime you have
heard that Miss P. has
accepted. There is many
a slip &c. & so much
time is wasted & anxiety
caused by discussing
possibilities &c. I may
say vague reports &
gossip, to which I am
afraid you are, from
no fault of yours, much
exposed by your visitors
from St. Thomas' & elsewhere

HYBC

28 May

{f65 list of contents}

unsigned letter, ff66-7, pencil

f66

Mrs Wardroper

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May 27/87

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Harry

I had much talk with
poor Mrs. Wardroper on Tuesday.
- With regard to the Testimonial
I have scarcely got much farther
She said first that she
should like "something to
"leave to *my boy* or the Probrs"
- perhaps a "tea-service" -
[I do not think really that the
contributors ought to be
asked to give money for the
first purpose : " my boy"'s
future pleasure - But of course I
said nothing of the sort

f66v

Then I sounded her about
the "portrait". She said
at first that really she "could
"not sit" then that she did not
"like so much money to be
"spent on her" - But it
appeared she thought it
would be 300 or 400 -
And I think it *might* be only
100 or 120.

Altogether she was rather
hazy - no wonder, poor soul -
And she kept falling back
upon: "I wish *you* to settle
- "*you* will know what is nicest."

f67

She left promising to
"think over it & write" -
But I know she won't -
I believe she is incapable of
coming to any decision -
She often promises to send
me information which
seldom or never comes -

I feel much in a 'fix' -
*What do you think I should
do next?*

qy consult *Miss Crossland*
as to what Miss Wardr would
really like?
or what?

f67v May 28 from HYBC. Testimonial

I spoke to Mrs W on Wednesday or rather she to me. She seems to have set her mind entirely against a picture & I think that it would be hard to force it upon her. I have recd no other such difficulty in deciding on something else. She was rather musing about the proposal of a "pony illeg" to the boy. This can wait.

unsigned notes, ff68-69v, pencil

f68

Miss Pringle May 31/87
write to

W.I. Ford x
Chairman of Committee
17 Grosvenor Crescent
Edinburgh

taking him with us
Mr. Fasson

Miss Spencer

x qy merely stating in an affectionate/sympathetic
unofficial manner that we feel
this loss to Edinbro' the more, the more
we felt after great consideration
that *she* as the one for us.

- *not* to press Miss Spencer upon them

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Add Mss 41977D

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to Miss Spencer

hoping but not pressing that she
will take Edinbro' if offered
& feeling for her?

All communications to the Board
sent thro' Mr. Fasson -

such a true friend to Miss P.
such a gently considerate truthful
head

unsigned letter draft, ff70-72, pencil

f70

Mr Ford

Dear Sir

Your great & unfailing kindness to Miss
Pringle makes & to all her Staff
makes me feel as if I might
approach you & yet I feel as if I were
approaching you as a criminal
in having so much as thought of disturbing Ed
taking her/Miss P. away from you which
we know she deeply feels.

[13:367]

I cannot hope to carry you
with us -

so

disturbing the great & important attempt at the
Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh &

I only trust you will believe that the more
we feel the loss to Edinburgh
the more we were convinced after
long consideration that she was a/the

{f71 is blank}

f71v

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~~necessary~~/matron for St. Thomas'

I feel/know that we have no excuse
except on your kindness - I cannot
even urge the greater importance of
St. T.'s as a Hospl - far from
it - but only our need.

You must forgive us for being
selfish We have no other
plea -

That the Resolution offering
Miss Pringle the Matronship /~~or~~ was
unanimous show that all/ the conviction
~~were~~ united in thinking that
St. Thomas' was right /interest was deeply concerned/involved in
asking for himself this sacrifice
from Edinburgh

I assure you it was with no little
pain & hesitation that we asked it

I hope that you will at least say
God bless her future career as indeed

f72

May I say, tho' that is small consolation
to you that in long & anxious thought about
this matter, the wrench & grief to you were
ever uppermost in my thoughts.

I would fain have found a better way -
But Miss Pringle once proposed to St. Thomas.,
there was never any doubt in their minds
that she was the one they must have if
possible - This may be some small comfort
to you, that, as soon as it was brought forward
it was like fate which is God's will to
their minds

tho' others were ~~in the~~ field which she was not
But they were ~~not entertained for a moment~~

I am with you if I might think you cared
as the mother feels the operation to her child/son
more even than that son/child does for himself I would
gladly have bought at any sacrifice to myself
your & Edinburgh's immunity ~~for~~/from this trouble. But it was
St. T.'s we could not sacrifice - You will say
we have sacrificed Edinburgh Then do not **[end]**

unsigned letter draft, f72v, pencil

[13:370]**f72v**

Dearest Miss Spencer

What can I say? I come before you as a
~~criminal~~/thief & a robber - And I can truly say I feel like one -
 If possible I feel more than yourself about
 this - We are taking away your spiritual/(practical)
 mother, your head under whom you were happy
 & oh how useful.

Can you say you forgive us? I feel for/with you more than I can say: But
 may we not hope that ~~you will see your~~ /there might be found a way
 to follow up that usefulness & ~~take~~/in Miss
 Pringle's place at Edinburgh, if offered?

{page missing?}

let us have sacrificed it - You are the person,
 dear Miss Spencer, who can prevent
 Edinbro' from being sacrificed, who can
 carry on Miss Pringle there - & who can save
 us half the pain of what we have done,
 & above all, above all to *you* & to *me*,
 save *her* the pain of having given up
 & perilled Edinbro'. *She* would be so
 relieved to leave it to you - Cannot you
 think of this? But let me not press you - †
 you must look upon us as the guilty ones - It is

God who must press you,
 if at all **[end]**

signed letter draft, ff73-4, pencil

[1:382-83]**f73**

10 South St June 3/87

My dearest Pop The account from Embley
is much better to-day

Miss Jones died yesterday morning - She is my
 oldest friend in the Nursing cause - When
 dying & apparently speechless, she said all at once in a
 distinct voice to her two oldest "Sisters", kneeling by her:
 "Little children, ~~love one another~~ keep yourselves from idols;
 "Little children, love one another" - What would one
give to know what she is feeling now!

[end 1:383]

A certain sum of money has been collected

unsigned letter, ff76-77, pencil

f76

Most Private Please "Aldershot Camp: [15:558-59]
return June 24/87
to
F.N.

Genl Philip Smith went up yesterday after his
Field Day to discuss the "two points" - (with Chaplain Genl
[Public Houses viz. 1. harbouring prostitutes
2. drugging beer

"With regard to the Women, he has brought a copy of the
'Licencing Act', and is in correspondence with the
"Hampshire authorities; also with Sir R. Thompson,
"the very efficient permanent Under Sec. of War" -
and as to the adulteration of Beer, he has applied
to the Local Police & the Board of Guardians (?)
"Adulteration is punishable by Law. It is the duty

"of the Police to get samples of the beer sold, have
them analysed, & if there is adulteration, have the
defaulters punished - [At the Quarter Sessions, there
are always some Publicans fined for adulterated Beer]

Genl P. Smith. "With regard to all these *Local*
questions, Aldershot is *in a Ring* - The authorities
may be all in fault, but the difficulty is to make
them *act against each other*: some outside
authority is necessary.

There is the prospect that that can be effected,
for there is a good deal of Government property
here, to protect which is the duty of the Metropolitan
see p. 2

f77

Police; and *the Home Secretary has been applied to*, to send some to Aldershot.

If they are sent, as Genl P. S. confidently anticipates, they will be the 'outside authority' to see that the Hampshire & Aldershot authorities do their duty

[end 15:559]

The two objects are in train for accomplishment

X X X

unsigned letter, ff78-9v, pencil

f78

Most Private Please "Aldershot Camp
return June 26/87
to F.N.

Genl P. Smith wishes for our "views" upon the state of things which is now as follows:
"The Senior Chaplain who has been here for 5 "years has just retired. And he intends to send to the Chaplain Genl a Report stating what are the chief causes of mischief in the place and what is most required to be done. This will be a great assistance to the Chaplain Genl. He intends to see Sir R. Thompson & Col Grove before he goes abroad", (which is immediately) "& bring his views

f79

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to their notice -

There *are* evils in *Canteens*
Serjeants' Messes
Places of Entertainment
in the town -

1. "It might be well to have a Aldershot or a WO much better COMMITTEE to take evidence upon all these, to draw conclusions & to suggest remedies
2. "It might greatly assist to have a *Resident Stipendiary* by the MAGISTRATE, and a detachment of *Metropolitan Police* under him - not only for the protection of decency, & the prevention of the infringement of the licensing Act, but also for the prevention of dishonesty as regards Government Property. They would also be useful for the detection of adulteration -
- "3. "In the mean while the Government have offered to the Board of Guardians the *Lock Hospital*, with an *annual sum* to assist in the expences, and the Board have accepted the offer -

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"As soon as the Hospital is opened, we shall be able to take measures for the protection of the men from disease -

4. "I am in communication with
Mr. Foster the Clerk of the Board
Dr. Coleman Barr &
Captain Forrest first rate the Chief Constable for
Lord Carnarvon Hants
Ld Lieut's

5 x x x some direct effort for the improvement
"of the situation which at the present moment
is *certainly disgraceful* and *scandalous*"

x x x

signed letter, ff80-1v, pencil

f80

MOST PRIVATE 10 South St
Aldershot June 27/87

Dear Sir Douglas Galton

Many thanks for your letter
on this painful subject -

I enclose you the news I
have this morning, which is
on the whole satisfactory - I
think Genl P. Smith does not
let the grass grow under his
feet.

And it is a great thing that
the "evils" are allowed,
see top of p. 2,
& admitted to be "disgraceful"
& "scandalous", which has
been denied - (end) -

f80v

[O that we had W. H. Smith
at the W. O.]

Would you give me your "view"
upon (see) 1. "a Committee"
" 2. "a Resident Magistrate"

- might he be a Civilian
- or would you push for a
Military Officer? We need
not wait for a your proposed
"Act" to have "a Military
"Officer appointed as
"Magistrate for that district
"to deal with these cases"
need we? as you propose

f81

As to "3" - I am very glad
they are to have the Lock
Hospital &c. You know we
knew that was pending -
They could do nothing without
it -

If it would save you trouble
to give me your answers
by word of mouth, as I
ought not to delay
answering Genl. Smith,
I could see you to-day
or tomorrow (Tuesday)
at 5.15 or 6 - *Please say.*

I am nearly "hors de combat"

f81v

II You have not told me
what you have heard of Dr
Sutherland & his plans -

I have heard, & think I
ought to tell you

I do not think it will
do to let slip Ld Cross &
Col Yule - There is
probably scarcely a month
available before people
go out of London

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Please return me

enclosed

when (if) you come or with your
remarks

unsigned notes, ff82-3v, pencil

f82

to get Hospitals for all the garrison
towns
& if possible Home in commn
with them
interchangeable
beyond the sound of bugles
from Kent to Devonshire

Soldiers' Institutes & interests

Aldershot increase of
Farnham disease?

f83

can't Acland make his Bill
touch the keepers of the houses
rather than the individuals?

place upon the Municipality
the duty of supporting these Homes
out of the rates
make it part of the duty of the
SANITARY AUTHORITY to collect evidence to provide
Lock Hospls & Homes out of the rates
give them the powers to prevent the
necessity of having many of them
& to suppress the places

f83v

Acland to try & urge the W. O -
to get some of the houses closed
by getting evidence against them
Philip Smith
do the houses often do such
illegal things as to supply
evidence against them for the
Magistrate to close them?
then the W. O to write to the
Magistrates
{upside down}
Douglas Hamilton Claude {Illeg Hern?}
{illeg Celerham ?}

f84 {archivist: F.N.'s Memm re Month of August
It is a draft of a letter to her
"Aunt Mai" - the letter
is in A.H.C. 's possession }

[N.B. She died in *August* 1910]

unsigned note, ff85-6, pencil, also similar Balliol College [1:486-87]

f85

In this month 34 years ago she lodged me in {printed address: Telegraph,
Harley St Aug 12 Steeple Claydon, Bucks.}

And in this month 31 years ago she returned me
home from Scutari Aug 7

And in this month 30 years ago the work of the first
R. Commission was finished Aug 7

And since then 30 years of work often cut to pieces but Aug 6/87
never destroyed {printed address: Claydon House

In this month 26 years ago Sidney Herbert died Winslow
after 5 years' work for us Aug 2 Bucks.}

In this month 24 years ago the work of the second
(Indian) R. Commn was finished

And in this month this year it seems all to have to be

f86

done over again

And in this month this year the work at St. Thomas'
Hospital seems all to have to be done over again
after 27 years changing Matrons

And in this month this year my powers seem all
to have failed - & old age set in -

And in this month this year my work here seems as
impossible as ever -

Justice And this is my Jubilee year Feb 7 1887

May the Father Almighty, Irresistible - for Love is
irresistible - whose work & none other's this is
conduct it always , as He has done, while I have
misconducted it -

May He do *in* us what He would have us do

incomplete letter, ff87-7v, pencil

f87

Ly Louisa Egerton -2- {archivist: [bef. 14 Aug 1887]}

She did not say this in so many works,
but another person did, that perhaps the
higher kind of what we call 'Ordinary Nurses'
would under supervision do the work in
some parts as well as ladies - better than
not highly competent ladies - & some of a
higher kind still of 'Ordinary Nurses' without
supervision, as e.g. when one Nurse only is
wanted in the country

I was struck by another thing my lady said,

f87v

that we have not yet succeeded in enlisting the
better sort of trades women, that is women of
tradesmen's families, who generally lead, she
said, the most useless or ~~melancholic~~/uninteresting lives
- unlike the lives of "ladies", so improved in
usefulness & interest in the last 30 years -
& in what they are allowed by public opinion
to do - while the little world of tradespeople
does not allow any but the most energetic &
individual - to be anything but "genteel" -
The tradeswomen might lead such useful &
interesting lives , if they would embark in the same sort of things - And she hoped it was coming

f88, {archivist: F.N.'s Criticisms on Plans sent by Louise, Grand Duchess of Baden for Hospital at
Carlsruhe other papers destroyed on this subject}

signed letter, ff89-91, pencil [hosp80s]

f89

Carlsruhe proposed Hospital

{printed address:} Telegraph Aug 28/87

Steeple Claydon, Bucks Plans} {printed address: Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.

Sent you
to day

Dear Sir Douglas Galton

By your kind leave I
send the G. Duchess of Baden's
Plans for Clinique & Training School
for your criticism

& also my notes which
are merely a Nurse's Notes

I hope that, however tiresome,
you will be so good as to
read them - as they must
have your criticism as well
as the plans -

What *you* will do is to show
how these great defects can be

f89v

avoided or diminished

I have taken up your time
too long

& with love to Marianne &
Gwendolyne

pray believe me

ever yours truly

F. Nightingale

f90

The first two pages, 1, 2,
are extracts from the Gd Duchess'
letter, necessary for understanding
the plans -

A to H are mine
The plans were posted to-day
to your address.

F.N.

unsigned letter, ff92-95v, pen & pencil

[13:788-89]

f92 {archivist: [Aug. 1887]}

Jubilee Fund see notes {the preceding not in FN's hand}

Mr. Rathbone's Memo

I see on p. (1) a pencil ? after "lady" (Nurses)
which ? is I suppose yours

A little lower down comes, in pencil, "to train
"ladies & other intelligent women" -

[Mr. Rathbone has characteristically left out
Liverpool altogether (in this Memo) for *training* Nurses
not Superints

tho', in his printed Memo, p.p. 2 & 3, he has
entered into it - viz. the training of *Nurses* as well
as of ladies/Supts]

Practically, is it not the real difficulty of the
whole affair? You cannot cook up your hares

f93

before you have caught them - You cannot
form your two new centres, ~~or at or pl~~
- much less "place out in new districts for work",
your new Staffs - without trained "women"
as well as trained "ladies"

Hitherto Bloomsbury has trained only "ladies"
for its own works, & has supplied Lady
Supts to Liverpool (& elsewhere?)

Hitherto Liverpool is the only School of any importance which
has actually trained "women" for District
Nurses - [E. London's, I presume, cannot be
called trained women.]

Roughly speaking
M. & N. only trains ladies
Liverpool " " *Nurses*

where are *these* now to be trained? for the Jubilee
Fund?

Would it be possible, as it would be so very
desirable, for some Nurses (women) & Supts (ladies) to be
trained together?

[*Private* - I have heard much from some of
ours (from St. Thomas') of the difficulties they
found at first as Nursing Supts of Liverpool District work
These difficulties ~~were~~ very likely arose from
themselves as much as from their Nurses

I am only noting what is however a very
common experience in all Nursing Staffs *not* trained together]

f93v

A more practical remark is that Liverpool is really the only place which has large experience in District *women = Nurses*
- the only place with which you, the "central school & agents" of the Jubilee Fund will have real, honest, systematic consultation & communication, (as compared, I mean, with the to be created "centres" of Edinburgh & Dublin)

Would not Liverpool be better to train the "other intelligent women"? - some of them at least? Bloomsbury certainly will not be able to train them all

f94

I understand that Bloomsbury has expressed its willingness to train "women" as well as gentlewomen for the Jubilee Fund, if 'room' could be provided "in another house".

And possibly this awkward "St. Katharine's" might provide that 'room' - tho' it is rather far -

f95

p. (5) Mr. Rathbone's Memo M.S.

It is mentioned that "10 or 12" trained Nurses might be had sent out from Bloomsbury "yearly "or half yearly" - X X note And it is hoped that a "proportionate" number may be had from " Dublin "& Edinburgh -

This is certainly far better than Sir R. A. 's "1000! women in 2 or 3 years"!!

[But it is not mentioned whether these are to be ~~Supts or Staffs~~ - "ladies" or "women" tho' Mr. R. has entered into this rather fully in his printed Memo.

Perhaps it is not wished to raise the question - And most certainly we ought not to raise difficulties, provided you are satisfied that the high standard of the M. & N. Nursing will be maintained

But should we not have some clear idea in ourselves?] e.g. "10 or 12" trained ~~Supts would be absurd — & where are the trained women Nurses to come from?~~

while "10 or 12" would only make 2 or 3 small Nursing Staffs - And ~~of~~ are they to consist of ladies? Nursing Supts or pioneers are just what we fail in

X X

& agreeing to furnish these Nurses with a Nursing Supt.

[end 13:789]

f95v {notes on ff92-5, not in FN's hand}

unsigned notes, f96, pencil

f96

Sept. 1887

It is His work not as an indulgent Father

He *chooses* to do nothing without us

{upside down}

Jacob wrestling

& finding Him to be 'Love'

& himself blessed

f97, 1887, {archivist: notes &c by F.N. & 2 letters from Mrs. Sutherland}

f98, 1887, {archivist: Mrs. Sutherland to F.N.}

ff99-100v, Alleyn Park, October 18, 1887, from Mrs. Sutherland to F.N. thanking her for gifts sent and giving details of Dr. Sutherland's illness

ff101-2v, October 30, 1887, telling of an improvement in Dr. Sutherland

f103, 188 {archivist: [Hints for Mr. Jowett's health] He was ill at 10 South St this year October}

unsigned notes, f104, pencil [1:739-40]

f104

Meals - The rule for luncheon & dinner - is: to give
2 a whole hours at least to each - not for continuous eating but for
that function & digestion, before resuming the business
of life This ought ~~really~~/certainly to be adhered to

An amusing book interesting enough to prevent the
thoughts from scraping about but not enough to excite the
labour of thought may be taken - &/or conversation
~~answers~~ answering to this - or after lunch a little
easy walk.

but never hurry over the meal in $\frac{1}{4}$ hour -

All young meat, such as veal, is difficult of digestion Veal shd be prohibited

Eg Fish, game, poultry, mutton, were the articles put
down for his dietary

Stewed fruit is desirable 3 or 4 times a week, but probably

f105

better with luncheon than with dinner. Fruit is gold in
the morning, silver in the afternoon & lead at night is a proverb
But the main thing is to roll the food well about in the mouth
till it excites the saliva, & ~~then is~~/so becomes a pulp well incorporated with
~~the~~ saliva before it is swallowed - And NEVER to drink with food in the mouth
~~which the main/great good of toast~~

Toast or a crust of bread is indispensable whether at
breakfast or dinner or lunch, as *that must*

be ~~chewed~~ ground with the teeth & chewed before being swallowed

It cannot be swallowed whole or nearly whole -

Avoid anything, including haste, that produces flatulence

I record with indignation that a ~~plateful~~ of jelly which is good
merely to take a little of when there is a bad taste in the mouth

~~is~~/was bolted by Mr. Jowett, standing up, in a plateful after a dinner of
fish - of course producing flatulence & sleeplessness

f105v

Supplementary
Instruction or for you to give Mr. Jowett -
Information

Much/Much better on the whole especially as to sleep thanks to some carefulness
but too much inclined to presume on finding himself a little
stronger than he was & to over tax himself,

especially as these are the two heaviest weeks in
the year in consequence of the fishing for men -

He must not wait for signs of fatigue to appear
for when such signs appear the mischief is already done -

He works too late -

He hurries his meals too much -

He does not take exercise enough -

yet he pays little

Attention to cold

f106

I say again : it matters very little what I think,
It matters very much what Nature thinks - Nature sends
in her Bill without asking whether you could not help
it or no. And that is a Bill which always has to be paid.

This is a supplementary Instruction merely
to what has already been written

f107

Exercise - It is very undesirable for Mr. Jowett

to fatigue himself with walking - But ½ an hour a

day cannot be considered enough fresh air - It is

besides so very tiring to the brain to have always the

same surroundings all day & all night - no break - no looking about. Take to driving -

One drive cannot be supposed to supply air enough for

6 weeks -

I hope Mr. Jowett takes care of his cough -

~~& also record with indignation that he~~/Disapproval must be felt for his having heralded in
his fortnight's fishing with coming to London on

an early cold morning -

ff108-9v, Rushett, Faversham, November 7, 1887 from Mrs. John Howard to F.N. wishing to adopt a
Persian cat

signed letter draft, ff110-1, pencil

f110

10 South St. Park Lane W.

Nov 18/87

Dear Madam

First, let me thank you many times for your very kind note about Persian cats, & next let me ask many, many pardons for not having answered before, seeing I was unable to accept the *most* tempting invitation to send a kitten by your cook from Upper Berkeley St on the day you named, as I should so have wished. By some mistake your note of the 7th arrived only a few hours before the 10th when your cook was to join you.

My only "he" is not a kitten but grown up, & is 'boarding out' in the country! I would have

f110v

~~had~~/sent for him back tho' it could not have been in time to go by your cook to you; but I ~~reflected that he was/is~~ I fear too ~~old~~/much grown up to be a ~~good~~/nice companion for your children in the "School-room" or Nursery - My mouth waters at such a good home for a cat as yours - But I must be the more conscientious - I cannot conscientiously say that any cat I have now is a kitten - the more's the pity -

But if you will allow me, I will claim the privilege when I have ~~one~~/a kitten of asking you

f111

whether you would like it -

Pray excuse pencil - Possibly
Miss Irby may have told you
that I am always under the
stress of work & illness -

And pray believe me
yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Mrs. John Howard

I will preserve your very
kind note as a Memo
that you are a lover of Persian
kittens for your children -
& would make a 'pet' of one -
F.N.

unsigned notes, ff112-4, pencil

f112

Nov 20,21/87 6.a.m.

{fileg} The Lord = You are a broken vessel which can hold
no water -

{fileg} "Come in, Lord Jesus, come into my heart now

There is no heart which I *can* come into - There is
nothing that I can enter into. *The heart is a sheet of
paper - How can I enter in there? a sheet of written
paper*, on which you write to others your grievances
& complaints & criticisms of others -

"O then Lord let me into Thy kingdom

He says,

Enter in.

Over

f113

O then Lord

“I thirst, I faint, I die to prove
The greatness of redeeming love
The love of Christ to me”

O Lord, *prove* it - prove it Thy own way -
God only knows the love of God -

If Thou canst not enter into me, O give me a
place, let me enter into Thy kingdom

He will not refuse -

But I have no wedding garment

Save me & cleanse me

Save me & cleanse me

Wash all my sins away

Nov 21/87

He dragged me in at the door, into His kingdom

He knew he was the only One who could

cholera

f113v

Thursday Nov 17/87

Mr Cunningham: Letter to Lord Dufferin - They Could not find
the Times (Galton) Cholera

Lizzie: indifferent

was I as bad?

Nov 21/87 The letter to Ld Dufferin - not yet written

O did I think what Cholera meant? Or was I merely
thinking of writing a good letter?

Fire/Messenger

Punctuality

Cooking

Not what I am, O Lord , but what Thou art.

Not for my comfort but for Thy glory /love

Pray for

f114

Nov 23/87 2-6 a.m. over night Miss Spencer, Miss Pringle
 Lord have we/I not done many wonderful works in Thy name?
 I know you not; depart from me, ye wicked [I did it all for my
 own satisfaction,
 intense impression success
 or for sympathy]

Not what I am, O Lord, but what Thou art -
 Save me, rescue me - I have no offering to offer - It must be of
 Thy own love - I am 67
 Save her too, P. Mrs Neild
 Shed peace into that sweet Saint's heart, Miss Spencer - I can
 do nothing for her - & strength & blessing to Miss Pringle
 An oh write that Despatch to Govt of India
 & my letter to Ld Dufferin

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unsigned notes, ff115v-8v, pencil

f115v

1 Nov 29/87

"Bismark, "I remember at 14 thinking prayer needless,
 "for it struck me then that God knew better than I -
 "I think much the same now, except that the
 "usefulness of prayer is in that it implies submission
 "to a stronger power. I am convinced of that Power.
 "which is neither arbitrary not capricious"
 "Of a future life I do not doubt, the present is too sad
 & incomplete to answer to our highest selves, it is
 evidently a struggle - then why in vain if it is to end
 here; ultimate perfection I believe in"

f116

Bisk "If Europe knew without doubt that England,
 Germany & Italy were firm allies, Peace would be
 certain."

Richmond : Friedrich's ruh - "There is nothing
 artificial here - solid grandeur, *simple dignified daily
 work & interest* make the atmosphere most agreeable
 to me"
 His *Serene* Highness
 Prince Bismark
 Friedrich's ruh -

f117

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Bismark's remarks - of Nov 29/87
And is this all? Can Reason/Bismark do no more ?

Is "prayer" only *asking* for what certainly
God knows much "better than I" ~~about~~ how to
give?

Even the R. Catholic mystics knew more than
this 3 centuries ago -

They said prayer is not to ask of God
what we want but to ask of Him what He
wants of us

And quite lately a Protestant has said:

f117v

The child must have a poor opinion of a
Father's love who only communicates
with his Father when he wants to get
something out of him

Surely The "usefulness of prayer" is not because
it "implies submission" to Power - even
un="arbitrary" power - but because it
puts us into union with the interests,
the life, the love of Almighty Goodness
& Wisdom -

f118

Is not this a want of thought
in Bismark?

while the remark on a "future life" is
capital

We have criticized very much Christ saying:

If ye shall ask the Father anything in my
name, He will do it -

But what is "in my name" ? Does He not
speak with the exactest meaning?

"In my name" means ~~with~~ in union with 'my'
interests, 'my' love, 'my' life - And these, He tells

f120v

No of abnormal Midwy cases inert uterus bad hæmorrhage
1 in 10

Miss Pechey - not more than in England

Time for Midwife's training

Miss Pechey: 3 mo 1 year

Dr. Branfoot

Madras

then what does she do with abnormal cases?

any Statistics of abnormal cases at English Lying- in Hospls? in India?

Lady Grant Duff {the following notes are written on the side}

BP Supt for each Presy

European = Lady Doctor

Lady Doctor for each large

town or group of towns

natives

or Eurasians are being trained

to order

3 Decens ought to train the Dhais

not examine

them {written on the other side}

Miss Cock

Miss Buss {written at the bottom}

Miss Pringle

any Nurses to

out=door Obstetric

cases

Add Mss 41977D

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incomplete letter, ff123-3v, pencil

[12:398]

f123

Dec 13/87

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Madam

Mr. Richmond wrote me a most kind note about your charming daughter of 19 some time ago - telling me about her great wish to learn Hospital Nursing & asking me to see her -

I seemed so ungrateful to him; but it was not so - I answered as soon as I could, & wrote to him submitting the very strong reasons there are, moral & physical, against so young a lady being introduced

f123v

to Hospital life even for a time too early - & offering to see her, when I could.

I am most anxious to make her

[end 12:398]

hand printed note, f124, pencil

f124 {archivist: [1887]}

Thanks for letter & question
Jubilee is to jubilate over fifty years progress in education civilization/2 and purity/1 under good Sovereign. this cannot be jubliated over in public houses. Pray suggest way out of it -
Nightingale

f125, index note, pen

initialled undated letter draft, ff126-29v, pencil [1887]

[13:481-82]

f126

Signora Elena Comparetti
Calle del Ridotto

Madam Venezia

Accept my earnest apologies for not having answered your letter sooner. My strongest sympathy is with you, with Italy, with this first attempt at Padua to form an Italian Nursing School.

I have been making enquiries in order to be able to answer your questions rather more worthily

1. as to books to translate which you wish/might be useful
~~to translate for Nursing purposes~~

I send a copy of my Notes on Nursing as you kindly desire. But it was translated some 25 years ago by Sabilla Novello ~~with my~~ But it is however so long ago that I believe I might again grant leave to translate it if you wish it

{written along the side}

in the special conditions of the Hospl question in Italy where you see all has to be done.

f126v

I also send a copy of my some "Suggestions" which perhaps might be of some use to you for translation. I have drawn the pen thro' the ~~second~~ part relating to District Nursing in order not to confuse the two subjects.

It has also been suggested to me to send you my Articles ~~in~~ ~~Qua~~ out of Quain's Dictionary which I do - & another little pamphlet

Also a book on Nursing by Miss Wood's Handbook of Nursing

This is all I have to suggest at present in answer to your kind question.

f127

2 next as to sending ~~a person~~/an Italian
to be trained in some English or Swiss
Institution

This is the difficulty, as you say
You ask about Switzerland

We have made particular Berlin
enquiries as to Nurse Training
there. but can find nothing
organized to answer your
purpose - a few lectures,
that is all. In fact they send
their Nurses to be trained here

I should/might I suggest that it
would be of advantage to send
some intelligent lady who
understands English well to pay
a visit to London & she might
learn more in a few weeks of the
system than in any other way.

f127v

& might satisfy herself as to how
far it would be possible for a
Roman Catholic to submit to the
routine of Hospital training here.

There are London Hospitals
which admit Roman Catholics,
for training, but scarcely as a
part of the regular organization.
Besides as you say it would
not do to clash with the ideas
of the public in Italy.

St. Thomas' Hospital in London
is, as you possibly may know,
our own Training School for Nurses -
And we have from time to time sent from there
Matrons to Dublin & Belfast
in Ireland to take charge of
Training Schools - I have even

f128

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written to the most considerable
of these to know whether they
would take in an Italian
as a 'Probationer' - They certainly
would. Still I/it could not/scarcely
be recommended it. There are/is no
few coun country belonging to
England where division &
party spirit in religion runs
higher.

As to the Male Nurses: spoken of almost as if they were on a par with Female Nurses,

So far as our practice goes
we do not as a rule employ
male nurses in General Hospitals
It is very probable that men
nurses may be usefully
employed in Italian Hospitals
where the habits are so different

f128v

But we have not the experience
here to guide them, beyond
what may be drawn from
female Nursing & Military Hospitals
And the latter does not go for
much

f129

Your letter, ~~has~~ I am ashamed
to think dated how long ago.
did not reach me at once -
I am always under the severe
pressure of overwork & illness
Then I had to make enquiries -
This is only to excuse to your
kindness my unwilling delay
I trust I am not too late to be
of use -

May the proposed Institution
at Padua, may Italy make
the astonishing steps in
Nurse training that she has

done in everything else. But
let her be 'slow & sure' -

You have my best wishes for
your success

How Padua & Venice live in

f129v

my memory - as the perfection
of beauty - May they be as
useful as they are lovely
is the warmest wish
of your ever faithful servant

F.N.

I should be so glad to hear
from you if you will
kindly tell me what steps
you are taking.

[end 13:482]

unsigned notes, ff130-32v, pencil [8:507]

f130 {archivist: [1886-1887?]}

Despatch -1-

In 20 Cantonments where Contagious Diseases Acts, over the supervision of prostitutes was in force still, ratio of Admissions rose in 1885 (from the last {illeg decade?})

& in one of these Bareilly rose to 527 in 1885

more than half the entire garrison in the course of the year

men were once affected with the more serious diseases

are have to be invalided within 3 years

But (he argues) it's because Act not *Sufficiently* put in force

while in Calcutta where Act is suspended

it's because it *is* suspended

31 per 1000

of population

treated for Venereal

within Calcutta Hospls

in 1885 - only 7

in 1873

{f131 is blank}

f131v

Fault of water supply

in Hill Stations

the too high mortality

Abnormal sickness & mortality

in Qualton

Enteric & all Fevers

appear to be increasing

a third of entire mortality

of Army in India due to

Fevers

"A young Army involves, as one

of its conditions of service, the most

rigid attention to every Sanitary

requirement"

Runchorelal

Chotalal

Pres

Ahmedabad

f132

Despatch -2- if the mortality might by sanitation
be reduced by 10 only in the 1000
of 2 ½ millions preventible Deaths annual to late
50 “ ” severe sickness/disease
working power of the community seriously impaired by disease

fever mortality of India within the last few years
represents fever attacks several times over the entire
population

of registered Deaths for 1885 78 p.c. due to preventible disease
38 millions Deaths
in the last 10 years

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f133v

villages 19? rural areas

one Sany Engineer
don't exclude 2 or 3 Ld D has prevented
3 or 4 Par 20 doubling up of
most excellent San Comm
San Comm

After 25
go into action
for rural areas
see end of 27

26 ? 1879

Make where general pop begins
more prominent

p.12 Para 13

{f134 is blank}

unsigned notes, f134v-5, pencil

f134 {archivist: [1891?]} [1893]

Dear Lady N,

What can be said to such a parting as yours from dear blessed Lothian but that it cannot be believed that such love can be broken off all suddenly as it were. Rather may we not think of it as more intense than ever & that he is begging & praying of you not to allow grief to turn your love to loneliness - praying you to be still happy/blessed in his love - & his children too
God bless He sends you these roses - God bless & support
you all

f135

Roses in Lothian's dear name
to his wife

initialled note, f136, pencil

f136

Aug 17

{archivist: [1890-1893?]} [1893]

Dear Mr. Morey

Sir Harry did look so
cold. (for the Funeral)

Has he warm under-clothing
on? or will he wear a
cloak? No one

but you could persuade him

The day is not warm

F.N.

unsigned notes, ff137-8v, pencil

f138

Muff - a Persian tom cat ~~about between 3 &~~ under 4 months old
 has been brought up for cleanliness with a pan - with
 an inch or two of fine dry sand in it -emptied every night
 & morning a clean pan put into the room where he sleeps
 in at night - & a clean one ready for him in the morning
 But he could of course be brought up to other ways Only he must not be
 He is always brought in at night & shut up in a
 room not too cold (where he cannot throw down any
 thing) for the night as these cats suffer from cold
 punished if he is dirty till he gets accustomed to the new ways
 He is a remarkably clean cat - has never made a mistake
 in fact
 He is so affectionate that he needs to be petted & caressed
 & talked to. And he will require it amply Mufti has
 been to me a great pet

f138v

He requires to go out in the garden ~~{ill eg}~~
 & if not to have fresh grass brought him in the house
 No cats are healthy without grass -
 He will be happier if/when shut up if with a she cat
~~He has never~~ But two Tom cats are impossible
~~His meals~~ He has been fed as follows
 Breakfast 8 a m milk bread & milk
 Luncheon 11 sometimes a little sop of bread
 in beef tea or broth
 but this not necessary
 Dinner 2 meat chopped up ~~small~~ with
 remains of cauliflower or asparagus
 or potato or carrot
 or chicken bones
 or remains of fish

f137 {archivist: [n.d.]}

Tea 5 milk

Supper 8 same as dinner
 but too much meat not good for these
 cats -
 no sauce or seasoned food or dressed fish
 or meat pie food ever

Bed 10 milk left on floor for him
 & perhaps a little supper

Always fresh water in some vessel he can't upset
 put on floor for him at night : & indeed in the day
 where he can get at it in the house room he is most
 often in -

f137v

He always eats on/from a plate or saucer on the floor (with a
 little cloth (a newspaper) under it like a gentleman
 most sociable animal I ever had
 a little combing & brushing now & then
 improves ~~their~~/his coat very much
 He has once or twice had something like a fit, rushing about
 & then hiding himself - But if taken on the knee or
 laid on something & covered up ~~quiet~~, head & all, in the
 dark & {illeg} has always recovered directly

Add Mss 41977D

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Add Mss 56105F f15 two FN letters, presented 11 April 1970 by beneficiaries of estate of Mrs E. White

f19 letter, folded, with name on back pencil

Oct 26

Dear Emily Would you kindly see that Mrs. Verney's *temperature* is taken to night, & indeed every night? Dr De'Ath is not afraid of feverishness, but he would like to know to-morrow what her temperature was to-night.

yours

F. Nightingale

f23 envelope

f19v

Mrs. Emily France

f21 pencil letter and envelope

Saturday

Dear Emily

The Inhaler & Friar's Balsam & directions were to come from Dr. De'ath tonight (for Mrs Verney to use to-night if she coughed) to Verney Junction-

But you have an inhaler - could you get some Friar's Balsam from Mr. Morey or Mrs. Broadhurst?

yours

F. Nightingale

Add Mss 41977D

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Add Mss 59786, unbound materials, miscellaneous notes, drafts and letters, Adam Matthew reel 86

f1 ISC printed "Letter from Miss Nightingale"

f2 Table showing the rates of deaths per 1000 living at different ages. Note in FN hand: To be returned to F.N.

f3 Lord Herbert diagram, with FN corrections

f4 FN note: Cost of Regimental Surgeons for 1864/65
(not to be had for 1854/54)
excluded from the Estimates

Regimental surgeons 142 at 15/a day £38,872.10

“ Asst Surgeons 176 at 10/ a day 32,120

Additional Pay for Ditto 14,920

85,954.10

Forage for Surgeons 4,751.1.8

90.735.11.8

Numbers of men

119,000 1853/4

146,000 1864/5

f6 diagram representing the relative annual mortality ... printed, with FN corrections, used for comparison before and since Lord Herbert's admin, pastes in several years of data

f8 letter from W Farr to FN 17 Jan 1866 ff8-9, embossed General Register Office embossed stationery with note on method of determining prison mortality for Dr S., she to look through and a note from Quetelet. I enclose a note on the method of determining prison mortality for Dr Sutherland who will perhaps look through it and tell me to whom I am to address it.

You will perhaps like to glance through the enclosed note from Quetelet as he refers in it to a letter I wrote long ago mentioning the loss of the dear friend we all deplore,

You may perhaps recollect that you had the goodness to right [yes!!] to Lord Palmerston-who chiefly at your instance Lord Shaftesbury said put down Dr Thomson's widow's or children name for a pension from the civil list. Lord S told me that it would count from last year--so that the poor woman will be disappointed as well as deprived of pension if Lord John does nothing.

...P.S. Some of our best men have been helping the cattle plague problem I have thus left in with rough handy. Would that any good would come of it But I put no trust in illeg.

and re Palmerston.

f8v

You may perhaps recollect that you had the goodness tonight to Lord Palmerston, who chiefly at your instance Lord Shaftesbury said put down Dr Thomson's widow's or children's names for a pension from the Civil List. Lord S. Told me that it would count from last year, so that the poor woman will be

PS re cattle plague

f10 black-edged paper letter from Quetelet to W Farr in French 14 Janv 1866 re English stats and international stats. When you think of going to Florence ..my health, re Dr Berg. I thank you for *English Life Tables* 59786 f10.

f12 W Farr embossed GRO letter to FN encloses paper on jail mortality Janv 18 1866

f14 Jan 19 1866 Farr to FN thanks for her letter, India report, hare and pheasants, embossed Gen Reg

f15 March 14 1866 W Farr letter to FN re her forms, embossed Gen Reg. We have *one* copy of your forms. You *cannot* give that away--but may lend it. It will serve as a model to be copied in either illeg or print by hosp governors. I have had a note from Dr S who I am glad to see is returned from Algeria.

I have looked over "Statistique centrale de prisons." They calculate the mortality at so much percent per annum, on the mean prison population. There is nothing in their sanitary forms

f16 letter from Robt Hamilton, Southern Hosp, Liverpool to J Sutherland re adopting Classification of Diseases rec by FN, asks for forms, FN: to the returned to F.N. Jan 18 1866

We are desirous of adopting at this hospital the classification of diseases recommended by Miss Nightingale and for that purpose require the forms which she sent round a few months ago (we have mislaid ours) not knowing where to address her, I trouble you on the subject, perhaps you would kindly put me in the way of obtaining them. Yours obediently Robert Hamilton. Jan 16 1866

f17 note JS hand re classif of diseases

f18 letter Jan 30 1866 from Robt Hamilton, 1 Prince's Rd, Liverpool to FN thanks for her letter recd today (missing) and forms. I have referred to your work on hospitals and one of the forms there given for the registering of hosp cases are adopted at our medical board last Saturday. FN note: To be returned to F.N.

f19 Feb 22 1866 W Farr letter to FN, re cattle panic, fruitless slaughter, asks for a line to say she is, hope better, embossed Gen Reg. I shd be glad when convenient to have one line to say how you are...We have been saying a word or two about he cattle panic and fruitless slaughter. I wrote a letter in the Daily News wh you did not see and with which you wd not entirely agree. The panic wd not have sprung up if we had known more about the matter and the cattle had been insured on a plan I sent G. wh he gave to Childers of the Treasury, where it was kept until the evil was done. He proposed to take the "premium" 5d per head of cattle and to pay anything in return unless the beast was slaughtered by order of inspector.

f20 March 16 1866 W Farr letter to FN re French prison returns, asks if cd not take list of diseases for her book, with annexed instructions, to accompany form, embossed Gen Reg. Cd not they take their list of diseases from your book with the annexed illeg/ Something like the accompanying *form* of sheet would do.

If you will return anything you wish sent (unpaid post) we will forward the same from here.

I have looked through the French prison returns. Our form containing all that they give and a good deal more. Mortality frightful!

f20v FN note pencil on back of Farr letter.

Walker has sent exactly what you asked for - & you make me ask Ellis for it
And Ellis (as usual) has *not* done it
& Walker *has*.

I beg your pardon-

Ellis told us of this in this house.

You said: Walker, who was the Secretary to that, would not have sent you the M.S. (which you made me send to Lord Stanley) if it had not been necessary.
What Ellis says (you said) does not alter the question- And you made me ask both Walker & Ellis for that

then why did you make me write for that
after Ellis

Write in pencil for me to write.

This pencil lead is *much* better than mine.
I am so very poorly.

f22 Robt. Hamilton letter to FN re hosp forms 21 May 1866, thanks her for several forms and papers she kindly sent.

"Carrying out the suggestions contained in your letter we shall be able with these papers to arrange a classification of cases as complete as we require.

We hope also that the arrangement will be in conformity with that adopted in several large Hospitals and so be available in a Statistical point of view." thanks esp for Bart Hosp report, a useful guide as Southern essentially an accident hosp

f24 March 28 1866 W. Farr letter to FN re Pall Mall attack of mgt of Fund, embossed Gen Reg. You have probably seen in the Pall Mall an attack on the mgt of your Fund, not emanating from St Thomas. I have a man here who wishes to write an article on the subject, if you think it wd be of any use. He has written to H.B. Carter and do not take the trouble to write unless you have anything.

f25 Robt. Hamilton, 1 Prince's Road, Liverpool letter to FN re her letter of 24th (missing) and the two tables for operations reg. "We shall adopt them at the hospital and have sufficient particulars of the operations since January to be able to do so for this year." March 28 1866

I have to ack your note of the 24th and the two tables for ops (reg). We shall adopt them at the hosp and have sufficient particulars of the ops since Jan to be able to do so for this year.

With many thanks for the great assistance you have afforded us in improving our registers.

f27 Aug 2 1866 embossed Gen Reg W Farr letter to FN re outbreak of cholera in East London, alas that we have no such organization as you would have produced. The case against the water is very strong. We are going to publish daily returns.

You will see that we have had a terrible outbreak of cholera in East London. Alas that we have no such organization as you cd have produced. The case against the water is very strong. We are going to publish daily returns.

f29 Sep 14 1866 embossed Gen Reg W Farr letter to FN re cholera down in London. "You will be glad to see that we have got cholera down in London. It ought not to have broken out. The Manchester Social Sc meeting is to come off Oct 3 -10th. Have any of your colleagues time to give any account of the results of your labors in India?"

f30 Oct 17 1866 embossed Gen Reg W Farr

"I notice that your letters are post dated Romsey. To save time shall I send the inf *which I wish you to see* direct to Romsey?"

F31v FN pencil note on back:

What the demand of the demander is has to be considered (in any question of progress) as much as the means of obtaining the supply.

In all questions of reform, you have to create the demand as well as the supply.

Hospital Governors & Doctors are such fools that, were there 200 places matronships at £150 a year to be given away--the most helpless brother's & cousin's widows would certainly have them.

f32 Nov 17 1866 embossed Gen Reg W Farr letter to FN. I enclose "article" as per order of today and I trust that it will answer your purpose.

with pencil note of JS on back

Dr Farr, In order to help on with the sanitary work here please send me the diseases, esp the zymotic ones which make up the Romsey death rate

f34 Farr letter to FN embossed Gen Reg Nov 29 1866

I enclose the calculated mortality for various diseases, and am ever your faithful servant

f36 embossed GRO Nov 29 1866

"I do remember the card, and when I get a copy of the proposed figures, which I am promised, will not forget to send it on to you.

Did you see in the Times of Tuesday a notice of the frightful amount of sickness in the 23rd at Juffulpore. I fear that there has been some juggling *more* than real work on some of the depts, or why is this regiment suffered to remain in such circumstances in such a station. I forbear from suggesting a note of interrogation, lest you shd consider yourself answerable for all that is left undone in India.

Thank God--cholera is down and I think that we shall now keep it down.

I know your fidelity to Lord Palmerston of old--and cannot help suspecting from paragraphs I see in the papers that some conspiracy is hatching, or being hatched. I do not know which, in the Island of illeg which Dr Mapleton has celebrated (vide polytheism). The spirit of good appears to be as restless in some people as the spirit of evil in others! There is a reflection!

Dr Mouat has referred his reports on Indian prisons to me, and I am going to look through them at his request...PS Wd you like to be troubled by the weekly at Embley?

f38 Dec 18 1866 embossed. Wm Farr to FN Will you take the trouble to glance over ... Mr Constance; JS draft reply. Dear Dr Farr, Your note about Mr Constance "in 'Middlebury' is not the first card of the kind that has come to me, but you have only put your man up for secretary, while the elections are not in secrecy and general superintendent, an officer of a very different character. I have always refused in a heavily backed application that the sup for hospital must not only be a competent man, but must have had training and that in my position should do to recommend any

f41 Dec 31 1866 Farr to FN embossed Gen Reg

A happy new year to you! Happy as it can only possibly be made by consciousness of high beneficent life.

I enclose the proof of P Stat wh I wish you to see before I send my answer.

In re Constance, you did quite right not to stir w/o personal knowledge of the candidates' qualifications. You know that I think well of him as a man and he has plenty of the right sort of courage, but he has not been tried in the office of supt any more than his rival Watson.

His prospects he tells me are good.

Sutherland promises me something good about cholera, resulting from his Gibraltar investigations. The Mediterranean medicine was never more imbecile [?] than it is in the present day, if we may judge from its display in Constantinople the other day. The Foreign Office refuses to send the Reg Gen a copy of their report.

JS note

f43 Husson to FN 11 Oct 1866 from Assistance publ. In London visit was at King's College Hosp, midwifery. Lors do mon dernier voyage a Londres j'ai visite a KCH, le service d'accouchement qui a

ete fonde par votre generosite et comme je vais publier bientot une statistique tres etendue de la mortalite des femmes en couches, en Europe, je ne voulais omettre ce service, ainsi Je susite illeg pour que le Dr Priestley ou les administrateurs de l'hop vouluent bien me remettre la staistique des services illeg de l'hop pour les accouchements. Je tenai d' illeg plus a en parler que l' illeg d'un *service interieur* de ce genre illeg singlante ..les hopitaux illeg de Londres illeg de Dr Priestley les chiffres que je desirais mais qui les reporter au questionnaire qu illeg avai remi, et je

Dans la reponse a mon questionnaire qui s'applique a la nature illeg:
Le service d'accouchement de l'hospital de King's College est une. charitable attachee a illeg . Il a ete fonde -- ..[long quote]
Et plus loin: "Les cas ordinaires ...sages-femmes....
Il semble d'abord qu'il a ..

Y a til des eleves sage femmes? Sans elles a l'interieur
[seems like Husson asking FN to get data for him Priestley would not provide]

f45 Nov 21 1866 embossed Gen Reg W Farr letter to FN, encloses calculations on mortality from various diseases
with a pencil note of JS on back

Here are true vital statistics which appear to indicate a generally depressed state of health and liability to epidemics if they are about
Could you prepare a sanitary sketch of the state of the town
illeg drainage, water, cesspits crowding, paving, cleansing, the conditions of the houses &c
We want facts before we can answer at a illeg opinion as to what should be done.

f43 11 oct 1866 Assistance publique Paris A. Husson letter to FN, "Miss" in French 59786 f43, on last trip to London visited King's College Hosp, midwifery (le service d'accouchement), founded by your quixotité. as I am going to publish bientôt stats very widely extended of mortality of women in childbirth in Europe I wish ...visited Dr Priestley and the administrators of the hosp, re stats of service... re assistance of an interior service
[this is a long, detailed letter, with questions] quotes reply to his questions, asks if there are student sages-femmes, asks if a school [seems does not know that the school/ward to be closed], also re workhouse

Je viens seulement de recevoir du Dr Priestley les chiffres que j' désirais, ainsi sur les réponses au questionnaire que je suis avais remi, illeg je vois des remerciements à ce jeune médecin qui m'a paru très capable et très sympathique.

Dans la réponse à mon questionnaire qui s'applique à la nature du service on dit:
Le service d'accouchement de l'hospital de King's Collège est une fondation charitable attachée à l'école médicale de King's Collège, Il a été fondé au moyen d'une parti des fonds illeg en l'honneur de Miss Nightingale, après la guerre de Crimée, et dans l'intention de former des sages-femmes pour la province. Mais tous les cas difficiles sont admis à l'intérieur our servir de ces cliniques our l'instruction des étudiants." et plus loin:
Les cas ordinaires [nothing on mortality
Les cas ordinaires....on his last visit tried to present his hommages...

f46 memo to FN from Arrowsmith Bristol, at request of Miss A. Manning [?] sends revise for Indian journal

f47 printed form of Association for promoting Trained Nursing in Workhouse Infirmaries and Sick Asylums, pres HRH Princess Mary Adelaide, duchess of Teck; gen com: Acland, Surgeon General Bostock, Bowman, Countess Brownlow, Rev H de Bunsen, Lady Edward Cavendish, Lady Frederick Cavendish, Rev Dacre Craven, Countess of Ducie, Lady Camilla Fortescue, Miss Fortescue, Mrs Fox, Mrs Henry Grenvfell, Mrs Russell Gurney, Hon Mrs Vaughan Johnson, duchess of Leeds, Hon

Mrs Loyd Lindsay, Mrs Frederick Paget, Mrs C Whitworth Russell, marchioness of Salisbury, Mrs Hugh Seymour, Dr Sieveking, Rev Canon Spence, Lady Sarah Spencer, dowager Lady Stanley of Alderley, Lady Jane Taylor, Dr E Symes Thompson, Rev W.T. Thornhill Webber, working committee incl Constance marchioness of Lothian. Then printed statement, re training workhouse nurses. Council of Nightingale Fund, ex Highgate.... "This paper was read at meeting of house of Constance, marchioness of Lothian, 10 Hyde Park PI 25 July 1879

Friday July 9. probably 1880

f51 printed form Assoc for promoting Trained Nursing in Workhouse Infirmaries and Sick Asylums, pres Princess Mary Adelaide, duchess of Teck, first Annual meeting, 9 July [1880] Kent House Knightsbridge, by permission of Louisa, Lady Ashburton, resolution proposed:

1. That as the Workhouse test is now being advantageously extended, it is desirable that the Workhouse Infirmaries shd be in all respects fitted to receive sick inmates and that a sufficient staff of trained nurses be employed to ensure their more efficient care and speed cure.
2. That as the working committee find great difficulty in obtaining properly trained nurses to meet the numerous applications they receive from boards of guardians, it is desirable that this association should train nurse probationers and therefore it is necessary to form a fund for this purpose.
3. That it is desirable to extend by all possible means the co-operation of private voluntary aid with the Poor Law machinery, in order to promote the objects of this Association.

f52 letter to FN 25 02 1881 C.E. Trevelyan letter to FN from embossed 8 Grosvenor Cres, re trained nursing for poor, with FN comments. FN und. Blue: Please return to F.N.

As I am sure you will not be indifferent to the undertaking wh has for its object to extend to the body of the people, of terms quite within their means and consistent with habits of independence and self respect, the adv of medical tr on the same satisfactory footing on wh it is now enjoyed by the rich, I venture to ask your perusal of the accompanying papers. The duke of Westminster and Mr Jones Lloyd have each taken 500 shares in the subsidiary financial company and the duke expressed a wish that a nursing assoc shd be engrafted on the undertaking, to which I replied that he wd see from the 9th Rule at page 15 that each dispensary will be a nursing venture in connection with any
 //local arrs there may be for this special object, for it was considered that the machinery wd work with more freedom [FN und and added ?] if every dispensary committee was left to make the best arrs they cd with nursing associations, parish nurses or whatever other available means there mt be, than if we confined ourself to the reg of a single nursing assoc.... also send printed letter bearing on the interest medical men in the matter

[on top, blue pencil]

Please return to F.N.

f53, "Is it "freedom" we want or efficiency?"

ff54-55 Nov 26 1881 Louisa Twining letter to FN re a conference on extension of work. Assoc for Promoting Training Nursing in Workhouse Infirmaries [printed stationery] Twining hon sec, patron Prss Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, pres Prss Mary Adelaide, duchess of Teck. FN und. I shd like to tell you about and enlist yr sympathy for a conference wh has for its object the extension of our work in wh I know we have yr kind interest and helpful advice...asks for "a few words of further encouragement wh can be read at the meeting " how welcome it will be

"I should like to tell you about, and enlist yr sympathy for, a Conference wh has for its object the

extension of our work, in wh I know we have yr kind interest and helpful advice, I dare say you think it long since we have shown any signs of life--as I am not aware of *any* notice of our annual meeting in May ever reached you. I left England immediately after for 3 months rest abroad and left all the work to others.

In the course of one year and half's experience, various *difficulties* [4 red und] as you may suppose have arisen and finding that they really *block our way for further progress* [red und] it was suggested that we should *boldly bring them before a conference of Guardians & influential person who have the power in their hands* [red unds]. This good suggestion of Lady Mary Scott's was adopted, and I am glad to say it can take place at the *new Marylebone Infirmary* [red und] wh I feel we can in most [Twining und] respects (not [ref und] *all* [Twining und]) hold up as a standard under Miss Vincent's excellent management. I am glad to say we have recommended 4 or 5 nurses to her from our Register.

I have written a paper on this conference wh no doubt will be printed and so bring the matter still further before the public. I doubt not we shall have a good attendance.

If you shd feel able and inclined to send us a few words of further encouragement wh can be read at the meeting I need not say how welcome it will be.

ff56-65 is report of that conf, with FN Report of a Conference held at the Board Room of the St Marylebone Infirmary to consider the question of Trained Nursing in Workhouse Infirmaryes. Association for Promoting Trained Nursing in Workhouse Infirmaryes. Conf 8 Dec 1881 20 pp. Has 1 page letter by FN, input into pub letters because charge of 12 for 1 page, letter read by L. Twining p 9

f57 printed form for 1st annual meeting of Friday July 9th [1879] check a Friday] to consider 3 resolutions:

1. That as the Workhouse test is now being advantageously extended, it is desirable that the Workhouse Infirmaryes should be in all respects fitted to receive sick inmates, and that a sufficient staff of Trained Nurses be employed, to ensure their more efficient care and speedy cure.
2. That as the Working Committee find great difficulty in obtaining properly trained Nurses to meet the numerous applications they receive from Boards of Guardians, it is desirable that this Association should train Nurse Probationers, and therefore it is necessary to form a fund for this purpose.
3. That it is desirable to extend by all possible means the co-operation of private and voluntary aid with the Poor Law machinery, in order to promote the objects of this Association.

Letter of FN read by Louisa Twining to the Conference held at the Board Room of the St Marylebone Infirmary to consider the question of Trained Nursing in Workhouse Infirmaryes. London: Association for Promoting Trained Nursing in Workhouse Infirmaryes. 59786 f56

f60 letter read by Louisa Twining at a meeting 8 December 1881

[6:478-79]

Miss L. Twining, Hon. Sec. of the Association for Promoting Trained Nursing in Workhouse Infirmaryes [note phc3]

My dear Madam

Pray let me thank you for, and heartily rejoice at, the information which you so kindly give me respecting the proposed conference on the subject of trained nurses in workhouse infirmaryes.

I am sadly afraid that it is not possible to me to answer your appeal, as I should wish, to any good purpose. Your association and your efforts have--I need hardly say how much--my warmest and

deepest sympathy in the aim they have set before them, to introduce trained nursing into these immense homes for the sick poor. Much good will, I am sure, arise from your practical work in providing nurses, but yet more by your having induced inquiry and discussion on this vital and mortal subject (for it *is* a subject of life and death, of recovery to work or pauperism for life in many cases), and by the more living interest which you have thereby aroused on the part of many who have hitherto been ignorant both of the evils existing and the remedies required.

All of us who have the work at heart must be deeply and truly grateful to the Guardians of Marylebone for the enlightened example which they have set in the organization of the nursing staff of this noble infirmary (said by those of the Americans who had been all over the two worlds in search of the best model, who were at the International Medical Congress last August, to be the first in the world).

It is not merely that they have employed solely paid nurses, but that they have acted on the sound because common-sense principle--first, that a nurse's duties can only be learned by a thorough and systematic training, and can only be efficiently performed by good, trustworthy women, and secondly, that no staff of women can either be properly chosen or, when chosen, can properly be superintended, that is kept at the best standard of nursing, unless the head of the staff herself possesses the qualifications of a first-rate nurse in addition to the requisite administrative capacity.

Our great want now is a *training school* for infirmary nurses. Would that the Marylebone Board under its present most able administration could see their way to supplementing their good work by the addition to the infirmary of such a training school. Good speed to the work is the unceasing fervent wish of,

your and its ever faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

f66 Apr 21 1885 James Paget letter to FN with St Bart's report, he used her name in the pamphlet. I shall send you today a pamphlet in which I have ventured to use your name. And in sending it I am ... printed pamphlet. St Bartholomew's Hospital and School Fifty Years Ago 31 pp. An address to the Abernethian Society. P 26 refs to nurses, sisters were good: The ordinary nurses were not so; the greater part of them were rough, dull, unobservant [27] and untaught women; of the best it cd only be said that they were kindly, and careful and attentive in doing what they were told to do." Nursing then and never had been the subject of careful study. Orders. "It was not till twenty years later, in the Crimean War, that Miss Nightingale showed what might be done in hospitals by highly cultivated, courageous and benevolent gentlewomen, and the noble example which she showed had, I think, more influence than anything else that can be told of in the production of the happy changes in the midst of which you work."

f84 July 5 1886 letter to FN from Octavia Hill, 14 Nottingham Pl, W. thanks for hers and for generous gift, sends "Letter to my Fellow-Workers" with accounts for 1884 and 1885 letters" 59786 f84, [date not perfectly clear] FN gave a "generous gift" to Octavia Hill for use on her "far flock." Letter 5 July 1886 to Nightingale from Octavia Hill, Add Mss 45786 f84. FN underlining. P7 has ref to need for poor to get away from smoke and see the sun setting in coloured glory wh abounds so in the earth God made, but of which so small a share remains visible to the inhabitants of our huge town. Thank you most sincerely for your generous gift, which was most welcome and for the letter which accompanied it. I shall be delighted to avail myself of the former for some of my *large* flock and the letter I shall always prize. Such words of enc from one worker to another are a *great* cheer, helping on the not always smooth path that lies before those who have anything to do wh is really worth doing.

I send with the greatest pleasure a few of my "Letters" which I suppose are what you have happened to see. If you referred to any other paper kindly let me know..

April 1859 FN sent her "mite" to the Neapolitans, after consulting Monckton Milnes.

f93 copy of FN letter to Fred Verney re Health at Home 17 Oct 1879, 59786 f93, original in 68887 f22

f95 Appendix B Memorandum from Indian committee of last International Congress of Hygiene and Demography. Signed by Douglas Galton (chairman of organizing com of ICH) George Birdwood, W.H. Corfield, W. Robt Cornish, W Guyer Hunter, W.J. Moore, Dadabhai Naoroji, G.V. Poore, W. Wederburn, Thomas Holbein Hendley, that the insanitary conditions of the rural villages in India is a very serious evil and that active measures are reqd to obviate the existing injury to public health, re funds raised and spent, only small portion spent on village san and water supply, removal of present san evils in the rural villages is the first necessity as regards these village, shd be a first charge on the cess raised in that village; "Until the minimum of sanitation is completed, until the cess of that particular village has been appropriated to this, while typhoidal or choleraic disease is still prevalent, it appears to the undersigned that the claims for any general purposes shd be postponed." good local communications are desirable, but second in importance to removal of insan conditions wh are undermining the health of the rural pop

f98 typed copy of FN letter to T.G. Clarke (dup) re Balaclava anniv

f103 note poss by Sutherland on Alex Soyer, was trained to be choir boy at Cathedral of Meaux, parents wanted him to be a priest. Born at Meaux in 1895...

Add Mss 41977D

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Add Mss 61991 f58 FN partial letter, pen, Adam Matthew reel 86

I would like to see you
for half an hour before
the post goes out
tomorrow, but not
while Mr MacDonald
is there. If you are not
well enough, will you
tell me, & I will come
to you either this evening
or tomorrow morning?

Florence Nightingale

f69 FN note, pen

I have the very great
pleasure of congratulating
you upon your promotion-
Mr Herbert says "Dr
"McGrigor's promotion will
"go out to him next week.
"You had better however
"not know it. As it will
"be attributed to you, & there
"will be jealousy and
"dissatisfaction."

[14:147]

Pray therefore do not

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mention this even to Mr
Bracebridge.

It is the only pleasant
news I had yesterday.

Florence Nightingale
February 21/55

[end 14:147]

f100 pen on black-edged note paper

Combe Hurst
Kingston-on-Thames
Jany 22d [arch: 1866]

Sir

My niece Miss
Nightingale has de-
sired me to send her
thanks for the Photograph
you have been so
kind as to send her.
She regrets that she is un-
able herself to

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write from illness.
I beg to remain, Sir
your obedt Servt
M. Smith

Add Mss 41977D

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Add Mss 62711 1 fragment f29

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
Oct 1/79

with Florence Nightingale's
thanks
Messrs Isbister

Add Mss 41977D

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Add Mss 63520 ff24-25, 1 letter

July 17/67
35 South Street [printed address]
Park Lane
London, W.

Confidential

Dear Mr Rawlinson

Our Indian affairs are
going on but ill.

But I have been asked
by a government official
in India whether a
few good sanitary engineers
who "know how to drain"
& "can build" & are
conversant with Sanitary
works could be had
out from here-

If there are such, I
know of none but you
who would point them

f24v

out.

Also - what kind of
salary they would expect.

If you would be so
very good as to inform
me, I would transmit
the information to India
to my applicant.

At present, as I need
scarcely perhaps mention,
it is a mere private
enquiry - & no formal
application is meant
to be conveyed through me.

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

f25

I enclose a little book by
Mr Rathbone of Liverpool,
which I think may
interest you He has done
a good deal in organizing
the charities of Liverpool,
& especially in Nursing
(dividing Liverpool into
districts to nurse the
sick poor *at home*,
the most efficient of all
Nursing, & nursing
the Workhouse infirmary,
1272 beds, with our
Nurses) to realize his
own ideal, as I dare
say you know.

[13:721]

[end]

F.N.

Add Mss 68882, microfilm, 204 folios, 107 pages, correspondence with Frederick W. and Maude Verney 1870-82; Adam Matthew reel 39; volumes 68882 to 68889 "Purchased at Sotheby's 27 September 1988, lot 207" available 1989

signed letter, ff1-2v, pen **[8:880-01]**

f1

35, South Street, May 1/70
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

Dear ideal maiden ("stella
matutina", "ancilla Domini")
I come praying that your ideal
may be accomplished, in this
world & another - through
all difficulties, through all
troubles - through all joys
& hopes & fears & sorrows.
I pray not that you may
be delivered from these,
tho' gladly, if only you might
go free, I would lay down
my life -) but only that
they may bear you safe

f1v

to your ideal in both worlds
- & to your ideal for him
whose "star" you are to be -
"Soyez comme l'oiseau, perché
pour un instant
Sur un rameau trop frêle
Qui sent ployer la branche et
qui chante pourtant
Sachant qu'il a des ailes."
May *your* Ideal always be
winged!
You will have pretty
presents enough - darling of

f2

many hearts - But I,
prosaic, sure that I can
find nothing worthy to
deck such a gem, &
mindful too that,
when you are an Ancient Briton,
you may not have *a stool to sit on*,
humbly & like Caliban,
tender a 5 'fipun note' to
procure 2 such articles
for you & Mr. Fred to sit on.
*Does he know anything about
furnishing? This un-ideal
question rather engages
my anxious mind.*

f2v

Though that 'ancient Briton'
Sheffield is a tough kernel
to crack yet I have many
dear recollections connected
with it. & almost look
on it as my native town -
I rejoice to hear that you
are going to Lea Hurst. It
is of the most rustic, but, I
think, one of the loveliest spots
in England - tho' perhaps it
is only the eye of my childhood
that sees it so.

Will you thank Lady Sarah
Williams for a very kind note
for me - &, will God bless you,
believe me, dear lady fair,
ever your affecte old 'aunt'

Florence Nightingale
Miss Maudie Williams

signed letter, ff3-4v, pen

f3 {written in the top margin}

I should like to have known
how "Mrs. Fred" likes the rough
but sterling Sheffielders.

My dear "Mr. Fred"

I have not received much [6:544-45]
information of very high value
for you -

What I hear is that "the
next thing" for you to do is
to memorialize the Home
Secretary stating the facts
about the nuisance & the
steps you have taken to
stir the local authorities
without effect -

But I understand that
it is doubtful if the present
law will reach the case.

A similar instance occurred
not long ago, and "the Board"
was made to work under

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threat of a Mandamus.

But this is a private
remedy.

"The thing" to do however
I am told is for you "to
memorialize - & tell the
authorities".

If you are not much
enlightened by this
oracular answer, please
try me again - I mean, if
you wish to know the
precise mode of "appealing
to Head Quarters".

And pray, if any expence
is incurred in the appeal,

f4

please remember that
I consider myself a
Sheffield woman & hope
to be allowed to bear a
share in the expence.
A rude map of Sheffield
with the bearings of your
habitat as regards the
main spots I know so
well - would oblige.
I scarcely ever regretted
my disabilities so much
as in not being able to
see "Mrs. Fred "when here
& Lady Sarah Williams -
Pray make my best love
accepted by the former -

f4v

I must tell you what
wonders Emily's sense &
prudence & energy &
wisdom are doing in
restoring our affairs
at 2 St. Martin's Place.
in greatest haste
believe me - ever your
affecte tho' disabled
old Aunt
Florence Nightingale
Lea Hurst
Matlock Aug 25/70

signed letter, ff5-6v, pen [6:545-46]

f5

Lea Hurst
Matlock Aug 31/70
7 a.m.

My dear "Mr. Fred"

I have asked for information again from London and here is the *second* oracular answer.

that all you have done is quite right & that all you have to do is to do it again.

or in official language you are advised under the circumstances & in the present state of the law to continue the pressure on the authorities -

both the cases could be dealt with under the existing law on informations laid by persons aggrieved by the nuisances.

but the existing law is so diffuse that *a solicitor* only, in a place like Sheffield, could tell where the information should be laid.

as next year the law is to be consolidated you are recommended to expect a full remedy then - And as, providentially,

f5v

winter & not summer is coming now, it is hoped that much harm will not ensue in the mean time - IF you cannot move the Sheffield authorities this year.

But if this should prove not to be the case, if the worst comes to the worst - & the nuisance becomes dangerous - then you are recommended, as before, to memorialize the Home Secretary.

The ultimate remedy at present is the Mandamus -

Repeat your applications in the mean time.

This is really the substance of the "opinion".

And I who feel as hot about your
"nuisances" & "grievances" as you do,
am quite ashamed & grieved to give
it you -

What a state of the law in a country
like this where the Sanitary cry has
become quite fashionable & in the mouth
of every body! "Much cry & little wool".
And your case is not at all an isolated

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one which I tell you not to comfort
you but to increase your sufferings
for I have known many such, even in
the country - where the law is not so
complicated as at Sheffield & such like Boroughs, & yet
where it has been impossible to find
the authority whose duty it is to
redress the "nuisance" & where Fever
has been the consequence.

But persevere, I say: you will succeed
at last.

I have not returned your two copies of
letters, because I will write to-day
to the Local Governmt Act Office - in
London - & see if I cannot get you a
better answer. But I do not feel very
hopeful. However, next year, if not before,
it shall go hard but the thing shall be done
for which you are working so energetically.

Do you know that, in the last 22 years,
we have lost just half a million - of Scarlet

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Fever, mainly owing to "nuisances" like
these in this country -
'Keep on going' (I need not say that -) &
keep me going - tho' I have not been of
much use yet.

Lady Sarah Williams delighted my father
yesterday by her great kindness in
sending him a book on South Wingfield
My tenderest regards to the "ideal" Maude
Pray believe me (tho' in haste)
ever your affecte old Aunt
Florence Nightingale

My sister is gone up to 32 South St.
to keep Sir Harry & Emily company -
And M. Mohl is there too -

signed letter, ff7-8v, pen, black-edged paper [6:546-47]

f7

Lea Hurst
Matlock Sept 8/70

My dear "Mr. Fred"
I have received my
answer from the
= "Local Govt. Acts Office" -
But I am afraid it is not
more practically satisfactory
than the other -

[They seem to know all
about it, however.

They state that Sheffield
is not properly sewered -]
"Complaints as to nuisances
which cause fever may
be made.

by Memorial to the Home
Office - or to the Privy
Council Office" -[they say -

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-this we knew before -]
"The Memorial need
contain no more than
is stated" (in my letter
which was merely a
summary of yours to me.)

Add Mss 41977D

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But, as Local authorities
do not like to be complained
of to the Governmt Departmts,
you are again advised
(as before) to try the
Local authorities again.

This (private) note from
Mr. Rawlinson, the Consulting
Engineer to the L. Gt. Acts Office

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to the Town Clerk of
Sheffield is enclosed for you,
in case you like to present
it.

[I think that your judgment
is better than theirs
as to whether it will be
of use or not.]

This is literally all.

At least they add that
you had better look at
the Sanitary Act of 1866
which I dare say you have

And that it is expected
that there will be a
consolidation of Sanitary law
next year - the R. Commission
reporting in time for Parliament

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Here end 'my Lords'.

But never despair - Try me again.

As for the Pr. Council Office, you have probably seen Mr. Simon's (its Medical Officer's) résumé of powers to Local authorities for preventing the half million of death from Scarlet Fever, occasioned by such nuisances as yours. *Not one word* about *removing* them but "disinfection", "special Hospital carriages", not to shew oneself in public - it might have been the ~~work~~/ advice of an old woman of last century - I only wish that *you* were the Medl Officer of the Privy Council or the Privy Council itself - & that the Govt Col: L. Lindsay & Sir Harry thought of Mr. Simon as I do - in great haste every your affecte old Aunt F. Nightingale

signed letter, ff9-9v, pen

f9

35 South Street, Jan 13/71

Park Lane, {printed address:}

W.

My dear "boy" (Sybil Maude -
pray excuse me)

I think I am even more disappointed than you can be, first, for the sake of Sheffield, & then for yourself -

But I hope & am sure that you will not give up your plan of making "Education" the object of your life, on account of your not having this particular Secretary -ship Every young man (& woman too) who wishes to devote himself (or herself) to any particular branch of usefulness has

f9v

disappointments of this kind,
in early as in later life -
And, instead of shaking the
purpose, such disappointments
generally confirm it, where
it is a real & healthy purpose,
as I am sure it is with you.

I hope still to hail you: a
great Educator, "making the
education question your
profession for life," as you say.

God bless you & Maude
ever yours

Florence Nightingale

ff10-11v, 3, Kenwood Road, Sheffield, January 14, 1871 from Fred Verney re his unsuccessful attempt to be elected clerk of Sheffield School Board and his interest in the Oxford School Board

ff12-13, February 21, 1871, re Fred Verney's desire to be elected to the Oxford School Board

signed letter, f14, pen

f14

Feb 23/71

My dear Mr. Fred Verney

I hear that you are trying
for the appointment of the
Clerkship to the Oxford
School Board.

I am sure that you will
do the work zealously & well.
And I most earnestly wish
you success.

Believe me

Yours most sincerely

Florence Nightingale

The Revd

Fred: W. Verney
Sheffield

signed letter, ff15-21v, pen [5:212-15]

f15

Embley Romsey

Feb 23/71

My dear boy (if the dear lady Maude will allow me
to call you so)

You will remember that you wrote to me 5 or 6
weeks ago that you were thinking of trying for the
Clerkship of the Oxford School Board.

I felt then rather aghast - But, as I am quite
sure my mission in this world is not: to give
advice - and as it is an employment to which
I have never devoted myself, - I held my tongue.

I sympathize too warmly however in your &
Maude's life not to be always anxious to know

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how it is likely to go - And I asked privately
the very few friends I have left at Oxford,
not mentioning or mentioning (once) your name,
what chance there was

They were not encouraging.

Those, to whom no name was mentioned, said
that they did not think a clergyman would be
taken as Clerk - because the High & Low Church
parties run so very high in Oxford that they
are less likely to agree on a clergyman than
even on a layman -

They said also that a man must be living
~~on~~ the spot & work hard for himself to be chosen -

Of course you have better information for
yourself than this. You have doubtless personal
friends on the Oxford School Board -

And I only mention it to shew at once that
it was not from want of interest in your plan
that I did not write.

—Down to a very strong feeling that, on the one
hand, the quality of clergyman will not at Oxford
contribute to the good working of a Sch: Bd Clerkship
- and, on the other, that the quality of Oxford
will not contribute to the good working of a
future clergyman's life.

f16v

I think it is not "opinions" which a clergyman wants so much now-a-days to form, as to work out habits of hard & wise work/ action & knowledge of the ways to work -

[You tell me that you don't like to have only "opinions recd secondhand & not worked out -"]

To win souls to God & not to discuss opinions seems to be the great, the crying want for the young clergy now-a-days. to 'proclaim the name of the Lord' - not merely by preaching, ~~the like a herald~~ but by studying the modes of Elementary Education, of Criminal reformation, of raising people's habits sanitarily and in their dwellings & streets. For it is nonsense to talk

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of preaching 'the name of the Lord' to creatures who have not the faintest elements of education, who live in indecency & filth & degradation.

They can as little receive 'the name of the Lord' as the brute beasts -

All this I think you were doing at Sheffield.

And I very much applauded you & Maude for taking the hardest curacy you could find -

- the hardest opportunity for becoming acquainted with a very stiff necked race, very unlike the peasantry of the South

I thought you wise too for taking it for 2 years -

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At a place like Sheffield too, no doubt the Clerkship to a School Board, if it were to be had, would be the finest initiation for a young clergyman - just because it brings him into contact with Dissent of all kinds, on subjects which are not the discussion of speculative opinions but which are the first elements of our fellow-creatures education & welfare -

'To proclaim the name of the Lord' seems what is wanted - not to know that this or that verse is interpolated - that the four first Councils say this & not that - &c &c -

No doubt that there are great & masterly spirits whose very calling is to shake the human spirit loose from superstition, from blind authority, 'assimilation, ignorant or bigoted sympathies & antipathies', like Luther, Huss & Wycliffe, to whom this *is* 'proclaiming the name of the Lord.'

And I, for one, believe that we want & shall have many more Luthers, & S. Bernards, & Reformers of all kinds. For I believe that there is now in & *out* of the Churches proportionally just as much error & superstition & slavish bowing to authority & indifferent flippancy for Luthers to break us out of as there was in Martin Luther's time -

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But *that* spirit is as far from the puny Magazine-kind of criticism of what are called the "Liberals" of the present day as the awful mental struggles, - hand to hand conflicts "with the Devil", as they truly call them - of St. Augustine & Luther & Savonarola & Whitfield ~~are~~ were from the "cold goose" longings of a Hurrell Froude -

There is nothing very inspiring in examining the "Evidences" - there is nothing very inspiring in denying (or in defending) the Miracles - there is nothing very inspiring in having "opinions" upon this or that translation, text, Article, Council or Father -

f19 3.

If a man feels in himself an overmastering calling & power for Theological Research or for Religious Ecclesiastical Reform, then, in God's name, let him follow it - let him be an Ewald or a Vico - or a Luther or a Wesley.

But don't let him higggle-haggle at superficial criticism, like the "Liberal" Magazine writers of the day - which criticism is the very reverse of the spirit which animated the great Reformers.

Neither the Church nor the world can be reformed or even improved by discussing or criticizing "opinions"

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'To proclaim the name of the Lord' or the character of the Lord (as in modern tongue we should call it) may be done in two ways:

1. by the great Theological Reformers who find out the 'ways of the Lord' for us in & create Churches & doctrines & systems.
2. & by those who seek to win souls to God - But no approach to finding out the ways of God or the character of God is ever made by verbal criticism or technical or literary discussion -

The making the clergyman's a mere literary business is the end of all religion - & indeed of all Theology, or study of the character of God.

But how much is included in the business of those who seek to win souls to God?

Not only Education, Criminal reformation, Sanitary improvement - but Politics, Political Economy, De-pauperizing &c

And if for the next 30 years, people would bestow as much painstaking in making discoveries how to depauperize England, how to raise the pauper & educate the pauper child, how to give industrial & elementary education which shall really make a man a man, how to reform thieves - in discovering the ways of God about *these* things, - as they have during

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the last 30 years in making discoveries about
 Steam, Telegraphy, Communications by Sea & Land,
 Chemistry, Mechanics &c - it is probable that
 we should make as much progress in the
 former as we have done in the latter -

My dear boy -pardon your old Aunt for giving
 you her experience which of course you need
 not mind- I have no time to put it into
 form - indeed have been interrupted 20 times
 in this incoherent scrawl. Pardon me -
 I feel sorry that you should be leaving Sheffield
 before your 2 years are out - where I think is

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much valuable experience to be gained more than at Oxford
 But you will tell me that, if you did not
 try for Oxford now, later it would not be to be
 had.

Of this I am no judge -
 I am afraid I cannot do you any good at
 Oxford - All my old Oxford friends are dead
 And a new generation has arisen that 'knows
 not Joseph. They would look upon me as
 a 'strange woman' - And I very much advise
 you not to send the Lilly Scrap I enclose -
 I have but one or two friends there now. -]

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I am quite ~~ashamed~~ reluctant to send this letter as it
 is but have no time or strength to re-read
 or re-write ~~it~~ /it. I am afraid you will not sympathize
 with it

At least you will see in it how much I
 sympathize with your & Maude's ~~future~~
 life - present & future - God bless you both -
 & direct this ever your affecte old Aunt
 matter for the Florence Nightingale
 best.

ff22-27v, February 24, 1871 re Fred Verney's difficulties, as curate, with his Incumbent, the
 disapproval of some for going in for the Clerkship, and his establishment of a working man's "Club"

ff28-29, Wednesday, asking for the return of various letters to Fred Verney

ff30-30v, March 9, re his unsuccessful attempt for the Clerkship of the Oxford School Board

signed letter, ff31-38v, pen, black-edged light blue paper [5:215-19]

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Embley March 12/71

My dear boy Mr. Fred

As you well know, I am truly sorry that you have not the appointment to the Oxford Board.

- first because you wished it; & next because I am sure you would have done it very well.

But you were in an *honourable* minority.

And *that* I am glad of.

I cannot say that I am sorry when a rising young clergyman does not spend his early Ministerial years at Oxford, or such like place I think he should always spend them in the

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hardest, most practical work of his profession - just as you are doing at Sheffield.

Oxford does little else in such a case but encourage all that Magazine-y, critical, verbal, literary examination of texts, versions, opinions, evidences, which never brought one human being nearer to the *character of God*, & never taught one clergyman to win souls to God.

[You will bite me for saying this. But I can't help that - And at all events you will quite acquit me of wishing to "give advice".]

= I must say that I feel the very deepest interest to know that you will be able to finish your 2 years at Sheffield -

That seems to me the real place to gain experience in really valuable things - now -

You say that the spirit of your profession is against your going in to such things as we have talked about - Education, Sanitary improvements, Political Economy & the like -

I don't see that at all -

The "spirit" of your Incumbent & the circumstances of your position of curate may be -

But some of the very best things in the above lines that have been done have been done by clergymen -

And, my dear boy, you are still *under 60, I believe*

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[I think, with you, that, while you are with your Incumbent, you should not run against his views & wishes -

But 2 years will not put you upon crutches -
And meanwhile you are gaining valuable experience -
- the most valuable perhaps you will think in after life you ever have had - which cannot be {pr address: 35 South Street, ~~g~~ained in books or conversation.] vertical} Park Lane,

Yes, I think the very best things, it may be W. said, that have been done in *unprofessional* clerical duties have been done by clergy -

E. g. Dean Dawes' School, at King's Sombourne -
He must have been 40 when he began that School, as clergyman of the place -

Much of the most valuable information & help

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received by the (first) London Boards of Health came from young "Puseyite" curates -

And so on &c &c &c -

I do not think the worse for/ of Mr. Lamb for staring when you said the Club was "religious".

Nor do I think you can expect much from governess-ing your Incumbent, even in the truth.

Great reformers, my beloved friend, "educate their public" - And only D'Israelis tell their "public", while they are educating it, that they *are* "educating their public" - And only animals pounce, the moment they take a thing into their heads.

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I read with the deepest interest all the letters which you were so good as to send me - & will return them whenever you tell me. You say: "keep them for me" - I like your friend Mr. Warren's letters extremely.

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With regard to the deeper question of taking Priest's Orders, it is one, of all others, on which I should not venture to *have* an opinion even, as applying to a particular individual

There are only 2 or 3 things, quite general, which often strike me in these days of superficial discussion, when every body, even the Cabinet, is like a periodical & a Magazine - σ - that is, getting up a subject from a little reading, whether a pauper or an iron clad - whether a soldier or a Colony - it does not matter - as people get up leading Articles, or periodicals - and calling *that* Administration -

[Ten years ago, we *did* the things people now prate about, write about, speechify, debate, report about.]

These 2 or 3 things are: -

1. There is such a thing as truth of *feeling*, truth of *mind*, - a far higher thing, a far higher truth than truth of *words* - People are such martinets about the truth of their *words* - words which (in spite of all the Johnsons, all the Académies, all the Lexicons, all the Della Cruscas,) every body has

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a different meaning for - And they think little of the great convictions, the great feelings & purposes, in which, tho' every body has different words to express them, every body, who thinks at all, thinks alike.

E.g. (it is an extreme example.) A very large {printed address, vertical:}

35 South Street, proportion of the devout of our race
Park Lane. W. call the *goodness* of God the Virgin Mary
while many of the orthodox in another
portion of the race, while loudly asserting the
"goodness of God", practically deny it.

Which of these two is nearest the truth of feeling? -
[There are words in the Ordination Service which
we must deeply deplore as being a stumbling block,
said to a young man at the most solemn moment of his life]

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But is not this the case with all Services
Nay, we may almost say with all Institutions,
all Societies?

Are we to live alone because of this? -
2 - I agree with your friend Mr. Warren entirely
when he says that people who separate themselves
from others
on the ground of opinion who try to do good alone seldom
succeed in doing good at all.

To me such lives as Travers Madge, (whom I knew
in early life a ~~man~~/boy of uncommon mental power
of unique moral power) or as le Père Hyacinthe
are a great mistake.

I mean that *negative* & solitary Dissent is a mistake

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Every great Reformer began by being a ~~single~~/solitary Dissenter, that is true.

Our Great Master Himself was a solitary Dissenter, to begin with -

But in every case it was a *positive* Dissent. ending in a great Reform, not in a protest.

I do not understand people just separating themselves from their Church, party, Institution negatively - as a mere protest -

E. g P. Hyacinthe does not ~~at~~ intend, - I believe he does not *wish* - to make a schism.

Then I think he had much better have stayed where he was - & preached the truth, the truth of *feeling* in his own Church - where his great powers of preaching would have been useful.

The only other road that was open to him was, I think, to follow in the track of the Armies, succouring the wounded as many Benedictines did.

But what use is this maundering & wandering of his about England?

3. Tho' I entirely agree with the words "one holy season lasting all the year, one temple including all the habitable world, one priesthood coextensive with mankind" -

I do not see why that should prevent a man from taking Priest's Orders - He might as well say: it prevents him from Going to Church - because he must wait till the church "includes all the habitable world."

"Holy seasons", churches (or "temples") clergy (or "priests")

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are on purpose to bring about, are they not? - in practical reality
what those beautiful words express as a
far - off idea -

My dear Mr. Fred, I will leave off here
partly because I have no time - partly

{printed address, vertical:}

35 South Street, because I really have no advice, nothing
Park Lane. W. but sympathy to give in these great
subjects, especially when they concern
your & Maudie's future life.

I do not think the critical, what are called
the "Liberal" discussions of the present day
contribute one iota to ~~th~~ our knowledge, which
ought to be ever increasing, of the character of God.
(which *is*: Theology) - nor to our knowledge, which

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ought to be ever- increasing, of the ways to win
souls to God which *is*: the work of the Ministry - And, in both, there are still
immense discoveries to be made - And Christ
never could have supposed (I speak as a fool)
that we should have stopped short -
As to Renan's "Life of Jesus", I read it with a little
pleasure - not much - without the shock the
orthodox feel in it - at least not much -
It is an attempt to turn Christ into the hero
of a Novel - a very good Novel - which may
arouse a real, (not fictitious) feeling, in some.
But I don't think he has *in fact* contributed
to our knowledge of Christ's character, Mission,
ways of "doing good" -

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I agree extremely with some of your friend
Mr. Warren's views as to some doctrines -
e.g. about the Atonement -
that "to lead a Godlike life" is what "it is destined
to introduce man/us to" -

And is there one word, taking *the Scriptures
themselves*, in them about the "Atonement" -
which could arouse *practical* opposition in
any Christian the most *unorthodox*?

— I agree with you that the clergy would be quite
as well (or much better) in the Ho: of C. as the Bishops
in the Ho: of Lords - *cæteris paribus* - {things being equal -GW}

But that is rather beside the mark -
— I do not think that "faith" means "the
enthusiasm of humanity" - but the "enthusiasm"
of *God* - And that is what it was in Christ
(And includes the other). And every body
who, like Him, "loves" God with all his
heart & soul & mind & strength &
contributes to others' knowing God's character
better, so as that they too may be *able* to "love
God" - [how *can* paupers & prostitutes &
inhabitants of fever dens & the like love or
know God at all?] every body, I think, whose
object of life is to do that may enter or "join

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the Society, Church or Institution which
enables him best to follow that path,
without regarding differences of words - (tho'
they were best away) or ~~metaphysical, not religious~~
distinctions in metaphysics, not religion

{printed address, vertical:}

35 South Street, I am afraid you will think this sounds like
Park Lane. W. advising. But indeed it is not - It is only
sympathy (& perhaps a little experience
which you need not mind)

for all those who are treading that path,
as I am sure you & Maude are -

If you write God bless you both -
please write ever your affecte old Aunt
to 35 South St. Florence Nightingale

ff39-42, March 15, 1871, in reply to FN's letter of March 12 and announcing that FV will leave Sheffield the next June since he wishes to defer taking priest's orders

ff43-4v, March 17, 1871, re an essay written by Mr. Stubbs which FV is sending to FN

ff45-6v, the aforementioned essay

signed letter, ff47-8, pen, black-edged light blue paper

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35 South Street, April 1/71

Park Lane, {printed address:}

W.

My dear boy Mr. Fred

I hope that your interview with Dr. Vaughan was satisfactory & that the papers reached him in time. But I have a misgiving that the letter did not go to the post so soon as it should have done - And I regretted afterwards that I did not send it by hand. I should be very glad to know that this caused you no inconvenience.

Also: I feel a *little* anxious about your future.

I never thanked you for your friend Mr. Stubbs' Essay - nor for

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the short Poem, which is *real* poetry & philosophy too, upon Conscience & a Judgment I read it with the greatest pleasure - & was very much obliged to you & Maude for sending it me -

So also the Essay -

I do hope the prospect which you say Sir Harry can hold out to Mr. Stubbs will be fulfilled & that he will be able to marry - I feel quite interested in both these conjunctions. [their?]

f48

This note which was to be one of enquiry & was written some days ago will never get itself finished - & must go as it is -

I shall really be thankful to hear what your plans are - & that they end in "health, joy" & all things good to you & Maude -

your ever affecte
old Aunt
Florence Nightingale

ff49-50v, April 7, re an offer FV has received from the Archbishop of a position at Middleborough which would be "practically a sole charge"

ff51-2, April 12, 1871 re FV's acceptance of the position at Middleborough

signed letter, ff53-56v, pen, black-edged light blue [5:219-21]

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April 16/71 [3:501]

Well, my dear boy Mr. Fred

You *have* "gone in" for responsibility "with a vengeance" - a responsibility which implies love of the largest kind - as where does it not? -

As it was not I but people whose {pr address:} 35 South Street, judgments were to be depended upon who [sideways] Park Lane, advised you to accept Middlesborough, W.

I may say that I rejoice "with unfeigned joy" at your having done so - & admire your determination - I bid you 'God speed' with all my soul & strength -

"Behold, He sends you out as a "missionary" among "wolves" indeed! You have to begin everything

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from the very beginning!
 You will find fine scope for your activities in
 Schools & Clubs!
 5000 is quite a town - [I do not know what there
 may be in the way of a School Board at
 Middlesborough]
 In our Southern notions, a 2=membered Borough -
 You will find your 2 year's experience at
 Sheffield very useful.

I agree with you that it is very difficult to
 enter all at once on what is called "spiritual"
 conversation with intelligent, thinking artisans -
 some of whom, we know, have thought more
 on some subjects than we have - who think
 themselves (& perhaps are) quite on a par
 with ourselves in intelligence & some kind of education -
 & who perhaps may think, however unjustly,
 that such conversation is "shop"
 Nor am I sure that it is desirable -

To become intimate with them, as you do,
 on political, on moral, on educational, on Sanitary, on
 working subjects, is the way to begin:

Then, when they are sick, or unhappy, or in
 difficulties, above all when they have a sick
 or dying child, is the time when "spiritual
 conversation, as it is called, comes of itself - not that
 I allow that the *other* subjects are *unspiritual*.

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Working people, above all things, I think,
 dislike that we should seem to be using a
 different tone & language of conversation for
 them to what we do among each other - that
 we should seem to be suiting or bringing down
 our style, even altering the tone of the voice, to them -
 They are so quick, like children, to perceive this -

If we talk about what interests *us* as well
 as them, that is the way to their hearts.

Indeed no talk has any effect (but that
 of weariness) which does not spring naturally
 out of a man's own thoughts & feelings or
 character & is not verified by his own life -

Such talk is never "shop".

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I do not know what sprinkling of Wesleyanism
there is at Middlesborough -
Where do you mean to have Service? You say
there is no Church -

I feel very sorry for the trouble that moving {pr} 35 South Street,
will be to you & Maude - [address sideways] Park Lane,
But I know that is but a slight things for W.
your courage -

You have taken the hard in early life - And we
may entirely trust that you will see of the
travail of your soul & be satisfied -

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My dear boy, instead of being a Curate - you **[3:501]**
will want a Curate -

I wish / could be your Curate.
And now I will not chatter any more - (at present)
for you must have enough to think of & to do -
I hope you will take a holiday between
Sheffield & Middlesborough -
God bless you - and He *will* bless you -
you & Maude - & give you all things -
ever your affecte

F. Nightingale

There is nothing in my youth that I wished
for so much as such a position as the one
you are going to have at Middlesborough,
in a Northern town or in the East of London - beginning from the
beginning -

God has turned my path another way -
But I have an everlasting sympathy - still
the strongest of all - with such a task - i.e. taking
the thing from the very first & constructing in
it as God leads the way - like a Missionary
in fact. F.N. **[end 3:501]**

No man can do much good to others who is not constantly
thinking about them, who does not consider their
characters & temptations & thoughts & wants, as another man

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considers his own interests - with all the minute thought
which a man would take in making money - who does
not pass them often in review ~~before his own mind~~
before his own mind, as they & he himself are in
the sight of God - ~~whose prayer is not~~ /who does not pray that he may
be able to say 'of them that thou gavest me I
have lost none' -

I give you that thought as my life's experience -
- how imperfectly I have fulfilled it!
but the substance of the thought was given me by
another who nobly fulfilled it in the heavy
charge of his own life -

F.N.

ff57-8v, April 27, 1871, re various friends of FV and the progress of his club for working men

ff59-60, New Club, 9, Spring Gardens, S. W. re FV's proposed visit to Paris and his offer to do any
errand for FN

signed letter, f61, pen, black-edged light blue paper

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

My dear boy Mr. Fred

Barbédienne

30 Boulevard Poissonnière

is the address of the *shop* of the
"Collas" 'Bronzes d'Art'.

The *Ateliers* only are at the Rue de Lancry
address which I gave you -

Now, tho' these *Ateliers* are of
course very interesting to see, yet I
doubt very much whether they
can be going on now - Indeed I
think it is so doubtful whether the
whole thing may not be in ruins that
I almost regret having mentioned it
to you at all - The article varies so
extraordinarily in its excellence, because
of course it is the ability & finish of
each separate 'ciseleur' which gives to
the individual 'réduction' its excellence
My love to Maude, please - & to Lady Sarah,
if she will allow it - ever your affecte

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ff62-63, {archivist: early July 1871}, asking to convey anything FN might wish to Claydon and sending
her a memento from Paris

signed letter, ff64-65v, pen [5:221-22] [1:709-10]

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Embley

Romsey Feb 9/72

My dear boy Mr Fred

I make an opportunity (of restoring to you a letter, which I think you told me 'to keep till called for') to congratulate Middlesboro' and the Lady Maude upon your great doings there -

I knew you would be successful, in the higher success -

A clergyman without real thought about any kind of knowledge human or divine, or personal interest in his fellow creatures is sure to fail & ought to fail, however many Bishop's hands he may have had on his head. For a clergyman may call himself

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a clergyman, but he will never really be anything unless he has a knowledge of business & of human nature & has worked out in his own mind some lessons or truths which he is able to impart to others (such as Clubs & the like.) But if he *is* a real clergyman, what glorious opportunities he has - call them secular, if you please - and the less he is bound to Conventionalism, the better. whether like Bishop Patterson he gives his life for the "little naked wretches" *he* was so fond of - whether he works nearer home,

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as you do, putting in light
in our dark overgrown towns.
However, I'm not going to preach -
And as an atonement, I send
you two letters about your
belongings, which please return
to F.N. here - [end 5:222]

I am greatly distressed about
Emily's fever, which I fear
she has not lost at Athens.
She has suffered as every one
does who goes to Malta. They
have allowed the rock to become
a dirty sodden sponge & hence
the fevers - The question now lies
solely with the local people -
We have advised the Home Govt
to give them 30 000 as a
contribution to the improvements

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leaving them to find 50 000
But they prefer crippling their
commerce by Quarantine. Strange
preference!
And this has been no little
pandered to by the Health
authorities both here & at
Malta.

My writing days are over - & I [5:222]
will ask your leave to finish,
it/eg/here by being now as ever
your and Maude's loving
& admiring old Aunt
Florence Nightingale

I must add, tho' I scarcely need to add,
that I entirely agree with your Keble Coll:
friend that the 'secular' duties must really
be inspired by love of God & man, or they
will be 'drowned in bustle,' - but that the
'reality' of that love is best shown & known
among the 'unconventional' & in all kinds of
methods for raising them morally, 'secularly' &
spiritually, I also think.

ff66-70, Gunnergate Terrace, Middlesborough-on-Tees, February 10, 1872 re FV's establishment at Middlesborough and his plans to establish a club there for working men

ff71-74v, Claydon House, Bucks, June 14, 1872 re the state of health of Emily Verney

ff75-78v, September 11, 1872 re Emily Verney's death and funeral

ff79-80v, Grange Road, Middlesborough-on-Tees, December 20, 1872 re announcing his appointment as Private Secretary and Chaplain to the Archbishop of York

ff81-82v, December 22, 1872, re FV's hope that Maude's health will be improved by their move from Middlesborough

ff83-84, September 25, 1873, re a visit of Maude to FN

ff85-88v, October 25, 1873, re FN's opinion of prisoners and criminals and FV's visit to America where he visited Boston State Prison

ff89-90v, November 4, 1873, expressing opinions about American "thievery" and announcing his plan to leave the employ of the Archbishop

ff91-91v, 32 South Street, {archivist: January 4, 1874}, offering to take anything to Embley

ff92-94v, Embley, January 10, 1874 re funeral at Embley

signed letter, ff95-96, pen [5:222]

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35 South St
April 16/78

My dear boy Mr. Fred

I feel very much interested in your
Mr. Headlam's advocacy of good stage &
music entertainments for the working people
Good Coffee Public houses & lodgings
for the body - good drama, music & literature
for the mind - really interesting discourse &
prayer & hymns for the soul - would go far
to moralize & spiritualize our working people.

And of the two, I believe a man less likely
to get drunk after Shakespeare than after a Methodist

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Meeting. I am grieved & distressed that
some of our working young men at Lea Hurst
have adjourned from Sunday afternoon Meetings
in the Reading room, held by an excellent
Mr. Myers to the public house:

As to saying that there cannot be good Theatres
because there are bad Theatres, it is surely as
ludicrous as to say that there cannot be
good Coffee houses because there are bad
Public houses or good Music halls because
there are bad ones -

In our humble way, we try to give Shakespeare
& other Recitations & Lectures at the
Lea Hurst Reading rooms: & other entertainments.

I enclose very meekly 1 for Mr. Headlam's
Fund, if you will be so very good as to give
it; but not with my name. This is not
any nonsense about 'losing influence': but
because I really do not agree with some things
e.g. I dare say it is as disagreeable to us to hear
them shout: 'Safe in the arms of Jesus'
"as 'Whoa Emma'", but it is certainly better
for them.

ever affly your old
Aunt Florence

initialled letter, f97, pencil [8:73]

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4/8/79

My dear Mr Fred

I was just going to write you a line to say that Miss Simcox wrote me a very kind answer to my question to you.

And I was going to ~~answer~~ ask you several questions of this sort: -
how many years have your (most useful) Women's Provident Leagues ~~have~~ been going?

I mean, has it been long enough to prove them perfectly solvent?

Are not (Men's) Trades' Unions, which give such very high advantages, often *not* solvent?

Could you give me any information of this kind?

I have not been idle - I have seen all our

Trained Matrons. And I saw Harry Bonham Carter yesterday who is going to have some actuarial calculations made for me -

I meant then to apply to Miss Simcox again who is kindly willing to answer me some further questions

But I wanted to *know* from you on *what sound* & *permanent* basis the Women's Societies are, as to granting Sick Allowances & Superannuation Allowances & not becoming bankrupt. yrs ever F. N.

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signed letter, ff99-100, pen [8:72-73]
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June 23/79

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear boy Mr. Fred

I delight in your Women's
Protective & Provident League.

Some day I want to consult
you about all these women's
resources or no resources.

Working *men* have their
Benefit, Medical, & Union
Clubs: in Derbyshire where
wages are high, every man
can, if he please, by putting
into his Club, have his Doctor,
his 10/ or 12/ a week when he
is ill, & his old age provision.

Women have nothing; & for
the old spinsters & widows,
tho' wages for *women* are in
Derbyshire very high too,
(3 girls may earn 25/ a week,
sisters,) they have nothing but

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charity or parish relief for
sickness or old age.

Owing to my want of time and
strength to organize anything,
Lea Hurst costs me £500
a year, chiefly among the old
& sick women:(the Doctor's Bill alone is
£160 a year): & the children of widows.

About our Trained Nurses, I
feel there is no investment
more attractive than the P.O.
Savings' Bank. There is no
'Home', where, in intervals
between employment or in
sickness, they could go.

There is no sickness allowance
or Old Age Allowance to be had
anywhere.

Employment we can find them
more than enough: & well paid

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But I have no time to organize any
of the rest.

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[Mr. Gladstone was explaining to me that in the P. O. Savings' Bank every shilling costs the Govt eleven pence.]

2.

I am obliged to refuse my name as Patroness so much (on the score that I don't like to give my poor name where I can't give my work) that I hardly like to give it to your Concert.

But *take it if you like it*
Only I had rather it had been in some other way.

I send 1 1, & hope (when I am less 'hard up' than I am now, with Lea Hurst & Bosnia & some other things) to make it more

3. You "band together working women to lay by small sums to help themselves" *How do you*

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invest this money?

And what interest do you have? Please tell me.

Please my best love to Maud & Ralph & to Margaret. I am so happy to think that they are well.

ever yrs affly
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff101-01v, pen

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June 29/79

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

You were so good as to say
that you would send tickets
for the Concert at Mr. Brassey's
wherever I would direct.

Did I understand you
that it was *next* TUESDAY July 1, at 3.

I have just found out that
3 of our St Thomas' ladies
would like to go.

If you have not given
away the 3 tickets you had
for me, will you send them
to me, ~~or~~/or (whichever is most
convenient) to Mrs. Wardroper,
at St. Thomas' Hospital,
naming, in either case, *day*,
hour, & *place* - may I trouble you?

But if you have given them
away, would it be possible
for you kindly to get 3 more

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tickets for me? And I will
send the 1.1 to you.

Write me a post card, if more
convenient to you that I should
send for them tickets *to your house*.

Lord Lawrence's death on Friday night
was a great shock to me, as to all
India. I had a letter from him,
(received the afternoon *after* his
death) dictated but signed by
himself, with a parcel of Indian
Famine Reports *marked*
that he wished me to read, & the
page turned down where he had
left off.

He has gone into the presence of
God, for which his whole life had
fitted him.

My love to Maude & Ralph
ever your affte
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff102-05, pen

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TRAINED NURSES' LEAGUE

July 27/79

7 a.m.

10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear boy Mr. Fred.

I cannot thank you enough
for the trouble you have
taken about this - viz. suggesting
a Provident Society or "Union"
among trained Nurses nor
for Miss Simcox's most valuable
letter & promised help & also
Mrs. Paterson's.

You must not think that
it has not been continually
in my mind: † not that
my delay in answering has
been due to anything but a
wish to consult with all
our trained Matrons as to

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what number of the Nurses of each
she thinks would join.

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& with our
Secretary Hy Bonham
Carter.

But I have not been able
to do much of this as yet
not from want of interest,
but because July is a month
when outsiders, about to
leave London all pounce
upon *permanent* people
like ourselves, bringing
them work which might
just as well have been
done any month since January.

And I am now only going
to ask you one question:

Miss Simcox says:
*I should say that a subscription
of from 6 to 1/ a week would* [blue und]

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*provide members of a
"Trained Nurses' Union" with
everything Miss N. Mentions:
a sick allowancex a central
"home" or Lodging House & an
Old Age Allowance (& a Savings
Bank) But would a sufficient
number of Nurses join in
paying such a subscription?"*

*What is "a sufficient number
of Nurses"? how many - tens? [blue and red und]
- hundreds?
or
- thousands?*

If I could have some general
answer to this by tomorrow
or Tuesday, I should be truly
obliged. [blue und]

[I see our Trained Matrons, *yesterday,
today, tomorrow & Tuesday.*]

x Miss Simcox is quite right in supposing
that Hospitals would always receive in
sickness Nurses connected with them.

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I see that Miss Simcox most kindly says that she, having an "interval of comparative leisure" now, & would "hunt up any requisite information". But I am sadly afraid that we are not ready yet to avail ourselves of her generous kindness.

2. About "Mrs. Paterson" going [8:73] "on a Missionary tour" among the "Derbyshire girls", that too is a delightful prospect.

But I must go down first to enlist the "Mill" manager (a son of an old Schoolmaster of ours) who is the greatest man in the place, & who must

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think that *HE* has originated it himself, if it is to succeed at all.

A thousand thanks for all you have done.

God speed the Provident Leagues & all your works.

N.B. It will be a difficulty, I fear, instead of an advantage, bringing Nurses together of different Training Schools -

You see the Nurses of any Hospital with its Training School must be an *organized body*. or they are nothing. with an 'esprit de corps' *of their own*, & a fealty *to their own authorities*. Nursing is unlike any other occupation in this.

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If you club together
the Nurses of different
training Schools with
an authority & an 'esprit
de corps' *from the* OUTSIDE
you run the risk of
introducing a foreign element
which may have the
tendency of sinking the
highest to the lowest,
much more than of raising
the lowest to the highest.

But this is too immense a
subject to touch upon now.

[end 12:355]

in haste

ever yours most truly

& hopefully

Florence Nightingale

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I heard of Maude from
our Probationers who were
(27 of them) at Claydon
on Friday:

F.N.

ff106-09, Claydon House, Bucks, August 13, 1879, sending to FN the annual reports of the
Bookbinders' and Upholsteresses' Societies and additional information about Friendly Societies for
working people's benefits

initialled notes, f109v, pencil & pen [8:73]

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Apparently
the Mill (Lea)
is a sort of Provident
Socy for it *professes*
to give half pay to women
(sick) for 13 weeks: &
quarter pay for another 13 weeks
But this also prevents them from
saving. What relation has this to the Female
24/8/79 F.N. Friendly Socy
Who is its Doctor?
Does the Lea Mill provide
& pay a Doctor?

give 10 to Guarantee Fund
men. a third
13
a sixth
13

Guy's Hospl contemplates only superannuation pay
Female F. Socy only sick pay &
Medl attendance

which appears is given by the Mill

Why does it not contemplate *old age pay*?

Is it connected any way with
a SAVINGS BANK?

Are there *Crich* Women's
Clubs?

Is this only for *Smedley's*?

signed letter, ff110-42, pen & pencil [8:74-85]

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Women's Provident Societies
Lea Hurst October
1879

My dear Mr. Fred

I cannot thank you enough
for all the trouble you have
taken & are willing to take
for Provident Societies for
women in general & for
our/Trained Nurses in particular.

What you have done for
your Upholsteresses' & Book

binders' Societies is quite
extraordinary: tho' as you
say it does not give many
data for actuarial calculations.
Yet it does one good to see
how much real benefit
& of the best kind must
accrue to these women by

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helping them to help themselves.

It is well to take care,
as you do, that each
member is a "competent
workwoman". This is something
towards the same security
that we obtain by 'training'.
You cannot train your
Upholsteresses: but you do
the next best thing; &
you have outstripped us
sluggards by making them
'save" -

2. *Upholsteresses' Socy*. The increment
of Balance steadily decreases
every year during the 4 years.
This I think you pointed
out yourself. I suppose it may
be easily accounted for, & need not
continue.

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3. The rate of Subn, /2d a week,
to provide 5/ a week for 8
weeks in the year is wonderfully
small. In our Lea "Female Friendly Socy" for
the same 2d, it is 4/ a week for 10 weeks
3/ for 10 weeks more.

4. May you keep free from
strikes! No: there is no
danger of Strikes among
Trained Nurses. Only imagine
if there were!

Where the feelings are so
strongly interested as the Nurse's
about her Patients, there scarcely
could be, however, strikes
among Trained Nurses. And
the point of honour among
them is too high. To desert
her Patients would be like
deserting in the Army before
the enemy. The others,
instead of 'striking' with her,
would be more likely to execute

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some kind of summary
punishment upon her.

5. *Would you thank Mrs.
Paterson very much for
her kind trouble?* It is

impossible to over estimate
the good that is being done
by raising women not from
without but from within -

- the employment register
- the sick or 'out of work'

allowance

- the pleasant 'tea'
- the lending library
- the co-operative store -

6. [N.B. I am sorry to say the
Cooperative Store at Lea
Hurst is going the wrong
way like Turkey.

And this from very obvious

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& rather disgraceful causes.

One is the men don't
know how to choose a
Manager: they don't like
one *above* themselves: &
they never have one who
knows how to *buy*. It is
said that the refuse, the rejected
goods of Manchester are
palmed off upon our
Co-operative Stores: The
Secy's wife who knows
nothing about it being
now the buyer.

(2) They allow some members
to run deeply in debt:
& refuse others who might
be better leniently dealt by.

The consequence of this & other
causes is that their dividends

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are small & uncertain:

And the people do not make
it their Savings' Bank,
with 5 p.c. interest, as
they used to do.

And a man I know, the
best man in the Village,
with drew himself first
as Secy & then as Auditor,
because when they could
not otherwise declare a
dividend, they grossly
over estimated the value
of the goods in store.

We have no clergyman & no resident
landlord or gentleman who ought to & generally
does see to these things.

It is well, when one
hears of "Cooperative Stores"
'not answering', to enquire
the *homely* causes: & to see
that it will hardly do to leave the
people altogether to their own management]
while carefully adhering to open, business-like ways

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with them.

7. To return to your Women's
Societies, I have understood
that the temptations among
poor young girls in trades
from the want of good
homes & interests are
untold & unknown.
that this temptation to vice
prevails even among those
quite 'respectable' in
dress & appearance.

I should think the good
of a well conducted Women's
Society is also untold.
And it is also well to enquire the
homely causes of Female Friendly
Societies not answering
of this more anon.

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II. Thanks for the
"Hearts of Oak" Friendly Socy
book.

But, as you say, they only
recognize the existence
of women "in giving 10
to bury the wives when
they die" - & apparently in
giving Lying -in benefits
to help them when they lie
in.

Hy Bonham Carter had
some indirect communication
with Mr. Marshall as a
very able, trustworthy man
the society being one of the
largest in the Kingdom ? is it
not? after "Oddfellows" & "Foresters".

HBC did not however get so
much out of them as you did.

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We do not agree with Mr.
Marshall that "women" are
a "bad lot", in being "so apt
to be ill, or to think they are".

Our experience is just the
reverse. A Nurse will hold
out at her work when ill,
where a man would give in.

Our rate of sickness at St. Thomas' among
our Nurses in Training is
very much lower than it is,
I am sorry to think, at some
of our other Hospitals, e.g.
Edinburgh. But in
the new Edinburgh Hospl
we trust it will prove
otherwise.

The Nurse's occupation is
not necessarily an unhealthy
one, I am sure: far less so
than that of 'mill' women
when Nurses are properly cared for.

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III. The South Bucks
Friendly Socy (Mr. Hardy)
gives valuable information,
because it admits *women*
But as you say, that
information is by no means
encouraging. And the
prolonged rates of illness
of women are indeed
alarming.

(a) Sanitary conditions & rules
should always be introduced
into all Benefit Socies' rules:
should not they? as
having a two fold advantage
1. increasing the allowances,
2. & encouraging Sanitary practice.

It *is* done in Lying-in clauses
for wives of members. E.g.
the woman is not to be
employed, except at light

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household work, within her
Lying-in Month. Or the
money is forfeited. But in Lea
"Female Friendly
Socys" she is not to be employed even at household work.

[This gives them some idea
that women are not to be
allowed to work in the
mills or the fields or the
wash-tub (Laundry) at certain
times, & so saves wives from
a common cause of "prolonged
illness."

But why not make other
such simple Sanitary rules
or conditions for receiving
"benefits"?

rules about drainage
sinks
water supply
vicinity of pigs
&c &c &c

This would have extreme

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value as a Sanitary education.

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besides so facilitating the operations of Friendly & Provident Societies by diminishing this alarming rate of "Sick Allowance" for women as to increase their "benefits" all over town & country.

In this (Lea & Holloway) which ought to be the healthiest of all villages, I should NOT like to tell the experience of this one summer:

a Typhoid Epidemic: solely attributable to the most obvious causes:

abominations of pigs percolating into the drinking water -supply (3 Patients in one room

Drink

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overflow from cesspools allowed to lie: or to percolate poisoning water or air:

contaminated "Holy" wells, which gives its name to the village (Holloway)

sink stone drains not ventilated

traps taken up & left aside

A woman, a farmer-ess on the estate, a Laundress, & altogether a substantial yeo=woman, is just dead in her first confinement of blood poisoning (baby dead too) under the most provoking circumstances of stupid blundering.

There ought to have been an inquest.

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A sink in the kitchen owing to the lead pipe being corroded & having been corroded for years, had completely saturated the wall of the dwelling-house. The smell had been smelt for years, & taken but little notice of. The Masons went to put in the new lead pipe & stench trap on the very morning the woman was taken in labour!! There was an immense fire in the kitchen: & thro' the hole in the wall, then open, by which the pipe passed, there blew in by means of the great draught created, all the

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foul air from the saturated wall & open sink=stone drain; & so up the stairs. The woman had a remarkably good confinement: but was seized within 20 hours by the most intense symptoms of blood poisoning & died within the week.

Death in the sink:
Had it not been for the most extraordinary neglect, she might have been here now.

[Possibly that poor Lady Constance Amherst Middleton's heart-rending death may have had some cause akin.]

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It is well too if these isolated cases do not become Epidemics of Puerperal Fever.

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Would the enforcement of some Sanitary rules by "Benefit Societies" be an expensive & therefore difficult operation?

It would seem as if the same machinery which is or ought to be set a going by Boards of Health, or as there are in the country Boards of Guardians, - the same principles which are or ought to be laid down to govern these local Boards of Health. might be set a going for "Friendly Societies".

There *are* Officers of Health, Inspectors &c - all the

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apparatus of local Boards of Health even in such a place as this: (small gain we had to let them come, less loss to let them go)

Could "Benefit" & "Friendly" Societies, not large enough to have Sanitary Inspectors of their own, make use of the existing Health machinery?

It would be of countless importance.

Medical certificates are required. It would seem as if there should be no more difficulty in having "Sanitary" certificates.

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(b) *Lord Norton*, you say,
has established a "Friendly
society for women": & you
kindly promised me its
Rules & Tables, worked out
by MR. HARDY. *Are they come?*

(c) *Mr Mark Knowles*
a most capital man:
May success shower upon
him "Women's Lodge."
The wisdom of his rules
strikes one especially:
the power of leverage in a
"Friendly Socy" for moral and
sanitary purposes might be
made much more use of.
I see "*improper or immoral
conduct*" comes under investigation.

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also: the rules about
lyings-in:
& again one asks: MIGHT
NOT SOME SANITARY RULES BE
ALWAYS (logically) attached to
"PRIVILEGES"?

I note what is to be done
with married women.
& that he EXCLUDES
women
employed in "manufacture
OR SALE " OF ALL SPIRITOUS LIQUORS
BEER, &c as well as
in "hazardous trades".

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(d)

I wish 'Godspeed' with all my might to the proposed "*Women's Division*" of the "*Church of England Temperance Sick & Burial Socy*"

And if they have not completed their "*Guarantee Fund*" for it (25 guarantors of 20 each") I would gladly ask to be a *guarantor* of £20.

I enclose a Cheque which I shall be grateful to you to make use of. This is *not* enclosed.

Shall I

Send it?

Or is it
too late?

[I am rather 'hard up' this year: *not thro'* a course of 'riotous living': & should be rather glad if not called *this* year to pay up the money. But - the good of the 'Women's Division' before all.] Oct 1859

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I see that "*Total Abstainers*" receive *one tenth more sick pay* than "general" members.

I do most strongly appeal to experience in favour of this rule & *more than this rule* being enforced in ALL "*Friendly Socies.*" it is a truly 'friendly' rule.

[It is a common thing in our neighbourhood in Derbyshire for quarrymen to be in the receipt of 28/ to 40/ a week. If single young men, they ~~as~~ may spend all this, say from 18 to 32 years of age, in eating & drinking, but specially in *drinking*, - except what they pay to their Club. And this they often forfeit by not paying up.

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Is it not a crying shame that these men whose health suffers so much from drink (that the excellent Club Doctor told me he said to them:

'Stick to your sobriety, & you will be able to stick to your work. Drink again = And you're a dead man')

should have *the same sick pay* as those who have denied themselves every self-indulgence to bring up their families & that the latter should *suffer* in a *lower (general) rate* of sick pay, or of old age pay?

There ought to be a DRUNKEN *sick pay*: and an *sober* sick pay: ought there not?

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In agreeably conversing
with Quarry men, they have
informed me that they
could easily have saved
200 by the time they
were 30, & *have* - not a
penny:

that the *minimum* loss
every week of drinking
on Saturday night & Sunday & making
"Black Monday" is 6/ a
week.

& that they frequently attend
neighbouring markets (hiring
a fly for the purpose)
after 8 o'clock p.m. for
the sake of getting drink
& not being seen: because the
Lea Mills turns off drinkers:

The terrible custom of
being paid in gangs, & adjourning

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to the Public house to divide
their money is the root
of much of this evil.

[Much of the above may be
said of the *miners*, too.

And people call this a
"civilized" country! & talk
of us having a 'Mission'
of 'civilization' in India!!]

But what I would ask
again is:

could those observing certain
Sanitary rules, & certain
rules about SOBRIETY
be entitled to a certain
higher rate of sick pay?

[It would be vain to have

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an Abstinence or even
a Temperance club in
Derbyshire for it would
starve for lack of members
but something like the above
must be possible.]

Just as it is hard that people
who pay their Bills should
suffer in high prices
for those who do not,
so it seems hard that
those few who are *in spite of us* models
of every Sanitary & moral principle
of carefulness & cleanliness
should suffer in a lower
rate of sick pay or of
old -age pay (I see there
are *prospects of annuities*
at 65 years) for those
who bring on their own sickness
by every kind of carelessness, dirt
& neglect.

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The 'Allowances' seem
extremely liberal even for
"long continued sickness",
which will be the main
insurance in the way of
sickness necessary for
any *Trained Nurses'* Socy,
because, for all ordinary
illnesses, they are provided
for in their own Hospitals, &
their pay not stopped.

They would not be parted
with while there was
prospect of recovery or
death, if they wished to
remain.

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Would you kindly THANK
MR. KNOWLES for his great
goodness in being *willing*
to obtain information for
me? & say I shall no
doubt avail myself of it.
Probably the progress of
his own "*Women's Division*"
will be my best information.

I suppose we could not
tack ourselves on to THEM?

"Entirely self-supporting".
- that is the thing to aim at.
- & *that* he does aim at.

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You see we shall for our Nurses necessarily
labour under a disadvantage
as to *numbers*, because
we do exact the conditions
as to morality
as to sanitary & other
good conduct
involved in the circumstance
of her being a *trained* Nurse
It is the highest & longest
test of her being a
"competent workwoman",
a good woman, &c &c.
(because all are dismissed
who do not fulfil our
requirements as to "duties",
competence & good conduct,
whether during the year's
training or after. And the

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grand difficulty will be
 how to prevent these dismissed
 ones, who are all taken
 on without a "character"
 by the Advertising Nurses'
 Offices as "*Trained Nurses*,"
 from entering any Benefit
 Society of ours.)

The tests which are required
 more or less feebly in
 other Associations are
 in ours necessarily most
 strictly carried out -
 during a year of constant
 testing under organized 'eyes',
 & during subsequent service
 & promotion.

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Woman Thrift Movement {archivist: ?20 Nov 1880}

IV. At my request, Hy
 Bonham Carter sent the
 following questions to
 Mr. Sutton the Govt. Actuary
 for Friendly Societies on this
 subject to whom you also
 were so good as to apply.
 'Do the Friendly Socy returns
 afford any data on which
 to base allowances to women
 during sickness or by way
 of superannuation?

'It is desired to establish
 a Provident Fund for Nurses
 with these objects.'

[Hy B.C. did not mention

the proposed Central Home for Nurses
 permanently infirm or Sick or out of place - (While
 actually serving in Hospital,
 a Nurse, i.e. a trained Nurse,

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would always be cared for
during temporary sickness)
And he did not mention
the Savings Bank movement which might be
connected with it.

I think we should *call this the growth of the
Woman Thrift Movement.*]

And you are its 'prophet'.
'Is it likely that any existing
Friendly Socy would admit
women?

'Or if a Union of say 50,100
or 200 members or more
were formed from women
employed exclusively as Nurses
for the sick either (a) in Hospls
or (b) as Private Nurses or both,
is it likely that any Friendly
or Provident Socy would
affiliate such an Union?

signed Hy Bonham Carter.

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Mr. Sutton replies to Hy B. C.'s
enquiries in the same sense
he says that he did to you when
you were so good as to go to him.

'That the Friendly Socy Statistics
afford no trustworthy data,
in fact no data as to female
lives:

'That in his opinion the best
course to pursue would be
(1) to deal with Superannuation
Allowances by providing for
each individual separately
thro' the means of the Govt
Deferred Annuities granted
by the P. O.'

[This would be *very*
unattractive to Nurses: a
FEW of our Nurses insure
their lives: but as far as I
can make out only for to
bury themselves. One only of our
Nurses, a lady, has a deferred

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Annuity: (& that is not a P. O.
one): that is, as far as I know.]

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'(2) to provide for Sick Allowance by an annually divisible Fund until such time as sufficient experience shall have been acquired to found a permanent Table.'

[This would be more attractive owing to the 'division' but then, as Hy B. C. knows, this is the thing which is *least* wanted because a *Trained Nurse* was never otherwise than cared for, & her pay continued, in the Hospital where she was serving, as long as there was any prospect either of her returning to her post, or of death.

F.N.]

'Assuming that there would be always sufficient new members coming in to maintain

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'the original number, he, Mr.

Sutton, considers that the plan of dividing any surplus annually will not give rise to any great inequalities, while the division avoids much difficulty as to rate of contribution, the members getting back the surplus.'

signed L. Sutton

Excuse all repetitions:
I have been so interrupted.

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V. Shore Smith next went to the "Prudential" Assurance Office for me, "a sound concern, which takes something like a million a year in pennies or small sums' & "do every sort of Insurance."

The "Prudentials" however came to the conclusion that there was no way in which they could bring it/us in with their own business. They recommended that the Nurses should be formed into a separate Benefit Society for themselves: & thought there was no difficulty about their being women & since sent their Industrial Tables. Since this however the Secretary of the "Prudential",

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(who must be a good fellow,) has written to me, saying he has made further enquiries. After mentioning that there are Friendly Societies "who do the class of business referred to", but do not "warrant unlimited confidence in their stability": & that "most Insurance Offices only transact ordinary Insurance business (together of course with the granting of annuities), & *do not make any provision for being laid aside by old age, sickness or other cause,*"

he says
"There is one excellent Office however with a "*Benevolent Fund*" attached to it viz. *'the Provident Clerks' Mutual*

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Life Assocn', which might
answer the requirements in

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“some degree”

And he encloses their Prospectus.

This Fund seems to grant

“*Annuities to distressed members*

“Annuities to Widows

“*Annuities & Allowances to
distressed members*

“Loans &c.

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING
ABOUT THIS ‘BENEVOLENT
FUND’?

[The Prospectus gives their
‘Deferred Annuities’]

Mr. Goodman, my correspondt
goes on to say:

“If you thought it advisable
to adopt a separate scheme
for Nurses, & the numbers
are not sufficiently large
to warrant its being floated on

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“a sound actuarial basis,
I feel confident that the
public would readily supply
the deficiency & thus enable
the amount payable to be
much more liberal”

And he actually goes on to
offer his own subscription:
& also his “services” in very
earnest words.

[I should however, if it is only
possible, try to make this
NOT a charity - by taking only
business & not charitable subns.]

I think ‘charity’ is particularly
to be avoided here, because of
its probable effect in
preventing Hospitals from
raising the Nurses’ wages -
if they see us stepping in
with pensions & the like -
thus doing what *they* ought to do.

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Already we, i.e. our Training School, have an effect we little anticipated in keeping wages down instead of keeping them up.

Not only does St. Thomas' Hospl take advantage of our Probationers to do at least half their Nursing. But it takes advantage of a clause by which we bind our Probrs to take service for ___ years to engage them at a lower rate of wages than the great Hospitals give our Trained Nurses & all the Nurses in St. Thomas' are of our training. Liverpool ~~it~~ obtains higher wages for its Nurses than ~~we do~~/St Thomas': & gets HyBC itself repaid for its training by the Institutions which it supplies with Nurses.

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VI ~~The Autumn~~

Guy's Hospital

the only Hospital I know which has a Provident Fund for its Nurses: but it is *compulsory* for 'Sisters' & not *one* Nurse has ever joined it.

At Guy's the principle is that the Sisters contribute *one half* (& it is stopped out of their 'Quarter') "of the amount that will be necessary", & the Governors the other half. [Virtually tho' not nominally it is, I suppose, a deduction from their pay]

I had thought of for ours (& *that* I thought was high)
1/ a week for Nurses (or 12/6 per Qu.)
2/ " " Sisters (or 25/ " "

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Guy's payments are: from
6/3 a month, (18/9 a Quarter)
entering at the age of 30 -
(they only allow Sisters to
enter between 30 and 40.)
to *10/9 a month (32/3 per Qu.)*
entering at 40.
that is *3.15.0 to 6.9.0* per ann.
for *12/ a week Pension at 65.*

The Nurses' payments were
to have been
12/6 a qu. entering at 30
21/6 " " " 40
for *8/ a week Pension at 65*
But as I said no Nurse
has ever joined.
[Our Sisters now pledge themselves
to save 1 per qu.
Nurses 10/ " "
More anon of this.

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#Guy's is simply a Superannuation
Fund & not a Sickness Allowe.
Fund. That is fair enough,
because Guy's like all other
Hospitals of any repute
takes care of its Nurses in
temporary sickness.

The Pension (Superannuation)
is *12/ a week at the age of 65.*
Or in the event of death or of
leaving the Hospl *before 65,*
the *amount is returned* with
3 p.c. interest (except in cases of
misconduct.)

Owing to the number of Sisters
dying or leaving, [the contributions
of the Governors are invested]
Guy's can now afford to give
each Sister £36 a year Pension
(instead of £30.)

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[A great Mill Manager
in the North told me
that he had wished to do
this with his own "hands"
but found that it was
"illegal"

But Hy Bonham Carter
says that it cannot be
illegal if it is made
a matter of contract.]

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VII Now we come to our own
affairs at *St. Thomas' Hospital*.

after great delays &
questionings (which I shall
afterwards explain), the
Matron was persuaded to
go round all the Nurses,
taking their views:

*'In case we marry, what
portion will be returned'?*
was one common question
on the *Nurses'* part.

*'In case we leave the Nursing Service,
or in case we could not
afford to pay up our Subn,
what then would happen?
should we have the money
returned to us? or a portion
of it?'*

was another universal question.
[As needs scarcely saying, the
case of women & *especially*
of *Nurses* is so different

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from that of *men*. Men
do not change their professions
when they marry: nor
do they give up their professions
till old age becomes disabling:
perhaps not even then.

Nurses must of course
leave their profession when
they marry: but, less & less,
perhaps in consequence of the
very excellence or rather
advance of the training now
given, is it looked upon
as a *life* profession. A woman
over 40 can scarcely obtain
a new engagement as Matron
or Sister, or obtain a training.
Nor will private sick people
take a sick Nurse over 40.
Because, they argue, training
makes such rapid strides
we wish to have the last
& best. Besides,

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in Hospitals generally, if not
in ours, Nurses wear out
sooner than in other professions.

But so much the more
reason for making them
save & lay by for a provision

[It is sometimes made a rule
that Matrons & Nurses must resign
at 60. In that case Superannuation
allowances shd begin at 60 instead of
65.]

Of their own accords, as
a New Year's day (delightful)
surprise/ gift to me: & it was [surprise back in....]
delightful; the Nurses
of St. Thomas' sent me under
the following heading, a paper which
was signed by about 60.
(out of a number of about 70:
Probationers *not* counted

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in either case: who number
about 35 more)

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“We the undersigned Sisters & Nurses of St. Thomas’ Hospital, from the Nightingale Training School, & others, agree to enter into a ‘self-benefiting’ Provident Society, by depositing in the P. O. Savings Bank or other safe investment x a sum quarterly in proportion to our means

Sisters not less than 1

Nurses “ ” “ 10/

and as much more as may be convenient.”

x as I devoutly hope some better investment & (as safe) may be devised for them by us with your help & that of Societies.

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[I must premise that, in the autumn, I had received a petition, signed by ~~between~~ a few less than 200 & ~~283~~ of our trained Nurses, at St. Thomas’ & elsewhere, for me to ‘sit’ for my ‘picture’ for them.

And I had responded that, if they gave me some assurance of saving (some ‘saving’ assurance) then I would think about it.]

Appended to this document, besides the names of the 57 undersigned were notes of those who already saved 23, some two who had insured their lives (but chiefly to bury themselves) & one or two who had ‘gone in’ for annuities not more {‘not more’ encircled} i.e. one for a life annuity one had invested

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To return to "*Matron's investigations among the Nurses:*
it would seem as if - with almost all - the sine qua non were ~~to have~~ the power of taking THEIR MONEY OUT again WHEN THEY WANT IT: - as in Savings' Banks.

[More than you would believe have, too, relatives depending on them] 5 out of 68 of St. Thomas' Nurses.

For *disabling* illness they would like an 'allowance':

for superannuation:
[for Convalescence the Hospital provides]

for being *bona fide* out of place there is not so much call as you would suppose for an 'allowance' & for idlers it would not be desirable.

A Central 'Home' smiles to some;

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but it was agreed to put off
the consideration of that for the
present.

But The scheme does not seem
applicable to Hospital Nurses
viz. of sinking their individual
interest in a Common Fund
for the sick ones, or those
suffering from other
contingencies to profit by:
(the Hospl is their 'Common Fund' for this)
as in a Women's Club,
or Men's Friendly Society.

Nurses *must* have their
money out again when
they want it. [They were told this
wd necessitate a larger contribution to any
Provident Fund.]

In Hospitals where the food
is not very well served, Nurses
frequently buy the food which
tempts their appetites for themselves

And their annual holidays
(which are quite necessary)
cost them something.

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~~Altho'~~ *Ultimately* there
seem to be 3 things desired:

1. keep to the Savings' Bank
or as I fervently hope
some as safe & better
investment.
IS THE BIRKBECK QUITE SAFE ?
2. allowance or insurance
for superannuation,
permanent infirmity
disabling illness
3. Central Home for
Nurses infirm & out of
place.

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N.B. [Causes of this great delay in answering you:

- autumn: holidays in all Hospitals
for Matrons & Nurses

- Winter Session very busy time

- All our trained Matrons
were to ask their Nurses
whether & what they would
subscribe to a Nurses' Provident
Socy.

- Nurses asked: for what
contributions *what advantage?*

Societies asked: what numbers
& what contributions do
you offer?

Nurses what advantages
do you offer if we contribute?

This was rather awkward.

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-16- *Lea Hurst*

10 South St. March/80

LEA HURST

WOMEN'S PROVIDENT SOCY

The excellent *Mrs. Paterson*

was actually so kind as

to propose coming or

sending on a Missionary

visit: *Would you thank her?*

The state of things is as
follows:

there *is* a "Female Friendly
Socy": but the numbers are
very small.

only 78 members altogether

of whom

only 45 in Lea & Holloway

& only 265 fund

benefits: Medical attendance

annual Subn 2/6 to Surgeon

benefits: *sick pay 4/ a week for 10 weeks*

" " 3/ " " " 10 more

20?

on death 30/ to next relative

monthly Subn *eight pence*

or (weekly: 2 pence)

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There are other small
Subns & small benefits
Yours gives 5/ a week for 8 weeks for
2d. a week *Do you give a Doctor?*

Last autumn I went very
thoroughly into the case
(in order to ascertain the
reason of the smallness
of the numbers) with
the mill women I knew,
& with the Manager of
Lea Mills himself,
& told him in guarded
language what I had
ascertained from the women.

1. They have no confidence
in the 'Master' (Secretary) of the
'Female Friendly Socy',
who is a/ one of the mill officials/ warehousemen, &
capable of injuring them.

These homely reasons are
good to know.

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2. *No Annual Meeting*
is held: & *no* statement
of funds read out with
balance sheet & rules &c.

And they commissioned
me to find out!! whether
the Socy was not 'insolvent'.

[I ascertained that the
money was in the Mill Manager's
hands: & the Lea Mills
paid 5 p.c. upon it]

These things are typical,
& show how very careful
we/one must be, in village
politics, to let the whole
thing be placed in open
business-like form before
the village 'commères',
the members.. They feel It is *their*
money. It is not a charity.

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3. There were other things:
Such as that the sick
Allowance was ~~not paid~~/stopped,
if the Sick Member
was even taking exercise out
of doors by Medical orders.

Then the Lea Mills Manager
himself complained to me,
that *married women*
always took themselves
off the Socy's books.

The reason appeared to be
that, if a Lying in woman
could occupy herself at
home in household work & about her children,
altho' she could not go to work or out,
she ceased to receive the
Lying-in allowance.

[There is so much to be
said on (3)/this on both sides]
But your *Bucks Socy* gives *sick pay*
to *Lying - in women* doing *HOUSEHOLD work*.

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[Also owing to there being no annual gathering,
no regular reading out
of the Rules &c, they
fancied that *only mill-*
women had the right to
belong to the Socy, which
is not the case.]

Still, the fact is that Lea
Mills is itself the most
important enemy of its
Friendly Socy: for it *professes*
to give half pay to its women
in sickness for 13 weeks:
& quarter pay for 13 weeks
more.

This appears to cut both
ways: neither good ways.

(1) It is not certain: it is
a matter of favour: not of
claim.

(2) *And* it prevents them from

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saving: & even from putting
into the "Female Friendly Socy",
which, as you see, contemplates
only sickness, & not old age
or Savings Bank.

Besides, all is uncertain
& confusion:

There is no fixed claim:
I have often paid for
Medical attendance & all
its concomitants for
Mill-women. And then
but not till then the
Mill Manager has written
to the Doctor that he
would undertake it.

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Latterly I have made
it a condition of my help
that the young women
should put into the Friendly
Socy; & they & the young men
into the P. O. Savings Bank
~~or both~~ - I doubling the
money in the Savings Bank.

It is a sad unsatisfactory
& anxious place: is Lea Hurst.

The women earn as much
in mill-work as *men* earn in
agricultural counties.

They spend on dress much
more than I do: & they come
upon me for Medical
attendance & sick comforts:
They come upon the parish
for old age.

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What is wanted is: a safe & attractive means of saving: OR INVESTING SAVINGS.

The Co-operative Stores used to afford this: but they too have been mismanaged, & no longer afford it. Their dividend is uncertain.

I look upon *you* as the Apostle of the Women Thrift movement: & *appeal to you for a this scheme for investing women's savings:* as well as for information for *all* my ignorance.

I see there has been much discussion lately about modes of *investing the People's savings:* -

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-18- March 18 1880

1. Could you send me a *Report of a Meeting* (not at the Mansion house) on Thrift some *3 months* ago, where Prof. Bryce & Mr. Blackley were ?/& spoke?

2. And is there any *published Report of the Mansion house Meeting on thrift of March 12?*

3. Please also tell me IN WHAT TRADES were those two *Women's Strikes?* & what was the *result?*

[It is a curious fact that there has never been a strike in the great Lea Mills.]

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4. Please also answer
*question about Cheque
for £25 ("Women's Division")
p. 6 "guarantee Fund".*

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You see what Ld Derby
says that, if there were
a *Penny savings' Bank
in every mill or workshop
or place of employment or Pay office
some millions of £ would*

be annually added to
the country's riches -

Q.E.F. I would we could say

{there is a line drawn from here to attach this paragraph to the former; f141v continues}

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I had to ask your forgiveness
for my long delay. I have
now to ask it for my
long letter. Give it me
for both, dear Mr. Fred.
I have had 6 years &
more without one day's rest
of body or mind, ending with
dear Mother's ~~death~~/going home. Dr.
says my future work will
depend on being "free" for at
least a year 'from all the
responsibilities that have been
forced upon " me, (& he might say
that I have so badly fulfilled)
& from "letters". When is that "year"
to come?

f142

10 South St. W. March 20/80

Success, Success, success
to the ever young & gallant
old Paladin for Buckingham: it must
be real success whether
the Election is lost or won.

ever yours & Maude's
& Ralph's loving old
Aunt Florence

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Fred Verney Esq

ff143-44v, 139, Sloane Street, London, S.W., March 23, 1880, acknowledging receipt of FN's long letter on the Trained Nurses' Provident Society and FV's political work in the election in Buckingham and Portsmouth

ff145-46v, April 8, 1880, re the reasons why FV has not replied to FN's long letter: a sewage case in which FV is engaged and a lecture on Plato's Republic he is to give

ff147-49, April 12, 1880, re FN's long letter and his proposal to have a tea to discuss the issues she raises

signed letter, ff150-53v, pen, black-edged paper

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Address

10 South St

Park Lane W.

April 16/80

My dear Mr. Fred

Thank you very much
for your two notes about
the "Woman Thrift movement"
- & our trained Nurses in
particular regard to it.

I am in the greatest
hopes that something
good will be worked
out, thanks to you,
not only for Provident
Funds for women:
but for as far as regards
Sanitary & *sober* 'conditions'
& allowances, Friendly

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Societies & Benefit Clubs
in general.

But so much the more
reason for not hurrying
yourself to your inconve-
nience.

Pray do not trouble
yourself till your
great sewage case is
over.

It is I who ought to
apologize for having
sent in a document at
such a time as this
when all sorts of gravest
interests are at stake.
But my time (for work)
may be short. And I

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was anxious to 'lodge
a plea ' with you
where I know it will be
safe for development.

But it is a matter for
years not for weeks.

Things *are* fructifying -
As far as the Nurses
are concerned, those of
St. Thomas' are not now
throwing away their
money but obliged *by*
themselves to put it in
the P.O. Savings' Bank. -
& I am corresponding
with others of our Trained
Matrons to join.

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As far as HY BONHAM
 CARTER is concerned, I am
 always afraid of him:
 he is so overworked.
 And, with ten sons,
 he as it were dreads
 some new thing to
 attend to. And as to PROVIDENT FUNDS he thinks the
 difficulties so great in the way of NURSES.

[You know how I try
 to find some younger
 man to take a part
 at least of his duties on
 the "N. Fund."]

I propose now to send
 him a résumé of your papers & mine, such
 as I sent you. Except
 his own part, he has not
 seen any. He has always been too
 busy.

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Then, if you are so good
 as to carry out your
 'tea', if he can attend,
 he will be at least insensed:
 & would be in many respects an
 excellent "*Nurses' delegate.*"

I scarcely know how it
 will do to have a
 'delegation' of one or two
 trained *Nurses* to represent
 the Trained Nursing interest,
 as you are so good as to
 invite. The *Matron*
ought to be their Delegate.
 But I am afraid she, Mrs. Wardroper, in
 the multiplicity of her
 affairs, would not make
 a good Delegate, tho' I
 have of course, as in duty

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bound, put her forward,
as is her right, in this
matter. And she has
entered heartily into it
for the moment.

I put down, in the paper
of deplorable length with
which I troubled you
the MAIN WISHES of the
St. Thomas' NURSES, as
far as they could agree
upon them/se at present.

But I quite concur that
it would be much better
to have "some one who
would be ready to undergo
cross examination on
the details of a Nurse's
life", as you invite.

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Perhaps I may have time to think
about it, please ? & to
insense *Hy Bonham Carter*
[I wish I could be that one
myself. In Derbyshire
the women of the 'Friendly
Socy' make me their
'Delegation of one' to find
out how their funds stand
with the Treasurer at the Mill.
&c &c &c. But then
I have only to cross examine
& be cross examined by the
Mill Manger.]

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II. I very much give us joy
that you are going to 'do'
Plato's Republic to the people
'in the East'. And I very
much wish that, as you ask,
I could make some suggestions,
(tho' I am sure they are
not really needed.)
But I have not my Plato
with me: much less my
notes.

Pray thank Maude very
much for her kindness in
going thro' my letter.
Money market not so tight,
now: quite ready with
my £20 for Mr. Knowles.
ever yours affly
Aunt Florence

ff154-55v, 4, Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C., April 21, 1880, re statistics produced by Mark Knowles
for the Trained Nurses' Provident Society

ff156-56v, 139, Sloane Street, London, S.W. April 22, 1880, re FV's planned supper

signed letter, ff157-58v, pen, black-edged paper

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Woman Thrift Address

35/10 South St.

April 24/80

My dear Mr. Fred

Very many thanks for
your note & its enclosures.

At present I will only
trouble you with one or
two remarks, pending
the arrival of your
great 'tea', which I hail.

1. I have always felt
what you say about the
'total abstinence' &
'temperance' question:
& about the "premium on
falsehood" if/in the consequences
to/of confessing to a glass of
beer"

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This especially for *women*,
as you say.

It is a choice of difficulties.
And I was chiefly thinking
of *men: of illeg/excellent* (North country) young
workmen squandering
yearly on drink what is
in fact a good income:
& falling back in sickness,
the result of drink, upon the same say "Hearts
of Oak" allowances as the
sober worn out striving father of a
family.

You understand that,
for "*Trained Nurses*," the
question does not come
up at all. The Total
Abstainers are few or **none**.
The intemperate are **none**.

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For they are dismissed.
But we have not had a
case at St. Thomas' for
years.

Mr. Mark Knowles.

2. Thanks for the "Rules"
which I have read with
great care & interest.

Of the 3 objects,
(Short) Sickness Pay
Burial Money Allowance
LONG SICKNESS PAY
we should only want the
last: (for our Trained Nurses)
and Old Age (Superannuation)
Allowance, of course.

I have some letters from
our Trained Matrons
which I will abstract
for you.

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Since I began this this
mornng, your letter received
about Wednesday's
"supper" ~~come in~~: I have
written to Mrs. Wardroper,
as you desired: & asked
her to write *to you*,
whether she can come
"& a friend". Must
catch morning post. This
prevents me from
finishing this.

Delighted to be a
guarantor for Mr. Mark
Knowles: Shall I send
you the Cheque?

Should like to see your
lecture on Plato.

ever your affte

Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff159-63v, pen & pencil, black-edged paper

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Address

10 South St

April 28/80

My dear Mr. Fred

I have sent to Hy Bonham
Carter an Abstract of
the answers of our Trained
Matrons.

Edinburgh Infirmary:

(135 Nurses, { Assistants &
Probationers
included

- All without exception
warmly in favour of a Provident
Society.

- "If we never need it ourselves,
it will be all the better:
& we shall be helping
those that do need it."

They want to know

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*"what the rules &
conditions would be -
what they should have
to pay in.*

& what they would be
entitled to in *illness
and old age* - (that is, *permanent/disabling
(illness or
(incurable infirmity*

-- "say they have often
been surprised that there
was not such a Society

- "a great many old
pupils would like to join

- "all at Edinburgh would
join, if allowed.

- "Nurses' hearty approval

- "waiting for more information

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[You see Edinburgh Nurses
don't make the condition, as
St. Thomas' do, of being
able to take their money out,
as out of a P. O. Savings Bank]

St. Mary's Hospital: London

say much the same thing
- Nurses wish for the same
information before giving
their promises to contribute.

f160v

Lincoln Hospital

(about the Nurses)

all sign same paper as the
St. Thomas' heading
which I sent you -

St. Bartholomew's: London

wish to hear more
our Matron has been
there too short a time

Good cheer for your Thursday's
supper (Marriage of Cana
between provident tendencies
& Trained Nurses)

And God speed the work!

ever yours & Maude's & Ralph's
Aunt Florence (F. Nightingale)

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3/2 Do you know anything [5:183]
of the Liverpool Penny
Banks' Association:
supposed to have been
extraordinarily successful?

I have just procured
an introduction to the
Actuary, Mr. Newton, at
Liverpool, & propose
to follow it up by corres=
-pondence.

The questions I wanted
principally to ask him
(he is an enthusiast)
are: 1. whether they can
possibly be made to
answer in a business
point of view - & if so
on how small a scale?

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[the Liverpool Penny Banks,
I believe, number upwards
of 13/00: of which 30 [100?]
in *elementary Schools* -]

And what is their machinery?
especially in Schools?

[Mr. Gladstone told me
last year that no Penny
Bank could answer
whose machinery was
not unpaid: & that
every shilling put into
the P. O. Savings Banks
did cost, or might cost,
the Govt *elevenpence*]

2. whether there could
be a Penny Banks
Assocn in a *rural*
District, as e.g. that
about Lea, Holloway,
Crich & Cromford: thickly
peopled

f162

Success to your "supper"
(the marriage of Cana)
I have writ to Mrs.
Wardroper to put her
off to *Thursday*
& asked her to write
to you.

Aunt Florence
23/4/80
in great haste

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But I have no doubt
that you could suggest
to me many questions
out of the experience
of yourself & your "tea"
friends, which would
not occur to me - if
you would kindly
do so - Or that
they themselves are
sufficiently acquainted
with its working.

F.N.

P. turn Over

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I should like very much
to see your Lecture on
Plato: & give you
joy of that & of your
Sewage speech.

I shall be delighted at
being a Guarantor for
Mr. Mark Knowles'
"Lodge": I think I
had better send you
the Cheque for £20?

(I enclose it)

F.N.

ff164-65v, April 29, 1880, re the results of the evening meeting about the Trained Nurses' Provident Society and the difficulties raised

signed letter, ff166-68, pen, black-edged paper

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TRAINED NURSES April 29/80

PROVIDENT FUND

My dear Mr. Fred

In case this should arrive in time for your "Marriage of Cana" Supper, which may God speed: -

I venture to trouble you with an Extract from a letter from Miss Pringle, Matron of EDINBURGH INFY, in answer to my enquiries based on the Extract which I did send you:

She says:

"I called a Meeting of the day Nurses in the afternoon which most of them attended, & I met the Night Nurses

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"when they were assembled in the evening. After reading your letter to the day nurses, we discussed it & found ourselves in one mind as to NOT

WITHDRAWING THE MONEY, ON ACCOUNT OF MARRIAGE OR ANYTHING ELSE but leaving it always FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

"This was expressly declared by Nurse M.F., a plain woman much given to grumbling in speech, but known to abound in kindness of heart (one of those who saves *and* helps relations)

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“And it was heartily agreed
to by all -

“The Night Nurses all agreed
to the same recommendation
& had nothing further to ask:
except that a dear illogical
Night Nurse (M.Y.), speaking
with a great effort &
burning blushes, said:
“Surely old Nurses that have
worked already many years
won't have to pay in so
much as us young ones.”

“Miss P. (the First Assistant
Matron) “asks further
whether there will be the
option of INSURING also
for a sum of money at
DEATH AS A PROVISION FOR
those who are DEPENDENT on us”.

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["I will write today to some
of the Hospitals we have
supplied or helped with
Nurses.

“I do feel now quite bound
to this mutual provident bond,
& I earnestly hope the dear
Nurses will remain on the
spirit they have shown.
None of them being pledged
to the scheme, it is very
possible we may have
some disappointment when
it comes to action; but some
will be very stanch, I know.”]

“One of our Nurses also asks
whether the fund would
PROVIDE FOR BURIAL.

“[The custom of the INFIRMARY
CERTAINLY is to pay & provide for
the Nurses DURING TEMPORARY ILLNESS
& also ORDINARY CONVALESCENCE]”

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Would you kindly
communicate this to Hy
Bonham Carter, who is,
I rejoice to hear, to attend
the "supper"?

I have the highest hopes
of your success
& will not trouble you
with more at present
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

ff169-70v, 4, Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C. April 30, 1889, re the difficulty in providing a sound basis
for a superannuation fund for nurses

ff171-72v, 139, Sloane Street, S.W., May 2, 1880, re additional difficulties with the Provident Fund

ff173-74v, May 16, 1880, re a draft proposal for the Nurses' League and mention of FN's
disappointment at Lord Ripon's becoming a Roman Catholic

ff175-75v, August 10, 1880, asking for the return of his MS on Book IV of Plato's Republic

signed letter, ff176-77, pencil, black-edged paper

f176

10 South St

Aug 24/80

My dear Mr. Fred

I read your lecture
on Plato with the
greatest possible interest
- seldom anything have
I read with so much.

I hope you do not
think I have forgotten
it. I kept it that
I might make some Extracts
which I have never had
any strength to do, except
a page on the mission
of the newspapers in
national education which

f177

I particularly liked -
Also: do not think I
forgot your hint about
Mr. Hardy, to whom we
are so much obliged.
- I forwarded it at once
to Harry Bonham Carter.

God bless you all:
I am a wretched selfish
old creature -
but still your affecte
Aunt Florence
Many thanks for all:

unsigned, incomplete letter, ff178-80v, pen [8:882-83]

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Mrs. Brown

27/4/81

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Maude (if you
will allow me to call you so)
I come to your kindness to
ask you to give me a
searching character ' of
Mrs. Brown.

If it had not been that
you were her last mistress,
I should not have had
the courage to try her: I, an
incompetent, tho' I hope
careful mistress.

1. You see her *antecedents*
are: 2 places of 5 months
before that 1 " of 6 weeks
before that 6 years with an old
gentleman who is dead
- *no* mistress at all -

f178v

These are such very poor references.

2. Add to this, she was so excessively nervous when with me jumping up from her seat & bursting once, à propos de bottes, out into tears, then begging my pardon for her "nervousness", that indeed I should have suspected - - ? drink.

But it is such an immense thing to me to have a servant from *you*, - who I know will take pains to tell me the truth, & kindly allow for my 'incompetency' which makes me ask

f179

troublesome questions, - that I very much incline to Mrs. Brown, if *you* know her *thoroughly*.

3. She told me that she left you because it was "such very hard work" during your "confinement." This seems a queer assertion. Will she leave me in the same way?
4. She told me that you gave her " 25, everything found" ~~ex~~/including "beer". ~~but~~ "there was beer, but she hardly ever drank it." [This was the *very* thing told me by a cook who was *never* quite sober.] I foolishly did not ask her who kept the "beer" with you. With me it *is* the cook.

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5. She confessed to taking "perquisites", but said she "never asked for them" - (from the tradesmen)
6. She said she was "used to cooking for *Invalids*": but could not think of anything she cooked for them, except "Mutton Cutlets" & "Beef Tea".
7. She said she was "a Brother" - [I always give a seat to each servant wherever she is accustomed to attend: but am not fond of "Brothers": & don't want my poor little foolish Derbyshire girl=servant to become a "Brother."]

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It is so difficult to ask you questions when they are "confidential" ones, other than by telling what one's impressions from seeing her were.

do you feel you know her enough to be sure that she is a perfectly *trustworthy upper* servant, in all the senses?

I liked her dress: not much, as I have said, her manner:

the cook has so much in her power, as regards the other servants. How does she *behave to them*? What is her *temper*?

What is her principal FAULT? Everybody has faults.

Is she punctual? She came long *before* the time appointed: a very inconvenient time.

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Is she a good cook for
an *Invalid*, that is, in
making *tender* little dishes
of meat, so as to be able
to cut it with a fork &
not with a knife -

delicate, *not* sauce-y,
little dishes of fish fillets.

minced, quenelle & warmed
up dishes,

rather, common things, done
exceedingly well, than
“made” dishes -

She could not tell me
any Invalid’s dish.

[I told her that I had only
one thing at a meal, so
that if it was not good, I
had nothing.]

Forgive me, dear Maude,

ff181-82, May 8, 1881, acknowledging FN’s willingness to contribute to the Journal and enclosing the Balance Sheet for the “societies”; women are now to be admitted as representatives at the annual trades’ congress

Add Mss 68882 unsigned letter, ff183-87v, pen & pencil [15:534-36]

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British Army Leading Article

~~40, South Street, {printed address:}~~

~~Park Lane. W.~~

Sept. 6 1881

6 a.m.

My dear Mr. Fred

I think that this is most excellent as a Leading Article & as such I do not think that ~~you~~/it could go any further. The end is capital.

People do not at all estimate the force of your point that in our possessions "abroad" the English standing army is *always* in an "emergency" - in that "emergency" which calls out our Reserve at home.

I have often wished that some one would, *not* too professionally, write something more than a Leading Article.

f183v

on these points -

dwelling perhaps particularly on India.

1. you know that in our Indian Army Sanitary Comm: we have especially worked out the point of the destruction it is to these very young soldiers to be sent to India [I *think* we found 23 to be the earliest proper age - but we are not now insisting on details.]
2. Maiwand, one is told by Officers & alas! by the German Militär Wöchenblatt, was a yet more disastrous illustration than S. Africa of all that is imperfect in our British Army, including the

Add Mss 41977D

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unprofessional character of

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our officers - & the terrible
~~chaos~~ results of seniority.
The man in command had
never been anything but a
carpet knight in his life.

It was yet more disastrous,
because the old soldiers fought
like heroes.

3. The whole question of age
both in the Civil & Military
Service for India is
now rising to the surface -
& must be settled.

[I showed Sir H. a letter
I had been advised & compelled to write
to the I.O. about the young
Civil Servants in training at Oxford
- age too young - *two* years
quite too short to teach them
what they must know -
for India.]

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4. The present necessity
for British Officers, especially
Company Officers, becoming
professional as they are in
every other Army but ours,
& not leaving every thing to
Colonel & Adjutant -
this *everywhere* in British
possessions but especially
in India -
the Captain to teach himself
Musketry
Military Geography
Military History
the art of throwing up small
defence works & entrenching -
- (plain Fortifications)
5. ~~the~~ revolution of the
whole practice of Musketry
~~drill~~ Instruction to the
common sense one -
(as practised in Germany -&c)

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6. the absolute necessity of keeping middle aged experienced trustworthy N.C. Officers in the Army [in my day the British N.C. Officer was the most valuable of men: he was a prince of men} - not a boy.] I believe Mr. Childers is awakening to this fact. Without such men an Army is not an Army.
8. the increased necessity especially in India, especially with these short service boys, of making the Regimental School a real Institution, which it is not as long as the Officers never enter it. The Company Officer should enter it everyday. see after it.

f185v

9. the terrible results, especially for these young men/Privatees, especially in India, of the Government keeping canteens, of these youths not being ordered up first to the hills, & encouraged to shoot about - & wander about there & catch butterflies.

These & many more points there are.

f186

You have touched upon
all these points - & quite
as much as could be done
in a Leading Article.

But every one of them
might be extended into an
Lead Article.

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The age of enlistment has
been raised one year, has
it not? - And the term
of short Service extended
one year - this Session?

But there need far greater
reforms than this.

11. As for the Army Hospl Corps,
it is a mere drunken rabble &
worse. They are well paid.
And these boys find
themselves in the possession
of money, without any proper

f186v

N. C. Officers over them, just
at the age when money is
most misspent -This
was notorious in S. Africa.

12.

Two small illustrations I have
been told on almost
unquestionable authority:

- a. N.C. Officers have now to be
chosen merely because
they/se boys can read & write
instead of *fathering* the boys -
- b - Even Artillery Officers at Woolwich
think not of their men
but only of getting up to
London to their Clubs -

13.

We are revolutionizing our Army
- & it is necessary But by
abolishing Purchase - by Short
Service - by greatly altering
the Regimental system, as a {printed address, upside down}
10, South Street, family, as its
Park Lane, W.
Officers' family, possession, as
their *levy*, property, estate.

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But we do not see the
results of all this: & that
one of them is: our
Officers must become
professional especially
the Company Officers -
professional in the sense
that lawyers, tutors,
schoolmasters, even school mistresses & Head Nurses are professional.

They must not lurk behind
the spirit of the age -

Why even we women are
becoming professional -
thank God for it -
it is what I live for.

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N.B. the misery of the wives
& children when our Reserve
was called out was untold
This detail must be settled if
the Reserve becomes an Institution
We are mocking old Roman

f187v Institutions without differentiating the difference. **[end 15:536]**

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ff189-90v, Claydon House, April 30, 1881, re family news, especially how a cat has settled in

signed letter, ff191-91v, pencil

f191

Lea Hurst
Cromford Derby
Oct. 3/81

My dear Mr. Fred

Many thanks for your
most kind note.

I am very glad to think
of Maude again with her
children: [to her my great
love, please.] You know
that I think Ralph, little man,
requires 'intellectual' society

Will you not take this place [see]
on your road from
Pleasley to Rhianva?

It will be very dull:
~~but~~ Aunt Florence would
gladly see you for an hour.

There *is* a bed: & the

f191v

Butler = Valet = Coachman =
Relieving Officer, aged 14,
of this Genteel Establishment
will gladly take care of you.

I wish I could be sure
that the Shore Smiths witt/ould
be here.

Mr. Jowett was here for
a few days: & I talked to
him of Mr. Stubbs -

ever your affte
Aunt Florence

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signed letter, f193, pencil

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Lea Hurst

Cromford: Derby

Oct. 6/81

My dear 'Capt. of Cavalry' Mr. Fred

I am very glad that you
are coming tomorrow. I hope to hear
by morning's post *at what*
hour. that I may send
for you at Whatstandwell
or Cromford Station.

There is no fly to be had
at either Station.

ever yours

F. Nightingale

initialled letter, ff194-95v, pencil

f194

8/10.81,

My dear Mr. Fred

Give me the benefit
of your help.

E. Brooks is a poor
girl from a bad family
at Crich whom I took,
all but naked, 5 years ago
& provided for in various
ways. but inveterate
habits of lying & unstead:
=iness & a sort of malignant
way of currying favour with
one servant & setting her
against any other servant
who had offended her, E.B.,
& various other faults -
made me feel it would be

f194v

better for her if I could
find her another place.

[Also, I found that she
thought whatever she
did I should always
provide for her]

With the greatest difficulty

I found her a good
place with this Mrs.

Whitfield - And, having
been kept 'au courant'

by Mrs. W., I believe that
in this County Court suit

matter, Mrs. W. is the
victim & not E.B.

Altogether it is a bad job -

f195

[You will say: & / feel:

"in 5 years could you
do nothing better for this
girl?"]

Tell me what I should do: -

should I *not* answer at
all? Should I write

something like the enclosed?

could you give me
another word for "not
dishonest" - I mean
not stealing -

I am so very glad to
have your advice -

I fancy that Mr.

Chambers (who is for aught

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I know, a pettifogging
attorney) has found out
the case will not hold
& wants to bring me into
it

My great misery is
what will become of
this girl without a
character? She is
unsteady enough already

Yrs

F.N.

8/10/81

initialled letter, ff196-97, pencil

f196

E. Brooks 8/10/81

My dear Mr. Fred

E. Brooks "never was
admitted into Mrs. Whitfield's
service" - It was a series
of blunders (on Mrs. W.'s
part as well.) *She*, E.B.
wrote from home after
an interval breaking her
agreement to enter Mrs.
W.'s service - In the
mean time, Mrs. W. sent
her 1

which she had asked for (the letters
crossed) which E. B.
chose to take as re=
engaging her. [her real

f196v

reason being, it was understood, that she tried to get *another* place & *failed*.]

She arrived at Hastings at night without warning: & Mrs. W. had engaged another servant, but offered to put her into the Servants' Home till she Mrs. W. could part with the pro-tem servant.

E.B. refused, & was, Mrs. W. says, abusive - went straight *with the*

f197

Cabman to an Attorney & has been staying since at the Cabman's - (about 3 or 4 weeks)!!! after making Mrs. W. pay her fare to *London*. (where I am thankful she did *not* go) & threatening Mrs. W. with proceedings

It is a long story but this is the outline.

Does this modify your view?

F.N.

You *may* not find Dr. Webb at home.

signed letter, ff198-200, pencil

f198

10/10/81

My dear Mr. Fred

I hope Dr. Webb gave
you a good account of
yourself yesterday?

What time will you have
the Waggonette for Maude
to-day?

Do you approve of this
arrangement for yourselves?

[Please go over the rooms
with Fanny & tell me.]

Nursery Bed-room & Nursery
for 2 chicks & their
Nurses - a sofa made

f198v

up as a bed for
Gwendolen (I cannot find,
alas! a Crib) to be by
the Nurse's bed -
the Nurse-maid to sleep
either in the Nursery
or a small room
opposite which
Fanny will show you -
I am going to put up
another Iron bed stead
side by side with
yours at 10 this
morning - for Maude

f199

I propose that you
should have the Study
for your dressing-room -
& the Study & Garden
Hall for you & Maude
& 'Strad' -

[I will put more
furniture into these
rooms which were
my Father's - & I can
make them pretty comfortable:]

I deplore the fact
that the room you
are now in is so small
for two -

f199v

Would you think it
better till the chicks
come for you & Maude
to have the Nursery
bedroom?

[The large bed is a good bed,
recently had by myself
from Maple's]

I wish I could give
you better rooms &
not change you about

~~There~~ is one other
plan, viz. that you
should have the whole
Nursery floor for

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yourselves. [Fanny will
show you the "Long"
Room with 2 beds]
for the children]
& ~~you~~ the Study for
your dressing-room -
But I don't think
this will be so
comfortable for Maude
as the other -
I have not yet heard
about Shore's man servant.
ever yrs affly
Aunt Florence

ff201-02v, October 11, 1881, re FV's plan to see Mr. Wildgoose and enclosing a paper about coal dust

unsigned note, f203, pencil

f203 {archivist: 11 Oct 1881}

Dear Maude

I think it was very rude
& bad manners of Aunt
Florence not to furnish
Ralph's drawing-room Table
with the "Periodicals of the
day".

Will this do?

11/10/81

Mrs F. Verney

signed letter, ff204-05, pencil

f204

11/10/81

My dear Mr. Fred

I hope Maude is well
& that you have good tidings
of the chicks.

How I wish that you
would, if agreeable to you
call upon Mr. Wildgoose,
the Manager of Lea Mills,
(at the "Poplars", not 5 min:
from here) & perhaps go
over the Mills with him.

As for the 1/6 Portorage,
I am ashamed to say I have
always paid it. You, village

f204v

Hampden, are quite right.

But, I am sure I should
not fight it after you were
gone. I have so many fights

I should question if any
one in Holloway had
Telegrams, except Mr. Wildgoose,
Mr. Yeomans, (from me in
London which of course I pay)
& I - & Mr. Sims

Would you mind delaying
the fight till Shore comes,
or till you could see Mr.
Wildgoose & Mr. Yeomans
& learn what they do?

f205

with best love to Maude

ever yrs affly

At Florence

Would you like the

Shandrydan to have
a drive to day?

Thanks for the Stamps

wh I am sure I

ought not to accept.

Add Mss 68883, 294 folios, 92 pages, microfilm, correspondence with Frederck and Maude Verney
Part 2 1881-86, Adam Matthew reel 39

signed letter, ff1-1v, pencil

f1

12/10/81

My dear Mr. Fred

I think this note is very
neat & appropriate. As you
are so good as to ask me,
I think, if I were writing,
I should leave out the
word "flagrant" in the last
line but one. I think
it reads almost stronger
without it.

Thank you 1000 times for the
pens. A good pen is the
Summum Bonum of my life
- I shall try them & then
ask you for the address -
Claydon has kept us

f1v

most magnificently in game -
And we are indeed thankful.

Ralph brought a pheasant
yesterday - & Baby a pheasant
And Nurse a hare - This
was an unlooked for generosity

I hope to see you this
evening before dinner -
yrs affly

At Florence

initialled letter, ff2-2v, pencil

f2

13/10/81

My dear Mr. Fred

I have read this
Report with the deepest
interest -

How many hitherto
unaccountable explosions
it must account for !

[Abab we used to have
a great deal to do with
at the W.O. & particularly
with his father who, poor
man, destroyed himself-]

I should have liked a
copy -

Do you suppose it possible

f2v

that in neglected basements
in London where a
gas escape produces an
explosion, the dusty state
(including even coal-dust)
of the premises, may have
anything to do with it?

F.N.

signed letter, f3, pencil

f3

13/10/81

Dear Mr. Fred

I am so sorry about
Maudie's tooth ache -

There is a first rate
Dentist at Derby who
'removes' with Gas -

[Derbyshire people come
from London to go to him!]

Is it quite wise for her
to go down *'the pit'* at all?

Thanks very many for
Institute news -

I am sending down Mr.
Hey's paper -

Aunt Florence

14 October 1881 f4

signed letter, ff4-5v, pencil

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14/10/81

I am so sorry

The Dentist's name is *Murphy*.

But I should like to have
telegraphed to him.

He is so much in request
that he goes to other places.

I think however that
Friday is Derby *Market*
day: in that case he is
sure to be there -

Will you take the risk?
Or shall I send down to
Cromford & telegraph?
And will you not put
off the fête to-night?

f5

Will it not be too
much for Maude,
(to whom my best of loves)?
Shall I send up to
Yeoman's to know if
this is Derby Market day
&c &c?
At Florence

f5v

Mr. F. Verney

signed note, f6-6v, pencil {archivist; [14 Oct 1881]}

Dear Fred It *is* Derby
Market - day to-day, I
find. Murphy will be there.
I am afraid it will rain again
Will you not have Young's
Shandrydan -
& to meet you in the
afternoon?
Will you have some
food with you, ~~illeg~~ what?
It is no use telling you
how sorry I am.
At F.

f6v

a verbal answer
Mr. F. Verney

ff8-9, October 14, from FV, re Maude's visit to the dentist

ff10-10v, {archivist: October 1881}, re personal news of the children and their visit to FN

signed note, ff11-12v, pencil

f11

15/10/81

My dear Mr. Fred

1. how is Maude? in
the very first place?
and 1001 best blessings
on you for the entertainmt

I *should* like to see the
Programme of what you &
she did.

2. *Must* I order you
Shandrydan for to be at
Whatst: at 12.10?

3. Did Shore give
orders about removing
the fallen tree by this
morning?

4. I shall trust to

f11v

see Maude before you
start.

5.

The next question is about
the chicks' Railway
journey without you:
if you will give me
exact orders, I will
send an astute female
to help the Nurse with
the children and
Here I received yr note

f12

Dear Mr. Fred
I had got so far when
I received your welcome
note -

I assure you the *only*
thing you *can* do for
the relief of Aunt
Florence's mind is
what you propose:
viz. return here on
Tuesday. And I bargain
that you come in time
to see her, At. F.

f12v

6. *This* will wait -
- I wanted you to explain
to me about the
Undergraduates' (Cambridge
or Oxford)
Course of Ethics: what
are the books read?
What the effect on the
Undergrad: mind? &c
&c
ever yours
& Maude's
Aunt F.

ff13-14v, Station Hotel, York, October 16, 1881, re Maude's recovery and the illness of Mrs. Monk

ff15-16v, October 18, 1881, re visits made by FV and Maude

ff17-18, October 19, 1881, re family news

unsigned letter, ff19-20v, pencil [8:883-84]

f19

Lea Hurst

Oct 19. 1881

My dear Maude

God speed you both & the
chicks.

Give me a post card
from Rhianva to say that
you are alive & well.

You were so good as to
offer to show me the Stradivarius
And if I might hear the
mistress of the Stradivarius
draw from it a little Mozart
or Beethoven - & then
"Home, sweet Home," that
would be indeed a pleasure.
You will smile, but there
is perhaps nothing in the

f19v

world I should like so

much to have heard
as you leading 'Home, sweet
Home' &c & the people
singing -

I heard last night an
ecstatic account of your
performances & the Entertained from Mr
Haywood, the Schoolmaster,
by no means an ecstatic
person.

Thank you a thousand times
for it & again 1000 times

To Maude

Does Mervyn look in that
spiritual manner?

Some day perhaps you will

f20

tell me exactly how you
feed him - with *what*
biscuits? qy sopped in
milk?

To Mr. Fred

The County Court suit for
that girl, E. Brooks, has
been decided

1 month wages (only)	1. 3. 6
Rec'd from Mrs. Whitfield	<u>2</u>
Court	3. 3. 6
Paid Solicitor's & fees	<u>1. 19. 6</u>
barely paid, she	1. 4. 0

says, her journey home

What will become of her?

f20v

To Mr. Fred-

If you have a moment to
spare, please tell me what
you thought about reading
Ethics at Oxford -

- the books read:

- the effect on the mind

of the Undergraduates &c

I have seen Ralph &
baby. I hope baby has
not a little cold.

They excited so much
interest at the Sunday
School singing on Sunday
that the boys could not
sing, but kept looking up at
Ralph. God save them both:
(as we say, without thinking, of the Queen)

ff21-24v, Rhianva, Bangor, October 23, 1881, re the uses of philosophical studies

signed letter, ff25-27, pencil

f25

Lea Hurst
Cromford: Derby.
Oct 28 1881

My dear Mr. Fred

Thank you very much
for your Aristotelian letter,
in which you have put
much better what I
have felt the greater
part of my life, & what
I hope to have some talk
with Your Excellency
some day about -

For the moment I must
descend from Ethics to a
vulgar subject. But
what a pity that we cannot

f25v

put Ethics, as we might,
into vulgar subjects.
Anent Mr. Young's Bill,
if you do that 9/, you will
compel me to keep a
carriage - And who is
to manage the coachman
who is to manage the horses?
Besides they will always
want shoeing just as I
am sending down for an
elderly or sick friend, &
no time to order a fly -
Now, Mr. Young manages
me - And his horses never
want shoeing - As he says:
in answer to kind enquiries,

f26

'My 3 horses are quite
 well, but I've got the
 Rheumatismcs'.
 So if you are not too fine
 to ride in Mr. Young's
 shandrydan, please let
 him be my coachman -
 I send 10/- the extra 1/
 is for Ralphinello, not for
 'goodies', horrid thought -
 but for mud=pies, a little
 spade, or any thing that
 has to do with *out of doors*
 dirt ~~which so~~ delighting
 the youthful mind &
 embrowning the youthful
 hands & cheek -

f26v

to whom, Ralphinello, ~~the~~ Aunt
 F's best love, & also to Gwendolen
 And especially to Maude
 & very many thanks for her
 dear little notes. It was
 a great relief to my anxious
 mind that she arrived
 alive - And I ought
 rather to ask her to
 forgive, (and but I know she does)
 the discomforts of this
 half monté house
 And I hope to *hear* the
 Stradivarius & its mistress
 some day -
 And does Mervyn have his
 Albert biscuits *soaked* in

f27

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his milk?

And I wish I had time
or strength to write about
more worthy subjects than
"shandrydans" at present.

but am always & ever
yours & Maude's affecte

Aunt Florence

if you will have such a
poor old Aunt

with love to all the
dear people at Rhianva
& thanks for the Harrison book
very interesting

signed note, f28, pencil

f28

Lea Hurst

28/10/81

In my letter (in the Registered
envelope) I forgot to say:

you left here a beautiful
piece of fernery from
the depths of the
Pleasley pit-

Shall I *bring* it to you in
London? It will not
travel safely in the

Reg. Env - Meanwhile
I keep it as a memento
that Maude came safe
"out of the pit"

Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff29-31, pen

f29

What the Health Missioner is to be
paid: how Supervised &c &c

Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks. 5 Nov/81
7 a.m.

My dear Fred

I have consulted with **[6:584]**
Margaret.

1. The Health Missioner must
certainly be paid, otherwise
it will be mere amateur
work. She should be
paid certainly not less
than the other ladies
who would be teaching
cookery & other subjects.

2. She should be under the
Medical Officer of Health
for supervision - but
sent by the County Council.
For she might be serving

f29v

under more than one
Medical Officer of Health

[But I strongly feel that
IN TIME TO COME (as it
is absolutely impossible
for the M. O. of Health
to supervise the minutiae
which this women is there
on purpose to carry out)
perhaps a Lady Supt.
more perfectly experienced
than herself will be
required to look supervise
- But say nothing about
that at present]

The Village Committee
or whatever you call it
which you have so wisely

f30

instituted will no doubt
look sharply after her
in *some* respects. But
as the supervisor ought to
know more than the
supervised, *real* supervision
of domestic sanitation
cannot be exercised by
them, any more than the
Governors can really
supervise the Nurses in
a Hospital.

3 "How she is to be fitted
into the system." Will
not the same machinery
that works the cooking
& other classes do for this?

Those districts who ask

f30v

for "Nursing", by which
we understand they
mean Health in Home,
will have the Health
Missioner.

A lady must go from
house to house, as we
understand has actually
been done in ~~an~~/your other
case & announce time
& place of class to the
poor rural mothers &c/women

4. But what Margt and I
both most strongly feel
is that, in a perfectly
untried scheme (perfectly
untried except by failure
- that of the Nat. Health ladies
from London) we must find

f31

-2-

out what local material
there is ~~befo~~ for to
make Health Missioners
out of before we go
abroad, & invite them
from Liverpool & London.
We must consult Dr.
De'ath too
ever your affte
Aunt Florence

f31v, notation, I.E. Miss N. Health Missioners Organization

ff32-33v, Claydon House, Bucks, October 11, 1882 explaining why they have not been able to pay a visit to Lea Hurst

ff34-35v, 4 South Street, Park Lane, W., December 9, 1882 re Sir HV's state of health

signed note, ff36-37, pencil

f36

10 South St.
12/18/82
Thank God that dear,
dearest Margaret is
coming to-day!
It was more than
I had dared to hope -
How loving & noble
of her! & to leave
Ellin!!

The night last night
was rather worse than

f36v

better -
If there was any hurry
or ruffling of the
Patient before the
Subcutaneous, it
would account for it -
- I do not know that
there was - but it
is difficult to avoid,
without Hospital
discipline, *or* a lady's
supervision.

f37

Thank you all:
ever yrs gratefully
F. Nightingale
I was quite in real despair
when I heard of the
bad night till the
news that Margaret
was coming.

ff38, 139 Sloane Street, February 6, 1883, re a win at Nottingham and a reminder of a note to be written

ff39-40, Travellers' Club, Pall Mall, S.W., March 18, 1883, re FV's willingness to read a paper of FN's and to take greetings from FN to the Hague

ff41-41v, March 23, 1883, re FV's travel plans

ff42-43v, 139 Sloane Street, London, S.W., April 23, 1883, re lodging arrangements for Sir HV and a suggestion that Stubbs read FN's paper

ff44-44v, The Siamese Legation, 14, Ashburn Place, London, S.W., April 7, 1883, re a chest of drawers for papers

ff45-46v, 139 Sloane Street, London, S. W., June 1, 1883, re his reading of FN's paper

ff47-47v, June 9, 1883, from Maude Verney, re some papers FN wanted and offering to take anything to Claydon

signed note, ff48-50v, pencil

f48

10 South St
June 10/83

My dear Maude

How very good you are
to me! I was so sorry
not to be able to go to
the window yesterday &
look at the little people
in their panniers -

I will send down to you a
very small parcel of books
(returned) for Claydon
to:tomorrow, according to your
very kind desire - Do not
trouble to call

2 Please, in thanking Margt
tell her that "la reconnaissance"

f48v

"n'est qu'un vif sentiment
"des bienfaits futurs" - &
that I trust she will write
to me again about my Sister.
Could you & she ascertain
when it will be best
to fix the day for our
Probationers to go to
Claydon? You know they
were first most kindly
asked for "early in June" -
- then for "late in June" -
Miss Crossland *must* go
on her much needed
holiday not later, I believe,
than July 1 - We have

f50

no one but her to bring
the Probationers - Probably
Sir Harry's time & my sister's
may exactly fit in with
Miss Crossland's - As Sir
Harry *will* kindly run about
with the Probrs, I hope
his shin will be well
first -

3. I trust he is not
using my "Calendula"
without constant supervision
from Dr. Denton -
No doubt Margt sees to
this - She is like an
angel from heaven - healing
our wounds - setting the captive
free - bringing the year of the Lord

f50v

4. Please do not let me
bother you - there is
still an instalment of my
Indian paper - the *last*
part - not come - *Please*
do not hunt for it. But
if it *should* fall under your
hand, let it be put out for
my Messenger, who will
call with the books about
12 tomorrow -

Thank you, thank you: &
Forgive me. Success to
all you love - I was going
to say - but that would
not include one very dear
(yourself) to Aunt Florence
I hope Ellin is better.

signed note, ff51-51v, pencil

f51

June 11/83

My very dear Maude

I troubled you yesterday with a wish that the day for the party to Claydon of the Probationers might be settled so that it might annoy as little as possible its kind inviters & hosts.

Miss Crossland does not go way before *Monday July 9*: so if any day of the *first week in July* would suit Sir

f51v

Harry & my sister better (who asked them for June) there seems nothing to hinder it.

Success to you all, all you dear ones -

I heard from Sir Harry this morning.

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

signed note, ff52-52, pencil

f52

Aug 7/83

My dear Maude

Are you pretty well &
strong now? I hope so -

I am rather in trouble
about fixing my movements
with regard to my going to
Claydon - not in reference
only to my Sister but
also to dear Margaret's
convenience & movements -

Could you kindly tell
me first *what day*
Capt. George Verney's party

f52v

leaves Claydon? [I cannot
learn this from Sir Harry}

If you are going out *at all*
events & could see me
for a few minutes *today*
at 4 or 5 or at 6,
should be very glad -
but *not* unless you are
coming (permiscuous) in
this direction -

If you are not, may I
write to you?

f53

Aunt Florence's

Love to Mr. Fred
who I believe is returned
ever yours
dear Maude
F. Nightingale

signed note, ff54-55, pencil

f54

10 South St
Aug 10/83

My dear Maude

Dr. Acland was here
yesterday. He is in England
for one day on purpose,
among other things, to see
my Sister - I telegraphed
to Claydon - Dr. Acland
will go down to Claydon
to day (Friday) at one
to stay till *five* o'clock -
Would it be possible
for you to be there?
I think with joy of your

f54v

going. [I do not
think it is much use his
giving directions unless
there is some one who
will remember accurately
what he says, as you do]
But I do not know by
whether you go early
in the afternoon.
I hope you are pretty well
& not over hurried.
Sir Harry's anxiety must
be great for he not
only writes to me twice a
day but telegraphs

f55

I telegraphed to Dr.
Denton to meet Dr. Acland
[I hope they at Claydon
will not take this amiss].
Both the Nurses are new: a Nurse
Boomfield from Oxford instead of
Nurse Dare - I am afraid my Sister
may refuse to see Dr. Acland.

Would you be so very
good as to take the
Review enclosed to Sir
Harry? my sister?

God bless you both,
dear Maude. I am so
very sorry Mr. Fred loses
his Prince -

ever your loving
Aunt Florence

signed note, f55, pencil

[8:884]

f56

Aug 15/83

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude: just starting for Claydon,
-What a Godsend you have been
at Claydon. I hope you are not the
worse.

Would you be so very good as to
tell me what you think of each
respective Nurse at Claydon:
any hints I am to observe about them:
& what hours on duty each Nurse is,
I mean whether day or night.

I wish I could save you the trouble
of writing this: God bless you:
ever your affecte Aunt Florence

signed note, ff57-58, pencil

f57 {archivist: 27 Sept. 1883}

My best love to Maude &
little God-daughter - & Margt
and best, best wishes for
your Dutch journey & all
your Siam reforms.

I cannot express my
thanks for what you did
for me last night, nor my
Sorrow that it should have
been at such an inopportune
time for you.

How is your cough?
& I hope you are none the

f57v

worse.

I send last page
of Proof, apparently left
~~out by mistake~~ dropped
off the pin

God bless you all.
ever affly

Aunt Florence

Sept 22 83

7 am

f58

Since I wrote this,
I have your kind packet.

This is the missing
Sheet.

F.N.

ff59-60v, 139, Sloane Street, London, S.W. September 29, 1883, from FV re his return and Maude's recovery and a speech he will make

ff61-62v, 4 South St, October 22, 1883, from MV re some stockings for Parthe and a photographer

ff63-64v, November 12, 1883, re Fitzjames Stephen's Indian letter to the Times

ff65-66, November 28, 1883, from FV re a book called "the Expansion of England" and his wish to discuss laissez faire & laissez défaire with FN

ff67-68v, December 4, 1883, re FV's wish to have the Queen invite a Siamese prince to dinner

signed letter, ff69-70, pencil

f69

Dec 5/83

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred I feel almost
as anxious as you that Prince
Prisdang should have what is so
right.- a dinner with the Queen.
I wish I could help you. but
I hardly know how.

Lady Biddulph, the widow of
Sir ? Thomas Biddulph (she lives in
Henry the VII's tower at
Windsor) is, I believe, the person
who fills most nearly "the
"place of Lady Augusta Stanley
"with the Queen" - but with
a difference -

Sir Henry Ponsonby is undoubtedly
"the right person" to ask - but I am
afraid you will think him "too official"

f69v

When is Prince Prisdang leaving?
[- To my sorrow -] How much
you have done for him!
And how I hope that you may
be the means of doing great
things for Siam -

How vulgar, rude & brutal
is the tone of the Times about
Lord Ripon's policy - Yes, I
could never have thought that
Sir B. Frere would have
written such a letter.

God bless you
ever yours affly
Aunt Florence

f70

I want so much to see you
as you kindly propose - & dear
Maude & hear about some
important operations of my
God=daughter's - And I have
so much to hear from you -

I hope to compass it soon.
But I am pretty bad - And
now is come the flood of work
for the Offices which I am
unable to do - I am at my wits' end.

My poor Fanny at her own
eager desire & by Doctor's orders
went to St. Thomas' Hospital
on Monday - & ~~the~~ on Tuesday
wanted to come out - And the
Senior Physician came to tell me
so last night.

signed letter, ff71-72, pencil

f71

9/12/83

My dear Mr. Fred I feel
almost as anxious as you
do that any such
recognition as that of
dining with the Queen
should be given to Prince
Prisdang. I did write
[there has not yet been
time for an answer]
but am quite uncertain
as to the result.

I am so little knowledge=
=able that I do not know
whether you had better
employ any other (better)

f71v

agency at once - it is
always well to have two
strings to one's bow - &
could do no harm -
or wait for my answer -

When does Pr. Prisdang
leave?

You see the Q goes to
Osborne in a week or ten
days

ever yours

Aunt Florence

f72

I am so pressed this
ante-Christmas time
when all the Offices are
getting up their work
& people are going back
to India

But I should like "our"
engagement to come off
If you are at home about 6,
would you look in for half
an hour? But don't come
home on purpose - I might
not be able to see you

F.N.

signed letter, ff73-74, pencil

f73

11/12/83

My dear Mr. Fred

I have failed miserably in getting Pr. Prisdang a 'command' to dine - I am so very sorry.

"The readiest way," I am told, is "for Sir Harry Verney, "as his host, to ask Lord "Granville to bring it about," as if you could not have thought of that for yourself, if it had been desirable!!

f73v

I am reminded that the "approaching anniversary of the Prince Consort's death makes this a bad time" -

& your letter is returned to me as being "very interesting", which indeed it is.

I am afraid I can do no more. How gladly would I have done it you well know-

I know how very difficult it is for any one now to

f74

persuade or bring about these things -

I hope you were not hurried or wet last night on your Eastern expedition.

ever yr aff
Aunt Florence

signed note, f75, pencil

[8:884]

21/12/83

Thanks very much dear

Maude

I think about 25 or 20

Xmas cards would
satisfy my rapacious maw,
(IF you are getting some
for yourself -)

I have a good many
already - but they are
always the same things -
a trailing flower & a
text - not always well chosen
especially *not* for children - who like
faces & ever yours gratefully
scenes Aunt Florence

signed note, ff76-77, pencil

[8:884]

f76

Dec 22/83

PRAY, my very dear Maude,
don't trouble about the Xmas
cards for me, unless you are
getting them for yourself. I
will never give another Xmas
card again, if you do -
You are so very busy -
Mervyn says you must not.

Last night, when your
kind message came, the
Chairman of the great St.
Marylebone Infy (which
we nurse) was settling

f76v

with me the details of
the building & the Regulations
for a new School for
Probationers which we
are going to help in having
there -

*And I did not know
what I wrote to you.*

It is wonderful, it is
extraordinary that after
20 years that trained
Nursing has become almost
a fashion, the difficulty of

f77

getting Nurses for Workhouse

Infirmaries whom you
can *bear* about a Patient
unless you train them
yourselves is almost
as great as ever

with love to chicks
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

initialled note, f78, pencil

f78

-3- {archivist:[?22 Dec 1883]}

Please tell me if Capt Verney
is not now, as I hope & trust,
pursuing his canvass from
his father's house - & if
Margt is not coming back
to Claydon -

F.N.

If you come on Sunday,
will it be at 5
or at 6? And, please,
I am afraid I must say
that I have *no* strength now
to go on longer than 7.30,
however willing.

signed letter, ff81-81, pen

f81

10 S. St. April 27/84

Thank you, thank you very
much, my dear Mr. Fred
There is scarcely any thing
in this world that I
should like better than
to attend your Buddhist
conference, so valuable
& so important with
its knowledge from the
source -

But alas! how is it to be
done? I am ordered
never to be in company
except with all the
precautions you see when

f81v

you are kind enough to
visit me. You will say
that I break these now every
day of my life - Yes; but
with the effect of entirely
destroying my power of
work - All the same,
I would have come, had
it been only possible,
to enjoy your Symposium.
You will gather for me
what books there are
to read for "my Sam".
And you will tell me
all about it.

f82

in haste
not to keep you
Ever your affte
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff83-84, pencil

f83

Aug 15/84

My dear Mr. Fred

Please to give me those
valuable hints for the letter
to be written to the Committee
- v. the impending conversation -

We both of us know how
entirely a Constitution, supposing
one to exist, may be over
ridden by "*Instructions*"
- how the way in which
"Regulations" are carried out wholly
depends on the "Instructions"
-[many years of my life were
spent in writing, inter alia,
"Regulations" & "Instructions" ordered for
the War Office & India Office.

f83v

Sanitary & Administrative Departments

- & this truth has been burnt
home to me]

I think all Girton Constitutions, if
they exist, have been
superseded by verbal
Instructions given by a
person of the Committee
supposed to be paramount,
in this case which interests
us both -

The more I think over my
3 years' experience, the more
I believe that the tradition
which has existed since
Gn existed, altho' Gn is young,
has over ridden everything
else. And the more I feel

f84

our friend's position -

Please help us as you
have done - I am so helpless.

I was sorry to interrupt
the music last night
but this is so important -

~~And I have so illeg~~

[I am glad I did not
remember the music.]

But I am *more* sorry
that you are going to -day.

I quite understood that
you were staying till Saturday

I wanted to ~~talk to~~/hear you
about many important things
specially Buddhism

God bless you
your affecte helpless Aunt Florence

signed note, ff85-85v, pen

[8:885]

f85

Aug 16/84

Dearest Maude I trust

that you slept & are not *very*
tired. *You* did all the work
- all our work & made the
Nurses so happy - Our very
best love & God's blessings
on you -

You have to command the
Light Cavalry to-day - & the
Heavier, in the person of my
distinguished God-daughter -
You & they will be so missed
here where every face is
wreathed with smiles as they

f85v

go by the carriage -
Gwendolyne behind with 22
able-bodied females to keep/required to
maintain order in the House
(i.e. the Dickey) - & Ralph
in front: 'Mr. North, will the
horses stop while I ask
Granma whether we may
all have whips?'

You will think of Mrs. Green -
& pray that the thing may
come to good - It is so
important -

God bless you dearest Maude
ever your loving old
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff86-87v, pencil

f86

4/9/84

Dear Mr. Fred

You were once good
enough to help me with
writing a difficult (servant's)
character -

May I ask you to
help me now?

I am wavering between
the fears of giving a too
good & a too bad
character.

Ellen Merritt is
unfit for any *charge* - &
unfit for Mrs. Custance's

f86v

place where the
servants are on board
wages all the year round
- Col & Mrs. Custance are
absent half the year: &
no supervision -
She let a woman
sleep in my house over my head without
my knowledge - she has
been unsatisfactory in
almost every way except dishonesty of her
charge.

And yet I think her
more weak than ~~bad~~/sinning -
She is a religious woman -
I would have kept her
myself

f87

but I cannot/ with difficulty recommend
her - I received
an unsatisfactory character
with her. But it
is *for her own sake* that
I dread Mrs. Custance's
place for her.

It would be easier for
me to let her go to it.

Would you be so very
good as to criticize?

But you know I have
far more important

f87v

things to ask you about
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale
Excuse my troubling you.

ff88-90, October 6, 1884, discussing whether one can judge England or America by its fictional depiction

ff91-92v, The Siamese Legation, 14, Ashburn Place, London, S.W., October 24, 1884 re FV's return from Germany and a verse about Lord Lucan and Nursing

ff93-94v, October 24, 1884, re FV's diet

signed note, ff95-96v, pen and pencil

f95

Nov 21/84

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

The majority is always in the
wrong.

A minority is always in the
right.

Perhaps not exactly true: but *this*
is true; Every right begins
by being in a minority - perhaps
by being in a minority of one -
How are such minorities
not to be quashed?

f95v

The fault of all Redistribution
schemes is that it/they considers
only "Seats", not members.
only quantity (numbers) not
quality. Yet *numbers* MUST
be represented.

Your "self-adjusting Candle"
shines clearer than the other
lights. But is it not probable
that the "seat" transferred to the

f96

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new Borough will not be
occupied by a better man
possibly by a worse, than that
"seat" disfranchised?

Any "Redistribution" will,
however, it is to be feared,
eliminate ~~many~~/ some valuable
members from the Ho: of C.

Is it not a mistake to rest "Seats"
solely on numbers - 20,000 children
do not make one man: nor 10,000
'roughs' one Patriot - but the contrary

f96v

You know that I have always
avoided (glittering) politics &
faithfully served administration
My political opinion is not
worth a straw - You have
doubtless consulted better men.

But no one has a warmer
wish for your success than,
my dear Mr. Fred, your affte
10, South Street, {printed address: upside down}
Park Lane. W.
F. Nightingale

signed letter, ff97-98, pencil **[8:885]**

f97

10 South St
Dec 9/84

My dear Maude

I wanted to have
caught you before you left
South St, not only to have
the great pleasure of seeing
you but to ask you
what I should do about
giving leave to have my poor
"private" letter to Lady Stanley
about Mrs. Green's
candidature printed.

Mr. Fred knows pretty
well what was in it. Indeed

f97v

it was concocted by him
& me - And I dare say
you do -

I cannot of course remember
the letter exactly -

What shall I do?

With a kiss to the childer 3,
& especially to my
distinguished God-daughter,
& kind regards to Miss
Shalders

ever your loving old
Aunt Florence

f98

I have just had a
message thro' Mr. Gardener
from Mr. Green that
'all her difficulties with
'Mr. Freeman are settled'
'(overcome)' - Does this
include the possession of the
letters? I thank God.
F.N.

signed letter, ff99-100v, pencil

f99

PRIVATE 10 South St
Dec 21/84

My dear Mr. Fred
May I ask your advice?

My quasi-nephew, Arthur
Clough, is a candidate for an
Examinership at the Privy
Council, (which post his
father occupied)

There is only one rival
candidate, a Mr. Lockhart:
but Mr. Lockhart is an
unusually good candidate
& has higher claims on 2
grounds

Arthur Clough's claims rest

f99v

on his father's name & on
his being undoubtedly
competent for the post
And Mr. Cumin would be
very glad to have him
[Till yesterday we thought
he was secure]

I am asked to write to
Lord Carlingford about
him - & also to Mr.
Mundella.

There is *no time to be lost*
My ONLY acquaintance with
Lord Carlingford is that of

f100

a beggar - Sir Harry
took my letter - But he/L.C.
did what I asked.

I believe you are all
intimate with *Mr. Mundella*
- I thought of writing a letter
to Sir Harry for him to
forward to Mundella by
to night's post

Should I do the same
for Ld Carlingford -
or write to Ld C
direct?

Any advice - & any hints
how to put the case to

f100v

both Ld C. & Mr. M.
would be most acceptable
to your helpless old &
affect

Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff101-03, pencil

[8:886]

f101

10 South St

Dec 22/84

My dear Maude

Mr. Fred says that you
will be so good as to take
some lots of Xmas presents
(if I send them to-night)
to Claydon on Tuesday -

But pray leave them
behind if you find them too
heavy -

Would you be so very good
as to choose out of the
Picture Books I send
1 for my beloved Ralph
I wanted a *Bird* Book for

f101v

him, because he used to
be so fond of hearing about
the little birds whispering
to God before dawn at
Aunt Florence's window
1 for Gwendolen
1 for my distinguished
God daughter
and 1 for little Morforwyn
(G Verney) whose name I
can neither spell nor pronounce

If you wish their names
written in their books, would
you kindly return them with

f102

the Who's who? marked -
and all the other books
which I shall give to less
worthy but perhaps more
necessitous applicants -

† [I am afraid the G. Verney
parcel will be rather bulky.
That is to wait till at Claydon till they come]

~~The~~ Of course you are
kindly to keep these most
important secrets in deep
in the caverns of your
breast till *Xmas morning*

Xmas Cards will come
too -

And I will if you give me leave
send the whole parcel tonight -

f102v

for your kindness to take -

And that a joyful
Christmas & peace & good
will & a blessed new
Year & many of them
may rest upon you, dear
Maude, is the faithful prayer
of ever your affte

Aunt Florence

Pray don't take the G. Verney
parcel if too heavy -

They are books the boys &
Catherine suggested they
shd like, when I saw them at
Claydon

f103

favoured by Mr. & Mrs. F. Verney

1 large parcel - the George Verneys
4 to wait at Claydon
till they come
1 " ----- Mrs. F. Verney
for Xmas Day
1 very small ---- Sir Harry Verney
1 ---- Mr Morey
1 ---- Mrs Greig
5

F Nightingale
with many thanks
Dec 22/84

Please ~~leave~~/send back the heavy
one ~~behind~~, if too cumbersome
to take F.N.

ff104-05v, 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W. {undated}, from MV, re news of MV's children & their illness

ff106-06v, {undated}, re news of MV's children

ff107-08v, {undated} more news of MV's children

signed note, f109, pencil

f109

10 South St
Jan 6/85

My dear Maude

Mr. Fred said I might
send this little parcel if
you would be so very kind
as to take it tomorrow to
Sir Harry -

I am so very sorry that
beloved little Ralph is not
strong - entailing upon you
perhaps ~~the~~ some separation
between him & home. I
will not talk about it.

God bless you: ever your loving
Aunt Florence

ff110-11v, January 8, {archivist: 1885}, re a concert given and the health of the children

incomplete letter, ff112-13, pencil

f112

10 South St

Jan 8/85

My dear Mr. Fred

I think your enclosed
per=oration will 'do' ~~very~~/admirably
well. I have only
hazarded two verbal
alterations - which may be
quite wrong.

I send you a copy of
the Pioneer which Lord
Reay lent me. Please
read at p. 622. "If it be
real, what does it mean?"
It is by Auckland Colvin,

f112v

the Financial Member
of the Viceroy's Council -

I thought it might
give us some hints for
our Crusade -

[Eyes have prevented
me doing more than
glance at it.]

Please return it to me
in 2 hours, read or
unread, to return to Lord
Reay -

Eyes have also prevented
me this morning doing
what we intended: sending

f113

you Ld Ripon's principal
measures with a word
or two to each.

I hope to do so in a
few hours.

But I send what
is probably perfectly
useless a hint
or two such/(in order to do as you
asked) of the sort of
things which would be
"a welcome" to Lord Ripon

initialled note, ff114-14v, pencil

f114

9/1/85

My dear Mr. Fred

I send you an
Extract from a very
private letter which
was shown me **A**
from a very high authority
indeed.

I thought you might
make use of it in
the "Articles" - I could
not because the
words would run in
my head

It seems

f114v

excellent common sense

Please return it
to me. It is quite Private
2 is what I mentioned
in great haste
ever your
F.N.

{f115 is blank}

signed note, ff116-17, pencil

f116

Jan 11/85

My dear Mr. Fred

There is the 'Devil & all
'to pay' at one of our Hospitals
And I am sorry to say
that that gentleman, of
whom I see a great deal,
will take up the whole of
my Sabbath.

I will read your paper
with thanks tomorrow
morning before day light
It is beautifully/exceedingly clear -

Please thank Maude for [8:887]

f116v

Kathleen (the Rape of the
Lock) Her Godmother
thinks her hair beautiful

- Titian would have
painted & poets sung it.

Excuse great haste
as the Dr is waiting

ever your affte
Aunt Florence

f117

I hope little Ralph is
better & Gwendolen hurra-ing.

signed letter, ff118-19v, pencil

f118

10 South St. W.

Jan 12/85

My dear Mr. Fred

I have read you 'Letter'
with the greatest pleasure.

I tried in vain to limit
my 'Observations' which your
instructions were to make
'fierce' to separate
sheets of paper

But I was obliged to write
on the fair sheets themselves -
so beautifully written. Pray
forgive me & rub ~~the~~ out my
remarks - And don't attend
to them, except for matters of

f118v

fact or at least put
them in *your own* words -
As to the Queen's Proclamation,
it is strangely difficult to
get a copy. I have one
somewhere - but know not where.

But I send you a 'XIX
Century' with my "Indian
Stewardship" in it. Perhaps
at p. 332 & Note you
may find the words of the
'Proclamation' which you
want

I *think* there is another

f119

quotation from the "Proclamn"
in the Article.

Please restore me this 'XIX
Centy,' as soon as possible,
as this is the only copy I
have left.

Success to the newspaper
letters - May I do something
more? ever your affte

Aunt Florence

Sir Louis Mallet writes
that what I say of "Lord
"Ripon's Government is quite

[10:329]

f119v

"true & very important" -

I mean what I have said
in recent letters to him -

That is a great deal from
him in favour of Ld Ripon

[end 10:329]

I have been interrupted at
every line of my work

Pray excuse -

in greatest haste
ever your affte

F.N.

I should show my God
daughter's legs to Dr.
Brodie.

signed letter, ff120-21v, pencil

f120

10 South St.
Jan 13/85
on

My dear Mr. Fred LD RIPON

[10:329]

About the publication of
the letter concerning Ld Ripon
you say ask

1. in MAGAZINE?

Is it not a fact that only
the best *monthly* Magazines
have any influence -
that this could then at all events
not appear till February:
perhaps not till March,
because they tell you they
always make up their No
by the 7th of preceding month

f120v

Also: a Magazine Article
- should it not be more
full & precise? These are only,
of course, 2 or 3 of the remarkable Acts
Ld Ripon has
passed

2. in PAMPHLETS?

Is it not true that a
pamphlet has no
circulation, unless 'touted'
in a way we could not do?

Also: I *could* not put
my "name" to a "Preface"

3. in DAILY PAPERS?

Are not these the only
means for getting up
such a *feeling for Ld Ripon*

f121

on his arrival as he
deserves? & we desire?

[He was to be in England
this week]

You kindly said that you
would see Editor of
D. News, D. Telegraph, &
one other you mentioned -

I am such a very poor
adviser on these subjects.
The thing would be, I suppose,
to get a different letter
into two of these papers,
[would this letter cut into
two?] & to get one or more

f121v

Editors to write a Leading
Article ~~on based on~~ in a similar sense to
the letter.

At least I think ~~h~~/you said
so

Must it not be done
THIS WEEK? Two or even one
daily paper THIS week wd be
better than many later, I suppose.
And then later we must do
what else we can

Success to your efforts for
Ld Ripon

[end 10:329]

I am afraid I have not
a moment till "Thursday
"4.30" (as you kindly propose)
to see you: in haste F. Nightingale
I have made only one or two more alterations

signed letter, ff122-23, pencil

f122

10 South St.
Jan 17/85

My dear Mr. Fred

Would you be so very
Good as to take this
Calendula Cerate for his
chapped Hands to
Sir Harry?

You see in the "Times"
that Lord Ripon is expected
at his house in Carlton
Gardens on the 22ND
that is, *Thursday* next

A thousand thanks for
all the trouble you have

f122v

taken about articles in the newspapers
Thank you for sending back
my XIX Century.

If you have any scraps
of mine by you, & could
'lit' on them without trouble,
& *send me them back*,
I should be grateful -
But don't trouble about
it. I cannot at all
promise myself to write
an Article -

f123

Love to Ralph &
the ladies

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

You don't think that the
Editor of the Pall Mall
will suspect Ld Ripon
to have prompted your
letter in/for his paper?

signed letter, ff124-25, pencil

f124

10 South St.

Feb 2/85

My dear Mr. Fred

I like your letter enclosed very much, particularly the part where you say the Land Banks ~~can~~/might do (in principle) without the Govt. aid.

But I think it will hardly be held to be an answer to the question in the P. M. G., which I re-inclose, Nevertheless I think it *can* be completely answered

But you may judge better than I that it *is* an answer

f124v

The only remark I should make is: (p. 2 - line 4 from top), the transaction between money lender & ryot is entirely *on paper*, *no money* passes at all.

I like your word "commercial success" - Rothschild did actually offer Mr. Bright capital for the purpose, provided &c &c

f125

We must remember that the Land Bank project as yet belongs to *Bombay* alone, not to "India" -

How long shall you be absent?

ever yours affly
F. Nightingale

incomplete, signed letter, ff126-27, pencil

f126

-2- {archivist: [?2 Feb 1885]}

Have nothing to do with
the R. C. unless Ld
Ripon is Chairman -
or names the Chairman

f127

-3-

I am glad you think well of
this Ministry. I am so anxious
to do so.

One cannot help feeling sorry
for Childers & Broadhurst,
Chamberlain & Jesse Collings,
beginning their administration
in such troubles -
troubles made almost
ridiculous by our want of
administrative power.

Please take care of the knee
ever yours affly

F. Nightingale

You see the Article on Maine -
- XIX Centy for this month.

signed letter, ff128-28v, pencil

f128

10 South St.

Feb 13/85

[10:329-30]

My dear Mr. Fred

My Doctor entirely repudiates the idea of any possibility of my doing any work "under pressure," such as writing & reading within a given time, for the present. I should not mind what he said, or what any Doctor said but that I feel so ill & suffering that it 'points his moral' -

And I have this morning,

f128v

after telling Mr. Knowles, of the XIX Centy, what you said about the two Articles, with drawn - with what feelings you may guess - from writing ~~the~~ *his* Article myself at this time.

I have not told Lord Ripon yet, & know not how to do so. But I have left it open to Mr. Knowles to suggest another writer -
ever yrs affly

[end 10:330]

F.N.

signed letter, ff129-32v, pencil & pen, Feb: 26.95

f129

Most Private 10 South St.
Ld Napier Feb 26/85
My dear Mr. Fred
You asked me to let you
know about Lord Ripon
~~before~~/by to-day.
He was with me on Tuesday
It was finally settled that
an Article in the *Fortnightly*
should comprise the
- Diplomatic - i.e. Affghanistan
& relations with
native states
- Finance
- Military
policy of his Vice-royalty

f129v

- that you should, if you
would be so good, write
to Mr. Escott & suggest
as from yourself to him -
that if he ~~will propose~~/likes to select
a man to write an
Article on these subjects,
he may go again to
Ld Ripon, & propose
~~him~~ the writer to him -
Ld Ripon does not
wish to be the instigator
[It was Mr. Escott who
went first to him]

f130

2 that the article in
the ~~Fortnight~~ *XIX Century*
should comprise

- Land questions
- Local Self- Govt (Sanitary
included)

- perhaps short bits on
Education Promotion of
Natives, Local Industries

And it seems settled
that I am to write it -

It is thought better to
postpone it till *May* -
both because the fate of
several measures, including

f130v

the Bengal Rent Bill, will
then be known

& because it is quite
impossible for me to write
it by March 15 -

I fear the over strain
on my head, with all
I have to do especially
at this time, both as
being dangerous & as
being likely to incapacitate
me from doing justice
to *the subject* -

Nothing could be more

f131

-2-

full, or more kind, than
the information ~~with~~
which Ld Ripon ~~supplied/gave~~
me ~~with~~ by word of mouth

But I was a little
disappointed - on account
of my eyes being so bad
- to find that the "materials"
he proposed to "supply"
were: Blue Books &

printed Minutes -
It is true that he offered
if when I had "got" my
"Article into shape", I would

f131v

put down the things on
which I wanted more
information, to come
& give it - & to look
over my Article.

But I have ~~terribly~~
little mind at leisure
to write, or to con
Blue Books, in these
terrible times -

N.B. I did not enter into the
question whether the
"Fortnightly" Article should
appear in April or May

f132

Please if you have
any conversation with Lord
Ripon on this subject,
let it not be before *any*
one, not even Sir Harry.
Ld Ripon wishes - & I
think he is so right
not to appear in the
matter *at all* -
which is much the most
dignified course, we shall
agree -
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale
It was decided that the

f132v

Ilbert Bill question
should not be treated of
until the enemy attacks
- when a full answer
can be given -
F.N.

signed letter, ff133-36v, pencil

f133 {another hand March 5. 85

10 South St.

Miss N to Self March 5/85

Article

My dear Mr. Fred

In answer to your question:

e.g. "Fortnightly" was to have

- Diplomatic Native States:
Affghanistan

- Finance

- Military

"XIX Century" _____

- Land including Revenue
(Land Banks) but / say only
incidentally as
regards e.g. Bombay
Settlement Dept &c

- Local Self Govt: including
"Sanitary"

& (treated in a cursory way)

f133v

- Promotion of Natives
(not Ilbert Bill)

- Education (Popular)

- perhaps Civil Service Candidates
age &c (about which he Lord Ripon gave me
papers)

- Encouragement of Native
Industries

f134

But I am now anxious to
point out

1. 'XIX Century' Knowles
knows nothing at all of
the scheme compared with
'Fortnightly' Escott.

Mr. Knowles knows
neither that another
Magazine is to have an
Article - much less
that there is a common
plan & division of labour
- nor that Ld Ripon is
to give materials -
I trusted Mr. Knowles with
neither -

f134v

- no information -

Nor did I give him
my subjects -

Will it not be extremely
awkward when he
finds out not only that
there is to be an Article
appearing simultaneously,
but that Mr. Escott
(who is very likely to
tell him) is cognizant
of the whole scheme -
& that I am one of the
perpetrators - Any how

f135

-2-

he will know when the

Articles come out - for
then he will ask me

2. you are so good as
to ask & to offer help -
which I shall certainly
accept - indeed I could
not undertake ~~the common~~ /my article
~~scheme~~ without -

This will give a similarity
in the style of the Articles -
let alone our names
which will reveal a
good deal -

f135v

All this makes me
more than ever anxious
to with=draw myself -
not you -

N.B. Mr. Knowles whom

I know well is not
at all the man to forgive
himself *not* having
been taken into the secret,
while Mr. Escott was -

And Mr. Escott, you see,
resents ~~because~~ the plan altogether, and there
being a common scheme.

f136

Altogether, I think,
from these considerations,
which will certainly
strike you too, I must
re-open the question -

My head & eyes which
were kept going for 26
years by limiting myself
absolutely to *work* have
failed during the last two
under a different régime.

f137v

I am getting so much
worse & more useless that
I am really thinking of
going out of London for the
Easter for a week or 10
days; it seems my only
chance.

So you know that I
have not written to Lord
Ripon, telling him that
I have been compelled to
abandon all idea of his

f138

Article for the present?
Ought I? - & that
Mr. Knowles is determined
to wait for me?
ever yrs affly
F.N.

signed letter, ff138-38v, pencil

f138

10 South St.
April 2/85
My dear Mr. Fred
My foolish young woman
does not seem to have said
that I am going out of London
perhaps tomorrow (Friday)
And I feel that I can do
no good by staying -
But I would read what
I could of your Article
tomorrow, see you tomorrow
at 6 - I should have some one at
5 - if I could be of the least

f138v

use - but I fear not -
& go out of London on
Saturday (for a week) if
any how I can restore
my failing powers for
work

God bless your work
I should not go if it were
not imperative & I quite
useless

ever yr affte

Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff140-40v, pencil

f140

April 3/85

My dear Mr. Fred

Very many thanks for your
report of Sir Harry. And
please give me another.

You see I am not gone -
I read thro' your M. S. before
7.30 this morning - And
it strikes me as remarkably
good but wants working to a
point.

I have nothing to say worth
your hearing - tho' I have
made a few notes, & would tell
them, If you w/could find time
to come in about 6.15 or 6.30,

f140v

& you would tell me about
Sir Harry -

ever your affte

Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff141-42, pencil

f141

Ravensbourne
Keston
Beckenham
April 9/85

My dear Mr. Fred

I feel rather uneasy about
Sir Harry in this bitter North
Easter. I have not heard
to-day.

No doubt you will take **[10:330]**
an opportunity of pointing
out in your Article the
burst of loyalty in India (& native Press)
towards England in this Russian
Crisis - & the offers of troops
from Mahometan & other
Native Rulers. Now this is

f141v

entirely Lord Ripon's doing -
It is he who conciliated India
to British Rule. Before he
came home I used to hear
from India: " Lord Ripon is
worth an Army in himself."
"While *he* is here, England
need fear no danger from
Russia" - &c &c &c

It is more remarkable than
the colonial outburst of loyalty
because the Colonies have certainly no
love for Russia - & India
always had till Ld Ripon's
reign - owing to Russian
intrigue & cleverness, I suppose.

f142

You see how yesterday's 'Times'
has changed its coat -
remarkable only because the
'Times' is the times - But
it still worships at Lord
Dufferin's shrine - & carefully
avoids justice to Ld Ripon.

[How calamitous the turning
of attention from internal
reforms in India]

[end 10:330]

Love to Maude &
childer three
ever yr affte
F. Nightingale

initialled letter, ff143-44, pencil

f143

April 19/85

My dear Mr. Fred

I am so very sorry about
Mr. Escott's proposal,
because I think with you
that to curtail it much
[I thought *some* might have
been screwed up with
advantage] will take the
life out of it - And it is
none too long - the facts
are so important.

I should prefer putting
it off - But I am no judge.

f143v

I have heard people say
that an Article upon any
thing but Egypt or Affgha=
=nistan or European policy would be wasted -
on people's minds for the
next month or two -

Lord Ripon would be the
best judge upon the
curtailing or delaying -

I should be so very glad
to see you but this
morning I am too ill
to see any one except

f144

Miss Williams who has
been expected to come herehome (in/from the Iberia)
every hour since Friday night
- no tidings of the Iberia -

I could gladly see you
this evening about 5 or 6,
IF she does not come,
for half an hour - But
that would be inconvenient
to you?

I was so very
sorry about the
miserable reception &
tea at Ravensbourne

But - I was so ill
And your gallant walk so
unexpected.

F.N.

initialled letter, ff145-48, pencil

f145

10 South St.

May 4/85

My dear Mr. Fred

The circumstances make your question very much more difficult to answer, for me always stupid. but on the whole I incline to your own view to send the "Army" *alone* to Mr. Knowles - & not the Finance.

But do I understand aright that Mr. Knowles will *only* take an Article "Army" for *June*, only if you have no other Article "under your own name" in any other periodical

f145v

for *June*?

Also: that Mr. Escott will not take "Finance" & "Public Works" without "Army"?

This makes it rather serious -

You run the risk of "Army" *alone* appearing - anywhere -

Would Mr. Escott take
for *July* *Diplomacy*
 Public Works
 Finance ?

f146

As you say, "Finance" has less to do with "Army" than with "Public Works" - which is a reason for Finance & Public Works going together.

Would it be possible for you to assure yourself that Mr. Escott who I think has not behaved well would take D

P. W.

F.

in July?

f146v

I like them all - & the Quotation from Mr. Gladstone much It would be a thousand pities they should not appear.

Afraid that I have made darkness darker.

ever yrs affly

F.N.

f147

N.B. - I see that I *had* read '*Finance*' before & I think it much improved - 'Salt' strengthened &c &c - Finance of the "16 millions" & India Council added or rather worked in - very well

I see my question about the number of mills in Bombay still on the margin - unanswered

f147v

'Public Works'

I have put, as you desired,
a ? & + 'off' the passages
about Lord Hartington -
They scarcely add to the
strength - And even
"says Lord Hartington"
is I think doubtful.

F.N.

f148

Private

Mr. Godley says that the
India Council Office
does good in preventing
financial 'jobs' of
the *Local Governmts.*

signed letter, ff149-50, pencil

f149

10 South St.

May 16/85

My dear Maude

If you are going to the
Max Müller's, would you say
to him that 'Sam Shore Smith
has taken seriously to Sanscrit
- & Buddhism! - & thank
Prof. Max Müller very much
for his assistance in recommendg
books on Buddhism: a curious taste
in an idle boy. But his
grandmother & aunt (à la
mode de Bretagne) had it
before him -

Let us hope it will come
to something real - The Blavatzky

f149v

taint is, I illeg/trust, dropping
off. It was at your
house that Prof. Max Müller
gave his help - & thanks to you -
With love to childer three,
ever, dear Maude,
your affecte
Aunt Florence
I hope the Yeomanry will
be a beneficial change
to Mr. Fred.

f150

[8:887]

To mix matter & mind:
do you have ~~meat~~/mutton &
chickens from your Bala
butcher in the *summer*?
& would he supply so very
small a consumption as
mine? & would
another customer not rather
interfere with *your* supply?
If you approve, would you
be so very kind as to
give me his *address* again?
You probably have a hamper
twice a week? do you have
anything besides mutton,
chickens & eggs?
F.N.

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, f151, pencil

f151

Address 10 South St. Sept 16/85

My dear Mr. Fred

Welcome home and
welcome home to Maudie -
And the children were so dear
& delightful here at Claydon

I return some letters of
yours -

And remind me to tell you
of a letter about Lalmohun Ghose
I received some weeks ago.

God bless you & yours &
your work:

ever your affte

Aunt Florence

{f152 is blank}

signed letter, ff153-54v, pencil **[5:348]**

f153

10 South St.

Sept 22/85

My dear Mr. Fred

All hail to the Tonbridge
Division - And may it live long
to rejoice in being reigned
over by you - & you live
long to reign over it -

Tho' I trust in a seat for your full
success, yet I will not
allow that the greatest
successes in the world
have not oft times come
out of failure - as I am
sure you do not - And

f153v

surely there will have been
much political truth &
principle spread among
the uneducated by the
speeches of the Liberal
candidates whether
they succeed or fail at
the Gen. Election

But I stoutly expect
a success -

[end 5:348]

f154

I very much hope to see
you soon: but have every
day this week taken up
with Matrons & ladies
from a distance.

Is it very bad of me
to send you this letter
from a Cavalry soldier
who has had & wants
to have again some
appointment (store keeper
or other) in the Bucks
Yeomanry or otherwise?

f154v

[It is impossible for me
to do anything for him & I
suppose of the 20000 Patients
who passed through our
hands at Scutari, some
thousands have in 30
years asked me for
"appointments" -]

But *you* will probably
find it equally impossible
to serve him. Don't trouble.

ever, dear Mr. Fred
your affte

Aunt Florence.

signed letter, ff155-55v, pencil

f155

10 South St. Oct 6/85
Good speed to Kent & N. Bucks.
All hail to Maude & Margt
as Electioneers - And may not
Kathleen too?

I return 2 letters I ought to
have returned before -

Sir Harry says, as you know,
that he is coming up "for a
few hours" on Thursday to Lord
Shaftesbury's funeral. It is
bad for him: unless he
slept at your house.

I have one of my Matrons
of whom the air is full at

f155v

this season sleeping here.
so cannot offer him a bed
Shall I lunch him?
or will you? -
in haste

ever your affte
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff156-57v, pencil

f156

10 South St
Nov 1/85

My dear Mr. Fred
I am so really grieved,
but I have a man here
to-day on War Office
business whom I cannot
put off, for he is only
for a day or two in London.
Had I but known that
you were here, I think I
should have tried to make
another appointment with
him.

Three times three for

f156v

your candidature. Success
& good speed - And
thanks so many for your
speeches.

It takes one's breath
away to think that
this day four weeks we
shall *know the "Great
Secret"*.

I have been seeing the
Indian Delegates sent
over to urge the claims
of India on the candidates.

[10:831]

You are put down as
one to be depended upon

f157

I send you the Report of
a Meeting of the Bombay
Association, in which
Capt. Verney's name seems
to be put down by mistake
for yours p. 7 -

I long, too, to see you.
- I heard from Margt a
capital account of your
speech at the Buckingham
dinner -

Lalmohun Ghose's brother Man Mohun Ghose,
is here. He is 52 times
the man his brother is. I
have seen him. I wish
he were the candidate

[end 10:831]

f157v

Is Maudie in London?
Success & God bless you
again & again -
ever your affte
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff160-63, pencil

[1:710-11]

f160

10 South St Nov 11/85

My dear Mr. Fred

On Sunday next my
doors will be closed to
every one but you -
'Blow me' if I let any one
else in, angelic or
diabolical, but you -

[I have already put off the

Lea Assistant School=
=mistress coming up to London
to me till a later Sunday]

I am miserable because
Sir Harry is so unhappy -

f160v

It is his brother much
more than P. who pitches
into him about his
candidate=sons & the
"Church in danger"!

And I can't help thinking
that, if he Sir Harry could but see
it so, it is ~~at~~ a mistake -

- a hopeless confusion
on both sides whether
Disestablishment includes
Disendowment -

on Lord Grey's side
a more than hopeless
confusion between

f161

Disestablishment &

“overthrow” of the Church,
including “overthrow” of all
religion! (sic)

And - but I must stop -
I read your Address - &

like Warren Hastings, I
think you must say:

“I am astonished at my
own moderation” -

I hope Sir Harry may see

it so - But he complains

of Mr. Calvert’s Toryism -

& then lets his ‘old Whiggism’
be guided by it.

f161v

If you could but be
‘moderate’ with *him*?

He says he wishes so
much to ~~help~~ “exert himself for” Capt. Verney
& you - but, as he cannot,
being an “old Whig”, & you, “Radicals” -
he wishes he were “out of
“the way”!! He is quite
miserable.

Some of the best friends
of the Church, & I think
I am one, consider that
her power for good would
be ~~vastly~~ increased by
dis establishment !

She must have a poor

f162

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opinion of herself to be so
frightened -

But all must wish that
this agitation had not
come on now -

~~Can~~ you tell me *Mr. Lal
Mohun' Ghose's address?*
It is *not* 14 St. George's Sq
now - I think I told
you that his brother, a
most capital man, had
had a long talk with me,
& wanted to introduce his

f162v

wife, an educated native lady
- & two other Delegates
(from Madras & Bombay),
one by one -

I sent to 14 St. George's Square
yesterday to make
appointments - but
Indian - like they are
gone off without leaving
any clue. even their English
'God-fathers' did not know
where they are - And they
leave England in 2 or 3
weeks!!!

If you could give me

f163

Lal Mohun Ghose's address,
you would much 'oblige'
your ever affectionate
Aunt Florence

Success to your campaign
& to Capt. Verney's
How I wish Margaret
were back at Claydon!
Is she?

Best love to Maudie
& the chicks - Are they
in London?

Thanks for the newspapers

signed letter, ff164-64v, pencil [8:887]

f164

10 South St Dec 24/85
My very dear Maude
So many, many thanks
for your two dear
comforting letters from
Claydon: so many thanks.
& for your kind trouble
about the Xmas cards
which were just right -
And the happiest
Christmas that the
Almighty Father can give
be yours - & the best New

f164v

year for you & *all*
yours -
Fare you very well -
your loving
Aunt Florence

10/ enclosed
in another cover
with thanks -
The new 'constituents'
cannot commit any
excess with the 1/ over.

incomplete signed letter, ff165-65v, pencil **[8:887-88]**

f165 {archivist: Found at Dec 1885}

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but that God is listening! -
more than listening - sitting
as close as the man by the
'refiner's fire' that it
should not be a bit too
much

The country is coming thro'
the "refiner's fire" - We cannot
keep the present generation
back. We would not wish
it. How† Would that the
dear old people of my
generation here could see it
so!

Fare you very well, dearest Maude

f165v

Thanks for all your dear kind
notes -

I am afraid I must come to
London on Saturday - But
I hope I shall leave them
all convalescing, except
indeed my poor sister
She is no better -

ever yours lovingly

Aunt Florence

ff166-67v, January 7, 1886, re difficulties with an Eastern (Siamese?) appointment

ff168-69, January 10, 1886, re a proposed visit to FN and a book, Maine on Popular Government

ff170-71, The Siamese Legation, 23, Ashburn Place, London, S.W., January 13, 1886, re some
intrigue about a recall to Siam

unsigned letter, ff172-73, pencil

f172

10 South St Jan 22/86

My dear Mr. Fred

I am so grieved about the
knee - I am afraid your visit
to me & other things have not
had a reparative influence -
in this weather when it, the
knee, ought not to be out -

Sir Harry's cold is, I
fear, no better - Sir A. Clark
came lat night -

Pardon me for not
sending your notes on Sir
H. Maine back yesterday
It was the first moment of
leisure I had had to look

f172v

at them & Maine together,
(which Maine Mr. Jowett
brought me) -

I concur with your "notes"
altogether - & should very
much like to look at them
again -

It seems as if the Periodical
Literature of the day which requires
a condensed literary treat,
but by no means *considered*
conclusions - on the contrary,
rather a flashy, flimsy
treatment - were bearing
its fruit in all branches -
The admirable clearness of

f173

Maine's & Stephen's 'form',
its charm, at least in
Maine's - its brilliant
illustrations & simile - their
its total disregard of depth
& almost equal disregard
of truth - are all
"periodical"-ly, if I may frame
a word. Periodical-ism
which = criticism, conscientiously disregards
considered truth, because it
aims at keeping the ball
going. Criticism is like
cricket -
Answer & retort are the
conscientious aim of Periodica;=
=ism

f173v

Still Maine's book, besides
being eminently readable, has
its value. As Mr. Jowett,
who won't allow criticism
of Maine's criticism, says:
It shows that the essence
of a Govt does not go with
its name. The U.S.A. Republic has
the greatest amount of
political, the least amount
of social or individual liberty. No one can
doubt that France, tho' a
republic, ~~has~~ is less free a
country than England -
I like your notes immensely
& am sorry to part with them.

signed letter, ff174-75, pencil

f174

10 South St Jan 23/86

My dear Mr. Fred

I admire your goodness
about the poor knee - &
prophesy its reward -

Here is Messrs Street's
post-card about the
Official Gazette of India -
(which I had stupidly
mislaid.)

If you will be so very
good as to write & order
the Gazette for one quarter

f174v

for me - the Qu including
the Proceedings in the
Council (including Ld
Dufferin's speech) on the
Finance & Income Tax, -
I shall be very much
obliged - & will forward
you the money - 17/6

Success to the knee -

f175

Sir Harry much better,
Sir A. Clark says, if he
will stay in bed till
tomorrow afternoon, he may get up
to dinner

ever your affte
Aunt Florence

ff176-77v, January 25, 1886, re a crisis in Siam and the return of the Siamese princes there

initialled letter, ff178-79, pencil

f178

10 South St Jan 28/86

My dear Mr. Fred

I hope the poor knee is doing its duty & making a royal progress not with 'éclat' but with quiescence -

Thank you very much for letting me see this most sorrowful letter - It is lamentable that Siam's welfare should be so compromised - Let us hope that the presence of the two Princes in Siam
yet

f178v

may work some favourable change yet.

I would gladly see Prince

Swasti (you ask) if it could be arranged some afternoon before he goes - Is he in London? I would put off almost any appointment to see him.

[Mr. Jowett comes here to-day-] Is Pr. Swasti to give up Oxford?

f179

What do you think of the political out-look?

The first Meeting of the National Indian (Native) League (at Poona at Xmas) passed off most satisfactorily -
- worthy of what shall I say? we must no more say of an English Parl -
They were practical, sensible, constitutional, loyal -

[10:854]

the one question asked me by Anglo - Indians & educated natives is: can

f179v

anything be done to put LORD RIPON into the INDIA OFFICE? It is the one thing which would keep India satisfied in *hope & loyal & progressive*

[Their great dread was, Ld Lytton - Nothing cd have secured their loyalty then.]

I echo their question:
Could anything be done?

[end 10:854]

ever yours in much sympathy
Love to Maude F.N.

signed letter, ff180-81, pencil

f180

10 South St Feb 6/86

My dear Mr. Fred

I am so thankful the knee
is going on well -

As for the Ministry **[10:330]**
administratively, my
disappointment is deep,
but it is heart breaking
when I think of the grief,
“~~curse~~”, “not loud but deep”
in India which had
shown such admirable
self-restraint. To put
Ld Ripon to mend boats!!
& it appears really out of

f180v

fear? of the India Council,
& with a sort of idea that
~~they wanted him~~/he was reserved for
Ireland! And to put Ld
Aberdeen in Ireland!

But this is not all the blunders -

It is the worst Ministry
administratively in my
time, i.e. more than 30
years - don't you think so? **[end 10:330]**

Thanks for these interesting
letters -

& thanks for the “Radical
Programme” & your comments

f181

My love to Maudie &
Aunt Florence's love to her
three young friends who
she hopes are returned in
great force - four,
including Mervyn -
Pray take care of the knee -
I feel incapable of sense,
see Ministry
but am
ever your affte
F. Nightingale

initialled letter, ff182-85, pencil

f182

Feb 10/86

My dear Mr. Fred

Prince Swasti will be welcome
next Monday "15th" - Would
5 p.m. suit him?

The enquiry into Indian
Govt. is a very serious matter -
Unless it is a R. Commn &
unless *Ld Ripon* is Chairman,
it can but be a failure -

[10:835]

If it is a Commee of Ho: of C -
there are but 4 men in the Ho.,
who know anything recent about India,
& they are all sold to retrogression.
- Sir G. Campbell is no use, if

f182v

only that he has been 12
years out of India.

Ld Ripon

Sir E. Baring, to represent finance
Ilbert, " " Law
Sir W. Wedderburn " Judicial
Sir L. Mallet " everything
I.O. (land tenure &c)

these would be the *Progressists*

If there is a strong element
of the strong members of the
I. Council on it we shall
be ruined - of course there
must be one or two - Strachey is
too strong powerful -

Then there must be
Mr. Bright " " Ho: of Co

f183

& a strong business man, who
knows all about exports &
imports - crops - silver - wheat &c
Sir Jas Caird might do, but he
has his head too full of Famines -

There should be one or two
distinguished natives - men
like Sir Salar Jung, *if we had*
them. Mr. Ranadie might do
But these men won't come to
England.

a good Military man of high
rank - how well Sir Nevill
Chamberlain would do it!

there must be a man to
represent Diplomacy & foreign

f183v

affairs? Agriculture (Buck)
[not less than 3 of the number
must go over to India to
take evidence on the spot
from distinguished natives]
there should be a good
Educational man - ? Wordsworth
of Bombay

But if Lord Ripon is not
Chairman, especially if, as is
probable, such strong men as
Strachey & Maine are on it,
to represent the Retrogradists
the R. C. will be a great
deal worse than useless -

The worst of India is, as
you know, there are none but
officials who have experience
- no public element, as in England

[end 10:835]

f184

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2. What do you think of the
Queen's Speech? Maude was
so very good as to bring it me
- & of the Debate last night.

I was very glad that the
enquiry into Indian Govt
was mentioned in the Speech

Mr. Gladstone, I think, did
exactly as his best friends
expected of him -

Else - all dark -
How very good of you to
tell me various things
I was so anxious to know
- & also to take trouble

f184v

about the India Proceedings
in Council -

I will subscribe for this Quarter,
please, to Street for the
Gazette of India, provided
it takes in the Speeches,
including Ld Dufferin's,
on the last Finance, Budget &
Income Tax debate -

[end 10:835]

[I will return Street's
Post Card immediately -]

f185

Ld Randolph's conduct of the
enquiry (Queen's Speech)
cannot in the least be
trusted - And there is not
a single M.P. except
Mr. Bright left in the
House who could be
trusted on it *as far*
as we know -

The Council here will
override them all

ever yrs affly
with love to Maude
F.N.

signed letter, ff186-87, pencil

f186

Claydon May 9/86

My dear Mr. Fred

I was very glad indeed to have your "notes" which I shall carefully study - I was always going to write to you to know the success of your last 2 speeches

Would that I could give a better account of my sister! Would you be so very good as to put in the name of *Dicey's* book on Popular Govt, or whatever he calls it, & post the enclosed note?

She has not yet seen it, (Dicey's book)

We have anxiously watched

f187

whooping cough at both houses - May it be now disappearing ! Poor Ellin & Gwendolen seem to have been the worst with best of loves to Maude ever your affte

Aunt Florence

How anxious is to morrow

I gave Sir Harry

Honble

Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji's X present address

for you

to wit 35 Hogarth Road

S. Kensington

X Member of Legislative Council of Bombay - father of the Reformers

- wants a seat in the Ho. of C. (Parsee)

signed letter, ff188-89v, pencil

f188

Claydon May 19/86

My dear Mr. Fred

Some years ago Lady Blomfield wrote to me for advice about establishing her Fund - And a great corresponde followed - & some, I believe, Meetings - But no good. It seemed, - it, her Fund's course very impracticable - Latterly, Mr. or Dr. Burdett, who is busy in these directions, & has organized a sort of Hosptl Nurses' or Matrons' League, with Committees

f188v

has taken it up - & there is a sort of Association between him & Ly Blomfield And latterly he wrote to Hy Bonham Carter for leave to address Mrs. Wardroper to see if the St. Thomas' Nurses would join it - which leave was of course granted

You know our general difficulties in Nurses' payments - Nurses marrying, not remaining in Service &c &c

f189

I do not remember the
particular difficulties -
& have no papers with
me - But if you can
wait I will find out
something of what passed
among us -

I cannot at all give a
Good account of my sister
But she has been going out
in the rain - She saw
Sir H. Acland yesterday -
It was impossible to go on
without her seeing some one

f189v

She is so set against the
babies going to Rosshire
- fears it will be so cold -
wants to have them here,
separate from herself -
Best love to Maude. We
have been following the
whooping cough lovingly
ever yr affte

F. Nightingale
Thanks for your List of
Indian books - It
makes me sad -

I entirely agree with your
estimate of Home Rule Bill &
Parliament

ff190-91v, The Siamese Legation, 23, Ashburton Place, London, S. W., May 20, 1886, re a family visit to Scotland

initialled letter, ff192-92v, pencil [8:888]

f192

Dictated

Claydon House, May 28/86
Bucks. {printed address:}

Dear one

I am very unhappy about
the poor babe - & am so thankful
that Margt is with you -
Pray do not scruple sending
the two elders here, if they
are not ready for the great
journey. The nurseries & the
garden-room are like
another house. And I will
avoid my babies as if they
had the plague -
end

f192v

Dearest Maude

My little God daughter
lies on my heart - We pray
God that she & you may
come well thro' this -
well it will be, we know.

The Doctor & Nurses think
her not worse by your account.

To Margaret

My dearest love to Margaret
I wish I could give a
better account of my sister.
She was very seriously over
tired the day before yesterday
God bless you. ever yours F.N.

signed letter, ff193-94, pencil

f193

Claydon May 29/86

My dear Mr. Fred

Don't think that my sister is too poorly to have Ralph & Gwendolen. If it is thought right for them to come here, it will do her good, not harm, to know that they are here - She has been longing for them -

She is thinking so much of dear ~~little~~ Kathleen-

I am in a state of abject penitence that you were with me instead of with her till so late last night, when y she was so

f194

poorly & you so tired - I did not know it was so late.

Dear love to Maude

& pray remember me to Miss

Shalder

ever your affte

Aunt Florence

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unsigned letter, ff1-2v, pencil [8:888-89]

f1

Claydon June 1/86

Dearest Maude & Margaret

How good of you to write so/us
much about the darling little
child. Your anxieties are our
anxieties. Your relief ours - The
Telegram this morning an
inestimable comfort. The wind
here this afternoon is S. W.
& balmy: quite a change.
Pray God it may be so with
you -

We hope for a Telegram this
evening: but if Mr. Fred has one,
he will send it on here-

He came/rode over this afternoon for a
is in a dusty world

f1v

couple of hours - was satisfied
with the looks of Ralph &
Gwendolen - Their Grandmama
is so very glad to have them
here - She sees them thro' windows

They arrived all right last
night+ evening about 5 -
were very merry over tea
had a capital night -
have been out since their
dinner to-day: splendid
afternoon -

"Hobby Gee gee" transferred
to their nursery.

They are relegated to the
rooms beyond the back
stair-case - & to Miss Shalders'

f2

room - the one over Cedar-room
-- but do not seem to regard
themselves at all as convicts -

Miss Shalders gave me a
long account of all three,
including dear Babe, last
night. She is, as you know,
so very interesting. Her
narrative of Gwendolen's
tastes, of her suffering with
others' sufferings "as much
"as they do" - of her love for
the poor people - is wonderful

Mr. Fred looked, as you
may suppose, rather grey

f2v

with anxiety - but much
cheered by this morning's
Telegram - (God grant the
improvement betters itself-)
& able to care a little
about the amazing turn of
the political tide - and alas!
it appears prospect of
dissolution ??

Fare you very well
you pair of Sisters dear to
the Almighty Father. May
God bless you - and He *will*
bless you - I always think of
you two as standing on green
grass plots let down ~~from~~/out of Heaven

signed letter, ff3-4v, pencil

[8:889]

f3

Claydon June 2/86

Dearest Maude

We hang upon your notes
& Margaret's - How kind
of you to write -

The darling little child
seems to keep her ground
And that is much -

We must not be
discouraged, I believe, because
no steady progress is yet
made - but thankful that
these most distressing attacks
of fever in the afternoons
seem not to leave exhaustion

f3v

behind -

Ralph & Gwendolen have
been hay-making in the little
mounds of grass mown &
left for them on purpose
on the lawn both morning
& afternoon which were
still & very warm &
delightful to-day - their little
voices sounding so ~~it~~eg/cheerful.
Now it has turned to rain

f4

5.30

O thank God, thank God,
thank God for the favourable
blessed Telegram just
received Thank you so
much

We give you joy &
put our trust in God
ever yours
Aunt Florence

I almost hope Margaret's
children may not be
coming for a day or two
that she may be able to
be more with you -

f4v

I wish I could send a
better report of their
Grandmama -

Bless God -

ff5-6v, 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S. W., {archivist: ?1887 3. 6. 86?} from MV re the sickness of all
three children

initialled letter, f7, pencil

f7

Claydon June 3/86

Dearest Maude

We trust & believe that
it is very good news about
Kathleen since Margt & you
are coming to the Ball.

I think I must go to the
Ball too & dance to
Kathleen's recovery

Sir Harry has a bad cold
- obliged to give up Buckn Dinner tonight
Thanks for this morn's Telegram

Yours ever
F.N.

signed letter, ff8-11v, pencil

f8

Claydon June 4/86

Dearest Maude

It was a great disappoint=
=ment not to see you - but
no doubt you were wishing
not to leave Kathleen for a
night - (who, I trust, is in no
way worse) And we hope that
it will not worry you too
much to hear that Ralph
had a little eruption this
morning out behind his ears,
& watery eyes, & a cold in
his nose, which made us
(Miss Shalders & me) send for

f8v

Dr. Benson, who pronounces
it, as we expected, to be
Measles - but of a very mild
kind - He says: "keep the
"child warm in bed - The Eruption
"will be all out tomorrow -
"& it will in all probability
"be but a short attack" -
He sees nothing at present
to be uneasy about & does
not expect that there *will*
be anything to alarm you -

Miss Shalders separated
Gwendolen from him Ralph

f9

as soon as the Eruption
appeared. And as soon as
we found you were not
to be here to give your
orders, we felt sure that
you would wish Harriet
to be sent for from Marsh
Gibbon - And Miss Shalders
is now writing to her. She
will probably be here as
soon as you receive this -
Mrs. Broadhurst is as
helpful as possible -
My sister knows that Ralph

f9v

is not so well. But we
have told her nothing
more - nor Sir Harry who
is laid up in two rooms
with a very bad cold,
induced by the circumstance
of his being only 8 years old
& 5 months - which justifies,
you know, the most extraordinary
proceedings. My poor Sister
also is 6 years old & 7 months.

I have seen Ralph twice
to-day - & also Gwendolen -
taking care not to go to
my sister immediately after

f10

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Ralph And I thought
well of its not being to be a
severe attack -

I trust that you are
pretty well - You may be
sure how much we grieve
that all this anxiety should
come upon you, who have
too much already -
& that every thing will be
done for the two dear little
souls - Every body is
helpful -

f10v

God bless you
in haste
ever yours
Aunt Florence
Give us a good account
of Kathleen
Please not to mention the
Measles in writing to
Parthe or Sir Harry -
I am so glad that you
will soon have Mr. Fred
with you again .

f11

Dr Acland is coming here
tomorrow to sleep - and
I am *very* glad of it -
on my sister's & Sir Harry's
account - And he will
see Ralph, if there is
occasion
Of course Scotland is out
of the question for the
present.

initialled note, f12, pencil

f12 {archivist: 5 June 1886}

Harriet is come, as you
know & will be glad -
Would Maude like Sir
Henry Acland to see
Ralph to night?
Best love to your childer
F.N.

5/6/86

ff13-16v, June 5, 1886, re the sickness of the children

ff17-18, June 7, 1886, from FWV, re Kathleen's condition

ff19-20v, undated, from MV, re Kathleen's sickness

ff21-23, June 6, 1886, re Kathleen who now has measles

signed letter, ff24-25, pencil **[8:889-90]**

f24

Claydon June 7/86

Dearest Maude

I felt quite appalled at
this new trouble come upon
you in Kathleen's measles.
But really these young people
of yours seem to know their
own affairs best. Or rather

God our Father does -
I should call Ralph's measles
indeed I shall *advertise* it
as - "A Simple & Natural
Cure for the Whooping Cough"

He never coughed all night till 8 this

f24v

morning - And your Circus
is a delight to him

He orders his own meals
with a judgment which
nature might envy - & is
to have Jelly tomorrow -
He asks after Grandpapa
who is out riding -

Gwendolen "as fresh as
a daisy" still - playing at
ball very happily on the lawn
by herself -

I am sorry to say it is a
bad day with Parthe -

We have got a fresh Nurse as third from Oxford - The two were quite worn

f25

I do trust Kathleen is
developing recovery as well
as measles -

But it is very sad that
you should be separated from
Margt

Miss Shalders will write you
all details of childer dear -

Sir H is here (Blue Room)
in haste
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

ff26-27v, undated, re Kathleen's worsening condition

ff28-29v, June 7, 1886, re Kathleen's condition

ff30-31v, June 8, 1868, re Kathleen's sickness

signed letter, ff32-33v, pencil

[8:890]

f32

Claydon June 8/86

Dearest Maude

So thankful got this
morning's Telegram about the
darling little child -
"From her enemies defend her, O
Christ" -

Ralph had not a very good
night - but to-day is the
best day he has had - Doctor
not coming tomorrow, he is so
well - And on Thursday, please
God, he is to get up for awhile
"To verify quotations," I am
to tell you that I found him in
great delight putting your

f32v

Circus performers mounted on
their heads, on their stomachs,
in their proper way, on horseback
that he is going to teach Aunt
Florence a game, a "very
difficult game", where you
must "keep" your "head cool" -

He has taken all his food
well to-day - & been asleep - no
company -

We are a very fortress of
Carbolic

Thank Mr. Fred for his box -
But the "pure Carbolic" I have
absconded with - he must
let me pay Cooper's bill -

Gwendolen as well as possible

f33

Miss Shalders gone to bed
(by my orders) in another room,
but *quite* well.

Gwendolen sent some May
by me to Ralph. She is so very
tender to him -

Grandpa *much* better -

Poor Parthe so very bad, but
I trust to-day will be the
turn -

Please tell Mr. Fred I will
answer his letter to-morrow,
if not to-day - but things are
going to go better -

There was enough to account
for it in her bodily state

f33v

We are so grieved for your
separation from Margt
except by *shouts* - It is so
difficult to shout one's love.

ever dearest Maude

your loving

Aunt Florence

not by *shouts* - but in spirit
always -

Gordon wrote to us. "I come
daily to see you in spirit" -

So do I -

I take daily messages from
"mother" & "father" to Ralph

ff34-35v, June 9, 1886, from FWV, re Kathleen's improvement

ff36-37v, June 9, 1886, from MV, re Kathleen's improvement

signed note, f38, pencil

f38

June 10/86

{printed address:} Claydon House,
Bucks.

Dearest Maude

Ralph up & looking charming
- sends all sorts of messages to
"mother" -

Gwendolen will write to
"mother" to morrow if I will
tell her "the spelling" - charmed
with her new doll.

So thankful, so thankful for
Kathleen's wonderful progress
Poor Parthe as bad as ever -
God bless you all -
ever yours lovingly
Aunt Florence

ff39-40v, June 10, re Kathleen

ff41-42v, June 12, 1886, re Kathleen and a slight relapse

signed letter, ff43-46, pencil **[8:891-92]**

f43

Claydon June 14/86

Dearest Maude

I hope you will not be too
much distressed to know
that Gwendolen has measles -
You would not be if you
saw them as I do -

Gwendolen's face is as fresh
& as beautiful as if she
were running about the
lawn. And General, Major=
General Ralph is exercising
on his charger, the hobby
Gee-gee - You understand

f44v

We have put Miss Shalders
to bed in the Wainscoted
room - But I really hope
there is nothing the matter
but what she says she
has often - tho' one is
very much concerned to
see her, so spirited, so sick.
She is now going to sleep
over Brandy & - no the
last was Milk & Soda Water
And we trust she will be
up tomorrow - tho' I think
we will not let her sleep
with the children again

f45

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Harriet sleeps with them
to night. And Kate in
the outer East Nursery

Miss Shalders says that
you know that she has
these attacks of sickness - &
will not be frightened -

You know we are expecting
Aunt Margt (& Uncle Edmund)
tonight. And the Invalids
will be delighted to see her -

My poor sister is very bad
indeed - And we have
telegraphed for Dr. Acland

f45v

Sir Harry is depressed
& looks feeble. But I
know I am always told &
am glad to believe that I
exaggerate his state -

He does suffer so very
much *with* his poor wife -

The third Nurse from
Oxford is a nice person -

Sir Harry has no cold
now - And Mr. Calvert who
is here is good company
for him, (tho' one would not
quite have selected him as

f46

a "jolly good fellow,") in the
absence of everybody else
upstairs

God bless you all -
Bank Holiday has deprived
me of Kathleen's news -
God grant it may be good!

ever yours lovingly
Aunt Florence

I *would* tell you if
there were any cause
for uneasiness - But
there is not. We will
telegraph tomorrow.

ff47-47v, June 14, re Kathleen's slight improvement

ff48-49v, June 15, re the conditions of the invalids

ff50-51v, June 16, re Kathleen and FWV's candidature at Bath

unsigned letter, ff52-53v, pencil [8:892]

f52

Claydon June 16/86

Dearest Maude

We have measles out very fully,
not room for one more:

temperature 102.4

pulse 130

still no complication at all
cough rather troublesome, but

kept quiet by poultices -

only an ordinary attack of

measles, tho' rather heavy -

She is not at all unhappy -

views with interest the

removal of her bed to a more

airy part of the room -

has Dolly in bed with her -

f52v

With regard to the great
question, Miss Shalders & I
have meditated & consulted,
(& admitted the Doctor to
advise). And I really think
that what you would wish,
could we put all the
circumstances before you, would
be what we here submit:

Ralph, who would have been
allowed to go out to-day,
were there not a N.W. wind, cold -
to remain at Claydon for the
benefit of summer walks some
little time longer - not to live
in Gwendolen's nursery - but to

f53

remove to-day to Miss Shalders' room (the wainscoted room) - Miss Shalders to remain here - She does not seem to think she can go home - Kate to remain here, because she is wanted to wait on Harriet & Gwendolen - And the little maids here have not had measles - Miss Shalders seems pretty well now - She will only go into the Nursery on *visits* to Gwendolen - And I hope will not be overdone - She will go out every day - Dr. Benson, tho' he says Gwendolen's

f53v

attack is heavy, does not anticipate that it will be longer than Ralph's - The rash is well out. It is possible all may return together - or at least that Gwendolen may be convalescent before Ralph returns - Dr. Benson decidedly prefers Claydon to London for Ralph at present - We are so thankful that Kathleen is "waving" a "hind quarter of beef" - That is a flag of peace & farewell to fever, I hope. What a blessing the fluid in the lung departs

incomplete, unsigned letter, ff54-55v, pencil [8:893]

f54

Claydon June 17/86

Dearest Maude

Nothing but good news of
Gwendolen:

Yesterday To-day

Pulse 130 104

Tempre 102.4 99.4

rash fading

cough much better - [It was
not a whoop but only the
cough of measles] - on the road
to convalescence - the high road

It was only the bad weather
prevented Ralph from going
out to-day - He is bonny -

Miss Shalders well -

f54v

Would that you could
say the same of Kathleen !-
as we can of Gwendolen -

Parthe is very bad - I cannot
speak to her at all of the
coming-on elections so near
my heart. Sir Harry is
very dear & gentle but
lachrymose, about them

What can I say about
Mr. Fred? I believe it is
as much the calling of God
when Capt. Verney is/was appointed
to the(?) Growler - do you remember
Margt was upon her knees praying

f55

in the bed-room here when
news was brought her?
or when Mr. Fred stands for
Bath - may he prosper? -
as when an Apostle starts on
a Missionary tour -
the plan, the life-plan is in
God's mind all the time -
& has been from all eternity -
When a Claydon rose
delights you or me, or a violin-
-tone speaks volumes to you,
don't you think that it was
in God's mind from all
eternity when He made the
laws that created that rose
or that chord. the pleasure

f55v

that it would give to you or
me? It would not give
me half so much if I did
not think God was thinking
of it - Last night at midnight
a Nightingale was singing
his song, his prayers to God,
out of pure joy & devotion
singing by himself in the
moonlight - But was not
God thinking of it?
Dearest Maude: I could
not bear to think of the
desperate anxiety & fatigue
you & Margt will have,
complicated as it is by so much

Add Mss 41977D

312

signed letter, f56 pencil **[8:893-94]**

f56

Claydon June 18/86

And oh! I shall miss your letters

I go to 10 South St. tomorrow -

Dearest Maude

God be thanked for the good

Telegram - May all Kathleen's

improvement continue! -

Nothing but good news from here

Gwendolen

Pulse 86

Temp: 98.8

rash fading rapidly - cough

much better - everything in a

state of improvement -

I am afraid this is the last

letter you will have from me

from here - And oh how sorry

I am to leave them - God bless them

ever yrs most lovingly F. Nightingale **[end 8:894]**

ff57-58v, June 18, re MV's concern about FN's added responsibility and Kathleen's fever

ff59-60, June 18, re Parthe's vexation at FWV and Kathleen's fever

initialled note, ff61-61v, pencil

f61

Nothing but good news June 19/86

{printed address:} 10, South Street,

Gwendolen -Pulse Tempe Park Lane. W.

80 Normal

cough better - is progressing

rapidly - will get up a little

tomorrow -

Ralph was to go out to-day -

Miss Shalders quite well -

Harriet says: " no chance of my

"being over -tired - Gwendolen sleeps

f61v

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all night - we both have slept
all night these last two nights -
In short I have nothing but good
- Excuse a scrawl - I am only this
moment landed - How are you?
So thankful Kathleen is better -
Is Mr. Fred returned? What
prospects? with very best love
dearest Maude, ever yours F.N.
Poor Parthe bad

ff62-62v, Sunday, {archivist: June 20, 1886}, re plans for the children

ff63-64v, Sunday evening, re Kathleen's improvement

ff65-66, Monday, re MV's plans to join FWV at Bath because of the election

ff67-67v, Monday evening, re MV's decision to go to Bath

signed letter, ff68-69v, pencil

[8:894]

f68

10 South St June 22/86

Dearest Maude

Thank you much for writing -
I am so *very* glad that you are
able to go to Mr. Fred -
But *pray*, I *trust*, that, as the
physical work will be lighter -
no driving ~~home~~/14 miles after meetings
in the winter nights in a cart
or a tent - how thankful we
are for that - so the desperate
mental anxiety to exhausted
bodies will be lighter - You
said you would take "mental
chloroform". Please do

f68v

My fervent 'God speed' is
yours -

I shall send to enquire after
Kathleen - Good speed to her -

Might I have your address
at Bath?

Please tell Mr. Fred that
Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji has
written to me to day or/ & yesterday
about his having accepted the
candidature for Holborn -
wants me to "support" him,
which I don't know how to do -
but suppose he wants me to
write him a letter - If Mr.

f69

Fred's hand is in, perhaps he
would help me with a few hints
of how one should write to Mr.
Dadabhai - but don't let
Mr. Fred trouble himself, he &
you must be so busy.

Further, Mr. Dadabhai wants
me to "attend" his "first
Public meeting" (Holborn Town
Hall) on Thursday which of
course I can easily do -

capital news of Genl Ralph
& Gwendolen from Claydon
this morning

Good bye - All joy & peace
throughout whatever clamour

f69v

ever yours lovingly
Aunt Florence

ff70-71v, Tuesday, {archivist: June 22, 1886} re MV's departure for Bath and Kathleen's continued improvement

ff72-73v, 11 Russel St., Bath, June 25, re the election campaign in Bath

signed letter, ff74-77, pencil **[8:895-96]**

f74

10 South St June 26/86

Dearest Maude

I have just received my answer from the little woman at Onslow Gns - the little woman whose "smile" is priceless - more precious than the Imperial smile which made & unmade nations - She says she is much "better" & went into the next room yesterday morning with great advantage - & is "much more like herself" for it -

I think it is a grand thing

f74v

to teach the multitudes great political "principles" apart from the "local gossip" & animosities - which animosities alas! reign in circles which think themselves higher than "local" - - - to speak of Ld Hartington & Chamberlain as they ought to be spoken of - & show the multitudes what they ought to think of them - And if it could but be without) the agitation & fatigue to you, I should say that this in

f75

itself is a great thing to
accomplish - a great
victory won -

It is not so everywhere - not
even among the best men - I
saw some one yesterday from
Edinburgh, saying that Mr.
Goschen had been speaking
as men speak in public houses,
saying what "men said" of
him "in London", & how unfair
it was &c &c &c instead
of enlightening his audience
on political principles

f75v

Please tell Mr. Fred I give
him joy - & tho' I hope, oh
how I hope for success, yet
surely this is success already

The Press is getting an
awful hold upon us. It
is like the "Pieuvre"
enveloping us in its
fearful legs & arms - And
only such speakers as
you describe can stop the
creature -

A thousand thanks for
your most kind, too
interesting letter -

f76

-2-

Good news of Ralph & Gwendn
to-day

I am so ashamed of myself
that I cannot write a
proper letter

Tell Mr. Fred that Mr.
Dadabhai Naoroji's
meeting at Holborn was a
very crowded & enthusiastic
one - Mr. Naoroji spoke
exceedingly well - in
beautiful English - "it
was a wise, great
speech " This I hear from
the people to whom I gave

f76v

my platform tickets -
I am sorry he read a letter
from me

À Dieu - À Dieu - À Dieu

God is in the train to
which we are coupled
if we are really going for
truth & principle -
This is a great crisis
in our history - but
the greater the crisis
the more God is in it -
It will be success

f77

whatever happens
The train in which
God is cannot be smashed
or wrecked
Great love -
yours ever
Aunt Florence

ff79-79v, June 28, 1886, from FWV, re a letter he wishes FN to write to the Liberal ladies of Bath

signed letter, ff80-82v, pencil [8:895-96] [1:711-12]

f80

10 South St June 28/86

Dearest Maude

I was very glad to see Mr. Fred, but afraid he had a slight cold, which however I hope will come to nothing - Or rather I think he is coming to great good; let what will happen.

We had so much to talk about that I did not mention to him that Surgeon Major Evatt is 'standing' on the Liberal side (Unionist Home Ruler) at Woolwich - Dr. Evatt is *the* reformer of

f80v

the Army Med: Dept - of Army Medical administration - a man of singular talent in the reforming administrative line - & in speaking - He asked me for "a line", of course - I know nothing of his chances, (but should have liked to talk him over with Fr. Fred) in unseating the present C. member Hughes (?)

I am all on the administrative "go" - for India - for Army Medical &c -

f81

Sir Harry comes to morrow
till Thursday - when he attends
the Conference on Imperial
Federation - on Wednesday
the Gordon Boy's Home Comme
You saw the letter of the Pr of
Wales to the D. of Buckingham,
prompted by Mr. Fred, in the
D. News - Sir Harry has
about 8 meetings on Wednesday

I am greatly alarmed - Sir
H. is a magistrate - and I
think my sister will have me
taken up. The Pall Mall Gazette
has done worse than I hinted
to Mr. Fred. It has put in my

f81v

letter to Dadabhai Naoroji,
as-y with a heading 'Letter to the
"Electors of Holborn" too bad, & side by side
with its own expressions of
"hatred to Chamberlain" &
"detestation of Ld Salisbury" -
Que diable allais-je faire [Molière]
dans cette galère? Those
"hatreds" are certainly not mine

I shall be imprisoned in a
Claydon dungeon -

I cry Hurra! to you with all
my might. Don't you hear me afar off?
I think it is a grand thing to
be making speeches on *principles*
Thank you so much for you
lovely views of Bath - I cry again
Good speed! ever your loving
Aunt Florence

f82

2 I have two pieces of
good news for you:

one that a Home Mission clergyman,
without a Church but only
a school room, is making
quite a Reformation among the
very worst in the circle round
our St. Marylebone Infirmary -
he has something every day,
not only on Sundays - among
other things he is forming a
Provident & Temperance Union,
called, called the Sisters of the Phoenix
Socy,

which admits the very poorest
women, & which is begun to be
managed by themselves with by a Committee, of/elected by
themselves - *He* is as poor as a
rat - & has of course 3 children every year

f82v

The other is that our Nurses
at St. Marylebone Infirmary
are reviving the desire of
a Provident Union among
all trained Nurses - for
granting pensions & for sick
pay - *upon the principle
of never drawing out their
money* - but, whether they
cease to subscribe, upon
marriage, or giving up the
profession, or not, leaving
whatever they *have* subscribed
in for the Common Fund -

You may perhaps remember
that our Edinburgh Nurses
said the same thing -

[end 1:712]

signed note, f83, pencil

f83

29/6/86

My dear Mr. Fred

O cruel man to ask me for
a letter - I only write not
because I have sense to give
you but ~~only~~/ just the deepest
warmest sympathy for
such a canvass - the true
success - Tear it up -

Your letter came just
while I was preparing for
Miss Crossland whom I
expect every minute
God save you & Maudie
Aunt Flo

signed letter, ff84-87, pen

[5:350-51]

f84

London June 29 1886

My dear Mr. Fred Verney

Accept a woman's warmest
good wishes for your canvass,
no less than for your return
for a Liberal seat for Bath -
- for your canvass conducted
on such noble principles/lines as
to make it a good & no
evil - a triumph in itself -
(- I will not say 'whatever
happens,' for a seat in
Parliament must crown it)
- for your canvass which,
teaching principles & what
Liberal principles mean

f84v

as it does - *is* a success,
& not only a road to success.

Instead of criminating &
recriminating, which alas!
our greatest men have
hardly avoided - instead
of counting up how often
G. or H. or I and J. have
contradicted themselves
& disinterring the corpses
of their inconsistencies -
instead of local squabbling
& gossiping - & the whole
art of abusive Politics
- instead of floundering in
this 'mucky' puddle, to sail

f85

(not with the 'filthy rags' of party
politics but) with the
swelling sails & "bounding
breeze" on/f the great principles
of Liberal politics &
statesmanship - on the
Great principles of all
administration & Government
- leaving, at this solemn crisis,
detail to the time when
the representatives of this
country will have to decide
upon detail
instead of despising
"Dissentients" & calling names
to show, as you do the
difficulties where they may

f85v

help the practical truth
with their opposition -
Her Majesty's Opposition,
so truly, so fondly called
best understood here -
H.M.'s 3 or 4 Oppositions
we must say now -
to dwell, we say, on the
great principles of law
& order & justice & love
of justice -
this, this is success -
this is the noble canvass
- this is your happy path,
your fair voyage -

f86

-2-

If this be the 'new life'
which the present Election
is to inaugurate - which
women as well as men
may join to promote -
then we say: 'God save
the Election a good &
not an evil - A Great &
a noble Education in
something higher than
party Politics - in practical
Politics for the good of
mankind - (taking away
from "party what was meant
for mankind") in Government
for the right.

f87

And each Election instead
of being the sink of corruption
& vicious gaiety we know
it was will be a time
of meeting of different
classes for the highest
purposes of instruction & of
sympathy [when, in the
language we love, 'the lion
shall lie down with the lamb']

This is our beloved
Queen's jubilee. Let this
be the beginning of the
reign of high politics
which in their turn shall
have *their* jubilee

f87v

God save the Queen
God save the new era
God save all those who
wish to save the "Union"
May success be yours in
Parliament - The greater
success of a pure canvass
is yours already
Florence Nightingale

ff88-88v, copy of ff84-87v, not in FN's hand, with some changes

ff89-90, June 30, 1886, from FWV, explaining the need for the changes made in ff84-87v

ff91-91v, June 30, from MV, re the campaigning in Bath

ff92-92v, July 3, 1886, from FWV, re his failure to be elected

signed letter, ff93-94v, pencil

f93

10 South St July 4/86
{Babykins}

Dearest Maude

I heard that you did
not wish to bring the children
back to little Kathleen yet,
& that you wanted some air
for them more bracing than
Claydon & not so far as
Scotland -

Pray remember I am not
advising - I know how happy
they at Claydon are to
have them - And there is
always a risk in sending
them to a strange place -

f93v

But it occurred to me
that, as our Miss Crossland
had been on her holidays
one year with a sick "Ward
Sister" of ours" to a farm:
house half a mile from the
sea on a breezy common in
Norfolk - yet undiscovered
by watering place goers -
with a sandy beach - ~~at~~/near
her brother's - & both
recovered health & spirits -
you might like to hear
about it.

I enclose the brother's letter

f94

& Miss Crossland's - [Miss C.
goes on her holiday to
Ireland tomorrow morning]

The brother was a Missionary
in Borneo & those parts for
many years - lost his health
- came home & ~~is~~/has now a
small living in Norfolk - [see
his date] - Ridlington N. Walsham -

He is an excellent Doctor,
which I only mention,
because the "farm=house", which
you will see Miss Crossland
recommends, is five miles
from Doctors - "Bacton,"
which she does not

f94v

recommend so much as
the "farm-house", is a large
village=town & close to
the sea, much nearer
than the "farm=house" -

If you would not think
of this (Bacton) for a moment,
I think I will write to
the brother & tell him so -
[You see he asks.] Otherwise
there is no occasion for
you to trouble yourself to
take any notice. Forgive me if
this bothers you -

Good speed to all three darlings
- ever your loving
Aunt Florence

incomplete, unsigned letter, ff95-95v, pencil [8:898]

f95

10 South St July 5/86

Dearest Maude

Thanks for your most kind
note. We grieve together over
your fatigues, anxieties,
disappointments - They are
mine - But they are God's too

f95v

the party I should not
think Miss Crossland, an
unmarried maid who has fought
with savages, keenly alive
to such risks for children
And Miss Crossland, whose careful
vigour is up to anything, has
not been at the country place for

ff96-96v, Six Cedars [?], July 8, 1886, from [illeg Spencer?] FWV about his election defeat

signed letter, ff97-98, pencil [8:897]

f97

July 4/86

Dearest Maude

How I grieve over your
fatigues; & of course I cannot
help a little tear at the result

But good work is never
wasted. A canvass, rightly
& nobly carried on, tho' it ends
with what is called defeat,
really contributes more to the
good cause than a dozen
of so-called victories, impurely
won -

I trust you are not much
the worse. I was so grateful
to you for your letters. ~~F.N.~~ I had

f97v

a letter from a candidate
(on the right side) who
is not yet beaten but expects
to be on Tuesday saying
"No one has learned more
than I have from the
whole campaign"

and
"I think it (the battle) has
been of an educating
character to many people
& questions have been
discussed before great
audiences which whether
I fail or succeed will
waken up thought."

That is what I feel so
strongly - but,
Aunt-like, I wish you had
had the success too -
a little success too -
But I won't be done
out of my conviction that
the victory has been
yours -
the Good speed has been yours
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

unsigned letter, ff99-100v, pencil

[8:898]

f99

10 South St July 9/86

PRIVATE

Dearest Maude

I wish I could give you
better news from Claydon,
so will say nothing more
than that it is kind & pacific.

Shake paws with Mervyn
for me. What does he say
about the Election?

I return Mrs. Gladstone's
letter to Mr. Fred, because
I am afraid of its being lost.

I send only love to Ralph
& Gwendolen, because they

f99v

will have their mother -

1. If you have quite made
up your minds about
Norfolk, would you kindly
let me know that I may
write to Mr. Crossland,
whose letter you have?

But don't let this bother
you -

Might I trouble you
with these 3 small parcels
for Claydon? - 3 -

2.
And might I trouble you
to tell me of some book
Mis Shalders would like?

f100

I fancy it would be
German - But a generation
ago closed my knowledge
& repertory of German -
Give my love to the
morning thrushes at Claydon.

3 -

Also: might I ask you to
kindly find out any book
that Good Davidson,
Parthe's maid, would
like?

*O that it could be settled
that Emma, the excellent
little nurse, (housemaid), might*

f100v

*be the third attendant
on my sister! Three
are quite essential - Or
she will lose Davidson -
& also every Nurse (one after the
other) - broken down, just
as she wants them most
Please *destroy* -*

ff101-02, 6 Onslow Gardens, S. W. Friday, {archivist: July 1886}, from MV re her decision not to go to Norfolk

signed letter, ff103-04v, pencil

[8:899]

f103

10 South St July 17/86

Dearest Maude

Thank you so much for
your letter - I was so
grateful to you for telling
me the whole scene & so
anxious about Margaret.
When you hear of them from
abroad, I am sure that you
will kindly let me know.

I cannot yet think of it
without tears; but they are
tears of joy & admiration
as much as of grief &
astonished disappointment

f103v

We should wave our banners

& strew our flowers not
for the winner: he *has* a
(so-called) Success - but for
those who have the something
higher than Success -

There is an old Italian
hymn which I dare say
you know - not about a
Saint, but about one
persecuted unjustly:

"*Martirio* in terra appella si,

"*Gloria* si appella in cielo" -

f104

That which is sometimes
called "defeat" or "failure"
here we shall come to call
the only real glorious success.

The crowning Victory of
all in man's history was
apparently the deepest
defeat & destruction of all
hope the world has ever
seen - And *He* had
palms strewed in His way
to it

I keep all these things
in my heart -

f104v

I send you a charming
letter of good excellent
sensible Mrs. Robertson
which please return to
me - I should like to
send it to Sir Harry, but
dare not, on her account.

Sir Harry & my sister
are, I am sure, genuinely
sorry/grieved - Sir H. dreadfully
so -

How sorry I am Ralph &
Gwendolen still look so delicate
And how are you? And Kathleen
still progressing? ever yours
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff105-06, pencil

f105

10 South St July 24/86

Dearest Maude

I have not liked to ask
you or Mr. Fred to come &
see me because I thought
you were so much better both
engaged in seeing the Thames!!
(if possible) together; & were very busy
besides

But Sir Harry tells me
that you are both going to
Claydon on Tuesday with
Kathleen, & I hope going on
to Rhoscolyn & perhaps Scotland.

I should be so very sorry

f105v

not to see you again for
some months perhaps,
when so much has been gone
through in these last weeks.
Could you or Mr. Fred come,
one this afternoon, when I
have an unexpected vacancy,
& the other tomorrow (Sunday)
afternoon, if you are so kind?

But you can't think how
entirely I waive my claim
if you are going somewhere
nice together, to some Forest
or River.

f106

I have heard from dear
Margt, but she gives me
no address to write -

I hope Kathleen is almost
off the Sick List

God bless you
ever yours

Aunt Florence

If you can come, would 5
or 6 suit you?

signed letter, ff107-08, pencil

f107

Private 10 South St

July 28/86

Dearest Maude

How good you are - Do not
trouble yourself to "send here"

I will send to you by "one
"o'clock".

I feel so very anxious
that you should not
tire yourself by going to
Mrs. Grey's, as you so
kindly propose, on my
account - But whether
you are so good as to
see her or write to her,

f107v

I think we must be
careful not to tell her
facts, but simply to
ask her how she found
those certain things -
And if you only write
as I hope you will
perhaps you will let me
suggest some things
before you do -
I cannot say how grateful
I am to you -
And I am afraid you are
so tired

f108

At Claydon, besides
the Nurses, could you
let me know how the
new *Sofa & Water
Matrass* does?
God bless you
ever yours
Aunt Florence

Love to Kathleen
& good journey

ff109-10, Claydon House, Bucks, August 4, re the state of affairs at Claydon

ff111-12v, Friday evening, {archivist: August 6, 1886} re the nursing situation at Claydon

ff113-14, 6, Onslow Gardens, August 12, 1886, from FWV re a letter from Prince Prisdang, Siam

ff115-16v, Plas Rhoscolyn, Holyhead, Sunday evening, {archivist: August 15, 1886} from MV re her stay at Rhoscolyn

initialled letter, ff117-18v, pencil

f117

10 South St Aug 18/86

My dear Mr. Fred

Miss Masson is at
Edinburgh (at *the* Masson's
there) I will send to Miss
Crossland the first thing in the
morning - & she Miss Masson shall be
written to. but I hardly
think they will let her go out
on such a chance at such
short notice. but - we shall
see -

Miss Greenfield I have
sent a word to tonight -
But if the boy is a young man,

f117v

I am afraid she will
hardly do - She injured
herself slightly while lifting,
in one of our Adult Wards -
There must have been some
weakness before - And her
brother, Professor of something
in Medicine at Edinburgh,
has forbidden her, tho' she is
quite well, having anything
to do with adult Patients
for 6 months - Yet she
will not leave us -

It is so inconvenient having

f118

~~anything to do with~~

Great relations -

I will also find out in
the morning from Miss
Crossland what scale
of payment they will
consider sufficient.

And I will write
to Miss Webber's Doctor

But we are the true
Doctors - And we must
guard in both these two
Nurses against any

f118v

risk of a

break-down in/on the
voyage, which would be
very awkward -

I have another in my
head but she has no
organizing power
ever your affte

F.N.

signed letter, ff119-21v, pencil

f119

10 South St Aug18/86

My dear Mr. Fred

I have been busy about
your Siamese student
(please tell me his *age*)
And I have found two
ladies of our own with
whom I have communicated
- one of whom I think
will do - She would
nurse him at Watford
& go out with him to
Siam. but she so clings
to the idea ~~the~~ of being

f119v

taken on at St. Thomas'

that she will make
no promise to stay on
at Siam in *any* case -
I think she might be
ready "in ten days or a
fortnight" - *She is a Miss*
Greenfield - has a sister,
a Missionary, in India -
But I doubt her having
the organizing power to
do anything in Siam,
even would she stay -

f120

On the other hand, we
have a Miss Masson,
just gone for her holiday,
(with whom I have *not*
communicated) who,
Miss Crossland & I think,
might possibly do all
3, Watford, Siam &
stay there. She *has*
organizing power. But
how could she be ready
“in 10 days or a fortnight”?
[The second with whom I

f120v

have communicated, a
Miss Webber, would
accept it. But she is
at this moment in bed,
& tho' she thinks she will
be ready “in a week”,
I was just going to write
to her Doctor who, I
am sure, will *not*.]

I think it/ the Nurse must be a
lady, unless you could get
hold of a woman like
Kathleen's Nurse, if she is

f121

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to stay out in Siam
especially
[No one can "go to Mrs.
Wardroper" or "ask"
her for anything - She is
away & has been very
ill]

I am very sorry you
are not in Scotland,
& also that Pleasley is
not to be done -

f121v

ever your affecte
F. Nightingale
I will write to Miss
Greenfield (who is
at Croydon) tonight
- shall I?

initialled letter, ff122-23v, pencil

f122

10 South St Aug 19/86

My dear Mr. Fred

I have two misfortunes
to announce - One is: we
can't have Miss Masson -
I have been busy about it
Since 8 am for we had
first to get Hy Bonham
Carter's consent [And he
is now at Woodside] Of course
we do not meddle with
the 'Staff' without his & Mrs.
Wardroper's consent. And
he will not give it.

f122v

I have telegraphed to Miss

Greenfield - Could you
telegraph to me the *age*
of the poor youth?

I have asked the Doctor of
Miss Webber, who belonged
to St. Marylebone Infy,
questions about her health.

But I am almost afraid
you will have to be advised
to ask the Sister Superior
of University Coll: Hosp or
St. John's -

whether she has a nurse
who would do -

I am so afraid the last part of

f123

the scheme (the organizing in
Siam) will tumble through.

2. [*Your Gordon lecture*]

Lady Ashburton has made
for me a collection of 'slips'
of all kinds on Gordon -

But the new baby is in the
Library! And I cannot
have these 'slips' till
Monday - too late for you.

I have sent for them
again & again. But I
should be better pleased to
know you in Scotland than at
Aldershot

f123v

Mr. Potter, M.P. for Rochdale
has written me an
enthusiastic letter on my
election to the Cobden Club
Do you know him?
ever your affte
F.N.

unsigned letter, ff124-27, pencil

f124

Aug 20/86

My dear Mr. Fred

I have telegraphed to Miss
Greenfield that the poor
Siamese student's age is
20 - & I expect that this
will put an end to her -

I do *not* think that Miss
Greenfield is a lady with
organizing power. & I think
in some things she would be
likely to be rather to-ing
& fro-ing, & *swayed by adventitious*
things

I ~~am~~ do *not* think that
she is more worth your taking
(& paying more for), for the

f124v

ultimate object, (which is only a chance & a chance dependent on the organizing & initiatory power of the lady) than a Brompton Nurse

And if she goes to the East at all, to *stay*, she would wish to go to the Punjab, where her Sister is a Missionary

I am trying to judge quite dispassionately, as if my people were not concerned.

And I think between Miss Greenfield & a Brompton Nurse, I should choose the

f125

latter, tho' I am sorely sorry to give up the *ultimate* object for the present - But it is so likely to be 'intrigued' away, *any how* - is it not?

What will your Brompton Nurse go for?

It is $\frac{1}{4}$ to 12 now -

St. John's House is in Norfolk St. Strand -

No: Hy B C has not the

"absorbent power" - But I always consult him on every important matter - We *must* have unity - or every

f125v

stick of us would be broken -

The others I mentioned
to you, *not* Miss Masson, are
not on the Staff - &
therefore more independent -
But, had Hy B.C. been
at Hyde Park Sq, I should
have written consulting
him as to those - And as to Miss
Masson I should not ~~have~~
moved at all without him.

You see it is a very
great (& wearing) consideration
for me to consider who
can be as it were set

f126

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down in Siam & have
to grow the rest herself.
I consult Miss Crossland,
Hy B C every body -
That does not signify
explaining - But it
signifies very much
choosing the female -

I should reluctantly give
up the Brø ultimate object
& take the Brompton Nurse,
I think

f127

How long do you stay at
Aldershot? - What is
your address there?
if in London on Sunday
would you like me to get
the Gordon slips I mentioned
& go over the subject
with you? Supposing you to
give the Lecture on Monday
Shall I see you before
you go to Scotland?
I wrote to Sir Harry on
Monday, thinking he was
going to Pleasley!!

initialled letter, ff128-29, pencil

f128

10 South St Aug 25/86
My dear Mr. Fred
You know when I preached
fresh air & rest before going
to Siam, (if you do go) - last night,
I was preaching in Maudie's
name - To her my thoughts
flew at once - Shall you
tell her before you know
more that there is a prospect
of your going to Siam?
Could you go to Rhoscolyn
next week till the
"instructions" come?
~~—~~send you General Gordon
at Gravesend, which is the

f128v

book you wanted - ~~to see~~
I believe
I sent down to Moorfields
this morning to claim my
(several) hundreds of the
penny Gordon, of which
you took a copy. Unluckily
the only partner who knew
of the transaction was away
in Scotland. And the wretches
don't seem to know whether
they have not sold them,
but to offer to replace them
at their own expence -
That can't be done by Monday
The partner is to be pursued

f129

At all events, you shall
have all the copies I have
by me at Aldershot on
Monday
I am all anxiety about your
last night's Telegram from
Siam -
God bless you - Good speed
ever yours
F.N.

Add Mss 41977D

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initialled note, f130, pencil

f130

Aug 30/86

Good speed - good speed
to you - And thanks from all -
Could you look over this
letter, striking out any thing
superfluous - especially
any thing the Prince has said
- IF it is printed, I had
better look over it first, &
add some things in Gordon's
own words - had I not?
Good cheer - & success
to the movement - God
be with you -

F.N.

initialled letter, ff131-39, pen {this does not appear to be in FN's handwriting} [5:505-09]

f131

London. Aug: 30th 1886

My dear Mr. Fred Verney,

Perhaps my tie with the troops,
whose faithful servant I have been so proud
to be, may excuse my sending a few words
upon Genl. Gordon who so interests us all,
whom I had the privilege to know.

What made him what he was?

Courage in so many senses. The courage
of numbers is common. But his was the
courage of utter loneliness, rising with
loneliness. His very friends were enemies.
English soldiers are rarely called upon
to exercise courage in such positions.

f132

Gordon made his rough materials loyal to a higher self while he had his hold upon them. In China he reorganized a de-
-feated mob against the troops of an able fanatic who had carried everything before them.

He was Commander in Chief, Engineer, Banker, Head of the Commissariat & the Arsenal - in the Soudan also Civil Governor General. He was the bravest of men where God's cause & that of others was concerned - the meekest where only himself. He had no self.

What made him what he was?

Sympathy in so many senses: care

f133

for others, carelessness for self.
Gordon's work was a living work of continuous sympathy wherever he was, whatever he was doing: sympathy with the oppressed in China: sympathy with the oppressed & the slaves in the Soudan: sympathy with the miserable at Gravesend & everywhere. It was enough to be miserable to be beloved of Gordon. Misery was the safe passport to his heart.. His very name was Victory against a hideously cruel rebellion in China & the weary slavery of the Soudan. Gordon's fighting was chivalry. As a leader, all his exploits were those of a

f134

Paladin. They say that fighting is a blood thirsty trade. With Gordon it was sympathy & benevolence in action. So may it be with every soldier.. Like him, every soldier may be, & many a soldier is, loyal to the highest feeling of Chivalry. The lives of those he took were infinitely fewer than the lives of those he gave. If he slaughtered thousands, to tens of thousands he gave the blessing of peace, & of a rest which he never claimed for himself. And from his hand spread broadcast the gifts of prosperity & wealth which he never would touch. In the Soudan he carried the "poor old bag of bones" & the babes into his

f135

camp & fed them up.

What was it made him what he was?

Disinterestedness. The Chinese found it "so convenient" to have an honest man who wanted nothing & who gave everything; who cared neither for money nor place. His generous use of money, & always his own when possible, was coupled with a persistent refusal of money as a present to himself, for his own services, at the risk of losing favour with the highest authorities in China.

The Khedive assigned him 10,000 a year of which he would take only 2000.

Here again was his sympathy, for he remembered from whom the money was wrung.

f136

His disinterestedness raised our character in the East, often alas! so pulled down, until to many millions of men, the word Gordon meant chivalry, honesty, sympathy, purity, faith.

And as these men came to know him they came to trust him with a perfect trust.

That kind of goodness, that wonderful combination, could not be narrow. No one knows to what class of faith he belonged, yet believers of every class have claimed him. Every act to him was a religious act. God was everything, Gordon was nothing to him. "I do nothing

f137

of this: I am a chisel which cuts
wood: the Carpenter above directs" -
"I have an enormous province to look after;
but it is a great blessing to me to know that
God has undertaken the administration of it.
And it is his work & not mine."

If all Britain, all the world one may say,
has proclaimed him the perfect hero, the
whole Army has proclaimed him the ideal
soldier - Were proof needed, is this not
absolute proof that the highest qualities,
& all of them, are, or may be, at any moment
required for a soldier's life?

Gordon's battle field in time of peace

f138

was the Hospital, the Workhouse,
Slums, the Street Arabs, the Ragged Schools.
His love of the sick, his experience, made him
of the same profession as I am. He
carried the wounded soldiers in on his back.
He carried the dying old women-slaves & the
deserted children into his camp in his arms.
When he went to Palestine he said to me that,
if his country demanded no other service
from him, he hoped to devote the remainder
of his life to Hospitals.

But I know that the cause of the destitute
boys is his cause, is carrying on his own
living work. He who took the Waif & Stray
boys at Gravesend into his house & lived with
them on the commonest food, nursed them

f139

through fever, himself taught them with the same cool ardour as he led the "Forlorn Hope", called them his "Kings", marked the voyages of those he got out in ships with pins on his map, & prayed for them all wherever they were, has left this work to us to carry on for him.

Pray believe me,
the faithful servant of our troops - [end 5:509]
F.N.

initialled letter, ff140-43v, pencil [5:244-45]

f140

Claydon Sept 9/86
My dear Mr. Fred
Many thanks for your two letters about Gordon Boys' Home, which much engageth our attention - But the Gordon Boys' Home itself has been in jeopardy.
"Field Marshal" Lord Napier without any consultation with his Committee wrote to the Home Secretary accepting *on their behalf* the grant of the "permanent use" of the "Woking Male Prison" for the Gordon Boys -
!!!

f140v

Had this been allowed to pass,
most of the Committee would
have resigned - And - a small
matter - I could have done
nothing to engage the Army to
subscribe to what Gordon
would so have disliked -

All the experience we have
gained during the last 30
years proves that health,
morals, discipline, have to
be obtained in huts or small
buildings/Pavilions - not in a huge
edifice containing 500 cells,
however re-arranged

The gallant father went up
to London yesterday by the first

f141

train without his sandwiches
or telling any one but the
pony - attended the Meeting
where he was Chairman - &
a copy of Ld Napier's letter
was written/ read - & then on to
Woking to see the Prison!!!

But I forestall - he told
the Meeting roundly that
Ld Napier had done what he
had no right to do - the Tory [?]
Colonel, I mean M. Genl,
backed him. 'Hig' was not
there, but a letter on the
wrong side was read from
him. However the Noes had
it - And Hallam Tennyson
offered to go off at once to

f141v

Ld Napier & ask him by
word of mouth to with draw
his letter - which offer was
accepted - We have not
of course heard the result -
But the "Mutiny" was successful
so far.

Arrived at Woking, the
gallant Father called a cab,
but perched himself on the
box by the cabman, in order
to "see better". The cabman
turned out to be a soldier,
a R.H.A. man, who was side
by side with the Shannon
brigade in all its work in
India. 'They tossed their guns
about as we could not do'
says he.

f142

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He also told Sir Harry a good deal about Woking Prison -

I am writing in haste just to account for my silence - I will return all the (most interesting) letters. I have not had time even to think of your stirring proposal to write a sketch of Gordon & an 'appeal' to "chivalry" (for the pamphlet) You would do it much better than I - Would we could do it together

Could you tell me from your leaflets what is the scheme - whether to give one or two years' training - or

f142v

what? - whether then the Committee intend to 'place the boys out', as Gordon did, according to the bias of each?

I can never find a Committee man who can tell me

Don't suppose we are not intent on the subject which you have started so well

I am rather afraid of the 22 per Regt - 20 would require 800 sixpences -

f143

I think the men would
subscribe so much better
if it were not asked in
that way. However, that
is ~~no~~/the A. A. G.'s business of mine.

I trust it will be a
grand movement, as you
well deserve, embracing
the whole Army -

in great haste
ever yours affly
F.N.

I write gaily - but indeed
am in great anxiety about the
whole matter - & about what
you asked me to do - (*not*

f143v

about Col Robinson
who seems doing so well)
& want you to tell us
your mind

I hope you are imbibing
ozone - & not writing
letters

One man at the Meeting
yesterday said we
must succumb to the
Pr. of Wales who was *for*
the Prison - !!
Gordon wd not have done
this

unsigned letter, ff144-47, pencil [5:510-11]

f144

Claydon BURN Sept 19/86
[Gordon Boys' Home]

My dear Mr. Fred

All the leaflets have been
sent me by your kindness
regarding this G.B.[H. And Mrs -
Hawthorn has also sent me a
number]

Thanks for Genl Philip's
two notes. N.B. You should
not have told him that I was
going to do a "pamphlet", seeing
I am such a wretch.

100 of the "Allen" 'pamphlet'
are gone to Col. Robinson

f144v

already, with a note from
me, asking him to send
on a post-card, 'if he would
like to have more, what
number?'

And I wrote to the Printers,
telling them to keep the
type up, for I might want
more than my 700 -

And now for the "penny
"pamphlets", soi-disant by me,
to be "brought out under the
Sanction of the G.B.H. Comee"
if *I am to do it, it must be*

f145

done by you - Q.E.D.

[How busy you have been -

I hope the newspaper

has come out well - I

have seen a copy here]

Your view of the pamphlet

is this -

“to help to secure the general

good will of the Army for

the G.B.H.”

to contain

1. the “proceedings” of Aug 30

2. “a short sketch of Gordon’s
life”

3. an “appeal” to the “sympathy”

f145v

of every soldier for Gordon’s

work - which “each one of

them might help to do”

4. for “love of Gordon’s memory”

“British Army” to “become

a school of chivalry”, in

“which every noble quality

that makes a man is in

full & constant use” -

This is your Programme:

& it is a glorious

Programme -

How is it to be carried out

f146

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If you could do what you did
for the letter at Aldershot
on Aug 30, viz. *dictate* to
me heads (but that can't
be done now) or send me
those kinds of heads,
hints, & tails - all in fact
- it might *get done* somehow

But I have had heavy &
despairing, not hopeful ~~warn~~/business
sent me down by W.O. - &
for India -
And - the {the rest of the page is missing}

f146v

How soon will this
pamphlet be wanted?
I am most anxious to do
what you want, but fear it
is impossible unless you
could kindly do, as here
proposed -

I send you an "Allen"
pamphlet, in case you are
so good as to put down
hints for "2. the short sketch
"of Gordon's life"

What I had *meant* to
{corner of page is missing} (your)

f147

letter of Aug 30, with
quotations of Gordon's own
words -

for the pamphlet - But
Your Programme is so
magnificent that I wish
there were some one to do
it full justice -

[end 5:511]

signed letter, ff148-53, pencil

[8:899-901]

f148

10 South St Oct. 29 /86

Dearest Maude

How more than charming your
Princess is - She is a *divine*
woman: *God dwelling in* her,
whether she calls it by that
name or not. It is a lesson
& a sermon to be with her
even for an hour or two -
Luckily for me, I was so
be-cough-ed that I could
not talk much - And *she*
talked, O so beautifully -
the gentle Reformer of Siam -

f148v

~~What~~ she told me that you
had taken her to a Club -
I suppose Miss Maude
Stanley's - And "little books",
what she calls the "arrangements",
for this, & for a Lunatic x
Asylum, & for a Board School,
She means to translate for
the benefit of Siam

x The Lunatic Asylum book
told "how they were to be fedd,"
&c she said.

f149

She asked me for similar
"little books", for a Hospital,
a High Class School, (Female) -
and - we talked about
Coffee-houses, because, she
says, the drink & the opium -
smoking in Siam is so
frightful - & makes them so "lazy"

Have you see her little books?
And could you give me an
idea what they are?

1. *What* is the "Board School"
book? [I think she said
you took her there.]

What she wants of me is,

f149v

I imagine, a book of the

Regulations, Course of Study,
& "arrangements" of a High
School for girls - X

~~I suppose that~~ *is* this, do *you think*, the needful thing?

(or- as she says a School
for high-class girls) -

I suppose that in England
where all is done by private
means or Societies, there
is no similarity between
these - ~~Girls~~ But I will
do my best to get her
something from Miss Buss -

X [*is* this, do you think, what she wants?

f150

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- unless you can kindly explain
to me *what* she wants -
better - Is it to comprise cooking & needle
work?

[It is so touching her learning to
cut out &c in order to teach -
O what Christian so good
as she?]

2. There is the same difficulty
about Hospitals. These being
all the result of private
effort, there is no Manual
common to all -
[Were they *Manuals* what she
has?]

f150v

And I don't think our
Army Hospital Regulations
at all good -
Nor those of St. Thomas' for
that matter -
Perhaps the *Workhouse* (Poor Law)
Infirmaries come nearer
to what she wants -
I will write to our St.
Marylebone & elsewhere,
& to our St. Thomas' Treasurer
for what she wants.

f151

3. *Coffee-houses:*

the best introduction to them
is the series of books of Lady
Hope of Carriden - But these
are so strongly impregnated
with Bible teaching that -
- would they do for Siam?

Opium Smoking

You know that 2 or 3 years
ago, 6 vigorous young
graduates of Cambridge
went to China - o why
did they not go to India?
- as a sort of Lay Missionaries

And only last Sunday
week an Australian lady,

f151v

now returned to Melbourne,
told me of an *Opium Refuge*
2 of them had set up

Your Princess seemed to
think the drinking & opium
smoking quite hopeless -

Our undergraduates don't
think so - But perhaps
it is not the business of
the Gentle Princess -

I could easily get
information about the
Opium Refuge in China,
(I have got down the name)
if you thought well.

f152

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Please don't trouble
yourself about these things -
Only I know that, if you
could help me with hints
of what she wants - to
get her what she wants -
most lovely being - You
kindly will -

Perhaps it would give you
least trouble to return me
this letter with your kind
reply.
O pray excuse this rigmarole
written under interruption [PTO

f152v

ever dearest Maude
with love to childer 3,
your loving
Aunt Florence

f153

I had a touching letter to
Parthe from Margaret
last night - not much better.
Do you suppose that Lettice
is never moved at all?
that the bed is made with
her in it?
that everything is done
for her in bed?
Or is she ever lifted off
to an adjoining bed while
her own is refreshed?
Brave, brave Margaret -
what a terrible illness it is.
Have you ever heard what
they call it? [Is there any danger of
[bed-sores?

Add Mss 41977D

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ff154-55v, Wednesday evening, from MV re family news and a proposed visit by the Princess to FN

ff156-57v, Thursday, re Lettice's illness

ff158-59v, Friday evening, re the Princess and Lettice's illness

signed letter, ff160-62, pencil **[8:901]**

f160

10 South St Nov 4/86

Dearest Maude

The enclosed papers of the Wesleyan Girls' College at Milton Mount, near Gravesend, seem to me to denote a Girls' College so much more like your Princess' requirements, & to be so much fuller in detail than any I have seen, that I send them for her -

If she cannot see the College, they may be useful to her. If she is going to see it,

f160v

they may direct her attention
as to what to look at -

[*P. 17* in the *Report*, which I
have turned down, gives
some idea of its objects
- more at least than most
Reports do.]

Four papers I send with
it -x & a card

[I have been unsuccessful
in getting anything from
Hospitals worth her having.]

x

The 4 "Milton" papers embrace,
besides the College,
Day School for Girls & Kindergarten
Technical College for Women
High School for Girls & Kindergarten

f161v

I will write again about
Hospitals - But they have nothing.
I am writing to Calcutta for a
Report about their Hospital,
& to Poona for one about their
High School -

I trust you are better

I am so sorry that I have
not seen Capt. Verney before
he went - I suppose he is
gone (to Leipzig) - I wrote to
him the day before yesterday,
begging, if I might, to see him -
& sent him a note by hand
this morning - But I suppose

f161v

he went last night?
They did not seem to know
whether he was gone abroad

All good be with you -
ever yours
F. Nightingale
If your dear Princess has
been to Gravesend, &
got papers of her own,
might I have these papers
back?
F.N.

f162

-2-
Thanks for Prss Narès
most kind note -
Would you tell her so
with my very best
wishes? I hope she is
well again - May she prosper
as she deserves!
O dear Margt - how sad
the account of Lettice -
ever yours affly
F.N.

ff163-64v, November 4, re the papers for the Princess, and news of Lettice's illness

ff165-66, November 10, re Lettice's illness and a visit to FN by Mr. Morant

initialled note, f167, pencil

f167

10 South St Nov 12/86

My dear Mr. Fred

I send you Mr. Jowett's budget. They testimonials seem to me (almost intentionally) colourless -

I received your two budgets
If Mr. Anson could come at 5.30, instead of 5,
this is one of my excessively busy (Indian) days -
But don't ask him if that will cut short my time
with him by half an hour - I will send at 3 to you's
to know -

Oh how sad the account of Lettice. Dear Margaret
Thank Maude for letting me know very much -
F.N.

ff168-69, Friday morning, re Lettice's improvement

signed note, ff170-73v, pencil

f170

10 South St Nov 13/86

Private

My dear Mr. Fred & dearest Maude

Mr Anson was here yesterday
& was very interesting. I hope
to see you about it, Mr. Fred.

In answer to your last
two notes, & ~~as for your~~ in regard
to my "helping" to "choose" the
Tutor & Private Secretary for
an Eastern prince, it is not
of course to be thought of for
one moment. It might as
well be asked that I should
help to choose a Secretary for the
Pope, or a priest for the
Grand Llama - I have

f170v

never seen Prince Narès. I
have only seen the Princess
once - & these two
Englishmen once each -
I know absolutely nothing
of Siam except from you -
And to you then I must
report. I undertook to
see these two Eng gentlemen
on that ground alone -
Any other ground for
me would have been my
acting on false pretences -
I do not know the duties of
a Private Secy to an Eastern

f171

Prince - & scarcely those of a
Tutor. And the combination
seems the most difficult
imaginable.

I regret that it was mentioned
to the Princess at all that I
was seeing these gentlemen;
without its being expressly
told me.

You will see all this as
I do, I am sure.

~~I do not think~~ The same
principle does not apply
to Maude at all. She knows
Prince Narès & all the family
thoroughly - & has influenced

f171v

the Princess to be what she
is. And she knows Mr.
Morant & Mr. Anson at
least as well as I do.
She might help Pss Narès
greatly in her decision.
~~I could~~ It is an honour
and a pleasure to see the
Princess - But *I could not*
even see her *without*
seeing you, Mr. Fred, first.
- & then only on the
understanding that I could
in no way "help in the choice"
to a situation all but
totally unknown to me -

f172

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2 Mr Anson told me that
you had said I was up
in the literature about
Siam - And he asked me
to recommend books to him
I do not know a single
book about Siam, (except
a very foolish one I saw
upon Parthe's table, & did
not read)

[It is not Bouddhist
literature he wants, for I
asked him.]

Would you kindly tell
me yourself, & ask Consul

f172v

Genl Mason & the Chargé
d’Affaires, & Interpreter
or whoever it is you think
well informed about books,
& let me know what books
Would you *telegraph* to
Mr. Mason?

[You see tomorrow is
Sunday -]

f173

€I could see you, Mr.
Fred, at 5 “*to-day*”, if that
would be possible to you -
And to-morrow, “Sunday”,
I would see the Princess,
if you then think well,
because it is an honourable
delight - not because I
could help her in her choice

Would 5 be too late
for her?

I trust Maude is better
& am so thankful about
Lettice -

f173v

I do not confess to the
“copper-colours” - My work
& it is very pressing, is
now of the white, whiter,
whitest: the “Indian -
None but a white Finance

Committee could threaten
the work of 30 years -
None but a whiter Ind. Off.

could propose such minutes
as I am now looking at.

None but a whitest ViceReine
could make such requests
Besides, yesterday, was Indian
mail day, you know - which
always makes pressing work
- ever your affecte F. Nightingale

initialled letter, ff174-75, pencil

f174

10 South St Nov 17/86

My dear Mr. Fred

I am very sorry, but [9:662]
tomorrow (Thursday) I am
entirely engaged in a most
disagreeable affair - trying
to save the Army Sany Commn

They are trying to abolish it
& undo the work of 30 years -

Secies of State are worse
than Leipzig Doctors - [end 9:662]

On Saturday at 5 I will
try to keep open, & gladly
see you, tho' I don't know that

f174v

I can do much/any good

Thanks very many for
offering to get something for
Mr. Morant, which I accept.

To so young a man I should
naturally send a 5 note

- "from a friend" "for outfit" -

Do you think he would
run restive & tear it up?

AS he is so poor -

If so, then please get
him something, as you
kindly propose

f175

Many thanks for Leipzig
news -

So glad Maude is well

in haste

ever your affte

F.N.

ff176-77v, November 17, 1886, from FWV re a Gordon lecture, Lettice's illness and a gift for Mr. Morant

ff178-78v, Brooks's, St. James Street, S. W., November 22, 1886, re a school map and family news

ff179-82, The Siamese Legation, 23, Ashburn Place, London, S. W., December 4, 1886, re the Prince's political opinions

ff183-84v, Rhianva, Bangor, December 20, 1886, re family news

ff185-86v, 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S. W., December 7, from MV re the state of Parthe's nurses at Claydon

ff187-88v, Washerton House, Warwick, December 13, re Miss Shalders' imminent departure

ff189-90, Rhianva, Bangor, Wednesday, re MV's arrival at Rhianva

ff191-92v, Saturday Evening, re Lettice's illness

ff193-94, December 23, re a great improvement in Lettice

ff195-96, December 30, re the death of Mervyn

ff197-98v, December 31, re good wishes for the New Year and family news

Add Mss 68885, microfilm, 190 folios, 114 pages, correspondence with Frederick and Maude Verney Part 4 1887-88, Adam Matthew reel 40

signed letter, ff1-4, pencil [8:902]

f1

10 South St Jan 4/87

Dearest Maude

Thank you for your
gracious letter -

Indeed, indeed, I do so
grieve for you & Mervyn -

But you had given him
such a happy life. It is a
great thing to look back &
feel that he had never been
unhappy - I sometimes think
that the loss of a faithful
animal is felt almost
more than those of a
human beings, except the
very greatest, because we

f1v

are not sure of their

living again - But I
can never believe, can you?,
that those animals who
are so much better than we
are, their faithful love,
their forgiveness, their self-sacrifice,
in devotion to duty, will not
live again -

“And thinks, admitted to an
equal sky

“His faithful dog will bear
him company.”

When I see the Hansom cab -
horses, the fineness of
whose legs shows them

f2

to have been hunters or
riding horses, running to
the last their very best, in
what is must be to them humiliation,
for duty's sake, I think
how much more fit for
heaven they must be
than the masters who
sold them -
And a faithful friend like
Mervyn - - - !! he is
without price.

The dog or the cat which
will die rather than
leave a the death-bed or the
grave of a human friend,

f2v

"Greater love hath no man
than this" -
their patience in suffering
- my dear Bismarck who
nursed his mother when
she was ill, tho' she did
nothing but snarl at him,
- which nursing I never saw any other
do - whom I gave away,
to a sick lady 7 ½ years
ago - he is just dead,
after much suffering - And
she wrote to me that he
preserved his courteous,
kindly manners to the last,
& was "so much more patient
than" she was

f3

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I had a cat friend, who
lived with me 17 years -
the most faithful - I cannot
speak of her even now - I had
to have her laid to rest -
But I found out afterwards
that she had not been
kindly treated while I was
away - And she might have
lived for years -

But your Mervyn was
always happy - always
kindly treated -

No cat can fill her place
to me - no Mervyn to you

f3v

I am very glad you stay
at Rhianva till you go
to Claydon. What a
comfort to Margaret to
have you there - filling
her place, if only for a
time.

Does Ellin make at all
something of a ~~mother~~/mama-kin
to the children?

And what is Capt.
Verney doing? Pray give
him my love, if I may -
Can you tempt him out,
as you say?

f4 God bless you
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

ff5-6v, 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S. W., January 12, 1887 from MV re her sorrow at the death of Mervyn

incomplete, unsigned letter, ff7-7v, pencil [8:903]

f7

Private 10 South St
(2 enclosures) Jan 14/87
Dearest Maude

I do feel that you must not "force" yourself about dear Mervyn - It *is* true that, in real losses, every year only makes one feel the loss the more. But then one learns to think of those who are gone as happy now, as perhaps waiting for one. The pang is not so rending - one even thinks of them as

f7v

rejoicing in doing one some good - They are not under the soil, extinct for ever -
Do Ralph & Gwendolen try to make up in some measure for Mervyn?

What ARE we to do with these letters? You are wise - ~~in~~ You have seen my sister lately - I have not You are wise - What would you think best for Edmund to write? It would

ff8-9, January 15, 1887, re MV's feelings of loss regarding Mervyn

signed letter, ff10-11v, pencil

f10

10 South St Jan 24/87

My dear Mr. Fred

Your letter-kin appals me. Have you let your house? & are you going to live at Goldings Hertford?

I have not been able even to look at the Queen's River question yet; I am sorry to say. Since the shuffling of Ministers, & the Bombay Chief Secy being here, I have lived in a sort of whirlwind of work in bed - (not neglecting Miss Crossland.)

f10v

Chief Secy gone, I had Mrs. Hawthorn all Saturday afternoon (also in bed) on the most horrible of all subjects - which always makes one ill - It was a relief to turn to Gordon, the very Antipodes of that subject -

She will be delighted to have your Meeting [I told her she must not call it Lecture] She thinks the great hall, in New Brompton (the R.E. Barracks, but the best for the purpose)

f11

must ask Col Brine, the
Commandg R.E. first
She is extremely distressed
that the R.E. officers have
decided on the form of
memorial, of all others
most distasteful to Gordon,
a statue in the Barrack
Square. The men must
of course subscribe to this -
- which makes any subns
to Gordon Boys' Home very
precarious. But I told
her that, however disappointing,
Subns were not your first
aim in having a Meeting

f11v

I think she is one of the
very best & most energetic
stuff: & very like him in
some qualities - exceedingly
witty too, like him -
She hopes you will come
& stay with them -

What a noble speech of
Trevelyan's (in to-day's
Times) even if we venture
to differ in some things.

ever yours

Aunt Florence

Add Mss 41977D

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signed note, f12, pencil

f12

10 South St Jan 31/87

Dearest Maudie

Poor Ralph & poor you?

Please, just a verbal message
to say how he is -

I hope Gwendolyn & Kathleen
have not much amiss -

God bless you

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

signed note, ff13-13v, pencil

f13

10 South St. Feb 3/87

How good of you to write me
news of the "dauntless Three" -

I am so grieved for this
outbreak, but hope for good
news to-day -

I send 3 "picture books",
but am sadly afraid they are
all old to them.

Please tell them with
Aunt Florence's love I am
making a collection of these
books for the sick children
in "Babies' Castle" - & there

f13v

are 60 little children in
60 little cots - And
some of them are very bad
with whooping-cough.

And the Head Nurse who
is very fond of them is one
of the Nurses whom they
have given cups of tea to
on Claydon lawn -

God bless you all, my bairns
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

signed letter, f15, pencil

f15

10 South St March 6/87
Dearest Maude

Sir Harry has rather a bad
cold, & has condescended to
take Sir Andrew Clark's
medicine - breakfast in bed
As the medicine is a sudorific,
if he gets up to day (he is
not up yet, 11.30) the last
state of that man will be
worse than the first -

At present he keeps himself
in a warm perspiration
& me in a cold one -
remembering the history of
two neglected colds & two E.
wind

Marches - ever yours Aunt Florence

initialled letter, ff16-17v, pencil

f16

March 25/87

My dear Mr. Fred

I am in very poor case:
& to-day is India mail day -
But if you kindly wish to
come about 5.30 or 6, I would
gladly see you - And won't
you have tea?

I have not had a moment
to explain that your poor
old Aunt Florence is more
matter of fact than you
know - I did not mean
anything of "doctrine" by
"you must not stop there".
I mean simply what I wrote

f16v

in Nos 2, 3, 4 - that Nos
2, 3, 4 must follow No 1,
the House of Call; Or it
will be a poor thing -

Your foundresses, as all
pioneers generally are, *always*
among working-women, were
heroines - But, that won't
go on, alas! [See men
in similar positions] And
a Home & Club *under a*
really good Matron Manager
is in my opinion with other
things, a sine qua non
You don't know what
experience we have had

f17

of a Nightingale Home under
a nobody & under a
woman who, *without one*
word of "doctrine", is really
a Xtian guide to them. Yet our
Probationers are as old as
your women. They vary from
25 to 40 years - are often
older than their guide the "Home Sister"

I don't think I could
"write" you "a letter" - Pray
forgive me. But any thing
that cd ~~do~~w be of the
least use to you in the
letter I wrote to "Purity"
is yours - And I hope you

f17v

will allow me to give my
mite -
Not to keep you
ever yours

F.N.

Best love to Maudie
& children

signed letter, ff18-19, pencil

f18

April 5/87

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

How are you & the children
three? And is Mr. Fred
gone to Edinburgh?

I think he said that Miss
Morant was coming to see you
to-day or Thursday. Would
you kindly give her a
message from me - & say
I did not write again to Thena,
because Mr. Fred meant
to call at Cambridge on
his way back from Edinburgh - was this not so?
had they been still at Newnham,

f18v

& the telegraph to Mr.

Morant at Bangkok
if the account was good

I hope the account *is*
good - I feel very anxious
to know exactly how far the
sister has recovered from
the terrible accident, &
what are likely to be the
results. But I don't like
to trouble her to write
nor you either. I shall see
you some day, dear Maude
I understood that the sister was
to stay a fortnight at the friend's home
at Cambridge - & then go to Sevenoaks

f19

I feel just so anxious
as ever to know how
Margaret & Lettice are
ever dearest Maude
Your loving
Aunt Florence

signed notes, ff20-21v, pencil

f20

May 15/87

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

I am anxious to know
that you are not having your
throat cut on account of
aggression against drinking
by Yeomanry &c & public houses
It is something not worth
while to make a raid
if there is not good hope
of making an impression -
It is worth while when there
seems an up-rising of
public feeling in the same

f20v

direction - That is why

I mentioned Ld Wolmer's
Article in 'XIX Century', which
is all in ~~that~~ your direction.
viz. the immense harm done
to the Militia by the
abominable system of
billeting on & paying in
public-houses - & the
detering thereby of just
the steady young fellows you
want in the Militia from
remaining in it or entering
it.

f21

Women's Unions &c

My dear Maude Thanks
very many for the new Circular
you were so kind as to send
me - much to be preferred
to the first - but I should
have liked a little more about
the Women's Club & - the place
for meals & evenings -

Dear Mr. Fred

I think "Personal Rights"
- may his grandmother's
shadow perish from the earth !
- was quite justified (by the
first) in saying that "Miss N.

f21v

"had addressed a Circular to
'the women of England' &c
Dearest Maude I hope
you have better news of
Ellin & Lettice
Poor Margaret
ever your affecte
Aunt Florence

Add Mss 41977D

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signed note, ff22-22v, pencil

f22

May 20/87

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

I hope the poor knee is making
progress.

Is not the Devil very busy this
season?

I will return the Pigott's very
excellent letter x [You shall tell me
exactly who is is when we meet]
I wish it could be followed up
at once I am afraid, do you know?,
that, if the things he speaks of
"which will scarcely bear repeating,"
taking place "in public houses
(many of which are brothels),
very many are going on even
now - Why do the "Colonels object" ?/to
x tomorrow

f22v

paying the men by P. O order?

Have they *brewers* to their
brothers or wives' brothers? - -
as the French judges say: 'who
'is she'?

There is always a 'brewer' as
there is always a 'she'.

I hear nothing from Genl
Philip Smith - re Aldershot

Sir Harry had a bad fall
as you now, mounting a
new pony to try it, on Tuesday
- But I have a telegram
from Morey this morning

f23

"much better
accident not a serious one
out walking as usual"
Have you better news from
Rhianva?
Best love to Maudie
& children
ever yours affly
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff24-25v, pencil

f24

June 16/87

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

I did not know till I saw
dear Maude that your next
winter & her next winter were
decided - you in Siam, she &
the bairnies at Nairn. How
brave she is - how calm.

It is a noble crusade you
are going on - so full of
usefulness. May all good
attend you. I can scarcely
conceive a more important
mission with all its side
issues -

That your Prince is a good
one I am most thankful - It
makes all the difference -

f24v

2. I give you joy with all my
heart that ye Jubilee Fund
undertakes you. *Now* the
Jubilee Fund is something
worth having.

[13:784]

One of the three which it
patronizes I could not quite
read. there is "Widows' Pensions"
& "FREE" (this is the word I could
not make out) "Nurses"

I do think, with Lady Fredk
Cavendish, that if this Women's
Provident Fund /Union &c &c & House
of Call &c can be carried out, it
will make a difference in
working women's existence - They
are now slaves to the competition

f25

for employment - [end]

But it will miss you in Japan
& Siam.

Do you mean that you have *a third* of
the Jubilee Fund?

3. And now a weighty question.

What would Maude, if she
were I, allow her *maids* to do
on Tuesday, as to seeing the
Procession, or more particularly
the *Illuminations*? [I have
no man servant, & the Messenger
I have had for 11 years, & who
ought to be trust-able, is fond
of the drink.] I expect that the
Cook=Housekeeper - the one Mrs.
Grey recommended - & who is of
little or no use as an upper servant,

f25v

will ask to go out to see
the illuminations, & take a
maid with her. [the three
are all young girls] & stay
out, as she boasts, till 2 am
The very idea of it sends a cold
perspiration down my back
Ought I to permit it?

If there is an accident, it
will be my fault -

I can't control her; but I
must govern the maids -

Yet I should like them to
see something of the great day.

What would you, in my
circumstances, permit?

God bless you all
ever yours affly

Aunt Florence

copy of signed letter, ff26-27, pen {this appears to be in FV's writing}

f26

Copy

Private

& Confidential 10 South St: Park Lane

W.

July 11.87.

In this difficult and growing age, of all clergymen who have an understanding knowledge of the wants of the working classes, and the wish to open a good way to them - not because they are afraid of them and of ignorance getting the upper hand - but because they see how to enlighten

f26v

ignorance, and because they have a hearty sympathy with the men (including the women and children) and the age. and because they wish to turn inevitable change into progress, and progress of the best sort - Mr. Stubbs with his deep religious convictions and his keen and practical insight and interest (both for the high and the low) is perhaps

f27

one of the most remarkable in whom the strongest confidence can be place

(signed)

Florence Nightingale

signed letter, ff28-29v, pencil

f28

Private 10 South St.

July 13/87

Dearest Maude

I was so much obliged to you
for coming yesterday but
yet more so because ~~then~~ I
did not know what your
plans were - before -
I think I gathered that you
meant "only the difference
"between Monday & Thursday"
"to go to Claydon".
& that your principal necessity
at Claydon was the "functions"-
I feel most impertinent in even
suggesting to you about plans:

f28v

but I am sure that the *best*
rest to you & also to
Margaret would be for
you to be with her at
least 10 days *or more*.
No one can grudge you that -
You have only seen her one week in a year X
And tho' I feel that you are
heroic yet you will be very
much tried just now -
Won't I do at Claydon for
a bit? not to replace you,
that is impossible - but just
X And Margaret said to me: 'When
I got in at Onslow Gardens, I felt
my burden rolled off my back'

f29

to be a stop-gap to allow
 you to stay with Margaret.
 I promise to telegraph to you,
 (if I see a 'function' looming,)
 at Rhoscolyn - IF you wish it -
 I did not understand whether
 the dear children three
 were going to Rhoscolyn ~~or not~~
 with you - I hope so But if they
 are coming to Claydon before
 you, I will do my best too
 (to be a stop-gap)
 Dearest Maude, pray
 think of staying with
 Margaret for her sake as
 much as your own - a fortnight
 or as nearly as possible - either after or before Claydon

f29v

My best love to Mr. Fred.
 I hope he will not overtire
 himself before he starts -
 The going to Siam & Japan
 is a heroic necessity - It
 is the most interesting thing
 in the world. It is the most
 indispensable thing in the
 world. To you & him a great
 trial: but you say, like S. Paul,
 'Rejoice & again I say unto you
 Rejoice' - He is the creator
 of the Siamese Mission.
 I am so sorry not to see him
 again before he starts -
 God bless you both
 ever, dearest Maude, your
 I am in the agony affecte
 of St. Thomas' Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff30-31v, pencil

f30

Private

Claydon

July 19/87

Dearest Maude

Thanks for your dear note.
- I offer to tell you what I
could glean about the
"functions": they only know
at present of the Flower-show
on August 1 & something
(?Blue Ribbon) *same day*.

They/My sister says that the 'villages'
have spent so much this year
on their Jubilee that they
don't expect many 'functions' -

Of course I know that
'functions' crop up by Telegram

f30v

Still, tho' I have no right
to say this, it does seem
hard upon you to have
only "from August 16 to 24"
with Margaret - And if
'functions' are the reason,
'functions' be drowned -

Dearest Maude, I do
think so much of you &
Mr. Fred - now more than
ever Great love -

I shall write my farewell
to him - & my Au revoir -

f31 Sir Harry is full of him
& you -

Atmosphere pacific -
with love to childer 3

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff32-34v, pencil [8:904]

f32

Claydon July 20/87

My dear Mr. Fred

Success to your goings out
& your comings in - Your going
on this Great Expedition is a
thing which is eminently
right to do. So it must be
successful in the highest sense.
God bless you both all the
day & all the night - And
as somebody says, 'then you
must be safe all the time'.

As for Maude going to
Nairn, I think it is heroic -
rejecting the lesser consolations
~~in the Nairn Expedition~~

f32v

She is not obliged to stay
if she does not find it
agree with the childer quite
so much as may be hoped.
She is not going to build a
Balmoral on the Dunes of sand,
nor take a house on lease
That too will be successful.

This is in answer to your kind
of apology for the Nairn Expedition

f33

I enclose a note for Ld Dufferin
as you desire - Maude will
tell me where & when to
address you in India - I suppose
you will stay a few days in
Bombay - Bombay is so much
better worth knowing than
Calcutta - it is the birth
of a new nation - a new
political system - despotism,
like the lion lying down with
the kid, shaking hands with
the rising educated native
nationality - You will not
need an introduction to Lord
Reay - I will ask Sir Wm
Shall I?

f33v

Wedderburn for some others-introductions

Ask Grant Duff [I have
seen Lady Grant Duff too
this last week - she is worth
22 of him] & ask Mr. Henry
Cunningham for introductions
at Madras -

Or shall I?

You have, of course, got
introductions from Mr. Cunningham
for Calcutta & Ld Dufferin -
Ld Dufferin says: 'A Viceroy
must have not female friends,
but as Mrs. Cunningham was
Ld Lawrence's daughter, I used to
ask her for a cup of tea always
once & sometimes twice a week.

f34

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I will try & send you
introductions "for the line
"from Calcutta to Bombay",
but am very much afraid
I shall not be able
Also: My friends at Madras are
not now in high places -

But I have *native* friends
at all the Presidency towns.

Please send any
messages you may have
for me by Maude - brave
Maude - Don't trouble to write
ever your loving

Aunt Florence

If you like it, & should like, as the

f34v

time for your being at Calcutta
waxes nearer, to write another
letter of introduction for you to Lord
Dufferin, which will be
later & fresher than this, the
cream of which will 'turn'
passing thro' Japan & Siam.

F.N.

signed letter, ff35-36, pencil [8:904]

f35

Claydon July 20/87

Dearest Maude Will you
kindly use the enclosed to
get Mr. Fred something useful for the
Great Expedition. It was
very stupid of me not to send
it before. Or, if not too
late perhaps he would get
himself something odd &
appropriate at/in Siam or
Japan.

Pray do not take the
trouble to answer this till
we meet.

We think of you hourly. I

f35v

wish even poor I were in
London next Sunday for
you to see somebody
besides packages -
Kind Sir Harry says perpetually
about your stay here, "we
only want Maude to do
what she likes best for herself."
And in his morning talks with
me it is always about Mr.
Fred -

I have heard from Margaret
- good accounts she & Ruth &
Harry wading without shoes
& stockings in bogs after flowers -
That sounds delicious.

f36

Sir Harry says: 'how I should
'like to be going Fred's expedition
' - just what I should like
'a sacrifice & a risk - & so much
'important to do - so much
'hanging upon it'

God bless you again & again
ever with great love

Yours

Aunt Florence

signed note, f37, pencil **[8:905]**

f37

27/7/87

No, dearest Maude, the
children's sweet lovely
voices "in doors" & "out of doors"
are delightful to me - to me
who never hear any but the
poor little bodies crying in
Hyde Park on a Sunday
Please let me enjoy them as
I hope to tell you soon

& hope soon to hear what
Mr. Fred tells you. I am so
glad you have a cheery letter -

To-day he is two thirds on
his way. Does he write
- his post town, Queenstown?
ever your loving Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff38-40v, pencil [8:905-06]

f38

Claydon

Aug 20/87

How can I thank you enough, dearest Maude
for your letter some days since?

God bless you & the children & Mr. Fred

With you two I can feel more than I can say.
because I have known what it is to have the
War Minister & the India Office Minister removed
every 4 months - to have the War Minister taken
away just as he is carrying measures you have
been hatching for years as e.g. W. H. Smith
was taken away from doing what nobody else could

f39

do at the War Off: to do what *nobody* can
do as Leader in this (wild beast sort of a)

Ho: of C -

But take courage - Or rather you have more
courage than any one -

That Mr. Fred is not going on to Siam with
this excellent Prince D with whom he has
already done much good is grievous indeed.

But then it is impossible that this Minister
who is like a man without ears or tongue
could carry on the most important business in
England *at all* without Mr. Fred that is
obvious. How could they send such a
man? [How could they put Ld Lytton in
India]

I do trust Mr. Fred will yet go to Siam
& make the King's acquaintance
while Prince D. is prime minister, with whom
he has begun so well

What is it that Gamaliel says: If it is
of God, no one can overthrow it - If it is of

f39v

'man, it will come to naught.'

Mr. Fred's letter is courageous & gallant & true - Thank you for it 1000 times

[Am I to understand that I must not communicate it here or anywhere?]

As for Nairn I suppose that it is of the first importance that he/Ralph dear laddie should be set up in health, & ozone now - & Gwendolen too

But one must sympathize, alas! with you being rent in twain. But you throw

f40

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your 'body' in the 'breach' so gallantly -

I am glad you are with Margaret now during this time of strain - But on Wednesday next you will be starting - God speed you!

Aunt Florence's love to all - I have written to London to send you a July

Fortnightly. You do not mind? I have written all over Seeley's Article in the copy you left here - Fare you very, very well

ever your loving Aunt Florence -che pensa a voi

ff41-42v, Elm Bank Cottage, Nairn, N.B, August 31, thanking FN for picture books sent to the children and about their life at Nairn

signed letter, ff43-46, pencil [8:906-07]

f43

Claydon Sept 2/87
 6 a.m.

Dearest Maude I come as
welcome, I know as your
Telegram & your account of
the nice little house with
sea & shells & common (&
no Parade!) at Nairn was
to us For I bring in
my hand a letter from Mr.
Fred -

 Ah me how strange is the
trial - He all strung &
ready to go to Siam &
achieve good there - (& you)
- & yet the necessity of his

f43v

return, for Siam's good -

 Well - we shall see even
here that it is for the best.
But it is very grievous -
'cast down but' still upright &
lively -

 Sir Harry is at Manchester
- Mr. Calvert gone - My sister
& I alone here - I return
to London on Tuesday,
where St. Thomas' & India
call -

 I have thought it best not
to mention Mr. Fred's
letter - Please return it to
me -

f44

I was so grateful - we were so grateful for your delightful scraps on the journey - & for your safe & happy arrival.

Is Elm Bank Cottage the place you took while you were here?

God bless the dear children & their dear mother.

I sent two books on the Sea Shore for them to the P. O. not alas! the books I meant - not books for children at all - but the

f44v

best I could get with coloured plates - Coloured plates is the necessity - I remember when I was a child how I used to toil over the uncoloured wood-cuts (without proportion) in a Conchology book & never identify a single shell.

Catalogues are aggravating - I ordered the books I wanted at different places/reprises for the children - answer always "out of print" - At last I found a Routledge Catalogue of *last* year - answer "out of print"

f45

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I want particularly a book on
Sea Weeds which thro'
Margaret's kindness I hope
to get in London - But it
is not for children - & to
send that, & one on British
Butterflies - But there is no
science *for children*, except
in Margaret's head -

We have a tremendous storm
here how thankful
that you had it not at
sea-
I trust that you are able
to do the Music - Music

f45v

without instrument - that is
so wonderful.
& that the sea=breezes are
blowing ozone into
darling Ralph & Gwendolen
& Kathleen -
& that the lessons do not
worry you - I am sure
they must be good for
them -
I cannot say what I fain
would say, dearest
Maude, how much I am
ever your & their loving
Aunt Florence

f46

The early post is leaving.

ff47-48v, September 11, re MV and the children at Nairn

signed letter, ff49-52v, pencil [8:907-08]

f49

10 South St Sept 18/87

Dearest Maude

Thank you so much, so very much
for your letters & Mr. Fred's -
Indeed it is coming very near,
Sept. 24. But I hope the
Equinoctials began so early this
year & so unreasonable &
violent that they have
spent all their fury. & have
not a breath left a piece -
We have actually had here a
fog - that most provoking of
all things, a fog with a high
barometer. But it presages
well for the sea - The air was
perfectly still.

f49v

I delight in you & Ralph
taking your bath on the Pier -

Still I may hope that a more
'fashionable' way of bathing &
promenading may succeed now.

Aunt Florence's best love to
the 3 little robust=growing
dear Ozone=seekers - & to their
best beloved mother God speed -

Thanks too for the nest in
the tree - the cedar at Claydon
- the most delightful, I think,
of the Photographs - of the Mother
& the three -

f50

Thank you so very much for
Mr. Fred's letter which I return
[And Margaret was so good as
to send me one on the
"Rockies" which I sent on
to Col? George Verney, as bidden -
I think I have missed the one before that]

I do not like to delay returning
you *this* letter any longer. But
I should so very much have
liked with your leave to have
printed a leaflet from it
for private use as to Emigrants
(as I have printed a leaflet
from a letter of Margaret's
for private use with her leave
as to botany - which I enclose.)

f50v

Three men came over to me
at Claydon from Whatstandwell.
That was a little deputation
about the Coffee-room - But I
learnt from one of them a
good deal about the emigration
of young men/stone-masons (always the best go),
& married men with their families,
which is taking place from Whatstandwell (Lea Hurst) -

To Canada? I asked -
No, he said: to O-hi-o-

Why, said I? Because,
he said, the sort of work
they want is not to be found
in Canada - And they get work

f51

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work such as they are used to, -
instantly in O-hě-o - generally
before they arrive, friends,
often relations who have gone
before them, find it for them -
And they settle down without
a day's delay to high wages -

My mouth watered - And
all these fine young fellows
are lost to our country
who might be saved to her
in Canada - And the
drunkards are left to us
in Derbyshire -

Please bear in mind that
in *this* letter of Mr. Fred's, Aug 17/87, is

f51v

the very valuable part about
Emigrants to Canada - if at
anytime you would let me
print it as a private leaflet
But *all* his letters are
valuable & most interesting -

I think he has behaved
like a man & a hero
about this strange trial
in the matter of not going to
Siam - May he be blessed!
& he *is* blessed -

f52

I have been breathlessly busy,
 since I came back to London;
 as I am sure you, dear soul,
 know - for I have not sent
 dear Ralph his Algae yet.
 but they are coming. Only
 I hope all the real Algae are not
 lodged on your roofs, &
 on your gardens by the storms -

For one thing, I have had
 to do some Indian business
 before *our* "ministers' separated
 for holidays - all were off
 yesterday - & much hangs
 fire, & much is done all ~~illeg~~ awry, &
~~necessitates~~ - such a deal of letter writing
 as 'requested'

f52v

For another, our new Matron,
 dear Miss Pringle, ~~whom~~/as you
 kindly remember, has arrived
 at St. Thomas' - an anxious job -

Dearest Maude, fare you
 very well - I keep
 wondering what your plans
 will be - In the meantime,
 good speed to Ozone,
 & to music. And I am so
 glad the lessons are all right.

God for ever bless you
 ever your loving old
 Aunt Florence

ff53-54v, September 30, re more news from Nairn

signed letter, ff55-55v, pencil

f55

10 South St Oct 4/87

Welcome back! welcome back!
altho' it is very bad that 'house'
should be let, & 'wife & bairnies
three' in Scotland.

Maude is in a loving tumult
of expectation -

But you have done it like
a man - You are doubtless
essential here. And *you*
will turn it to the best
account.

I wish I could send you
some food.

Many thanks, dear Mr. Fred,

f55v

for your most interesting letters.

I thought we were going
to have you at No. 4 - where
you could be fed from here -

Give me a post-card when
you can kindly come & see me -
I should not like you to
find my head under water
with appointments, which,
unluckily for me, is my case
at present.

God bless you & yours -
ever your loving & sympathetic
old Aunt Florence

ff56-57v, October 7, re MV's plans to join FV in Manchester

signed letter, ff58-58v, pencil

f58

Oct 7/87

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

When you went away, Sir Harry
said so tenderly: "I shall never
see him again." Now he *will*
see you again - I am glad you
go there tomorrow - It is a
compensation for much that
is unfortunate in bringing you
back

I did not tell you how
much struck I was with
your 'daughter' Gwendolen -
"Struck" is the word, tho' she
is but 6 years old - Last
year she was in the philanthropic

f58v

line. She wanted a 'house'
-ful of 'poor sick children'
to 'nurse' - This year she is
in the motherly: Kathleen
is a great *care* to her, bodily
& mentally, particularly the
latter - She is the little
Mother - She is the
Dresden Raphael's Virgin
Mother - What will she turn
out?

Good speed

ever your affte

Aunt Florence

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff59-60, pencil [8:908]

f59

10 South St. Park Lane W
Oct 9/87

Dearest Maude

I have seen Mr. Fred
& he looks even better than he did
when he started: well & full
of vigour. I think the
seeing you again & the childer
makes up to him for all
the disagreeables - He does
not even regret the letting of
Onslow Gns

He was so pleased to hear
what I was able to tell him
from your letters, so kind,
about Ralph's improvement

f59v

particularly.

I trust that all these
worrying alterations in your
plans will not tell upon
either you or him too
severely. His eagerness to
be again with you overcomes
all else with him.

My love to babies three -
I am obliged to write shortly,
tho' my thoughts are never
short with you - I will
tell you another time why -

f60

God bless you, dearest
Maude - I hope Nairn
has really done a good deal
with/for the children
ever your loving

Aunt Florence

I return with many thanks
the only letter I have now
of Mr. Fred's

F.

ff61-62v, The Clarendon Hotel, Edinburgh, {archivist: October 17, 1887} from MV, re her departure
from Nairn for Manchester

signed note, f63, pencil [8:909]

f63

Oct 18/87

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude & Mr. Fred

So you are together at last!
I give you joy, joy, joy - And
old Aunt Florence gives herself
joy & trusts to this compensation
for what was indeed a strange
trial.

God bless you
ever your loving old
Aunt Florence
How are the bairnies three?

Add Mss 41977D

413

signed letter, ff64-65v, pencil

f64

10 South St Dec 10/87

My dear Mr. Fred & Maude

How can I thank you
for your magnificent offer
of hospitality at Pine-Acres?

By thankfully accepting
it for the time you are
absent, i.e. from the 20th,
& perhaps for a little after
your return as you so
kindly ask me? and so
I shall see a little more of
dear Maude & the chicks?

But I could not possible
quarter myself on you for

f64v

“3 months”! and indeed
I could not be absent
from my work for any
thing like that time -

Yes: I could bring a cook
i.e. a kitchen maid, Nelly
Owen from Rhoscolyn, whom
we have taught - who has
a true feudal feeling to
all of you - but particularly
to Lettice - & my own
Lizzie - from Claydon -

Will there be any one
left in the house besides

f65

the new house maid? &

shall I be enough to defend
the spoons? I will bring

Messenger, tho' not of much
use. But he can 'bark'
about the house in the
day time.

I am afraid it will
give dear Maude some
trouble to arrange about
starting me, as there is
no old servant in the house
But I fear I could not
leave an accumulation of

f65v

work here before Tuesday
the 20th
I could take down some
cooked food, if she liked
it. to start us with -
& Coffee & apples & ink & the like.
But I dare say the
tradesmen call at the Pine Acre door
quite natural - under
Maude's excellent arrangements
Again God bless you
and a thousand thanks
from your ever loving
Aunt Florence

incomplete, signed letter, ff66-67v, pencil

f66

Pine acre
overflowing with every thing
that is pretty, useful,
charming or eatable by
dearest Maudie's generous
care - How can I thank her
for all the trouble she has
taken! It is too much; & then
the Larder!!
"Faithful Nature" in her
winter's garb is very beautiful
I am so touched by Gwendolen's
room, her bed & Kathleen's crib.
I see my little mother =Gwendolen,

f66v

big with the responsibility
of Kathleen's moral & physical
welfare, doing the little
mother's part - dear little
Virgin-Mother!

I could not help going out
to look *at the pines & bracken*
- so long since I have seen
Bracken -

I know, dear Maude, how
worried & now poorly you
have been - I trust you
are better - & am so happy to
think of you at Rhianva -

f67

Very many thanks for
your most kind & helpful
letter - about the good
things of the world -

I have heard a bird
chirp - I have not seen
big Mr. Tomcat yet - but
my kitten has - he would
make three of her -first
she kissed him & then
she boxed his ears - But
he did not give it back -
only walked out of doors -

You will see Mr. Fred
tonight. Please thank him

f67v

for his letter - tell him
how I sympathize with him
- & thank him for his
kind Envoi -

My love to blessed Margaret
& to all the seven -

I am writing in the dark,
but at your table -

God bless you all -
ever your loving & grateful

Dec 21/87 Aunt Florence

Mr. French has been most
friendly - May I ask Mr. F
to a Xmas dinner? I will
certainly ask the Gardener -

signed letter, ff68-69v, pencil

f68

Pine acre Dec 31/87
New Year's Eve/88

Dearest Maude

Poor Miss A. M. coming to day till

Monday with maid -

We have done our best - now
it is in the hands of God

My Nelly Owen will not do for

you for a single day as cook -
I ought to tell you *now*.

She plays the most excellent
variations on rice & apples - She
can roast & boil a chicken now - she
can make a seed cake & sundry
other good things

But she would get your
breakfast quite & completely
ready just as Mr. Fred was setting

f68v

off for the Station -
Your children's dinner might be one hour,
two hours late, because she
would not reckon the time it
took to do - She has been 10 days
in conquering the Kitchener.

You would write the order for
the butcher & *she* would tell
him to bring it *when* she told
him -

And then she would tell you
there was nothing in the house
for dinner -

And all this with the most
perfect good faith & perfect
temper, tho' cool in the world-

She is a good, religious
girl - But slowness &
unpunctuality & a little denseness
are her bane - They must be

f69

conquered first before ~~you~~/any one
have/has her as Cook -
French & Rosa are now singing
morning prayers with my two girls

I will send Mr. Fred's copies
of letters to
Siamese Legation
Will not that be safest?

May all the blessings of the
New Year be poured upon
you & yours, upon Margaret
& all hers, is one of the
deepest thoughts of the heart
of your loving, troublesome
old Aunt Florence
May 1888 be yours - in the highest sense

incomplete, signed letter, ff70-71, pencil

f70

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It was deeply 'concern'ed/ing; at
the defeat of Dadabhai
Naoroji in Holborn, & of
Surgeon -Major Evatt at
Woolwich - Each had a
part to play in the House
which no one else could do

But please tell Mr.
Fred that I have had such
cheery, sensible letters from
each of them Dadabhai
says his position has
been made such by this
canvass, honourably carried
on, that he can try again &c

f70v

&c[I will send Mr. Fred the
letter by & bye]

Dr Evatt says that much
has been done & said that
wanted saying & doing -
whether he failed or succeeded He
t is coming to see me
tomorrow - [as Mr. Fred
says; men are falling
around us, but the truth
will stand]

Now, good hope to
those who fight for the
truth -

And oh please enjoy
Claydon for Ralph's &

f71

Gwendolen's sakes.

and remember me on
Wednesday. I know you
will - & let me hear -

how is my God-daughter?
remember me to "Genl"

Murray, who generalled Kathleen

fare well -fare well

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

incomplete, signed letter, ff72-74, pencil

f72

In India however the
soldiers were kept in
Barracks (eating & drinking)
during the hot hours,
which ruined all their lives

And careful kind
Comms Officers ~~used~~ give
them a day's shooting,
which, heat notwithstanding,
keeps them going & well.

So everything has to be
done judgmatically, of course.
I had a nice note from Mr.

f72v

Morant - & wrote to ask
him to come on Sunday - to
which I have as yet no
answer -
I think I shall send the
'fi pun note' by post -
But I should like to give the
money for the *flannel* besides,
if he has not yet provided
himself with it. I can
hardly doubt about the
flannel belts being necessary
He strikes me as a youth
who would be careless of himself
tho' not of others -
Don't laugh

f73

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It is said the Woking Prison
would hold 1000 boys -
re-modelled -
There are good houses for
Matron, Chaplain, Doctor,
&c - all round the Prison -
all that is most contrary
to Gordon's way of doing
things -
'You want a pony & they
offer you a white elephant'
as one man said
have been so interrupted

f74

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3 I hope Louis Shore Smith
has been to you about
where to *hire*
& where & what to *buy*
in the Tricycle line
for his father (Shore)
I know you would kindly
direct him
ever yrs affly
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff75-76v, pencil

f75

Pine acre Jan 5/88

Dearest Maude How can I
thank you for your most
kind letter?

If the dear childer stay at
Claydon till Monday, as
I earnestly hope they will
for my sister's sake,
let me arrange to stay her
till Monday -

It will not be proper to
leave Rosa alone with French
in the house.

You are so good as to
wish me to have a quiet

f75v

Sunday here -
I think we can get the house
decent for you & the
children to come in to on
Monday, even if we don't go till
Monday

Tell me if you object to
Rosa being here for a few
hours alone on Monday -
with French -
And forgive all short-comings.
How can I thank you for all
your kindness?
This letter will be posted
before the 2nd post comes in
which may bring letters from
you -

f76

But please consider *that*
to be settled in my mind & body,
if it is what give your least
trouble
that childer ~~she~~ &
yourself come on Monday,
that I & we stay till
Monday which will
leave them only a few
hours alone.
[I *could* leave my Nelly
with her - but I don't think
it would help much]
I am sure you would think
it very undesirable that your

f76v

cook should come before
yourself - or that she
should inhabit the inn -
you who are so beautiful
in all your arrangements
[I wish mine were like
yours. They would be
better if I could be 'about'
I hope. but I can't]
I can only say God
bless you -
ever, dearest Maude,
your loving & grateful
troublesome old
Aunt F.

signed letter, ff77-78v, pencil

f77

Pine acre Jan 6/88

Dearest Maude

I am so very, very sorry &
grieved. I am afraid it is
my arrant stupidity that has
occasioned this change in ~~the~~/your
plans for the children dear -

When we heard this morning
that they were coming tomorrow
(Saturday), we were delighted
And Rosa 'set to' 'with a will' -

I was very much hurried
with the morning post 'out'
And my Telegram ought to have
begun: 'Delighted that the
children are coming - But I
thought that you know that -
& that it seemed like inviting

f77v

your own children to your own
house - So my stupidity
began with my own movement
- & your cook's sleeping *here* -
O what an idiot I am -
Then I am afraid you took my
writing that you wished kindly
me to have a "quiet Sunday " here
- which was only a quotation
from your own dear letter -
that I wished not to have the
darling little children -
Alas! nothing could be farther
from my thoughts
I did not like to telegraph
again - But I do hope
that it was for my sister's sake
& the children's that they stay
till Monday at Claydon -

f78

I am so sorry for Mr. Fred
being poorly - I am afraid
it is partly harass -
You would not both go to
10 South St. would you?
till he can travel - There
are two servants there & will
be three (3)
We should be so proud &
happy it made you "warm"
both inwardly & outwardly,
if we could. Please telegraph to
Mrs Neild 10 South St. *if you will*
Miss M. Morant writes to me
that A. M. did go to
"Virginia Water" on Tuesday.
Thank God! thank God -
But she gives but a poor

f78v

account of her prospect of cure
[She evidently knows nothing
of the long week of telegraphing
between us & her - & nothing
at all of her going to South St
& having the 2.2.6 - I am
afraid I must tell

She supposes A.M. to be
without "funds", because she, M. M.
has not supplied her -]

O me what a tragic story it is
Alas! for the brother & the sister

And oh how sorry I am
for all *your* harass -

God bless you again & again -
your loving, penitent & grateful

Aunt Florence

I am cultivating the small birds
for the children

unsigned letter, ff79-80v, pen

f79

Pine-acre Jan 8/88

Dearest Maude

How can I thank you for
all your goodness? And
how can I beg your pardon
for all our badness? &
idiotcy?

[But *that* was a mistake
about the dear children not
coming on Saturday]

I had a cheerful note
from Mr. Fred this morning
but saying that he was in
bed at Bridge St.

If, dearest Maude, you
could make any use of 10
South St., it would make

f79v

me so happy. The house has
been kept thoroughly warmed
if you would take him
there; or if you do not
like him to move for a
day or two, if you would
make any use of the
house yourself that you could - -
Please telegraph to Mrs.
Neild, 10 South St.;
if you will, as I hope. [She will
have had a Telegram
from me] -

My best love to the
dear children -

I trust you are pretty
well

f80

There is a blackbird who
brings his wife when he
finds anything nice. And
plenty of robins & dear
little Tomtits whose
acquaintance I have been
cultivating by articles of
luxury, chopped lard & fat,
potatoes, & brown bread &
butter for the children.
but your white pigeons
are destroyers of my
blackbirds. They come &
snatch up the tit bits -
And so does the black
dog. Still the singing
birds have been encouraged

f80v

And it is so delightful to
hear them whisling &
whispering in the pines.

Dear Maude, we have
broken two bottles in
your beautiful little cruet
stand! your wedding present!
You ought to stamp upon
us! They will be replaced
within 10 days - [And we
have broken a plate]. But
we ought to be in sackcloth
& ashes, - & are.

signed letter, ff81-82v, pen

f81

Pine-acre Jan 8/88

My dear Mr. Fred

I am so grieved that you
are "ill in bed" at Bridge St.
I want you to come to 10
South St where they have
had fires all the time I have
been away - & the house is
warm with Maudie.
Or if you do not wish to
move that she should
make all the use of 10
South St she can. I write
this to my housekeeper at
10 S. St. And I have
written it to Maude, but

f81v

fear she will only get my
letter to day or tomorrow.
She & the childer dear will
be here as you know at
2.33 tomorrow (Monday.)
And I shall be at Claydon
half an hour later.

Pray do let me be of
some little use.

I have been so troublesome
& such an idiot.

As to your "illness being
"selfish", if I were giving
an account of you to Dr.
Townsend, I should say;
my dear friend:

f82

"he has ~~being~~ /been doing a
great deal too much for
other people for months,
which, with a very great
deal of most responsible work, harass &
anxiety, is enough to make
him ill. he is besides
habitually careless thro' business, of
irregularity in feeding -
& I am afraid breakfast
is the only regular meal
he has -

"I am very glad that
this has happened here
& not in America or
at Paris or the Hague"

Them's my sentiments.

f82v

I wish you have let
Mr. French stay with you,
this past week - I am
afraid I am the cause of this.

I shall be very anxious
to hear of you further -
& look upon it as quite a
Godsend that before you
crossed the Channel & not
after you are put into
a warm bed -

God bless you
ever your loving but anxious
old Aunt Florence
Remember me
to Nurse Murray

initialled note, f83, pencil

f83

Jan 9/88

Nelly Owen will take any
message from you to
Mrs. Neild, 10 South St.,
this afternoon, dearest
Maude, saying what
~~message~~ use you will
make of the house &
what you will get ready
for yourself, if you will be so good
[I *have* written & telegraphed
to her]

F.N.

signed letter, ff84-85, pencil

f84

Claydon Jan 9/88

My dear Mr. Fred

I was so thankful for
your Telegram - & so anxious -

It was very good of you
to send it.

At Oxford I found that
the children had passed
through on their way to
Sunningdale but that
"Mrs. F. Verney ~~was~~/had not
joined them.

I hope & I fear that
she has gone to you - I only
stipulate that you will

f84v

make as much use of 10

South St as you can.

[I left two letters at Pine acre
to Maudie to beg her to
do her best for 10 S. S.,
which is thoroughly warmed,
& to telegraph to Mrs. Neild,
the housekeeper, what she
would have; & I wrote
& telegraphed to Mrs. Neild the
same]

Your children left Claydon
this morning - & my sister,
who has a very bad cold
& is up-stairs, is full of
their dear praises & of

f85

Maudie's - & anxious about
you - Sir Harry looks well -
What a gem of a place
your little Pineacre is. &
the pines were whispering
as if there were 3000
acres of them - & the birds
whistling & almost carolling
God speed -
Nevertheless we are very
anxious to hear of you
again.
May God bless you both -
ever your affectionate
Aunt Florence

incomplete, signed letter, ff86-86v, pen & pencil

f86

-2- Jan 9/88

French has been most
attentive. But my
conscience is disturbed
because I think he
ought to have been with
Mr. Fred, & would have been
but for me -
I do like to hear Rosa talk
about the children. She
says it does her good to
see them. "to see Miss Gwendolen
"talking so gently with/to Miss Kathleen
She told me about your Sunday
evening hymns with the servants.
I have left Nelly till this
afternoon to prepare the children's
dinners; when she will go quietly
back to South St. where

f86v

I *hope* you may go, if it
can be of the least use to you -

I want much to hear of Mr.
Fred, but cannot ask you to
write even a Post card -

All good attend you
dearest Maude

And it *will* -
ever your grateful old
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff87-88, pencil [8:909]

f87

Claydon Jan 10/88
Dearest Maude Thank you
so much for your letter &
Telegram - It is the greatest
possible relief.

He will get well twice as
quick for your being there -
But I fear it will be some
little time yet -

Blow the "Minister"! he
must wait.

Please order whatever is
right for Mr. Fred from Mrs.
Neild who will be delighted
to make little dishes - She
tells me she is making jelly -

I hope you are sleeping

f87v

& breakfasting & supping at
South St.

I was very much flabbergasted
by Temp. 104 - & am
thankful that Temp is resuming
its duty -

It does my old heart good
to hear my sister talk of
you & Margaret & your
little 3 - as she does -

Now my sister has sent
for me & I must go -

Sir H. is very anxious
about Mr. Fred -

f88

Please let me pay that
poor little sum for poor
Miss Morant .

I fear her prospect is not
very good -

O what a tragic thing
this life is - & how comic -

But I must finish my
lucubrations tomorrow -
ever your loving

Aunt F.

Add Mss 41977D

435

signed letter, ff89-91, pencil

f89

Claydon Jan 12/88

Dearest Maude

Thank you very, very
much for your letter & this
morning's Telegram -

I hope that you will kindly
order everything that is right or
that you like from 10 South St.
It makes me so happy that they
can give you something -

Would you take something for
yourself too?

I trust that Bridge St can
give you a tidy room, if, as
you so wish, you can stay there.

The fog has been most
unlucky. Of course it is worst

f89v

in London, alas! alas! & near
the river. But it seems all
over the country - for 48 hours
it has not lifted here - & scarcely
since Monday -

My sister's cough is exceedingly
bad; & she has been exceedingly
worried by some passages of
arms between the new Vicar
of Grandboro' & poor Mrs.
Newcombe. I was glad that
Dean Fremantle was here
as he was the man's Godfather
And it does distress Sir Harry.

My sister is not by a long
way so good a Patient as
Mr. Fred, I am sure, is -

f90

Indeed she will do nothing
that Sir H. Acland tells her -
but, instead, does what Sir W.
Gull told her 6 months ago -
You know the worthy Lieutenant
in command of a vessel who
had different medicaments
numbered 1 to 9 for specified
diseases of the crew. No 9 being
exhausted, he mixed together
6 and 3 - and administered.
So, says Dr. Acland is my
sister's practice x Yesterday
she was so bad that Sir Harry
came to fetch me almost before
I was dressed. And I could not

x She actually took Homoeopathic
& Gull & not Acland

f90v

leave her before post time
Hence, tho' I was writing to you,
dearest Maude, in my heart,
I could not accomplish it on
paper - I was the more obliged
for yours -

I hope you will take any
books you like from Dining,
Drawing or Bed rooms in South St. but
it is a sorry collection.

When the time comes for you
to go to South St, please choose
the rooms you like best. I *think*
the 'Green Room', 3rd story, will
be the best for Mr. Fred, because
my room, I am ashamed to say
is so littered with parcels of papers
- both sofas - [I was a tidy woman
once]

f91

-2- Jan 12.

And your dear self in my littery
bed- room - dressing in my
dressing-room -

In either case, you will see there
is a room on the same floor for
Nurse Murray - But do *you* choose

Now, good cheer - And good
escape from both fire & water - for
fog is water - Thank God.

The birds are all silent here
- not a twitter -

God bless you

ever yours

Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff92-93v, pencil

f92

Claydon Jan 15/88

Dearest Maude & Mr. Fred

I shall be so thankful
& grateful if you can
accomplish the move to
South St to-morrow, yet
not resigned if it is put off
till Tuesday - because for his
good - May the heavens
be propitious!

I am sure you will kindly
give us a Telegram in the
evening to say if move successful

Dear Maude, I hope you
will fix the rooms which they
will suit best

f92v

yourself - I have told Mrs
Neild to have them all ready
& to clear paperasses out of
my bed room -

Dear Maude, please make
me happy by considering
the house as your own -

f93

There is some Brandy much appreciated by Doctors for Invalids in the house. Being of a *spirituous* turn of mind (as a little girl-friend of mine said to her Nurse) I please myself with putting it in Mr. Fred's egg.

How good you have been in writing & telegraphing. And how we have enjoyed your Elephant & Vaseline, & your Baron Surijis in the kitchen=drawing-room. But I don't approve of Mr. Fred seeing visitors

f93v

Perhaps you will give us just a little Telegram in the morning as we can't have Sunday letters -

God bless you both & thank Mr. Fred for his letter.

ever your loving
Aunt Florence

Add Mss 41977D

440

signed letter, ff94-95v, pencil [8:909-10]

f94

Claydon

Jan 16/88

Dearest Maude & Mr. Fred

That was a nice little visit
to Pine acre - tho' well I know
how tantalizing to the dear
children & to you -

How rejoicing are Mr. Stubbs'
prospects with his great Italian
basilica (S Paolo fuor le mura
at Rome) at Liverpool. And he
has written a most affectionate
& inspiring letter to my sister,
which, like Gwendolyne's beauty,
'ne nuit rien à l'affaire' -

Her (Parthe's) cough is, alas!,
no better And a nurse has
come from London, a nice woman,

f94v

for Davidson was quite worn out.

The trio are gone; Dean (& Mrs. Fremantle, Mr. Calvert, & Mr. Battersby - And Sir Harry is quite relieved, because the 'Imprimatur' of the great man is put on Mr. Battersby, his sermon, & all - And Sir Harry applauds (he too has a bad cold which he treats by an open Phaeton) Capt Verney's choice -

Mrs. Neild is only too glad to be your (qy) "victim" - And I feel like the stoker of a fire-engine: 'keep your fires alight keep your steam up' -

f95

Please, you must just let me have my own way - & let the things come from the Farmers' Asscn. [I have a small Deposit Acct there -] We found the larder stocked for gluttons - & we embezzled it all into our own stomachs, like gluttons -

It was I put off the order's execution by Telegram, when I found you had outwitted me (as I outwitted the black dog, in feeding the birds)

Now it only awaits your order

f95v

I earnestly hope that you will
be able to move Mr. Fred tomorrow
(Tuesday) But I know you both
are wise as serpents & will
do nothing rashly - and
qy harmless as doves?

Is the "Minister" gone to
Holland? Sir Harry asks
me daily - & I can scarcely
prevent him making a descent
on him at the Legation.

God speed you
[I feel all pulse & am as blind
as a beetle]
Remember me to Nurse Murray
yr loving old Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff96-97v, pencil [8:910-11]

f96

Claydon Jan 18/88

My dearest Maude

Joy, joy & thanksgiving:
how thankful I am that the
move is made & successfully -
May God give a good night
For so He giveth His beloved
sleep

How canny it was of you
to move him so And now I do
hope you yourself may take
more rest.

Dear Maude - it is quite
out of the question for you to
make the Dressing-room your
bedroom & sitting room. The
room & the bed are alike
impostors - The room looks

f96v

cosy, & is not. It is either hot or cold. The ventilator, if open, give a draught right on the bed - if shut, it is close - The bed looks comfortable & is not. The street is often *very noisy*. You would have no proper rest. It would make me miserable to think of you there - Besides, it is important to the Green Room to have a fire always in the room under it.

You could not write in the Dressing - room. Please, You must sleep in the Bed-room, write your letters there; [you may dress in the dressing-room, if you like -

f97

as Kathleen would say.] Please., You must receive your visitors & otherwise disport yourself in the Drawing=room.

Please have the large sofa there taken up into Mr. Fred's room -

Please, You must feed in the Dining-room. And mind, dear Maude, you do feed.

Now you would do me a great service if it does not bore you, to go down into the Kitchen & larder every day to order your foods. [*I can never be there*]. Mrs. Neild would take it from *your*

f97v

kindness very kindly -

And you would say a
good word to "Nelly bagh",
who was most anxious to
serve her liege lady, poor
child -

Now God speed & thank
God -

If you are in the Dressing room
you might just as well be
at a Hotel. But I know you
won't grieve me - *Please*

I sing a Te Deum in my
heart.

ever believe me
your loving, rejoicing & grateful
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff98-99, pencil

f98

Claydon Jan 18/88

Dictated

My dearest children
How rejoiced we are that
the move is to be made
to-morrow
& that the fog has gone-
I have a great belief
in the mountain air of
South. St. & am going
immediately to calculate
the exact number of inches
it is above the region of the
Thames.

I am very bad - "not
"quite better"

To Fred & Maude

f98v

You must come into to
No 4 whenever it is
desirable

ever your loving
(signed) F.P. Verney

f99

This was written before
your welcome Telegram came -
thrice welcome

F.N.

signed letter, ff100-01, pencil

f100

Jan 19/88

Dearest Maude

So very thankful for your
letters - So thankful for
the move but very anxious
how he passed the night.
Hope to hear tomorrow morning
Have been with my sister:
She says: 'tell her how glad I
am that the move is
accomplished - & that she is
relieved from the turmoil of
the Railway Station' -

~~So sorry for the difficulties~~
of your move - ~~Make~~ [Over
May God bless you both
ever & ever your F.N.

f101

Make No 10 your own
- blessed No 10
to have you
F.N.

signed letter, ff102-03, pencil [8:912]

f102

Claydon Jan 20/88

Dearest Maude

Your good news is as welcome as flowers in May - I had taken it into my stupid head that he would have a bad night after his move. And as light to idiotic people, so are your letters to me.

Some little plants, I hope, came creeping to his your door this morning & humbly asked to be let in to his room, if suitable. There is a basket table in your bed room for their use.

The sun glinted at us this

f102v

morning for the first time since

Jan 10. I hope you have him.

And *that* brings me to this: it is contrary to my principles - and you would not pull down my principles - I haven't many - that you should seep in a north room. after all (God only knows how many your anxieties for the last 6 months & more)

Your bed room which is to the South will be cleared - ought to have been cleared last Monday - The fire must be kept in, because of the room overhead, to keep it warm. You must be in your bed- room *some* times. And then you will

f103

see whether you ~~do not~~ like
to sleep in it.

My kind regards to Nurse

Murray who is a great
friend of mine - I need not say
to her that I hope she will
be comfortable because you
will make her comfortable
in your own house -
blessed house to have *you!*

Thank God -

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

initialled letter, f104, pencil

f104

20/1/88

"When am I coming to London?"

My dear friends, I consider
that an impertinent question
from a young fellow to his Aunt.
In '60 - 61, which you can
scarcely remember there was
some famous thing which I forget,
in which Baron Parke had to
give judgment. And some other
impertinent young fellow asked
him at a dinner table what
judgment he would give. "I shall
give, he said, "the judgment that
"is right."

I shall come to London *when*
I come. And I come when it is
right. F.N.

ff105-10v, 10 South Street, January 22, 1888, from FV to FN, Maude supremely comfortable, comes
to see me every morning

signed letter, ff111-11v, pencil

f111

Jan 23 88

{printed address:} Claydon House,
Telegraph Winslow.
"Steeple" Claydon. Bucks Bucks.

My dear Mr. Fred

Thank you so much for
your delightful letters.

I agree so entirely with
you about Lord Shaftesbury - I
scarcely ever was so interested
in any life. But that must
wait till tomorrow.

Also: Lady Anne Blunt's [15:1017]
letter which I will return I
agree about the blunder of the
Govt which is lamentable
making him into a martyr -
a very honest goose who did us
a world of harm in Egypt. [end]

I'm not trying either by fair

f111v

means or foul, to drive my
blessed Maude out of her
'little room" against her will -

May all divine blessings
attend her every foot step

She blesses every house, cot or
den she is in

ever your & her
loving venerable Aunt

ff112-13v, January 23, 1888, from MV, re FV's progress

unsigned, incomplete letter, ff114-15, pencil

f114 Jan 23/88

{printed address:} Claydon House,
Telegraph Winslow.
"Steeple" Claydon. Bucks Bucks.

Most Private

Dearest Maude

So many thanks for your
delightful letters.

I do hope he will not
part with his Nurse too
soon - he talks of it -
As the Doctor says, it is
impossible to overstate the
care required in the recovery
from this kind of illness. but
then I know he will have it.

I am so glad the Berlin
man has been to see him

f114v

Sir Harry is very restless
to do *something* - He has,
I am sure, given up writing
to Minister or Legation here.
But he talks of writing to
Prince Narès at Bang-kok -
Would this be unwise?
He would give it up directly
I believe -

He asks: is the mail
to Siam the same as the
mail to India - every Friday?

Alas! for poor Miss Morant -
Could we but hear that Dr.
Maudsley has given his
certificate?

f115

Maude

ff116-117v, January 23, 1888 from FV to FN doctor said this is the most beautiful sick ward in London; sun streaming in, window wide open, flowers look lovely in the sun; on comfortable sofa, been reading Mazzini's essays to Maudie while the nurse has gone for a walk; re class of sorrow that oppresses me, all sponging on you, intention to housekeep on our own account, too good of you

unsigned letter, ff118-19, pencil

f118

Jan 24/88

{printed address:} Claydon House,
Telegraph Winslow.
"Steeple" Claydon. Bucks Bucks.

My dear Mr. Fred
Your letters say to my heart -
'Rejoice evermore'
But - shall the sun of
heaven turn micher &
eat blackberries? a question
not to be asked
Shall you talk of eating?
beef tea & paying for board
in the house of your
venerable Aunt? a
question not to be asked

f118v

- the house you bless by
being in it.

I do so agree with you
about the Epistles -
One is never tired of them
- ever fresh ever new
Fresh meanings dawn
upon one every day -
One gets a fanatical
enthusiasm for that
hero-saint - so manly
& so passionate in his
human attachments.

f119

- so divine in his mission

unsigned letter ff120-21v, pencil [8:912]

f120

Claydon Jan 24/88
Fair lady, you drop manna in
 the way of starving people -
Your letters, dearest Maude, are
real Gospels to me - I do thank
& bless God that He has blessed
your Good Nursing so remarkably
- I thank Him all the day long -
 The chart is the loveliest
sight that Nurses' eyes can see -
It is worth a National Gallery -
 I will return

I know how tantalizing it must be
 to see the dear chicks so
But, please God, Gwendolen
will be clinging round her

f120v

father's leg & looking up in
 his face with unspeakable
love, before many weeks are
 over -
It is such a thing for children
 to have a tender, joyful father -
In after life they who have had it
not, can hardly believe in the
Heavenly Father's love & tenderness -
And as for the mother what
shall we say?

You will make little Nelly dance
 with joy by talking Welsh to
her.

f121

About the bed:
the position I thought best was
with the head to the wardrobe,
feet towards the fire - This
gives the window light on the
right side, & not in the eyes -
- screen between bed & door.
But Patient must choose -
I am so thankful that he
likes the room.
Yes, the weather has been really like May
- hot. But poor sister has
made cough & pain worse
with resuming carriage - And
the house is so close with
hot air. Even in these May days they
ventilate ? the rooms when
she not in them with *this*

f121v

Sir Harry rides to-day &
yesterday again - almost rid
of Cough - Still I fancy he
looks older

Does Dr. Townsend think
that any defect of drainage
or the like in any of the
places he Mr. Fred has been in has
given the typhoid tinge to this
illness?

I don't insist on lighting
the fire in rooms underneath when the
Green Room is 'too hot' - But
who could have expected this
celestial weather in January?

ff122-22v, January 25, 1888, from MV {incomplete} re FV's improvement

Add Mss 41977D

453

ff123-30v, Fred Verney letter to Aunt Florence from 10 South St. pencil, re Maudie and her Stradivarius, saw Stubbs yesterday, cheerful, well, hopeful, new and larger life before him, double the net income of Stokenham and high class working men

unsigned letter, ff131-32v, pencil

f131

Claydon Jan 26/88

Gordon's Day

My dear Mr. Fred & Maude

Thanks a thousand for the Asiatic Quarterly - I did not know it came from you - It is a most interesting number - Every article so - I clawed hold of it as soon as it came - And tho I have no eyes (or very few) I read first of course the "Representative" article which is by the Chairman of the Calcutta Municipality - the very one that has been so abused -

Then there is an Article on Agricultural Banks - alas! against them - unwise - but it is better for the subject to be discussed

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than to be shelved - It will probably
be answered -

Then there is an Article by my
friend Mr. Pedder - the best
Collector we ever had -
on Village Communities in
W. India -

one on Child-Widows by
the Prime Minister of Indore
- so temperately written -

It is full as a butcher's
shop of "prime" joints &
pieces

Thank you so much -
I should most likely not
have seen it but for you -

I have been hearing a good deal
about Gordon's death from one of
his Serjeants, now at Souakim,
who was with him when he was killed
at Khartoum

[15:1017-18]

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2. This is a sad letter
from poor lady Anne Blunt
I cannot be called a
sympathizer with Mr. Wilfrid
Blunt: ~~whose~~/his blundering
recklessness in upholding
Arabi Bey whose only
'Cause" (with a great C)
was that of a needy condottiere
against a penniless Govt,
has helped to involve us
in this Egyptian quicksand
But I entirely sympathize
in what you say that the
way Mr. Blunt is treated is
not a question between rich &
poor as the "Times" puts it,
but a question between

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honourable fanaticism &
crime in rich *or* poor.
And surely the Govt have many
poor men in prison now,
have they not? - not for
crime, like the maimers of
cattle, the murderers of men,
the boycotters &c &c but
for what may be called
their political opinions - **[end 15:1018]**

ff133-33v, January 26, 1888, from MV, re FV's sortie in a hansom cab

unsigned letter, ff134-35, pencil **[8:913]**

f134

Claydon Jan 27/88

Dearest Maude

A 'Te Deum' for the first
day out -

I was only sorry he did not
rest in the Drawing-room
(which they call the 'merry
room) till he went to bed -

Now that he is able to
leave his room, you will,
of course, use the Drawing-/merry room
for him, please - Don't
waste the room. It is
made for him. I shall hate
it if you don't use it. I have
written to Mrs. Neild -

With unparalleled
impudence, I wish you could

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keep Nurse Murray a few
days more - It will save
you anxiety -

Nelly is in ecstasies at
your talking Welsh to her -

I return the Chart (with
my compliments to Dr. Townsend)

The last lines are so beautiful
in their outline, so easy in
their flow, M. Angelo never
produced better -

The first are produced
by his "spirits of hell"

I can't say my sister is any
better -

God bless you all } Aunt Florence

f135

I with the utmost astuteness
put off a letter half written
to Prince Narès by Sir H.
till next mail.

Give me my orders

ff136-37v, January 27, 1888, re a visit to Pine acre by MV and FV's progress

ff138-39, January 28, 1888 re the departure of the nurse, Mrs. Murray

unsigned letter, ff140-41v, pencil [8:913-14]

f140

Claydon Jan 29/88

Dearest Maude I earnestly hope that you
will use the Drawing-room. You do not know
how important in that illness, especially in
convalescence, is light & sun & air *all* day -
The walks are good; but they give light & air
for half an hour. The Patient wants it for all
day. Air & light & food are 3 of the first
elements of Nursing. The Drawing-room
is healthier, lighter, sunnier, airier *far* than
the Dining-room. Indeed I think he had better

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be in his Bed-room than in the Dining-room
He should always be in *sun=purified* air.

The proximity of the front door is also bad.
Let him come in from out of doors & sit in
the Dining-room, and if to have his luncheon there if
you like it, & rest - then go up stairs to
the Drawing-room & have the rest of his
meals there - [There are little tables enough-]
It will make all the difference; it will indeed -
in his convalescence. The Dining-room is
not a healthy room

[It is odd indeed if with a Messenger & a
Charwoman in the house they cannot
carry up these little meals to the Drawing-
room door:] & Frances take them in]

He should never see a Visitor without being
asked first - The Visitor should be shown into
the Dining-room: then he Fred be asked in the
Drawing-room whether the Visitor shall be
brought up to him. [You say truly you were in
an "agony" on Friday when the 4 Visitors came]
It is so bad for a Convalescent, every time the
door-bell rings, to think 'who is that?' - & for the
'Who' to be marched straight in to him -

f141v

Please, dearest Maude, humour me in this; even if you think me a 'fool' - "Ye suffer fools gladly, seeing you yourselves are wise -

And do not hurry about fixing the day of the move. If you do, I will *bite* you, as Mr. Quilp said to Mrs. Quilp - Convalescence & the weather will have their own way. But the Drawing-room will help the weather to be good.

I am glad Mr./the French is coming - He will of course have his meals at your house - I shall tell Mrs. Neild - I wish I could offer him a bed. But there is no difficulty at No 4, Sir H says I am sorry Nurse Murray is gone - & greatly disapprove of Mr. Fred's reason for jubilation.
ever your loving Aunt Florence

ff142-43, 29 Jan 1888 FV to FN

ff144-45, January 30. 1888, re the Verney's use of the Drawing-room and FV's improvement

ff146-46v, Maude V to FN February 1, 1888 re the use of the Drawing-room

'Nature has responded enthusiastically to all the kind arrangements & highly sanitary surroundings of this dear convalescent home. I am sure he is now imbibing beef tea and sitting in the sun and writing to you.

This is a day full of strange effects, the snow storms in the night have given a great interest & detail to the bold perspective of Halford House and the blue gauze work of the air is lit up with sparkling shiny points as the hansoms drive along Park Lane

ff147-50v, from FV to FN 1 Feb 1888, Life of Macaulay

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff151-52, pencil

f151

Claydon ⊖ Feb 1/88

My dearest Maude

Tho' I did not mean to
compe! His Highness the
Convalescent, (the greatest
potentate of all, I am so
glad you are in the
Drawing-room - so thankful
for his letters & yours -

Pray don't fix the day
for going - you must not
convey the Convalescent even
to Pine acre on such a day,
e.g. as this -

And pray remember
Waterloo Station is draughty
& generally ill managed in

f151v

comparison with Euston -
& the carriages are so cold -

You must not think of
going this week - if the weather
is so cold - And you must
have an invalid Carriage
well-warmed beforehand - when you do

If you would allow me to
charter this for you, you
would be doing me such a
favour -

I am ashamed to think I
was so hurried as not to write
yesterday or the day before

But you know my heart was
with you

ever your loving Aunt Florence

f152

I know the Miss~~s~~/rs. Murray
is the most delightful woman
- such a Xtian -

signed letter, ff153-56v, pencil [8:914-15]

f153

Claydon Feb 2/88

Dearest Maude & Mr. Fred

Thank you a thousand times
for your delightful letters - all delightful
excepting poor Miss Morant's sad tragedy

Pray take any of my books
you like - they will be honoured
by going with you - only leaving
me a little Memo of what are
gone. I am delighted with
your 'reflection' on Macaulay &
his father - It is so true -

But first I must beg to
observe - *not* for the consideration
but for the guidance of H. H.
the Convalescent, that here there

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are 20 of frost - that the

snow is frozen on the trees -
that it really is exceedingly cold
- that the crows & sparrows are
besieging this fortress for food -
& that there is no reason to
suppose the Pine acre is any
warmer.

that Waterloo Station is
exceedingly cold - & so are its
carriages, tho' the latter may be
warmed - but the former cannot
- nor can the road from Pine acre.

Whenever you go - & I am
much mistaken if Dr. Townsend,
who is the proper person to ask,
will let you move in this cold -

f154

whenever you go, you must have
an Invalid Railway Carriage,
which you will allow me & Gwendolen
to provide, & a Brougham from/to
Pine acre - both well warmed

It is the proper frame of mind
of a Convalescent to be
extremely cross - to abuse his
food & threaten to throw it
out of window - to kick the
fire-irons, & the cat & declare
there is not a book in the
world worth reading. I am
afraid Mr. Fred is not in
this proper frame of mind.

I think my sister is better

f154v

Poor Miss Morant. O how
tragic this here world is - &
how comic - how grave & how
grotesque - what dreadful
things people do, & what
idiotic things - how our lives,
our minds, our happiness
seem to hang by a thread; &
how awful this would be, did
we not know that Infinite Love
has spun this thread, irresistible
as Love - what a common place
trivial surface the world seems
to have, & what unexpected
tragedies crop up under one's
feet all at once, which
perhaps after all, are less

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tragic than the trivialities &
the indifferences of the world -
I remember when I entered
Hospital life, half the Nurses
were fallen women, & the other
half, deserted wives - Perhaps
every one of those wives had
her tragedy, tho' a sordid one -
The best wardmaster in Scutari
had 8 wives, I mean 8 wives
alive, at different Stations -
And he regularly sent home
thro' me 5/ a week out of a scanty pay to the
child of ~~one~~/a ninth who was not his
wife, a mere school-girl
out of Mrs. Bracebridge's School

f155v

He was tried when he came
home at Warwick Assizes
for what was euphoniously
called bigamy, but was octogamy.

He was a good fellow -
There have been wives more
maltreated than his -

There were 9 tragedies in
one opéra comique -

Every one perhaps has a
skeleton in the house - or in
the Lunatic Asylum - or somewhere.

The greatest sorrows are those
one can never speak of, as
somebody says -

I have known sorrows
unspeakable in many a Hospital,
many a house, many a Workhouse.

f156

I think madness is the worse
I am so very sorry for that
young Rathbone. I wish that
dear good Mrs. Richmond every
success -

I must not take to moralizing,
except on snow - I assure you
frozen snow particularly between
London & Pine acre, is very cold.
It's all the fault of that Eclipse,
but the weather is impassable
for a Convalescent on that
road - The black birds are
starving - And the crows &
sparrows take the food I provide out
of the mouths of thrushes &
blackbirds - It is evident the
animals think the cold is to last

f156v

God bless you both
ever your loving tho'
moralizing Aunt Florence
What a sweet & capital
soul that lady of Wasperton
must be.

ff157-58, February 3, 1888 from MV, re the Verney's departure from South Street

ff159-60v, Pine- acre, Sunningdale, Berks. Fred V to FN from Pine Acre 3 Feb 1888

ff161-62v, Friday, from MV, re their return to Pine acre

signed letter, ff163-64, pencil

f164

Claydon Feb 5/88

Dearest Maude & Mr. Fred

Tho' justly indignant at your
absconding, yet I do believe
you seized the right moment,
& I am pacified by Dr. Townsend's
adhesion. And your Telegram
& dear letters from Pine acre
were so welcome to us; thank you,
thank you a thousand times.

And I know

"with what intense desire he
wants his home."

that is, the children "want" you,
their "home,

& you the children -
But I hope you will not

f163v

quite desert us but give
us a bulletin that you
are going on all right.

The weather here is like

April - Parthe is better -

Sir Harry thinks himself
much older. I never

know exactly how far his
feelings are a safe-guide

He is, as usual, naughty.

My best love to childer three

God bless you all

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

f164

I hope Mr. Fred is not
naughty but obeys a
judicious rein

All are going to London
this week

Please tell blessed Margaret
when you write that I
was so grateful for her
dear letter - but have
really been unable to write
as I wished.

signed letter, ff165-65v, pencil

f165

Claydon Feb 8/88

Dearest Maude

I am so grieved about this
Lumbago - It is a draw-back.

Have you thought of writing
to Dr. Townsend? I think you
have great confidence in him
- & he knows best what the
'case' *has been* during the last
weeks. [I am sorry to say
that it is not uncommon after
Fever] & how to treat it.

A new man perhaps
might not ~~know~~/guess the previous
history of the case. [*Turn Over*

Sursum corda - God bless you
both - ever your loving
Aunt Florence

f165v

We shall be *very* anxious
to hear again if you
will be so good -

ff166-67v, February 6, 1888, re the details of FV's lumbago

signed letter, ff168-68v, pen

f168

Feb 7/88

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

All will be, please God,
in South St. tomorrow
by different trains

Dearest Maude & Mr. Fred

We feel a good deal anxious
about you. Please be so good
as to let me hear, as above.

Thank Mr. Fred for writing -
But I want to hear more about
the Lumbago -

f168v

Yes: Macaulay was a most disagreeable
companion, to my fancy. His rude
imperiousness to good men was
intolerable. but the episode
with Zachary is beautiful.

When I compared him with
Sidney Herbert, I cd scarcely
stomach him. His conversation
was a Procession of one.

God bless you
ever your faithful
Aunt Florence

ff169-70, from FV to FN 7 Feb 1888 Pine Acre

signed letter, ff171-72v, pencil [8:916]

f171

10 South St Feb 9/88
Dearest Maude & Mr. Fred

How can I thank you for
the noble rug which met my
astonished eyes at the
drawing -room hearth?

Indeed, indeed, I do not
deserve it. And dear Maude's
choice too. How can I thank
you?

I trust the Lumbago is
somewhat going off but it
requires care.

My sister seems none the
worse for her journey - tho' she
is certainly worse than some
months ago.

f171v

But Sir Harry's finger is
worse & more swollen. he saw
Mr. Savory for it yesterday who
told him to eat & poultice.
Eat he did here - & poultice he
did. But it is no better and
Mr. Savory has been sent for
It is the right hand.

He is not aware of any prick
to account for it.

He is now resting.
I am so glad that Maude &
Gwendolen go tricycling.

f172

I have had the most
terribly insane letter from
poor Miss Morant. She
wants to come here & pour
out all her wrongs.
I don't think I can refuse
to see her but this week it
is impossible

On second thoughts I think
I will enclose her letter - You
will judge. Please return it
with advice

God bless you
ever your loving & grateful
Aunt Florence
She has sent me besides a

f172v

common-place rant
(*printed*) in verse
addressed to her "brothers"

initialled letter, ff173-74v, pencil red and blue pencil

f173

10 South St Feb 12/88
Sir Harry going on quite well
purely a *surgical* case-
poisoned finger-no
scratch or previous sore
place treated
admirably by Mr Savory
who lanced it on
Thursday. Still some
inflammation & swelling
but *not* extending up arm
"Dr" Morey as usual
first-rate. Savory not
coming to-day. Sir H. Has
been in here as usual

f173v

the morning reading
but not to church
looking remarkably well
- likes (tender) meat &
it is best for him, best
of all foods.

Thank God, I believe
he is quite past all
risk. Lucky h
was not at Claydon
but within reach of Mr
Savory. It is his
right hand &u he cannot
use it yet.

f174

My sister pretty well
 Could you send my
letter yesterday
Hope lumbago
disappeared.
Pen & pencils at a
premium-you see-
Like Paradine, 'I take
the potatoes, (Hubbard's)
but boil them in a
red pot' re pot =
Verney
i.e. votes for Verney

f174v

 Thanks about Miss Morant.
I am afraid we have
gone too far for me
not to see her
but not yet
 God bless you
 Love to children
 F.N.
Thanks for newspaper
cutting.
What do you think of
Lord Dufferin

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff175-78, pencil

f175

10 South St Feb 16/88

Dearest Maude & Mr. Fred

I am very glad you are able to think of resuming your sway over Siam "soon" - But I entirely forbid any vibrating back to Pine acre at night for the present, or any irregularity of meals. I wish I could ask you here, but Louis, of Corpus, Shore's 2nd son, has a nomination to a Clerkship to the Ho. of C. with only 6 weeks to prepare for the Exam. *Their flat* is let & they have no pied à terre in London now. So I have

f175v

asked him & his father who means to help in coaching him to come here. I hope he will tricycle for at least 1 ½ hours a day. I shall build a stable for the tricycle.

But to reason: Sir Harry has told me how they wish to have you at No. 4 - And Mr. Calvert, I believe, wants you too. And remember you are not to go to Siam except thro' South or Grosvenor St. and you are to *lunch* at the Travellers' if South St is too far. That is the only way to Siam.

And God be with you!

f176

2. Thank you very much for Reece's Essence of Beef. Tho' I deal much in those articles, yet I never saw it before. But I am very sorry that Maudie requires that sort of sustenance: invaluable as it is in acute cases -

It does not set a-going the digestive arrangements. Fresh meat, tender, well-hung, well cooked, alone does that.

The bullock, stewed down to a lozenge, does not.

But I do trust Maudie is restoring, not her soul which does not need it, but her body

f176v [also 47766 f184]

3. Thanks for Burdett's
pamphlet, Pension Fund -
There is a great split: a
Batrachyomachia - Burdett
& 20 000 on the one hand,
The Matrons & Princess Christian
on the other. Both are going
to set up Nurses' Registers.
Both are bidding for popularity
on all sides. Hy Bonham
Carter has declined to be
Vice President to one side -
& I to t'other. We will talk about
it when we meet.

It is a formidable movement
which I regret. It will do
the Nurses great harm.
But I have great faith in
Progression by Antagonism

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Popes called forth Luther &
Luther Loyola -
Loyola Jansenism & Pascal
Jansenism was destroyed by
but destroyed Jesuitism
& good I suppose came
from it all
They are trying to make
a republic of nurses, with
a Princess at its head
perfectly incapable of governing
themselves or of knowing
how to raise their own
standard

Yet doubtless will good
come of it all.
But meanwhile training will

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be destroyed by registering.

A truce to moralizing: the
symptom of age -

My love to childer three -
Sir Harry is blooming - my
sister better

I have returned her her

Edinburgh Review for
you to behold the stars.

ever your loving
old Aunt Florence

f178

How does that 'brick'
the Lady of Wasperton, do?

initialled note, f179, pencil

f179

{archivist: Feb 1888}

My dear Mr. Fred

I looked over my books last
night for the children -

- could not find Miss Yonge's
"Stories from English History" -
but will order them -

Do you care to have
Church's Stories from Virgil
& from Homer (enclosed)
for them/Ralph? God bless them
in great haste

F.N.

23/2/88

Add Mss 41977D

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initialled letter, ff180-81v, pencil

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10 South St March 28/88

My dear Mr. Fred

How is your Minister?

I mean how is his temper?

I had hoped, as you know, to see dearest Maude when she was in London & to thank her myself for her *most* kind invitation to our convalescent Sisters - but they have been provided for elsewhere. And I could not trouble *her*.

As for your & her *most* gracious invitation to me, I cannot thank her enough. But there is no earthly possibility of it for me, alas!

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I have read as much as I
could of delightful, wholesome
cheerful Rogers - how wise
about Education, how wise
about Church Disestablishment,
how wise about Sunday opening.

to read a little more of
him when I can I should
like But shall I send
him to No 4 now?

Poor Morison: surely his
view of Xtianity is almost
inexplicably superficial
But I will say my say
about him another time.

Shall I send *that* in
to No 4?

f181 Poor Germany

it is like a Greek *tragedy*
- a trilogy

Play 1 William Emperor
2 Present “
3 young William “
 which you will live to see
 - the tragedy but I
 shall not. It will be a
 bitter one - and their Empire
 at an end

I am so sorry that I cannot
do your Gordon - which I like -

I am afraid my notes on poor
Miss Morant were harsh -
But indeed I am not harsh
to her - Has she the
so-called maid the Nurse,

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with her still? I hope so

with dearest love to

Maude & chicks

ever yours

F.N.

unsigned letter, ff182-84v, pencil [8:916-17]

f182

re Matron: Gordon Boys' Home April 26/88

Dearest Maude I am very much exercised in my
old mind about the Gordon Boys *washing*
& whether there is anything *to wash*

Sheets: yes, perhaps none
But Blankets: must be washed at least once a century
Ticks have they any bolsters?
you say no mattresses?

Towels perhaps they have only one *round Towel*
& Cloths to 20 boys but these must be washed
occasionally

I suppose mugs & plates are sometimes washed
Then they must have cloths to wipe them & themselves

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Table Cloths do they have any?
Dusters I suppose they have some housemaid's
work?

Under-clothing

Shirts? Yes, I am sure *Soldiers* wear shirts
Because in all Wars, we, the women, have
have had to supply shirts (for lost kits) & washing
And the men could not lie naked in
their beds when they had any -

Do the Gordon Boys lie naked in their
beds? I am sure that is bad & immoral
If they don't their shirts must be washed

Stockings I think certainly they must have -
stockings (or socks)? Then these
must be washed.

Linings? these must be washed? sometimes?
to trousers
to caps -

&c &c How can we find out?
I can't ask Genl "Hig" -
& Mrs. Hawthorne is in Jersey

Rags for the Hospital?

I think the boys *must* have under-
clothing, because Mrs. H. said: Stand fast
for Matron to teach the boys to mend their

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underclothing. It brings them in contact
with Matron.

Hospital Linen - There must be *some*, I should
think

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I am so glad we had that bit of conversation
about the Gordon boys. But I am afraid I
kept you too long - & you were very tired -
I am sure, are not you?, that the Matron must
be a woman of strong sense, character & kindness to hold
her own, herself the only woman, among the
Serjeants especially, who will probably hardly acknowledge
her, or else make her one of themselves -
N.B. My Nursing instincts are rather appalled by
the broken leg being left alone in Barrack Ward .
Had he an Electric bell to make himself heard?

f184v

One would have thought that unless
the "slight" cases in "Hospital" were
infectious, *they* should have ~~been~~/had the training
of waiting upon him in Hospital -

Even in the worst Barracks, a
broken-legged soldier would have had a
comrade or orderly to wait upon him.

No better training could have been
given to a "Gordon" boy - could there?

And could not Mrs. Tyndall have
come in?

Add Mss 41977D

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unsigned letter, ff185-88, pen & pencil

f185

May 8/88

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

Unspeakable thanks for
all your letters, & for
dear Maudie's most
generous invitation to
one if not two 'convalescing'
Nurses. I write at once
for fear she should in
her overwhelming kindness
be making preparations
for the same - because I
do not think we shall
have any worthy to avail
themselves thereof. And I
as so afraid she should be

f185v

taking trouble. It would
indeed be delightful -
I am afraid I could not see
you, as I should wish,
before "Friday". But try
me when you come back -
I hope, then.

I was so very much obliged
for the letter about the
creatures' bedding, under=
clothing & washing at
Gordon Boys' Home - It
seems they are very
amply supplied. And
I do not know what I

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should have done without
your letter. I am literally
& not figuratively in such
a 'fix' about the Matron.

I had found the very
Matron of Matrons for you
- one of our own people -
devoted to soldiers - devoted
to boys - a gentlewoman,
a motherly woman, and
a housewife. Happily
she will not come x - I
say *happily*, because it
is *quite impossible* to bring
the 'Hig' & Co thro' Sir Harry
to state *duties & terms*.
And no sensible woman, of

x she will not leave her post in a
Military Hospl except to
return to St. Thomas'.

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course, will come without -

I have another, a cousin
of Miss Crossland's, also in
our work, but not half
the woman the first is:
who *would* come as Matron, but
& she requires "details" -

details of what she is to
do - details of what she is
to receive. It seems
most absurd, but tho' I see
Sir Harry so constantly, I
cannot get there.

They cannot decide between

30 & 50 a year, tho' I saw
the latter 50 in Genl 'Hig's' hand
writing to his Colleagues -

~~And~~ Another thing: they keep repeating:
she is to have charge of the

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“Laundry” - “not washing with
“her hands” -[No: they could
get a woman at 18 to do
that.] apparently ignoring
their “Mrs. Marshall” who
teaches the boys. Is the
Matron to be over Mrs.
Marshall? &c &c

I am literally at my
wits' end. And our lady
sister is waiting for the
information.

I am afraid, you know,
that they will see quantities
of women with such
written Testimonials as they
have shown me - And, tho'

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I am not at all enthusiastic
about my second woman
she is an Archangel compared
with what the others are
likely to be.

But - we can get no
information for her -
And - I don't see how
you can.

It is a miserable state of
un-business-like-ness.

N.B. The only Obsn I have to
make upon the under -clothing
is: they, the boys, ought not
to sleep in the same, tho'
flannel shirts they wear by day -
The day shirts should be aired at
night - the night shirts by day -

f188

2. Is not my contribution,
poor little thing, to Mrs.
Paterson's memorial due
& more than due?

And how is that affair
going on?

I have a great deal more
to say - but must put it off.

Rosalind is staying with me
She is going next week as
Delegate to the Co-operative
Congress at Dewsbury

initialled letter, ff189-90v, pen

f189

Gordon Boys' Home:

June 6/88

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

Thank you very much for
sending me the Hospital plan,
which I have made great
use of in my letters to Genl.

Higginson - & for your
letters.

I saw Sir Harry twice
after his return from your
haven of peace which he
enjoyed with intense enjoyments.

- Maudie, the children, all
as well he might. I don't
think I ever saw him enjoy
anything so much.

He also gave me an account

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of the Gordon Boys' Home:
but I wished I could have
gained more particulars
from him, on account
of this anxious Matron
business - the serving of
the boys' dinners seems nasty
enough - & much to require
a Matron.

You have not the merest
scratch of the *disposition*
of the buildings, have you?

Could you give me a
rough ~~sketch~~ guess how
many hundred yards from
Hospital to *General Kitchen*,
which she will have to
overlook -

f190

from General Kitchen to
Boys' Dining Hall -
to Dormitories - I hope
the Dormitory of new arrivals
will be under her -
from General Kitchen to Laundry.

I suppose there is no kind
of covered way from one
building to another -
that the boys *must* get wet,
if weather is bad: does
this hurt them?

You know half naked or
all=naked boys don't
get ill from getting wet,
but clothed boys do.
And the Missionaries have
materially damaged the
healths of some native

f190v

tribes by introducing
clothes, & consumption
with clothes.

Now as the Matron will be
clothed, what kind of
distance will she have
to encounter without cover
from Hospital (which is,
I suppose, quite outside
yard or enclosure) to Kitchen
&c &c

There are many other
questions I should like
to ask you.

ever your affectionate

F.N.

Add Mss 41977D

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Add Mss 68886, microfilm, 190 folios, 97 pages, correspondence with Frederick and Maude Verney Part 5 1888-90, Adam Matthew reel 41

ff1-1v, June 6, 1888, from FV, about a very tender chicken

signed letter, ff2-7, pen & pencil

f2

Private Matron June 10/88

Gordon Boys' Home

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

I am afraid this taking S.
Constable so kindly to Gordon
Boys' Home is very inconvenient
to you. But you will agree,
I am sure, that it is entirely
out of the question for the
"formal offer" to be made to
& accepted by her at
Wednesday's Meeting, without
her seeing the Gordon Boys'
Home & also you & I say, being
seen by Genl Higginson.

Genl Higginson appears to
have forgotten that *he* properly
stipulated & we properly stipulated
that she should be taken over
the Gordon Boys' Home before
any decision was come to -

f2v

that further I stipulated "very
 "properly" in accordance
 with your advice that
 he (& his Home Committee probably)
 should see S. Constable
 & should also take her character
 from her employers
 independently of us -

On Friday morning I received
 a letter enclosing Genl Tyndall's answers to questions, - telling me
 he was to have a "Home" Committee
 on that day, asking me
 to "send Miss Constable to see
 "Gordon Boys' Home as soon
 "as possible" - & that she should "report
 "quietly to" me afterwards -
 that he would "warn Genl Tyndall"
 & that they wanted her to come
 in to the Hospital "*at once*"!!

I immediately sent down a
 letter to catch him at his "Home"

f3

Committee - saying that I would
 do all he desired -
 reminding him that she must
 give from one to three months'
 notice to her present employers
 that he must see her & must
 also take her character before
 engaging her.

&c & &c
 & saying that I would ask you
 to take her ~~over~~/ very kindly over G. B. H.

Late on Friday night I received
 a letter from him, apparently
 forgetting all this, & merely
 saying that she was approved
 by the Home Committee &
 would be approved, he ~~supposed~~/hoped
 by the Wednesday's Genl Committee
 But she was not to "give
 notice" *till* Wednesday!!!

(yesterday)

On Saturday morning, I telegraphed,
 as you know, to your kindness,

f3v

- to Genl Higginson at Marlow,
 - to S. Constable & *her* Matron
 at S. Marylebone Infirmary
 It was impossible to get her off
 to Gordon Boys' Home on
 Saturday (yesterday) of course -

But this is not a satisfactory
 way of doing business at all.
 Unless you could put off the
 proposing her at Genl Meeting
 on Wednesday, how are all
 the preliminaries to be
 got thro'? on Tuesday?

I have now, according to your
 kind Telegram, sent this (Sunday)
 morning the following to
 S. Constable & her Matron:

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- *Tuesday* morning a.m.
 to be at Waterloo Station 7.35
 Sunningdale 8.37
 where you "will kindly meet her" &
 "take her in a fly to Gordon B. Home."
 [of course you will let me pay all
 expences]

Sunningdale 11.
 Waterloo 12 noon

then come here, to me & "report *quietly*"
 to me "what she thinks" (see Genl. Hig)
 I wish she could have had more time
 at G.B. H. - & more leisure at the
 Hospl, & to see nasty dinners
 which I presume are at 12 or one o'cl

I have also told the Matron Miss Vincent that
 there is an "epileptic" case - & some
 "wretched lads" I wish she Constable could
 have time to take all this in -
 I think her slow - & I think the
 position with such masters as

f4v

Genls Tyndall & Higgn exceptionally difficult - tho' Genl H. has been kindness itself - but oh so unbusiness-like, forgetting all his own arrangements - Of the two, Genl Tyndall has been the most business - like. And his 'answers' which must be the correct ones differ widely from Genl. Higgn's

[I have my reasons, in connection with your letter, written from Travellers' Club, for telling you all this]

I think *Genl Tyndall* would make the best master of the two.

2. Also, what is eminently unsatisfactory, the Matron's duties, which were laid down by Genl Higgn himself, modified

f5

with some difficulty by me, accepted by Constable *with conditions*, have been presented ~~as my~~ by Genl Higgn, as he writes to me, not only to Genl Tyndall but to his "Home" Committee, as laid down *by me!!*

I am sure this is not done from any wrong motive but from forgetfulness & want of business habits -[It is not uncommon in a Military Officer of rank: because you see soldiers & young officers must not "remind" him of lapses or changes.

"Theirs not to reason why" -

But it is a terrible man to have to do with. And on this occasion singularly unfortunate]

Yet he has been most efficient for Gordon Boys' Home.

f5v

3. Apparently he expected
S. Constable to come in as
Matron on Thursday -
& lighted all the fires in
the Hospl last week.
You see he throws the whole
responsibility of her
on me -

I have sent G B H *Matron's* duties
in writing, & a copy of
Genl Tyndall's answers to our
Questions, to S. Constable &
her Matron Miss Vincent that there may be
no mistake *at their end.*

4. I hope S. Constable, who struck
me as being rather mentally slow, will
have time to take in the distances
between Hospl & Genl Kitchen,
“ Boys' Dormitory,
&c as you kindly said.

f6

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This is the *only* point on which Miss Vincent
her Matron, hesitated at all
She says Constable *is* a “strong”
woman. but the only illness
she has had was a fortnight of ~~slight~~ Rheumatism
(which however has not recurred)

She says, however, that she did
not understand the “Buildings”
were “detached”, till I
reminded her of it by letter
on Thursday.

Altogether, I feel I must
insist distinctly, thro' your
kindness, ~~of~~/on her having a good
look at the place *before*
Wednesday - inconvenient
as I am afraid it is to you

f6v

4.5. Please do not (this is in reference to your letter to Genl Higginson, which you kindly sent me) write of a "Matron" to him as likely to work a great change or "avert a disaster" - silently & quietly she *will* make a change. But, as you said, ~~what~~/how can one Matron *influence* & "mother" 160 boys? And if they do, as I think they do, expect a kind of miraculous change in *discipline* from the presence of one trained woman, *that* in itself will bring difficulty to her, & disappointment to them - It *does* bring this change in Infirmary Wards. But then there are no such restrictions as Genl Higgn gives -

f7

I should so astonish & puzzle her, if I were to tell her, as Genl Higgn told me, that she "must not be too strict with "the boys *for fear* they "should desert" that she must do everything "by tact" & with the soldier cook too - that I have not told her.

[No such caution is needed in Infirmary Wards - tho' of course N any Patient may "discharge" himself any day]

I think that Genl Higginson having *said this* must be taken into account if you think well to write to him, as in your letter sent here - It is indeed on that account that I write this long letter - I mean I don't think the state of things is all Genl Tyndall's fault - do you? ever yours
F. Nightingale

signed letter, ff8-10, pen & pencil

[5:248-49]

f8

Private Your letter to Genl Higginson

10, South Street, June 10/88 {printed address:}

Grosvenor Square. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

I think your letter to Genl Higginson excellent especially where you say that the worst punishment to a boy ought to be to be dismissed from the Gordon Boys' Home -

But is Genl. Higginson the man to write such a letter to - or to write at all, on this subject, to, until he has been led by careful conversation from yourself to propose from himself what you propose?

Even then must you not be most careful to frame your letter so that he cannot by showing or reading it to others

f8v

bring about if something quite different from what you intend?

Will he not forget what y he has told you?

And is it not most probable that, whether you mark it "Private" or not, he will read ~~or sho~~ it to his "Home" Committee?

I have written, not without intention, a (too long) account of my very brief experience of him in my other letter to you because it is instructive, & because it has put us into such a fix? And will he not do the same to you? throwing upon you the responsibility, (if he does any thing,) of getting rid of Genl

f9

Tyndall & finding his successor?

Besides, is it quite certain that "economy" is the source of the mischief; or that "expenditure" would mend it?

They have two men already,
1 General at how much a
1 Staff Officer year?
and ? Secretary

where *one* would probably do better

And is it quite certain that expenditure would find such a Chaplain as you want?

And you do not, I believe, wish for a Chaplain of your own -

However that may be, please consider very well how you would put such a letter as this into Genl. Higginson's power. Will it work what

f9v

you wish? And is it not almost certain that Genl Tyndall will hear of it as an attack from you?

2

Please do not mention the

Matron at all in *this* way (for reasons mentioned in ~~the~~ my other letter) -

It might be very well to

bring it/her up afterwards - in the sense of wanting more Assistant Matrons to *influence* the boys - At present, I believe we have carried the woman-servant & laundress - But I cannot be sure, because Genl Higginson's letters *ignore* each other - Therefore I am on tenterhooks about this Matron's business, as you see -

I am

f10

-2-

writing to Genl Higginson to
remind him of all he stipulated.

If *he does not do it* - and

how can he now? - he
ought not to ask his Wednesday's

Meeting to confirm the
appointment of S. Constable
as Matron by ~~the~~/his Home
Committee.

What an acre of writing
he does impose upon one!

And yet I like him so much
I have written to him your & S. Constable's
houses on Tuesday that he may
warn Genl Tyndall
ever your affte
F. Nightingale

ff11-12v, Fred V to FN from Travellers' Club, Pall Mall, S.W., June 18, 1888 re a meeting with
General Tyndall and the death of "unser Fritz"

ff13-13v, Fred V to FN, The Siamese Legation, 23, Ashburn Place, London, S.W., July 7, 1888, re
the Paterson Memorial Fund [presumably FN was one who "promised donations towards" f13

unsigned letter, ff14v-14, pencil, on FV letter of July 7

f14v

Dear Sir

I believe I may claim an old acquaintance with you - & that your father was a farmer of Lea ~~with-a~~ as I am a daughter of Mr. Nightingale of Lea Hurst.

We are now ~~looking for~~/assisting the School Board of Lea & Holloway to look for a School master And Mr. Arthur Clough of the Education Dept has kindly seen among others Mr. Burton of Linton School

x

Grandson of the present owner of L. H.

Might I ask you be so very kind confidentially, if you prefer it - as to give me your opinion of Mr. Burton of Linton School, both as a schoolmaster & as a man who

f14

would like to be friendly with the schoolchildren parents & would take his place in any plans for the improvement & pleasure of Lea & Holloway which you know so well For instance there is an Institute now in Holloway -

who would not only bring the children on for Examinations & grants but interest himself in their tone of mind & character in what they *will* be in this world & a future one

He would have girls as well as boys in his classes who would lead their games & care for their health & vigour

f14v pencil

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signed letter, ff15-16, pen

f15

July 15/88

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

I have paid in 17. 10 being the third part of 50 guineas, - a more easy sum for my faulty arithmetic to trisect than 50 - towards the "Paterson Memorial "Fund" to be paid, in 3 years How are your Women's Unions getting on?

Lately, I have been instructed that Trades' Unions divide classes still more & set capital against labour more - whereas Co-operative Societies bring together capital & labour, make the labourer a capitalist, & heal the divisions between classes.

f15v

you see my manners &
principles have been
corrupted by my youthful
cooperative prophet, Rosalind. And if
you observe aberration, lay
it to her door & not mine.
It is sad when youth corrupts
old age - She is entirely
given up to Co-operative Societies.

Now I want to ask *you*
how it is.

And how about the Match
girls' strike? Poor Match girls!
Many thanks for your kind contribution
- troublesome to you, I am afraid, in your
business - to my letter for new proposed
Women's Hospital.

f16

I return Mr. Morant's letter
with thanks. He is a noble
fellow. If he is made Tutor
to the Crown Prince, he must
have full assurance that he *is*
to be Educator & not merely Professor
or Lesson - giver, like a Music
master - must not he?

A great deal is thrown
upon you. Success to all
your efforts.

I was going to rave against
the Siamese. But I really
think our Govt beats the
world in delays. & some
Departments ~~in want of~~ /or in want of integrity
ever your affte old
Aunt Florence

ff17-18v, Fred V to FN Claydon House, Winslow, Bucks. August 5, 1888, re Trades' Unions, here last night for tricycling from Tring roads abominably rough but Berkshire rds have spoilt me. The name of our League has been changed to "Women's Trades-union Provident League" because many know what trades unions mean, but not what protection in this context means. And we enc trades union, why not then say so.

Add Mss 41977D

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signed note, ff19-20, pencil

f19

10 South St 8/8/88

Thank you so much for your
letters, my dear Mr. Fred -
Poor Miss Morant: yet you said
the right thing to her.

I return two books you kindly
lent me. I like your letter
in the Fortnightly so much
and I send you my sister's
little book - I go to Claydon
to morrow.

You paid for S. Constable -
I repaid her what she paid
herself - & now please let me
repay you what I can -
I enclose 1.

f20

God bless you & Maudie
& children 3 -
to you all
Aunt Florence's
tender & loving love

Calladine has written
to me again for a Subn
I think I shall write to
him that I am *not*
political

F.N.

ff21-22, Fred V to FN, The Glen, Inverleithen, N.B. September 3, 1888, re some grouse being sent to FN

ff23-24v, Fred V to FN The Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, September 17, 1888, re a trip around Ireland
FV and MV are to take

signed letter, ff25-25v, pencil

f25

October 1/88

Dearest Maudie

It is a great help to have
seen you -

The two old brothers - the dear
old noble head of the family -
the tortured body of the struggling
wife, with her unflinching courage -
it is all so piteous - & so
check-mating - as you said -
I think Sir Harry altered -

it was a responsibility to lay
the situation before you -
tho' I should so have liked to
hear of you tricycling thro'
the Irish villages

And I had

f25v

so much to hear from Mr.
Fred. & could not stay
But do you know I found
her better when I went
down after 7 than I
have seen her for some days -
I am sure your visit did
her good.

God bless you both
your grateful
Aunt F.

initialled letter, ff26-26v, pencil

f26

10 South St. Oct 25/88

My dear Mr. Fred

I have read thro' your Memo once, but only once. It seems very plain & clear a case to an outsider - But I could not, without reading it 2 or 3 times, say more -

There are a few little inverted commas, & such things wrong.

To morrow I shall not have a moment - having myself a heavy mail -

[Do you happen to know whether Ld Ripon is in London?]

I could perhaps look at your Memo a little later on, but

f26v

fear I should be of little use - You have got up the case energetically - Why don't we know what case that confounded F.O has?

You will give Mr. Morant the best advice - And please give him a warm message from me -

ever yours

F.N.

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff27-28, pen

f27

Gordon Boys' Home 20/11/88
Hospital 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

Sir Harry brought me
the amended plan. The
extension has been made
in the only direction possible
& that which Sir D. Galton
pointed out. But it
makes the Matron's duties
nearly impossible - I sent
him my criticism which
he approved; but said
nothing could be done -
without remodelling the
whole building, which is
true.

f27v 2

I bought a clock yesterday
for the Matron which
she asked for - And
the ~~people~~/clock maker kindly insists
on sending down one
of his own men with it to
'start' it.

Could you kindly tell me
which station he should
land at nearest to
Gordon Boys' Home - &
how reach it?

[The clock master who
insisted on bringing me
a selection of clocks himself

f28

to choose amongst was
very much interested in
the Gordon Boys - I was
quite touched]

Would you give me the
proper direction of the
Gordon Boys' Home for

Add Mss 41977D

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myself?

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Add Mss 41977D

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unsigned letter, ff29-29v, pen

f29

5/12/88

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

Thank you for your most
interesting letter about Siamese
girls -

I enclose Hy Bonham Carter,
& do not think I have much
~~anything~~ to add except
what I have said before

The "London" has about
100 Probationers - of whom
about 20 I think but
am not sure are these
"Extra" Probrs - have
had
friends
there

They live all in one
great 'Home' [P.T.O.

There is no one at all
corresponding to our Miss Crossland
F.N.

f29v

These "Extra" Probrs do not
give trouble
& seldom take it.

ff30-31, Estimate for the cost of training as Nurses 4 Siamese girls, HV hand?

unsigned letter, ff32-33, pencil

f32

13/12

My dear Mr. Fred

I thank God that Margaret
is here. I do think we shall
soon see a better day now -

Will you tell your Father
that I will certainly see
the Nurse from Oxford
tomorrow (he asks)
& see her every day which
will be much more to the
purpose - & yet more to the
purpose that Margt will
see her -

But will you ask whether

f32v

she is intended to be the
Night Nurse & the
present Night Nurse to
assist Julie in the day
time - or how?

The *most* valuable Nurse
should be the *Night Nurse*
because then nobody is
"about" to control her
And Patients are always
worse at night.

Or is she to be introduced
first in the day time
& then ~~at~~ succeed to
night work?

f33

Did the Doctors see
or at least feel
convinced of the painful
wanderings of the Poor
patient

Thank you all

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, f34, pen

f34

Xmas Day 1888

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

Thank you, thank you
more than I can say
for your two last accounts of
dear Sir Harry. I need
not say how anxiously I
shall look for the morning's
post. But you are all
on the alert. And Morey's
nursing is so wonderfully
excellent. Is Edmund there?
It was so good of you to write.

ever with best love to
Maudie & Margaret
your loving Aunt Florence
My poor sister's cough is so
trying - And those little devils of
byrsae on her back!

signed letter, f35, pencil

f35

26/12/88

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

How can I thank you enough
my dear Mr. Fred, for your
Telegram of this morning?
I hang upon your words-
ever your loving

Aunt Florence

What room is he in? I always
regretted that he *would*, not only
at South St., but also at Claydon,
sleep in a N. room -
I hope Sir H. Acland is not going
to Genoa, not only for his/our sakes
but for his own.

F.N.

signed letter, ff36-37, pen

f36

Dec 28/88

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude & Mr. Fred

How good you have been
to me. I did not have
Sir H. Acland's promised
letter this morning. But I had
his Telegram yesterday *after*
the visit, & your dear letter
& Mr. Fred's last night -
so I could have no later news
till Margaret came.

Delightful news - Thank God
But Sir H. A. impresses upon
me as he does upon you
that "(IF all goes *well*, it
will be a long & tedious Nursing."

And now I want to ask if

f36v

I *might* see you & also
Margaret to morrow -
[I do not propose putting off
my long-made appointment
with a District Matron
to day because you will
have your Great Tea,
which all will enjoy-]
But *any* time to morrow (Saturday) if
Margaret *could* spare me
¼ hour -
or *any* time on Saturday
or Sunday if *you* could
Thanks, thanks for all -
ever your loving & grateful
Aunt Florence

f37

I will send down this
afternoon for Margaret's
news.

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, f38-39v, pencil

[8:918]

f38

15/1/89

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

Very many thanks for your letters. One cannot help feeling *very* anxious - There is no one to say: you *must* & you must *not*-

Do you hear *when* Sir H *Acland* is coming back? I think my sister must have heard from him - He is the only person who can -

Dr. Benson has no authority; tho' he is sensible & watchful & clever. Sir H.A. says.

f38v

How good you have been in writing.

My aunt at Embley is dying - she can hardly survive this week - And I cannot get rid of the thought that before the earth, as you say, has put off its solemn winter's sleep, these two homes may have been broken up -

We must trust them with God

f39

I return Princess Narès'
lovely letter. It is the heavenly
'possibility' of her life that
she has you & Mr. Fred -
[For her boys, what would
she do without you?]

I send "Daisy Doll"
(Mother Grumpy) sung & acted with
triumphant success by the
Board School children of S.
Thomas', got up by themselves
after school hours under
their own Master & Mistress

f39v

God bless you, dearest
Maude.

ever your loving
Aunt Florence

Love to Kathleen 1 p.m.

Thanks, thanks for this
morning's note. One
must feel very anxious - with
these shivering fits, however
slight, & temperature going up
& cough, there must be some
mischief going on - easier to
lament than to stop, as you say
What does Dr. Benson say?

signed letter, ff40-41, pen black-edged stationery

f40

10 South St Jan 26/89

My dear Mr. Fred

Thank you so very much
for your Telegram of victory
yesterday - I was so very
glad of it. I wish
you & your constituents &
Council joy & success
with all my heart.

I was also very glad
that 'our man' Perkins
was returned.

Jan 27

Late last night I had
a Telegram from good Morey
"Decided improvement to-day"
Thank God!

f40v

How are the children?
Best love to Maudie.

Sir Harry has written
to me continually & has
mentioned often his close
interest in your Siamese
work.

Do you know anything
yet of your Minute to
Ld Salisbury - & that
strange business? Tho' I laughed, I felt
it deeply - & could have cried -
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

f41

Yesterday was the
anniversary of (4 years ago)
Khartoum & the death
of that hero=saint.

What a state is all in
now in East Africa -
& indeed Central Africa -

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff42-42v, pencil

[8:918]

f42

10 South St Feb 7/89

Dearest Maude

There really seems to be
some ~~real~~ improvement to- day

She is so anxious lest you
should all be hurt by her
persisting in declining "the
"dear ones" - " who all offer" -
I have a letter from her by
afternoon post. She says
"Dr. Benson says: It is a
most critical moment - a little
thing may turn the balance
the wrong way - Ask them to
put it off 4 or 5 days" -

f42v

I have assured her that
you only want to do what
is decided as best -

Thank God if the
improvement is real - And
thank God ~~esp~~ too, whatever
happens - For what He does is
done in His love -

in great haste
ever your affte

Aunt Florence

{written along the side }

She feels it like Niagara, she says
standing on the brink

And so do I

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initialled letter, ff44-45v, pencil [black-edged stationery

f44

{in the top margin}

I give 12/2/89

you joy 10, South Street,
of Wol= Park Lane. W. {printed address:}
=verton

My dear Mr. Fred

I return Mr. Morant's
most interesting letter
which I ought to have
done before. May God
prosper his pluck.

Also please to ask
Maudie for her receipt
& her promise of a butcher

I heard from my sister
of her inviting you & of
your putting off your visit
which, she says, is better,
because then Harry will
be able to see you

f44v

Nothing can be better
than the account - no
fever since Friday - no
excitement - but, he tells
me himself, he must
not talk - looks more
like himself than he has
done for 3 weeks -
But the cold makes the
greatest care necessary.
They talk of letting him go
into Parthe's bed-room to day.

he says himself (to me)
Feb & March are bad
months for me. So I hope
no care will be relaxed

Lung satisfactory

f45

I am afraid Edmund goes home to morrow. He read battles (in India) to Sir Harry yesterday - interesting without exciting him -

They want Margaret now. But I am afraid she is too anxious about Lettice.

I hope you two will be able to go.

I could see you for ½ hour to day. say at 5.30, if convenient. (you kindly ask) But I am afraid my "diplomatic" faculties are not in good

f45v

order. I think you are a great man, & have won a great position in Burmah by careful choice of persons & careful "home" influence as well as by other things.

Your account of Mr. Morice most interesting but oh the telling you (in a week) about Genl. T. & Major C -! And oh the dreadful mistake of talking in Commee about this man superseding Genl T.! Genl T. must be an angel, if he likes him -

ever yours, F.N.

signed letter, ff46-47v, pen

f46

10 South St. Feb 14/89
Dearest Maude & Mr. Fred
I am so glad you are going tomorrow to Claydon. I think Sir Harry is in a most unsatisfactory state. Every thing lung, tongue, temperature, &c, is improving *except* himself. No apparent reason exists; but he is more feeble than he was 3 weeks ago. He *was* most eager to go another room daily, but now, tho' authorized by the state of lung &c to do so, - to go into the next room - he feels quite unequal - & does not go. Morey says, he is certainly making progress, yet he is weaker than before -

f46

Do you know I sometimes think that certain difficulties filter into his room, & cause this in part?
Parthe's state of mind, I assure you, is not what I'd/you think - This is what her letters have always conveyed to me: - *'Edmund so kind, so judicious;* &c &c -
- reads to his father, without - exciting him (another day) &c &c
'The dear ones all offer to come - It is so painful to have to refuse them. but Benson &c &c [She may have said, tho' not to me: - I am 'bothered' to have to refuse them - Some people, not Irish, always say that they are 'bothered', & that people are 'queer']

f47

What she said to me ~~was~~
about your coming this week, was:
that

1. she asked you on Monday,
but 'not to see him.' X
2. ~~Y~~ She was disappointed
at your not coming
3. on second thoughts, it was
better you should come a
few days later (than Monday)
because he would be able
to see & enjoy you -

As to Edmund's visit *re* Claydon
alas! we all knew his visit wd be
distressing - seeing things in disorder
- appealed to to set them right -
- unable

X She also said that she had
asked Margaret for this *next*
Saturday - but was afraid she
could not come because of Lettice.
tho' Harry would be able to see & enjoy her

f47v

But how could that be helped?
I hope you will go, forgetting
all these things - or rather
seeing the reality thro' them -
the reality towards "the dear
ones". She has always called both
families so - during this illness of
his - I don't know whether his
life can be saved; but I am sure
it will be lost if he has an
inkling of things not being kindly
& loving - And he is so quick to
see - I don't say: Pray be
careful - But please *feel* what
will be love - [Much of her
bitterness ~~she~~/was caused because she
thought Maudie had ceased to
love her - Such delusions are
not unheard of -] ever your loving
(pardon what I say) Aunt Florence

unsigned letter, ff48-49v, pencil

f48

10 South St Feb 27/89

My dear Mr. Fred

I am a *very bad* Critic - But
such as I am give I thee
I think Col Yule: inscriptions so
laboured - so far from Gordon's
own sympathy - unsuccessful
imitations of the Latin:
inappropriate of the English -
striving after antithesis when he
ought to be straight forward -
heaping up adjectives or epithets
when none ~~work~~ would be better -
regardless of the axiom: 'never
put in two words where one
will do' -

e.g. "vast & ancient -
"pestilent" ? adjectives, I say -
"weakness, treachery & perversity"

f48v

[I know I am prejudiced: to
which I will return]
e.g. *bathetic* & inappropriate
"brave, just & upright ge'm'men"
"I have done my best for H. of C.
(they were not "his last written
words") &, if they were, H. of C. looks
"a-blaze &c &c like House of Commons
["Shame" must of course come
out.] It is wretched

Compare it with what he strives
to imitate

si qua fata aspera rumpas

Tu Marcellus eris

Excuse my forgotten Latin.

[I did not like *that* "Stories from
"Virgil" for Ralph - because Dean

f49

Church's paraphrase of that
splendid epitaph is so bad -
How well I remember my
father's rendering of those
lines where 3 words tell what
30 of Yule's do not
Please ask Maude however to keep
"Stories from Virgil & Homer" -
My studies are ended.]

Now I think that many
especially foreigners, might
like Col Yule's Inscription -
My prejudice is this:
a delightful old gentleman
who has been for some 20 years
the Ind. Off. Member of our
Army Sanitary Comm; (20 years

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which he has spent in elaborating this
sort of work & in neglecting
ours. At this moment this
neglect has been so outrageous,
~~that~~ during 3 whole months,
in not starting a Despatch
ready written, fr to be from
Lord Cross to Lord Dufferin,
that, taking into account what
those two noblemen are I very
much believe he has ruined
our cause. Week after week I
have received the most wretched
excuses from him
I can see him night after
night, polishing, labouring,
nigging at that Inscription -
This is my prejudice -
Two Inscriptions: I quite agree with
the proposal
{written in the side margin} You will say I
am worse than
Col. Yule

initialled letter, ff50-51, pencil

f50

10 South St March 22/89

Dearest Maude & Mr. Fred

How very very good of you to offer such an arrangement to enable Sir Harry to stay at Claydon - I fear they have declined it.

I am afraid it is impossible to urge it further - They have consulted Sir H. Acland who concurs with Dr. Benson, with whom he had a long talk, that Sir H. may come to South St.

Then, as you know, Mr. Calvert is there & has had the Builder there (at Claydon)

f51

My sister writes: "the drainage must be looked to & we must be out of the house for it x x x

"We ought to come away on April 1 or there will be no time for the workmen."

I have heard also twice from Mr. Calvert He gives a good account of Sir H.

The risk of the weather & of Sir H.'s North rooms wil at South St with N. & E. winds pouring down Park St. & South St E. remains unchanged.

But what can we do? I am very very sorry. Parthe sends a delightful account of your two children & of their improvement in health

God guard us
ever your affte & grateful
F.N.

unsigned letter, ff52-52v, pen & pencil [5:252-53]

f52

10 South St April 7/89 *Private*

My dear Mr. Fred

I meant to have sent you this little sum long ago for a prize for Mr. Morice's games Or if you only give part of it for that, the rest towards anything else of Mr. Morice's conundrums for the Gordon Boys.

It is really appalling to think that on Wednesday his career & influence at the G. Boys' Home may be cut short & the boys fall back into their unfair, nasty, perilous ways under what is called military

f52v

discipline which means indiscipline -
[O if you were to see a Military Hospital even at this day]

I don't know what to wish but that, if nothing can be done, the Gordon Boys' Home, as it is now, should cease to exist.

but if Mr. Morice could continue his life -
- giving influence, & be so insensed as to behave himself, then may it live & prosper for ever -

initialled letter, ff53-54v, pencil

f53

10 South St. April 15/89

My dear Mr. Fred I have carefully read over your M.S. - which deserves to be studied by every body - it is most effective & convincing. And I only trust you will work it out as forcibly as you have begun it. & publish it in some accessible form -

Blind economy on the subject is dividing people more & more - And it is very good to show them that Ld Hartington & Mr. Parnell

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are terms synonymous or convertible -
also to pin down Mr. Parnell to what he
has spoken Whether he is sincere or not would
be a secondary consideration, were it not that
sincere people have always more influence
Go on & work it out, pray -

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Since I wrote this, I have your note. But
I really have nothing to "criticize" - You
can work it out - I can't -
The smaller of the two small pieces - the
one that does not begin with Mr. Chamberlain
- you will work out well. On the first page
there seems a little repetition of a sentence
in the body of the Article - about Ireland
being "on her trial before the whole civilized
"world" &c - & on p. 3, "This is an addition in
"substance" &c seems a little "obscure"?

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But this is hypercriticism
It is very important that you should finish it. - I
return it in haste, because I promised.

Good news of Sir Harry this morning -
I hope you will compass Venice & not travel
too fast.

ever your & Maudie's
F.N.

unsigned letter, ff55-56v, pen

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April 19/89

Good Friday

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Indeed I do, I do feel with you & for
you, dearest Maude, at Ralph
going to School - his new life &
his "new portmanteau" - and
that little mother, Gwendolen,
at his side, who is still
cogitating her plans for being
the 'mother of the world' - (&
not *only* responsible for Kathleen's
salvation). Those children are so
interesting they would fill
volumes, let alone hearts.

Still I hope, if you don't
overfatigue yourself, that it
will be good for you both, &
even for Ralph, not to be overstrained, *as you say*,
for you to go to Venice. Fifty
years ago, we spent a month
there. Then it was half in ruins

[7:345-46]

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& wholly under the Austrian
 hoof. But it stands alone,
 alone in the world, its history -
 its churches - its pictures - S.S.
 Giovanni e Paolo - S. Marco -
 the old Palazzo Foscari - the
 Doge's Palace - the Bridge of Sighs
 the Rialto - Rome itself is not
 so absorbing. But you will
 know all this. But what
 there was when we were there -
 the Piombi - the slaughtered
 Italian Patriots, who poured out
 their life blood in the field, in
 carcere duro, in exile & in
 imprisonment in a life long
 slaughter - from the Piombi
 to Spielberg at Brünn, where
 they, Silvio Pellico, Maroncelli,
 Confalonieri & all the best of

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Italy left their bones or came
 out again after long years
 maimed & invalids for life.
 Most of these men we knew
 afterwards. These were
 the intensity of interest to us
 in Venice, then. I would
 gladly have laid down my
 life to have saved one of
 them a day's suffering.
 You know S. Pellico's 'le mie
 Prigione' - In our days any
 of these books had to be
 hidden in our, the foreigners',
 receptacles
 . Are the Italians worthy
 of these men now? Is
 Italy 'united & independent'
 worthy of the lives that have
 been ruined for her? Ruin?
 Martirio in terra appellati
 Gloria si appella in cielo

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And Manin - & the siege of
Venice. If Manin could only
have lived to see what we see
now!

But I ask that question - &
I never get an answer: - has
Italy free made the progress
Italy enslaved expected?

You will say I ought not
to say to *you* what made the
intensity of our devotion to
Venice enslaved. No one can
fancy it now - And I pray
God you may really enjoy
Venice & not tire yourself.

Aunt Florence's love & best
wishes to you both. Forgive me:

God bless you both - & the
childer three. All success to you.

Make my compliments to the
Canal Grande - When we were there,
there were no rail roads. [end 7:346]

initialled letter, ff57-58, pencil [8:919-20]

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10 South St May 23/89

Dearest Maude & Mr. Fred

Welcome home again. And I do trust that
you have had a refreshing as well as most
interesting time among the never-to-be-forgotten
splendours of Venice & Genoa - & have not
committed suicide at Monaco -

It was so kind of you to write - And I shared
my joy, of course, with No 4, as they did with me

And how is, Italy? in good health? the
patriots, now in heaven, ask.

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Thank you for sending Mr. Morant's noble, most interesting letter, which I return - I have read it most carefully. I sympathize most deeply with him & with you - But such work, springing from such a spirit, such minds, cannot fail to bear fruit a hundred fold, even if the harvest be sometimes delayed, sometimes blighted

I never liked fashion. Humiliation is more fruitful than fashion -

God will grant His highest success to what you & Mr. Morant are doing for poor Siam.

But I was not going to moralize - ~~Miss~~ Miss Amy Morant paid me an unexpected visit while you were away -

And a great deal came out quite naturally in our long conversation, such as she would say to a person who greatly sympathised with her & did not think she was going to be mad, of which there was not a trace - But that 'great deal all told one way, that

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she is perfectly unfit to go to her brother, that she could not be a week in Siam without getting him into some scrape -

There is a certain silliness about here, (not incompatible with genius,) a certain credulity, a want of that uncommon quality, common sense, a total want of knowledge of the common motives of common humanity - And all this without the slightest excitement - as if she were telling you that black was black, white was white.

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By her own account, her companion who came
with her is just the same (to *her* satisfaction)
She talked about going to her brother, but
not as if she longed for or expected it much.
[I did not of course say anything against it,
nor anything for it.]

I ought to have returned his letter sooner, but
I have been engaged in anxious (& humiliating)
work
God bless you - And He *will* bless you -
How are the children three? in haste F.N.

signed letter, ff59-59v, pen

f59

~~Private~~ June 12/89

10.30 a.m.

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

My dear Mr. Fred

I sent to Sir Robert Rawlinson
quite early this morning. And he
answers: "You may certainly
"say that you have consulted
"me" -

I also sent him Dimensions
of Dormitories *as given me by you*
He says: "You may also say from me
"that Boys require as much
"cubic space as men."

He continues: "The Wards are
too small for the number of beds
to be put in."

& that no Dormitory should
be "less than 18 ft wide, and 13

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“feet in height” -

This is past praying for -
but the light of natural reason
might tell us that 18 feet
should be the minimum of width.

“The Sherringham & Tobin
“Ventilators should be put in,
“plus the windows. These,
“the Ventilators, do not cost
“much & are easily managed”

[I hope you read what he
said about Sherringham, p. 2
of the two sheets pinned together]

Pray believe me

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

F. Verney Esq.

signed letter, f60-61, pencil

f60

G.B.H. & June 16/89

My dear Mr. Fred

I think your letter to Genl 'Hig' excellent.
I am afraid you will think I have not 'fired'
'shot' enough at/into Sir D. Galton. But one is
obliged to ask of rather than 'fire at' so great
an authority!! I send what I extracted from
him. *More open windows, more outlets,*
abolition of bed-rolling - in another Envelope

Now, isn't it the oddest thing that these men
whose business & profession it is to house men
& boys should have left all this to your sheer

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benevolence to do?

He asks: Do the boys “roll themselves up” in the
2 blankets *with the sheets* inside the blankets?
However, this makes matters worse if they do. For
blankets let their perspiration *thro'*, better than
such sheets as theirs do.

Success to you always

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2. I send Mr. Morant's letter for your kind hints. I do think his is a sacrifice something like Father Damian's -

3. I send Sir Wm. Wedderburn's printed Memo for an India Reform Socy.

ever yours

F. Nightingale

initialled letter, ff62-62v, pencil

f62

10 South St June 17/89

My dear Mr. Fred

I hope you had my two letters yesterday -

Douglas Galton now adds:

"If these boys stink so badly, it is clear that they require more floor space" -

He recommends: " In any case the clean boys

"should be sorted & put apart - & the

"dirty boys all put together with more

"space" - Sir D. Galton is coming

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here to morrow (Tuesday) afternoon on other business - Do you want me

to pitch in to him more, & ask him

more questions about the ventilation

of Gordon Boys' Home?

& if so *what?* F.N.

unsigned letter, ff63-63v, pencil

f63

10 South St. June 30/89

My dear Mr. Fred Many thanks I have always been anxious that your M.S. (recast) on Home Rule *should be published*, but am no judge of the *publishing* question. If you can trust F Harrison, by all means publish it.

The fury & the ignorance at once of woman Unionist & Woman Home Ruler is disheartening - Neither knows what she or the other wants, or knows what she is really asking for - what is feasible - what has been done - what has failed. - what is historically true or false - what is possible Is there any training in politics, administration, contemporary political history - for women? There is fury - *not* discussion - on both sides - Such articles as yours will do much good -

Where & when was "*Balfour's speech*" - I have no eyes for the "Times" -

Alas! I have no prospect of "seeing" you "to day" I have a War Office official - And, before that, my sister. And I must keep myself in my senses.

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I want very much to hear what you alone can tell me about G.B.H.

but am immersed among many other things in a dreadful schism in the Nursing 'interest' - two rival Assocns, touting, canvassing, furiously abusing each other - all/mainly for want of the simplest knowledge of admn, (management).

Private

G.B.H. - I don't think it would do to [16:486] have in a Civilian Sanitarian - None of them know half as much as Douglas Galton - When I saw him last, some two weeks ago, he said - & almost told me to tell you: "It is no use doing anything now. All the things are *made* for this new block - It would save no expence to alter it now - But Butterfield says he will do nothing *after* this block - And then will be our time to alter, renew, reform, modify" - Valeat quantum - [end 16:486]

signed letter, f64, pencil

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July 21/89

Dear Mr. Fred & Maudie

I give you both joy of your & Mr. Morant's pupil.

Prince Cheroon Thank God!

You two & Mr. M. have formed him to all this

& formed him to what is best of all,

manliness - I hope his finger is

getting well - [It is always said that

the Hindoo will lie down & die for an injury

which would not take an Englishman off a

day from activity] Now you see you have

made a man out of good little Cheroon -

I return with thanks a number of your &
Maudie's papers -

Have I returned a letter of dear Ralph's
to his mother? If not, I shall be sure
to find it.

Have I any more papers of yours to
return?

Hurra for Ralph & Cheroon!

I want to hear about Gordon B. H. - & ABOUT *your Home Rule Paper*

Excuse great haste but not of heart

or thought ever yours Aunt Florence

initialled letter fragment, f65, pencil

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I will return all your letters

& Ralph's

I return F. Harrison very

good

Please thank Maudie - &

say I could not take

a whole Secy now - She

would take up all my

time & strength -

I must begin some time

with a half -

ever yours & hers

F.N.

How is Gwendolen?

signed letter, ff66-69, pen {most of this letter is not in FN's hand, but there are some insertions written by her, and the closing is in her hand}

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Private No 2 Miss Nightingale
Gordon Boys' Home
Matron: {printed address:} ~~40 South Street,~~
G.B.H. ~~Park Lane W.~~
Matron Aug 25.89

My dear Mr. Fred

You ask for the conversation as far as I can remember with General Higginson about what the Matron for the Gordon Boys' Home was to do over & above Hospital proper. It was, I believe, I. briefly as follows. 1. That she was to be called to any boy taken ill at night in his dormitory. that she was to have the power of inspecting the dormitories occasionally at night. (I can

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hardly believe that what *you first* discovered of abominations, for which may your shades never be less!) could not have been, had a trained woman had this power of inspection) - That any boy on first arrival where it was judged necessary, should spend a few days in the Hospital under inspection; that she should be brought into contact with the boys in every way. She would of course be so with those who do 'fatigue work' in the Hospital. That the boys with cut fingers, colds, sore heads & stomach aches should go at once to her in the Hospital without being admitted, if unnecessary, as patients. 2. that she should inspect the general kitchen - make varieties in the diets,

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(on this General Higginson laid particular stress) according to the time of year, and in the modes of cooking, and making the most of things, for example, using up fat instead of letting it go in to the boys' dinners &c &c. See to the serving of the meals, that it should be nice, clean, hot & palatable etc etc

I especially remember General Higginson dwelling on all this con amore -

3. That she should have an eye upon the boys' work in the general Laundry.

4. That the Matron should exercise some supervision over the boys' underclothing and its mending etc.

(I am glad to hear that she is to be autocrat if only over the socks)

This with a view to bringing her into contact with
the boys.

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But I am bound to say that General Higginson made so many qualifications & "oh! ahs!", that *at the time* I felt certain that little or nothing would be carried out. E.g. as to 1. he said that if she were given any power in the dormitories that was infringing on and lessening the responsibility of the N. C. Officers in charge of dormitories, to which I responded that we found in Military Hospitals that it increased their responsibility. I little thought then, what you discovered, that the N. C. Officers exercise no responsibility at all in the most important matters.

I rather think now that what you said about *inspection* from WITHOUT will be necessary in the dormitories too - and by night.

As to 2. which General Higginson

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was most strenuous about, I heard afterwards that Gordon Boys' Home had changed its cook for the better & that the cook did not need or like a woman's supervision. Indeed I think you told me so yourself.

Anyhow, you remember what I mentioned confidentially about the difference of opinion between the two heads.

As to 3 - about the same objection was made as to her supervising the work in the General Laundry. (You know what I fancy about the supreme offices giving the order and the second offices silently preventing its being carried out.)

As to 4. We were told you know by General Higginson afterwards that he thought all the mending was done either in the tailor's shop or the laundry, and he

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astonished my economical weaknesses by telling me that socks *were not mended* but *new ones got*. I do not pursue this subject because 'tears inhibit my tongue', because I have so preached on this, both to the women in Derbyshire & in the Army. I am happy to think that the "socks" have escaped from this rule.

You see, I feel rather diffident & rather despondent about this matter, but I would, if you choose, talk it over with the *Matron's* former *Matron*, (only she is now on her holiday) I feel, I have not helped you at all.

And I must remind you of the great difficulty of making rules *now* instead of at the beginning, And yet more of preventing their becoming a dead letter with the second officer in command, and with

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the sub-officers.

Tell me what I can do -
If I can do it.

& believe me
ever your loving

Aunt Florence

with dear love to Gwendolen

Good news from Claydon

signed letter, ff70-71v, pen {most of this letter is not in FN's hand, but there are some insertions written by her, and the closing is in her hand}

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Gordon Boys' Home Miss Nightingale

Private Gordon Boys' Home

{printed address:} ~~10 South Street,~~

~~Park Lane W./~~Matron:

July 25.89

My dear Mr. Fred

Your messenger & letter arrived quite
in time yesterday, and I pitched
into Sir Douglas Galton, tho' I had
a great deal of worriting business
with him, with all my might, like
a man. First of all, he will
certainly come to the *annual inspection*
at the Gordon Boys' Home, on August
the first, as you desire - and he
will talk to *Revd Mr. Pine*, &
Mr. Trevarthen of Redhill as you
order. He went in to a most unusual
rhapsody for him, as he is (the greatest
frondeur I know, about you & your

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work at Gordon Boys' Home, (and how they were indebted to you) really, - seriously.

2. He was really & properly excited about the "NO= alteration" proposed in *opening the windows in the dormitories*. I do hope his just rage will not 'fade 'as a leaf,' but that he will do something. He seems quite disposed to do so. He approves the Sherringham Ventilators. He does not approve the Ventilation over the doors, which, he says, will only let in the staircase foul air. He says the staircase foul air can only be carried off by a tube going out at the roof. F And that perhaps they will not do.

3. He is rather despairing about the Ventilation of the Workshops, especially of the shoemaker's shop. Are the windows the same as those of the dormitories? He thinks not. He thinks that they can't open them because of the draft,

f71

and he says how uncommonly difficult it is to ventilate tailors' & shoemakers' workshops. But perhaps he will look into this.

4. With regard to your question about dimensions of dormitories, windows, etc. for young men & boys, in buildings erected during the last ten years, he says: (like the man who wrote a chapter on snakes in Iceland: "There are no snakes in Iceland.") "There are no buildings erected during the last 10 years." but the dimensions etc which he did give me, I do not quote; because they are against us. They are in fact worse than those of the Gordon Boys' Home.

5. He did write a tremendous letter to Colonel Beaty - Pounall about the abomination which you discovered. † I think he is a great deal more aware, thanks to you, to the Butterfieldian evils, & Gordon Boys' Home backslidings,

f71v

than he was. A good deal may be gained by pitching into him from time to time.

ever with love to Maudie

& childer

yours

Aunt Florence

I hear with joy

from Parthe

that you are going

to Claydon "on your way

to Scotland"

F.N.

signed letter, ff72-73, pencil

f72

10 South St Aug 13/89

My dear Mr. Fred

I am so very glad that you
are to take your Princes to
Mr. Jowett & Oxford tomorrow.

& that you are going North
on Thursday with Maudie &
the childer - my love to them
all.

& so *very* sorry that I shall
not see you before you go -
& hear about them all (& Ralph)
- & about the Gordon Boys' Home
& many other things.

I am afraid that to-day I
am more than full - & I might

f72v

even have had to put you off
tomorrow -

~~All~~ The harassing things the
W.O. puts off to the last.

And we are too glad to get
them done at all, IF we
get them done -

Thanks many for your account
of Claydon - I feel with
you about the coming winter.

I shall go there, I believe,
on ~~22~~ or 24th or 26th.

I don't like their being alone
They have greatly enjoyed
your party -

f73

Ralph is a brave boy -
I am sorry that I know no
one at Chatham now -
Mrs. Hawthorn is travelling
with her husband in
Switzd I believe, now - &
I don't know her address -
But when she comes back,
I will gladly ask her
to introduce your Siamese to
some one she knows there -
I think I know whom she
will say.

God speed -
ever your loving Aunt Florence

f74, Letter returned - 2 note sheets & cheque 18/9/89

signed letter, ff75-78, pencil

f75

Claydon Ho. Sept 17/89

My dear Mr. Fred

I return with thanks Mr.
Morant's most interesting letter -
It is certainly hopeful - The man
is a sort of hero - and out of
him you have made Cheroon
& are making the Crown Pr.,
please God, by rendering Mr.
Morant's position possible with
a great deal of trouble on your
past.

I hope you will allow me
to make my poor little
contribution of a 'fi pun note'
towards the things he mentions in

f75v

his P.S., or books or anything you like for him. It is indifferent to me whether he knows it is from me or not, but not indifferent that *you* should *not* add anything out of your own monies -

I see no chance of my being able to write to him. Would you be so kind when you write to him as to make up a message from me which you will do so much better than I can - of great sympathy in his most difficult & lonely life (but I am so thankful his

f76

sister is not going out to him) but God is dwelling in him, the real Friend & Inspirer. (I wish I could be as confident that He is dwelling in me) - And while it is His work, *of course* it will have the highest success, of which he is allowed to see a part, but there will be more - WE are part of His "Evolution" - let us never forget that - *if* we are fellow-workers with Him - If not, we are *still* part, against our wills -

I should feel very much interest (but this is not for him)

f76v

in his idea of conquering
"hard prejudices" & "violent
"superstitions" by a book on the
'Evolution Theory', of on the
'Childhood of the World' - but
that I do not believe that that
is the way to conquer 'prejudice' -
- *he* is conquering 'prejudice' by *living* -

For 50 years almost I have
had the idea of always asking
questions - which nobody answers -
what *is* God's moral Gov. of
His world? seeing the divine?!
eternal damnation - moral Govt
theory is quite exploded - & of
writing 'a book' upon it. But it
is not even begun - And perhaps
we must find out what His

f77

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moral Govt is by observing
individual lives & the
results on *masses* of lives
of political & social conditions
à la Quetelet for a
long time first - & above all
by *practising*.

I venture to send 6, if
you or Maudie will get
something you like for brave
little Ralph (out of the 1)
on his return to school -

It is so good to hear that he
goes on with his lessons, (including

f77v

no doubt the religious one)
with his father - & gets
up to prepare his lessons
before the Expeditions

But I feel a little for
my dear Gwendolen left
out - ~~But~~ I suppose she
mothers Kathleen -

Aunt Florence's best love
to Maudie & Gwendolen
& all -

ever your loving
Aunt Florence

f78

Sept 18

The Nurses from St. Thomas'
are coming here to-day -
Edmund & Margt & their 4
for the day.

Pray God it may go off
well

ff79-80, 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W., September 20, 1889, from MV thanking FN for her gift to
Ralph

signed letter, ff81-82v, pencil

f81

Claydon Sept 26/89

My dear Mr. Fred & Maudie

Thanks for your "Washington" letter in the
excellency of which Wisdom (like mine!)
entirely agrees. but Feeling plays her part
And I am rather aghast to find from Maude's
letter to my sister that you are to be away
till "January" - However you are unquestionably
right to be going. And there remains the
children. You must feel a good deal at

f82

sending them/two away "to Normandy' with" Mlle
 "du Perrut" whom you know so little as yet -
 My sister is cordially anxious that dear Gwendolen
 & Kathleen & Mlle should come here for at
 least 6 weeks - But she cannot receive them
 till after Oct 11, when the Episcopal party ends.

If you are going to let or shut up Onslow Gns,
 there is 10 South St with servants & fires
 & open arms to receive them till Oct 11.
 I should need but an hour's notice only
 there are workmen in the house. As it is,
 give me a few days' notice. The house
 will sing for joy so loud that you will hear at
 O.G or in Americay -

My sister will also be so glad to have
 dear Ralph when his Xmas holidays come,
 with his sisters, be it understood.

Of course she is writing to you herself -
 And you must not mind if she 'cuts up
 'rough' in the *form*: in spirit she is cordially
 anxious to say: please remember that whenever

f82v

the dear 3 are in London, going or coming
 or any how, they & Mlle, or any fraction
 of the 3 & suite, must come to 10 South St.'s
 welcoming arms - And I shall hope to be
 there - Aunt Florence

I write no more - because you must be overdone
 with arrangements & reading & writing - but to
 send best love & best blessings on your
 expeditionary force which is strong, consisting as it does of *you two* - but
 I can't conceive what the Siamese will do without
 you in London, or we - ever your loving F. Nightingale

signed letter, ff83-84, pencil

f83

Claydon Sept 29/89 S. Michael's Day

My dear Mr. Fred & Maudie

Success to Dinard. I am sure you
know best what is best for the dear things -
And I hope they will come back wonders of
wisdom & of health. Only I rather grudge
Mlle de Perrut being the only 'family' that will
see them during their delightful year's months -

Success to the great doings at Washington
Your valuable Form anent "Dimensions" &

f84

Gordon Boys' Home safe for Sir F. Goldsmid

I wanted to keep a copy for D. Galton &
engaged an Ager boy - But the excellent Morey
would do it himself -

Success too to Gordon Boys' Home & your
activity.

May the winds & waves be propitious -
And may all the best blessing be upon
you two

Weather here rather less stormy -
& gunpowder is so explosive -
Grandpapa quite anxious for Edmund's success
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

It behooves us to be strong on S. Michael's Day

If Mlle de Perrut would send me their address
at Dinard I could insense Grandpapa -
who otherwise I fear might lose it

I am glad you go on Tuesday - not to have the
hurry of embarking same day.

ff85-86v, Rhianva, Bangor, January 2, 1890, from FV re his return from Washington and MV's rough crossing

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff87-88, pencil

[8:920]

f87

29 Jan/90

Dearest love to Maude

So sorry that my dear Gwendolen wants an
Oculist -

The man that the medical faculty employ for
salves & families is

Henry Power
37a Great Cumberland Place
W

(I don't know that it is specially for what
you say: but I am rather afraid of
specialt-ies Many cling to

f87v

'old' Sir Wm Bowman, as they do to 'old'

Sir James Paget for an opinion merely - And with reason
I know Power personally & think highly of
his care & keenness

"Collyrium" is only their name for
~~certain sorts~~/a whole class of preparations

Please let me know when they the little girls arrive
how they are. I thought they were
coming to day

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

To-day is our day of Crucifixion
May it be a day of salvation

signed note, f88, pen

f89

10 S. St

Jan 25/90

Dearest Maude

Might I see you to-day
before you go to realms
unknown?

Anytime you would fix
after 4.

just for a little
So many thanks

Aunt Florence

ff90-91, The Siamese Legation, 23, Ashburn Place, London, S.W. February 20, 1890, from FV re the
return of the Verney girls

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, f92-93, pen

f92

24/2/90

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

I hope you noted first Reading of Lord Cross' Bill on Friday night in the Lords on Legislative Council Reform

Have the two Bills, on same subject, by Sir W. Plowden & Mr. Bradlaugh been moved in the Ho of C. yet? I am unable to read the papers

I think we are getting on

Lord Reay is to be entertained on his return from Bombay next month: Lord Kimberley, I believe in the chair. as some answer to the malignant attacks made upon him.

f92v

Sir W. Wedderburn will have "much pleasure" in calling upon you at Ashburn Pl.

As regards your question, the full report of the I. Nat: Congress has not yet been received from India; but the first No. of "India" which I will send you contains a summary which gives Sir W. Wedderburn's speech in full - & also all the Resolutions passed.

A copy of this No of India is being sent to each M. P.

f93

A thousand thanks for your proposed introduction of Mr. Bryce. which I shall be so glad to accept. But please wait a few days till I am a little better.

~~—~~Many thanks too for the Protocol

~~—~~Have you heard from Rhianva?

I must finish this note later

ever yours

Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff94-95, pen

f94

March 31/90

10, South Street, {printed address:}

My dear Maude Park Lane. W.

I trust my Gwendolyn is getting strong. & Kathleen as witty & robust. Great love to both. And I hope your dear eyes are coming all right.

Now I am writing about a selfish business. Blessed Margaret gave me a dear little girl as kitchenmaid, Nelly Owen from Rhoscolyn. After having been with me 4 years, on the score that she does not learn enough, she has given me notice. And I am sadly sure she is right - the fault of Mrs. Neild, whose sin has been, I feel morally certain, gaining upon her.

f94v

And I have taken this
opportunity of giving *her*
notice. I ought to
have done this long ago .
But her only son was dying
whom she supported And
partly because I could hardly
cast her off at such a time
partly because I thought
he would have cured her of
it, I waited for 4 years
The son died 6 months ago

You will have Ralph in a
day or two & Mr. Fred, I
hope, before long.

f95

Now, don't think, dear Maude,
that I am pursuing you
You are *not*, unless you know
of somebody, to take any trouble
or notice.

My wants are:

1. a cook=housekeeper for my
very small place, instead of Mrs.
Neild.
2. another Nelly Owen as
kitchen maid
3. a place for Nelly Owen
in the kitchen of a great house.

I cannot say much for my poor
sister. Her cough is so bad
Sir Harry has rubbed his knee
& is confined to the ~~house~~/Dining room
for a day or two. He has
been all over London for
weeks without cold
ever your affectionate
Aunt Florence
I have written to Margaret

Add Mss 41977D

549

signed letter, ff96-97, pencil

f96

April 11/90

10, South Street, {printed address:}

My dear Mr. Fred Park Lane. W.

I am grieved that you cannot all together live in London. It is a great split.

Harriet shall be recommended. But I sent five places or servants for *this* household-ettins. Yes, I should dearly like "to see Ralph before he "goes back to School" Is he going to stay at No 4 - & when?

f96v-97

They are in rather bad case - both are having Sir Andrew Clark - But *he* is better (Sir Harry) - Both will rejoice in Ralph

I am going to send Gwendolen a Book of Fashions !! in dress!!

New Matron (St. Thomas) not yet installed Farewell agonizing

Great love to Maudie & all chicks ever your loving Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff98-99v, pencil & pen

f98

18/4/90

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

Mr. Fred whom I had the
pleasure of seeing last night
says that you are coming
up on the 26 with Ralph,
& that No 4 is to have the
joy of housing you partly
[I don't suppose that means
Solomon's famous verdict
to be cut in half]

I have not even the country inn "stabling" "Stabling
"& Clean Beds" But I have Mr.
Fred's room here with 2 beds
which should be "clean," much
at your service

f98v

They at No. 4 will quarrel
with me if you do not feed
with *them*.

But tho' we shall be
"changing horses in a ford"
just at that time, there
shall be some food here -

[I have no cook yet
Dear Margt has given me
a kitchen maid -]

The Drawing - room will
be at your service as
well as the "Green Bed-
room -

f99

I sent a book which
if not improper - will it
do for the little girls?

I was charged with the
new version of Snow-drop -
the little boy Snow drops
charging with their scimitar-
leaves at the Frost

“en avant - Allons, enfans
de la patrie”

& the glorified Q. Elizth
under Chrysanthemum -

But I think there is a
mistake in the title
I send another title

f99v

I hope to see Gwendolen
quite rude & ruddy
by & bye but still, but
still, thinking of the “old
“women” & the “blind children”

She is going to house
& mothering Kathleen

Sir H. wonderfully well
Poor Parthe very bad -
And I in a dilapidated
condition, forbidden by Drs
to get up just now -

St Thomas has lost its
Pringle & is motherless
ever with great love

Aunt Florence

ff100-101, 23 Ashburn Place, London, S.W., April 28, 1890, from FV re Prince Caroon's success at Harrow and Ralph's visits before returning to school

initialled letter, ff104-05v, pen

f104

10 South St May 13/90

Dearest Fred & Maude

I send by your kind leave to Claydon
my white wreath & cross in a box by you
And I shall send tomorrow
early some red Rhododendrons
from Embley which *she*
was particularly fond of
And if you could kindly
see that on the grave
the white wreath & cross
were mixed up with
the red rhododendrons,
because that is the colour
of love, I think that is
what she would have
liked.

f104v

The Embley flowers with
white Azaleas come with
Shore's love & his wife's

Louis Shore Smith sleeps
here to night on purpose to
carry down by *9 a.m. train*
tomorrow these flowers, & the
wreaths of natural flowers
wh. the tenants & servants of
Claydon have ordered
thro' me.

~~As He~~/Louis is a little shy
at going instead of his
father & is deeply
distressed about "Aunt
Parthe". Might I ask
you to be kind to him,

f105

as you always have been,
& take a little notice of him,
tho' I know how busy
you will be.

Remind Sir Harry that
tomorrow is Ascension
Day

But indeed he needs no
reminder. He writes to
me as if his grief were
swallowed up in her joy.

I shall have much to
hear from you.

God bless you
ever yours
F.N.

You see Louis goes down to Claydon

f105v

tomorrow *before* the others,
because Morey particularly
stipulates to me that the
tenants' & servants' wreaths
are to arrive at Claydon
Station at 10.48 a.m.

Please give my kindest thanks to
Sir Henry Acland.

Please remember me to the
servants, but particularly
to Mrs. Davidson & Morey.

Sir Harry says, in his
every letter, what a "comfort
his "sons" are to him.

F.N.

Let the dear room be [12:18]
cleansed & disinfected
as if after an infectious
disease, please, as soon
as the funeral is over.

Sir Henry Acland will say. (F.N. [end 12:18])

initialled letter, ff106-07, pen

f106

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Private Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred (& Maude)

I can never thank you enough
for writing to me yesterday
morning - I had only had
then Sir H's Telegram - & for
coming yesterday evening
I am afraid you are very
tired.

It is so very kind to think
of asking the Nurses. They would
be so deeply touched - they
were always so touched
at being asked to Claydon
especially after she became so
ill. But I have been
thinking it all over. It
would be difficult to choose

f106v

two or three or four Nurses
among the rest. The only
thing would be to ask
Miss Crossland as their representative whose
affection for Parthe was
great indeed. But then
you see, would she not
be rather in the way?
Would not Sir Harry's
overflowing kindness think
he must take care of her?
She must lunch with you;
& perhaps if she came
you would think you
must ask ladies of your
own surroundings - I know

f107

nothing would touch Miss
Crossland so much as
being asked. And she
has been with us for 15
years.

But I would not do it
without asking you more -
particularly - what
would be best for Sir Harry

A good letter from Sir
H. this morning

I will write again
ever yours

F.N.

Lady Ashburton has written
to me - her mind full of
Parthe's rest now - but she

f107v

Ly A

was in the act of writing
to Parthe that she would
come down to Claydon
this week.

F.N.

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, f108, pen

f108

June 30/90

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mr. Fred

Pray let my dear
Gwendolen & Mademoiselle
come here. [And we
will give them a little
refection.] after Mr. Power's
interview. And may God
grant her health & eyes
& every other blessing -
She has the elements of
a great woman.

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

I am so happy
about Mr. Croft & Sir H.

ff109-10v, Fred V to FN 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W. July 20, 1890, re news of the family

ff111-11v, Fred V to FN Norwich, July 23, 1890, re FV's candidature at Norwich

ff112-13v, Fred V to FN Pleasley, September 9, 1890, re the reclamation of a dam there

signed letter, ff114-17, pen

f114

Claydon Sept 14/90

My dear Mr. Fred

Thank you very much
for your letter about
Pleasley - My feelings are
much aggravated about
the Mill - dam. Sir Harry
is quite anxious to have
it cleared out: (by a
Contractor - bad animals)
And I have only to say
that I will willingly contribute
10 to such an indispensable
work - and - that the
most terrible catastrophes
have happened from
doing such indispensable work
(in taking away what never ought to
have been there.)

f114v

work - and some Sanitary
authority - absolutely
trustworthy - *not* "the best a man"
who has been appointed
by the inhabitants as
Officer of Health (? to save
their rates) must
overlook a "contractor".
Is this a thing which
the Local Govt Board
would send down a
man about - *not* to tell
you to do it but to
tell you when the time
comes how to do it
without injury/catastrophe. [Good Sir
R. Rawlinson R.E. at past 80
writing to me: "O for 10 years more
life to do my work"]

f115

2. The idea of the "fountain"
of "good water" in memory of
my father & sister, smiles
to me much. [Sir Harry "won't
"hear of it" - this is just what
happened.] I should be
good for 50, or even
100 - if you would be
good enough to start it.
[I have no doubt Sir H.
would come round &
give something, seeing whose
Pleasley was.] But I can't ask him]

The sooner it is done
the better, if it *is* done:
don't you think so? It is
very good of you to
start it well. I conclude it
is both Sanitary *and* practicable
and convenient for the inhabitants.

f115v

Margaret is come & looks
better than I expected.

Mr. Devine from
Manchester was quite
a success - tho' exhausting.

Blessings on Maudie &
the three - And perhaps
Maudie will send me a
word-picture of Gwendolen.

My love to Mazelli, as
Kathleen call Mlle. what
a pretty name! - & I hope
Mlle is well -

Ruth & a white dog are
here -

Success to your candidature!

Sir Harry is well.

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

f116

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Anent the Mill-dam: What is the Sanitary Authority over Pleasley under which the Abomination has arisen?

Is it not the case that at the instance of even a single inhabitant a Local Govt Board man might have been down upon you? - I believe, however, that there may have been a fortunate case of Typhoid, where this *this has been done* - And I am afraid you have had no such case at Pleasley -

2ndly Do not let

f117

2. Do not let Maudie be restive about that poor little bit of paper of mine, (now hers) - Even if Gwendolen does not have to go to the sea again it may be wanted where you are
May your stay be prosperous.

F.N.

Margt goes to London on Thursday to meet those two chevaliers errans (preux chevaliers) Ralph & Harry

ff118-19v, Fred V to FN Claydon House, Winslow, Bucks., October 14, 1890, re family news

signed letter, ff120-22, pen

f120

Claydon Oct 15/90

My dear Mr. Fred

I was very sorry not
to see you this morning.

Thank you very, very much
for Lord Ripon's Article (&
the new R. Cath. Review) -
also for past favours.

2. Well done, Norfolk, for its
Officers of Health Report
for 1889. It is excellent.

[I do not suppose, however,
that they allowed their
opinions to leak out to
any unprincipled reformer like you,
member of the C.C., before
the C. C. saw them in a
body.]

3. You ask for "hints" before

f120v

"Novber 7" (for your own C.C. Do see Douglas
Galton again, whenever he
is in town. He is the
best authority (except for
suavity) on the subject
And he has now experience
of his own C.C. And
they *have* a Sany Comm:
have not they? He will give
you "hints" how
to work on the C. C.'s fears, & show reform as
the best policy & economy

We think calling together
"a Special Comm:" & getting an
"expert" for/ to refer any
"particular "complaints", a very
feeble proceeding. We have
always resisted it at
the W.O. In the first
place, it is never done -
Unless you have a standing

f121

Commee, to which you are obliged to refer *all* "particular" "complaints" cases, they never so get referred.

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To return to the Norfolk Report, it is admirable. [6:571-72]

I do not know whether what I am going to ask for is at all practicable.

It is this: that the Medical Officers of Health should have to report upon Dietary, especially of children, especially of in/examining Infant throats & in Schools - The absence of milk in their Dietary gives rise to all sorts of complaints - the food

f121v

is perhaps worse than in Ireland - People are beginning to turn their attention to this - Mortality may be small, & feebleness great. Throats & teeth suffer. Ill cooked potatoes &c &c cause Diarrhaea -

May Officers of Health meddle with Personal Hygiene?

But Infant Mortality is always taken & justly so (& in this Report as in others) as a test of the state of the country/people. - & I cannot see how the "infants" Dietary can be excluded.

The Deaths from Diarrhaea in the towns in Norfolk were of under 5 to over 5 as 21 to 3 - but splendidly low altogether was the mortality

f122

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Norfolk deserves the V.C. for
sanitation &c. In 1889

Death rate per 1000

Rural Districts	Urban	Whole country
14.9	16	15.3
	1878- 87	
	10 years	

Norfolk 19.0

All England 19.8

But it does not say what
"all England" was in 1889

At all events Gwendolen's
arms & legs in 1890
were a proof of Norfolk's
health, thank God!

I am afraid this letter is
illegible - I have no time
to re write or to finish it.

Sir Harry rather so- so -
Margaret just come back
from Anglesea School Board
ever your loving Aunt Florence

ff123-24, Fred V to FN, The Lodge, Old Lakenham, October 23, 1890, re Gwendolen's throat
problem and difficulties with the Siamese

signed letter, ff125-26, pen & pencil

f125

Claydon Oct 26/90

Dearest Maude

Margt & Ellin go alas
to morrow to Lpool. All
success attend them.

Lettice who was so happy
with you is in such distress.
As a small diversion, I want
to give her what she wants,
viz. The Martyr of Antioch
arranged for all the Choir,
by Sullivan

and

The Scotch Symphony by
Mendelssohn -

I throw myself on your
kindness, because you will
know the very best Editions
of both - And I want LARGE
good Editns, not trying to the eyes.

f125v

Margt says it may be
really less trouble to you
to get them at Norwich
than in the 'mart of fashion',
the 'Metropolis.'

I tell Margt I am like
a sucking pig for ignorance.
But she thinks the simile
dirty, tho' correct.

If your kindness can get
them, will you ship them
off at once to me here?

Aunt Florence's best love
to the two dear sweets
G. & R. I am writing
to Mr. Fred about G.
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

f126 {written in faint pencil across the sheet}

Maudie's editions tho' beautiful are
such very small print for Lettice's
eyes

letter fragment, f127, pen

f127

But it is God who holds the balance
not we - It is Infinite Love who makes
the plan of the battle, who is Commander
in Chief, not we. And He, the Almighty,
will carry us through.

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

We earnestly hope to see you & Maude
on Saturday

ff128-129v, Fred V to FN, 6 Onslow Gardens, London, S.W., November 1, 1890 re the necessity for tonsillectomy for Gwendolen & Kathleen

ff130-31v, Fred V to FN re another opinion of the girls' throats

ff132-35v, Fred V to FN The Siamese Legation, 23, Ashburn Place, London, S.W., November 6, 1890, re arrangements to be made for the family and FV's own work

ff136-39v, Maude V to FN 10 South Street, London, November 7, 1890, re Ellin's illness and MV's installation in South Street

ff140-40v, 6 Onslow Gardens, November 8, 1890, from FV re MV's comfort in South Street

ff141-42, Claydon House, Winslow, Bucks. November 9, 1890, from Sir HV to MV, FN glad you are at her home, her visit this time has been a happy one to me, she has enjoyed much fine weather and many glorious sunsets in her elevated abode, the blue room. Re children. The Miss Spring Rices go away on Wed but will return, have done the good work on Parthe's papers that no one else cd do. They have so sorted and arranged them that if Margaret wishes that anything shd be done with them, the first stage, the least amusing and interesting has been done with them.

unsigned letter, ff143-45, pen

f143

Telegraph G. & K. Nov 9/90
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. the two dears Claydon House,
Winslow, {printed address:}
Bucks.

My dear Mr. Fred

Dr. Ord answered by
return of post. He says: "8 Nov/90

"In reply to your letter I
"have to say:

"1st that I have the highest
"opinion of Dr. Semon's diagnosis,
and skill in operating; and
that I should trust to him
for help in any case, similar
to those mentioned, occurring
in my own family. "implicit"
"is a strong word, but it
"would be hardly too strong.

"2nd Dr. Semon's opinion is
"better than mine. I was
"clearly of opinion, when I

f143v

"saw the children, that both
"required the operation
"for the adenoid vegetations,
"and one at least for the
"tonsils. In my experience
"removal of the tonsils
"is not followed by
"disappearance of the
vegetations. The diagnosis
was founded on certain
obvious symptoms. It is
confirmed by technical
observation. I believe
that the full & complete
operation is necessary, and
will tend to improve the
"health of the children, the
"elder of whom is certainly very
"delicate"

signed "W. H. Ord"

f144

Dr. Ord returns Dr. Semon's
'picture' which I enclose.

[I should like some day to have
again your lucid explanation of
it: but this is, of course, only for
my own information]

What can I say?

I was very much impressed

by what Dr. Semon said,
as you told me:

backed as it is by the
opinion of a man of such
careful insight as Dr. Ord:
one of the last men to be
carried away by a fashion
(if Dr. Semon is 'the fashion.')

'Find out who it is that
Doctors employ/consult for themselves
& their families' is I believe
a pretty safe rule, where no 'rule'
can be quite safe.

f144v

I feel for your & Maudie's
anxiety more than I can
say. Indeed I feel just as
anxious myself. I have been
going over all you told me
to myself-

[Can I write to any body else?

I would write to another man

I know very well as St.

Thomas', if you like. But

I do not see any use in
multiplying opinions more
than these -

One thing, only for my own
information, & at any time:

Did Dr. Townsend tell you
of these adenoid vegetations

(in the two childer)? I never
heard anything about them
or about aught but Tonsils:
or about any operation but
on Tonsils, till you told me on Friday]

f145

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Tho' I by no means adore

Semon, I think perhaps his
charge is not so extravagant as
it seems. Margt paid 17,
you say. But, as far as I
understood, Pritchard's operation
was a much smaller affair
than Semon's intended one -

You *will* allow me, if it
is done, to bear a/my small share
in the expence - we all wish
we could take the whole
affair into *our* throats.

ff146-47v, 10 South Street, November 10, from MV, re the children's throats

ff148-53v, Fred V. The Siamese Legation, 23, Ashburn Place, London, S.W., November 16, 1890,
from FV re the children's throats, whether to remove both tonsils and adenoids or simply tonsils, and
Prince Cheroon's progress at Harrow

signed letter, ff154-55, pen & pencil

f154

Telegraph *Private* Nov 11/90

Steeple Claydon, Bucks Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dearest Maude

You ask my plans.
It is quite impossible
for me to leave Gdpapa
He is so piteous: he says:
You *can't* leave me
till Margt returns at
least. No: I can't.
And I have this day
written to put off
business. If you
were here, you would
see I could not leave him.

f155

without Margaret or you - tho' that is
I believe an Irish bull.
Make yourself 'asy, my darling -
as 'asy as you can at South St.
ever your most loving
Aunt Florence
Is the Commr coming to do his work?

initialled letter, ff156-57, pencil

f156

{printed address:} Telegraph, Nov 11/90
Steeple Claydon, Bucks Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dearest Maude
I do owe you money
(don't say I don't)
but thanks more -
Poor dear Lettice! she
was so pleased with
the "Martyr" - "Mendn's
Scotch Symphony" which
you so kindly got her.
But I *won't* say "poor":
I say "rich Lettice &
richer Ellin & richest
Margaret: tho' indeed I do

f156v

~~think~~/fear the Lpool Telegrams mean
bad. Margt is so
kind in telegraphing -
Margt always says:
how your visit cheered
Ellin -

Margt is the richest
woman I ever knew
Her cruse of oil never fails,
nor her handful of meal,
tho' she is torn in pieces,
for all the pieces -

The miracle of the loaves
& fishes is fulfilled in
her- & she has baskets

[8:920]

f157

of fragments over for
all of us - No one is left
out unfed by her.

And so is it with you,
my darling -

Better Telegram much
better from a post
since I began this,
thank God!

F.N.

unsigned letter, ff158-59v, pencil

f158

{printed address:} Telegraph, Nov 11/90
Steeple Claydon, Bucks Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Mr. Fred

In this most difficult, anxious yet
dear & ~~deserving all thought~~/loving business I can
only try to set before you for you to judge the
considerations which I have thought over & over
before writing my tiresome Telegram

May God decide:

Maudie is like her sister - so valiant -

God favours the brave -

in haste ever your loving

Aunt Florence

Much better Telegram from Lpool to day, thank God

f159

[12:436-37]

Dr. Beverley As I understand suspects recommends urges "imperative necessity" of having growth removed at once, as well equally with "reducing tonsils"

Ad. Vegetations (growth) important"

Dr. Ord "clearly of opinion" recommends in his experience removal of Tonsils followed by disappearance of vegetations - "both operations" "necessary"

that both required operation for "ad. vegns" & one at least for Tonsils"

- "elder child very delicate"

Dr. Semon discovers recommends you can fill immediate & this up better than I complete operation on both

unmistakeable Ad. Vegns as well as enlarged Tonsils in both cases

Mr. Townsend "never mentioned" X when informed leaving Ad vegns to "Ad Vegetations" at all - strongly recommends Nature only enlarged Tonsils removing Tonsils condemns Semon, will not work after him will but does not believe he will do "actual harm"

X If the two last opinions were shown to any "first rate Surgeon, as Mr. T. wishes, can it be doubted what his opinion would be? Would he not say: it is a totally different question dealing with Tonsils & with Tonsils and "growths"

f159v

As far as I understand: the 3 first
authorities have considered the
“growths” as of equal or greater
importance than the Tonsils
- operation ditto.

As collateral evidence

Dr. Pritchard (whose position in
Medical world we took particular
pains to discover) a man of a
different School - an authority of King's
College Hospl spoke of “Ad. Vegns”
in Harry's deafness case (~~i.e. as I understood~~
~~of obstruction in passage between~~
~~nose & throat~~) as imperatively
necessary to remove - And he did.

Mr. Townsend says: ask Sir W. Savory

It is perhaps **owdacious** in me to
say: I would not ask Sir W. Savory or
take his opinion.

I would have asked “Nestor”, my dear
Sir James Paget, but he has lost touch
with the present state of knowledge

ff160-61, 6 Onslow Gardens, S.W, November 11, 1890, from FV, re the operation on the girls' throats

ff162-62v, Fred V. To FN November 11, 1890, re the decision to go ahead with the operations

ff163-64v, 10 South Street, Park Lane, November 12, from MV, re the arrangements for the operations

ff165-66v, Maude V. To FN November 12, re the successful result of the operations

ff167-68v, November 12, 1890, from FV, re the successful result of the operations

ff169-70, Fred V to FN The Siamese Legation, November 13, 1890, 23, Ashburn Place, London, S.W., re the successful result of the operations

signed letter, ff171-72v, pen

f171

Telegraph, Nov 13/90 Steeple Claydon, Bucks Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dearest Maude &

Mr. Fred

Your Telegrams & letters
are so delightful
that I am singing a
Te Deum in my heart
as loud as I can -

Now you are full of
music. Do write
us a Te Deum on this
joyful & timely
occasion. And your

f171v

children shall learn
it. And the violins
shall celebrate it -

I shall tell Sir Harry
to night, I think,
(without laying stress
on the Operation) -
especially as I have
a sad Telegram from
Liverpool to read him
Hitherto I have told no one.

Please give my
love, after that to the
darling children, to

f172

Moizelli, with whom
I got intimate here
(when you left us),
& my kindest regards
to Nurse Murray. It
was such a relief to
know that she could
be had.

O be joyful: sing &
give thanks unto the
Lord.

f172v

Edmund writes not
happily from the
deluges at Pau

Lettice is bright.
Probably you hear all.
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

ff173-73v, Fred V to FN November 14, 1890, re the excellent progress of the children and their projected reunion with MV

signed letter, ff174-75v, pen

f174

Claydon Nov 14/90

My dear Mr. Fred

A million thanks for
letters & Telegrams. But tho'
well I know that even 'when
'the burden falls off, the back
'is sore', I am afraid you are
not quite satisfied.

Still it seems such a
lovely success -

And what a relief, the much
better Telegram from Liverpool
to day.

~~Do~~ you think a tea dinner
a wholesome thing? It
always seems as if tea
& animal food did not

f174v

live upon amicable terms
when swallowed together.
I am afraid too Mrs.
Burge's *meat* dishes
may not be good. [They
were diabolical food
before she went to Travellers']
And that is why you don't have meat.

Don't you think too
the Drawing - room much
healthier than the
Dining - room?

Do behave yourselves -
The Messenger is to be at
Maude's disposal all day.
If he has another engagement
at 7.30 p.m., he can find
another man to do it.

f175

My love to Mazelle.
I know how anxious she
must have been.

How anxious all have been
while the darling little
children have gone free.
How true it is that
nothing good is done, but
"the Lord" "hath" lays on others
the burden of it all.

Post card from
Lettice - Weather looking up at
Pau - in a better temper
N.B. If Maudie is impervious
to reason you will hear that
hideous roar I told you of
across the fields of space. It

f175v

approaches. It draws nearer
& never stops till it stands
on the door - step of 10 South
St. And then woe to
Maudie
 in haste
 ever your loving
 Aunt Florence

ff176-77, 6 Onslow Gardens, S.W., November 15, 1890, from FV, re the progress of the children and three men chosen for Siam

unsigned letter, ff178-79, pen

f178

Claydon Nov 17/90 [12:437]

Dearest Maude

Blessed news. But
pray don't *settle* to go
till you distinctly hear
that the two dears'
throats are "entirely
"healed" That will
hardly be before Wednesday
or Thursday

I think the rapid progress
is due to the quiet & warmth
Little Harry with a much
less operation suffered a
good deal & longer - The
poor little lad could not
bear the "noise" at Bridge
St, & so came down here - &
 ran about the garden &c

f179

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I think your patience is
equally wonderful. Do you
remember telling me that
we *must* make our minds
perspire an hour daily?
to be healthy. I hope
the counterpoint has made
this a healthy perspiration.

signed letter, ff180-81, pen & pencil

f180

PRIVATE

Claydon Nov 26/90

[12:437]

My dear Mr. Fred

Accept my share of the
expenche of successfully cutting
the two dear little throats.
I can't think why I did not
send it before, except that
we always live in a crowd
(figuratively) and in a
drive (literally) Forgive -

[I admire Pr. Swasti's excuse:

"I didn't do it. Don't ask why."]

The second operation is over:

Maudie knows what I feel.

And I know what she feels

about blessed Margt. So I

say nothing. I have had a

long letter & Telegrams twice

a day - just like her blessed

self.

Good Telegram this afternoon.

[end]

f181

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Thank you so much for Mr. Morant's admirable letter. How much I have learnt from that man. Sidney Herbert used to say: 'we went about fishing in the German States for a Queen's husband - And we fished up an Albert' - So I say: 'Siam has fished up, thanks to you, a Morant. [He must not think of leaving] But I do not see my way to "showing it" to Sir Harry. There are parts which would do such injury/harm if he repeated them to Englishmen in office for the sake of doing good. And certainly all these young ladies, including Ruth, would hear them

It would be different if you were there to
 May blessings attend all your work. read it
 for Siam to him.

f180v

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Sir H. is well,
 thank God,
 but always doing
 "giddy" things -
 Maudie taught me that
 word, (as Adam said) - It wasn't
 my fault!

He is dreadfully worried
 about his affairs to which Mr.
 Calvert greatly contributes.

I have a deep sympathy for Mr. C.,
 who seems to me grievously
 altered - & unreasonable
 ever with love to all
 including Mazelle
 your loving & penitent
 Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff182-83v, pencil & pen

f182

{printed address:} Telegraph, Nov 30/90
Steeple Claydon, Bucks St. Andrew's Day
Claydon House, Winslow,
Bucks.

Dearest Maude

Thank you oh so much
for your letter.

I had two Telegrams last
evening from blessed Margaret
- not quite so good the knee
had had a painful little wrench
- only a little one

I am apprised that
Wednesday is Margt's birth day
- & I want to send her
something - you who know her
best will know best what it
should be if you will kindly think

Shall I send her some roses
from London? But then you see

f182v

I have sent these every week

There must be something
more.

Do you recommend "Lecky
"on the 18th century"? She was
reading it here, *and attending*
the Univ. Extens: Lectures! at
Winslow!!! because as you know
she has so much time on her
hands & so little on her mind.
But she has not a copy of
her own, I believe?

Or what should you recommend?

I do not like to trouble you
to order it, unless you think
of something better than Lecky,
& will kindly send it down
straight to ~~illeg~~Liverpool to

f183

arrive there on Wednesday
morning. Perhaps you will
think something for her
rooms better - to serve *here*
afterwards. I want something
to cheer her now & occupy her
mind as it is so idle & dull.
O how can people call life
dull? It is too full, too full.
Yesterday & every yesterday
seems to me a year ago.
I enclose a line to send
with the present, which
indeed would not do to write
in a book.

I think Lecky's 6 Vols costs 5 4/or 4. 5
& that would be about the 'figure'

f183v

for my offering, whatever it is,
according to your kind opinion.
I enclose a note to my faithful
bookseller, if you think *that*
the best thing, & will kindly
post it at once.

How much you do for
Siam -

I can find no words for
Parnell's Manifesto, so able
& so diabolical, but Chief
Justice Erle's on the Bench to
an attorney: "Sir, you do not
"know the strength of the
"expressions I am keeping back."

I must break off
Best love to G. & K. & Mazelle,
3 loves which I hope you will
remember from the rarity of the
times I have sent them from
Aunt Florence

[8:921]

signed letter, ff184-85v, pen

f184

Claydon Dec 5/90

My dear Mr. Fred

Welcome back again!

I have read the letter you entrusted me with.

I am interested & delighted with it beyond measure, because I know so many instances of what those "Indianized Englishmen" do & are -

The only thing I have to say is: do you think your *facts* are such as will impress some "Indianized English" official to whom Ld Lansdowne *must* refer your letter.

But one thing is certain: the 3 last Indian *Viceroy*s,

f184v

including the present, are of a far more progressive & liberal & *human* stamp than anything in the Indian Council at home.

2. Did you not mean to put in something more from *Pr. Swasti*, after the Extract from your other Prince?

3. Is Ld Lansdowne a K.G.?

I think nothing could be better expressed than your letter, if only it rests on a solid foundation enough - You yourself believe that your authorities are entirely

f185

to be depended on. And
that is a great thing -
O *that* Parnell! if he is
the devil, the Times is the
arch-devil.

What will be the end
of it?

[I will return your two letters]
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

initialled letter fragment, ff186-87, pen

f186

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I should be so glad if you
could tell me of Margaret
& Morfy, & if Fred
caught Col. George -
But I must not give you
writing to do.

Sir Harry's letter this
morning is sad; he says"
"I am really fit for nothing
but to remain here." And
one would almost urge
him not to come, if it
were not that he ought to
come & execute that Will
(with Mr. Weston, as you said.)

f187

He speaks of the great
& "efficient" help, "comfort
& advantage" of having
Edmund - & of the "precious
presence" of Margaret & Edmund.

God bless you
ever yours
F.N.

unsigned letter fragment, f188, pen

f188 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Think of Sidney Herbert's
splendid Royal Commissions
which struck the key
note of progress in the
British Army both at
home and in India.

- think of the unwearied

toil of the Sanitarians

- & they ask for the

photograph of a rat.

- And this is not even

the moment - when there
is the plague at Bombay.

O these enthusiasms
without facts!

unsigned letter fragment, ff189-90, pencil

f189

I am sorry that Lady

Wantage who has some
of the elements of greatness

of blessed Margaret

is at me about the

same thing. And I

have to see her this

week. And I write

in haste to you because,

I want to take a firm

footing in you.

I am so sorry about

Kathleen - but I hope

she will soon be well

Pray say. (best love from
"Aunt Florence")

f190

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My love to Margaret &
Ellin & Lettice & Miss 'Uth,
& baby. & my kind
regards to Capt. Verney -
please

And my best blessings
on you all is all that
Aunt Florence
can say

You must have thought me a
brute not to send you
sandwiches yesterday. But
Young set off at an unearthly
matutinal hour before my boy
aroused

I hope there was not a fire 'to roast an ox' in
your bedroom
last night.

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Add Mss 68887, microfilm, 199 folios, 140 pages, correspondence with Frederick and Maude Verney Part 7 1891-94, Adam Matthew reel 41

ff1-2v, 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S. W., January 3, 1991 from MV with thanks for flowers sent by FN for Ellin's return

unsigned letter, ff3-4, pen

f3

Claydon: Jan 4/91

Dearest, dear Maude

No words to say how thankful we were for your Telegram last night: And your dear kind letter this morning! & Fred's Telegram, Thank God.

Margaret, blessed Margaret will know that she has our dearest love - (& thanks for her last Telegram from Liverpool 2 min before 11 yesterday morning - it seems years already since that) And we follow her every step of her way to Hyères - & every day after - & we augur all that is blessed

f3v

for all three -

And as for Ellin you see
she was borne on the wings
of God's wind - *He* rides
on the wings of the train
& the ambulance. What
divine things they are. *These*
are *our* miracles worked
by God. It is Elijah's Chariot
of fire. *These* are Thy glorious
works Father of light!

Grandpapa & Ralph & I
spent the evening till dinner
together. Ralph was interested
in all - did not talk unless
he was asked - then always
gave a brisk & thoughtful
answer - He is grown quite manly.

Gdpapa & Gw. & I the evening
before.

f4

They have skated twice (every
day since you went. I was
going to say forgetting you
only went on Friday) - I have
seen Kathleen perfect in
every limb. No one has been
in - We had a dense fog
and rain yesterday, celebrated of course
by Gdpapa by going out, then to Mr.
Ager's, sitting there in his
wet clothes, being late for
luncheon, coming in wet,
& having a heavy cold in the
evening - but all right this
morning - Do you know the
taste of your heart in your
mouth?

But that taste now ought to
be a sweet & thankful taste.

You are very full tomorrow
morning - So I stop Aunt Florence's
chatter.

signed letter, ff5, pencil

f5

Jan 11/91 {printed address: sideways} Telegraph,

Dearest Maude

Temple Claydon, Bucks.

Thanks for your letters many, many,
I am appalled at Margt's plans -

Will you forward enclosed if you don't
think it injudicious? {printed address: sideways: Claydon House,

Probably you know more than we.

Winslow,
Bucks.

I have told Sir Harry that I will write
to you that he cannot come to dine on Tuesday
[It is madness] es and you not at home!

ever yours Aunt Florence

{in the top margin}

Rosa Sear died yesterday: sent messages to
the "Miss Verneys" - Please tell Margt & Ellin.

It was quite peaceful - & sensible to
the last.

initialled letter, ff6-7, pen

f6

My dear Mr. Fred

Gordon Boys' Home

I entirely concur with your letter,

I had no time to write.

I think if you have a Chaplain, you
will have parted with the last

remnant of likeness to Gordon. {printed addr sideways} 10, South Street,

1. Gordon was his own Chaplain Park Lane. W.

2. Gordon had *no military* discipline

G.B.H. has no other discipline
than military -

f7

3. Gordon never, I believe, put one boy into the Army. He put, I think, a few into the R Navy - many into Merchant Marine, & into Thames Marine - & into Civil places.

G.B.H. has just twice as many boys in the Army as in all other places put together - And then it says

4. Gordon *lived with* his boys
- took *their* meals with them

f6v

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G.B.H. has 1 General Officer,
1 Major, & 5 drunken
N. C. officers (or HAD)
& wants a Chaplain.

I have no time for
more.

Good speed to day
& every day -
ever yours
F.N.

ff8-9, The Siamese Legation, 23, Ashburn Place, London, S.W. February 20, 1891, from FV, re FV's wish to have a country cottage, and his willingness to remain as candidate in Norwich

signed letter, ff10-11v, pencil

f10

April 9/91

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

I was so much obliged to
you for your letters - I have
heard or seen nothing of Mr.
Fred: And you will guess
how anxious I am to see him -

Now I am writing merely
to torment you. My dear
little Under housemaid, who
has been with me 3 years,
Elizabeth Hubbard, of Barford,
age 18, wants to leave me
to better herself - She has
looked after many places to
worsen herself - & got none -
But still she wishes to go -
I fear she was spoilt by

f10v

Claydon independence -

Could you kindly tell me of
any nice girl of 15 or 16,
like your Nelly Owen, who
would come as my under
housemaid? E. Hubbard was
so innocent of evil, gay,
nice & obstinate (wilful) I should
like no London girl - one of
Rhoscolyn, or Claydon, or Barford
- If she had been in a place
before, I should like it to
have been a poor place.

E. Hubbard was like a
savage when she came to me

Now dressed in clothes

She walks with beaux

In England

I would write to Mrs. Broadhurst,
if you wished it, about a
girl from Barford, or elsewhere -
she got me E. Hubbard

f11

Forgive me for troubling you.

I had an unexpected visitor **[5:543]**
last week: the Empress Frederic -
- a broken hearted widow - not
otherwise altered - but like one
who could never know a gleam
of sunshine again - She is
simple & natural as ever;
spoke without the least
agitation in the same broken
hearted way of her great
griefs - She asked particularly
about my sister & after Sir
Harry - said if she had been
'going to stay longer she would
'have asked to see him. When
'she came again in the summer,
'she would do so' - [I am **[end 5:543]**
going to write to Sir Harry as

f11v

soon as I can -
Aunt Florence's love
to the dear 3 -
ever your loving
Aunt Florence
Please give my love to the Miss
Spring Rices to morrow -
tell them I am so glad to
think of them at Claydon -
- will write as soon as I can.

unsigned letter, f12, pencil

f12

July 11 8 p.m.

My dear Mr. Fred I have had a driving
day all day - did not get your letter &
Maude's lovely note & roses till between
4 and 5, have been driving ever

since without stopping - & cannot think
that anything I could say oh so gladly {archivist: 11 July 1891}
for Mr. Stubbs would have "weight" with
Mr. W. H. Smith - rather, tho' I am so fond
of Mr. Smith, the other way - Such as it
is give I it thee. Best love, dearest love to Maude.

signed letter, ff13-14v, pen & pencil [8:921]

f13

Private July 19/91

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear, dear Maudie
and Fred

Thank you, Maudie, for all
your dear letters from Claydon.

Your care has saved Sir
Harry's life & health.

Thank you, Fred, for your
letter about Godfrey Lushington
&c. You have done all that

man can do, & more. [I
thought I never saw blessed
Margt so distressed as
when she went to Westgate]

But, as you told me Mrs.
Daniell said the worst
[several lines cut out]

f13v

2. Thank you, Fred, for
your letter about the
Will business. Of course
I agree with every word, & /except
I think you very moderate.

Something may be done, I
think.

I commit our way unto the
"Lord" in both these dreadful
things./entanglements. *He* knows.

3. Thank you very much,
Fred, for your note about
Toynbee &c -

4. I have seen your Mr.
H. Smyth, & like him so/oh!
{part removed} He asked

f14

But oh what a boy he
looks.

There seems so much to talk
about -

Of course the thing most
to be anxious about just
now is: {the next two lines? have been removed}

I don't like to hint at
either of you coming,
because you have been
so little together lately -
But if you were coming
this way this afternoon
& could give me ten minutes,
I should be thankful

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If not, could you write?

I hope to see G. & K.

before they go. But I

have been so driven.

Dear Fred, your notes

{lines removed} lay up

question of

Nurses pro..

valuable

The last of

My wonderful old Crimean Sanitary

comrades, Dr. Sutherland, is

dead.

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

When are you going to have

your holiday?

ff15-16v, Claydon, August 21, 1891, from FV, re the loss of Embley

signed letter, ff17-17v, pencil

f17

Oct 5/91

Claydon House, {printed address:}

Winslow,

Bucks.

My dear Mr. Fred

Here are the two pamphlets

you wished to have -

No 3 is only the original which

you & I amended into the "paper"

read (with Sir B. Frere in

the chair)

~~Unhappily~~ the 2nd part

of No 3 on Agriculture ~~is~~/was

~~not~~/never finished - & only a few

pages in type - Still I may

perhaps send ~~it~~/that to you?

~~I~~ought to write to *Sir Jas*

Caird to thank him - *Shall*

I say anything about *you*,

Mr Morant or *Prince Damrong*

f17v

seeing him in London - I have to him explained about them.

Pr. Damrong cares much more about Agriculture than Mr. Morant - It was *the Prince* who asked me to find out what *is* being done in India in Agriculture.

And I thought of Dr. ~~the~~ Voelcker -

I will write you a few words more before you go, please.

F.N.

initialled letter, ff18-19, pencil

f18 {archivist: Oct 9/91}

I am going to send you, dear Fred, unless I hear you have these books:

1 Hunter's "IMPERIAL GAZETEER OF INDIA"
14 Vols

2 his little "*History of the Indian people*" quite a small book -one Vol {printed address: sideways} Claydon House,

3 I will send, if you like, his Winslow, "*Statistical Account* of BENGAL" Bucks.

20 Vols - said to be the most complete thing of the kind ever done in any country

f19

but you scarcely wish to make such a study of *Bengal*, do you?

4. Hunter's little Vol. of *Lord Dalhousie's Life*

O poor Parnell! is this the end?

Sir W. Hunter is coming here to dine & sleep on the 15th.

I hope you will be able to meet him -

Mr. Jowett is dangerously ill.

ever your loving

Oct 9/91 8Aunt Florence

7 a.m

Initialed letter fragment, ff20-21, pen

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{printed address:} Claydon House,
Telegraph Winslow,
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Bucks.

Sir W. Hunter writes that
he has written to Mr. Godley
to send a copy of his
Education Commission Report
to 6 Onslow Gardens.

If it "does not come in the
course of a week," you are
to let me know, please.

Please take all Sir W.
Hunter's books that you
can find at 10 South St.
drawing room - in tray,
top of long book-case, I
think there are several -
ONLY LEAVING ME A LIST.

Please order & send me

f21

Sir W. Hunter's LITTLE life
of Lord Dalhousie or
Lord Mayo - the latter
issued this year by the
Clarendon Press - (not
the larger of 16 years ago)

I want it for the List
of Sir W. Hunter's books
at the end.

F.N.

{written at the bottom, the other way}

Sir W. Hunter
writes most
kindly, wishing
to serve you.

signed letter, ff22-27v, pen & pencil, also printed in 1911 Bucks [6:587-89]

f22

Oct 17/91

Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Mr. Frederick Verney

It is scarcely needful to
say to intelligent people
that *Health at the Home*
is one of the most important
questions for any one
charged with the duties
of Local Government
But while Sanitation
has actually become
fashionable, while we
are choked with the
flood of Sanitary books,
pamphlets, publications
& Lectures of all sorts,
good, bad & indifferent,

f22v

we have remained a book
and a pen. We have not
become a voice and a
hand. What is read in
a book stays in the book.
Health in the Home
has not been carried *home*
to the hundreds of thousands
of rural mothers & girls,
upon whom so largely
depends the health of
the rural population -
In fact, they do not believe
in Sanitation as affecting
health, as preventing disease.
There has been a melancholy
instance near here.

f23

At your special request,
I have been making
assiduous enquiries for
educated women trained
in such a way that they
could personally bring
their knowledge home
to the cottagers' wives on
a mission of health for
rural districts. For this
they must be *in touch* & in
love, so to speak, with the
rural poor mothers & girls -
& know how to show them
better things without giving
offence.

We have, tho' they are
but a sprinkling in our
great towns & in London,

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excellent Town District
Nurses, but for many
obvious reasons, they
would not be quite suitable
for your proposed work.

We can find no one
woman for this ready made.
She must be created for
a rural Health Missioner.

Knowing how deeply
interested you were in the/is
subject &/in its practical side,
we have consulted a number
of the most experienced
people. And we have
arrived at the conclusion
that, to make [your] the movement
a success, we must find
some gentleman apt to
teach, & educated women

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apt to learn - in other words we must train them for the purpose. And we must not mix up Nursing the sick with Health in the Home -

It does not appear in the least necessary to go outside ~~your~~/this County. It ~~is~~/seems far better to utilize the ability at hand for teaching & the capacity for being taught.

With this object I have made enquiry as to who there may be in North Bucks who would be willing to give time & trouble to teach, & who is

f24v

qualified by knowledge & experience & caring for this problem as it deserves.

I had already been much struck by a report of one of the North Bucks Medical Officers of Health: Dr. De'ath. I made enquiries from independent sources. I have seen him, and, as far as is possible under the circumstances, have a good hope that he is competent, as he certainly is willing, to undertake this work - the work, that is, of training those who are to teach *practical* domestic

f25

sanitation to the mothers & girls, and who will be qualified by a course of work theoretical - that is to give them the 'reason 'why', and practical, to show them *how* to DO it, under Dr. De'Ath.-

I know of no such School of health now in existence for teaching of this kind, as would be started at Buckingham, if this ~~your~~ project is carried out.

And if carried out successfully, Buckingham may become a centre of supply of trained Health Missionaries - not for its own immediate neighbourhood

f25v

only, but for many parts of England where such work is sorely needed

It seems hardly necessary to contrast Sick Nursing with this - [Sick Nursing requires ~~to~~ at least a year's Hospital training.] The needs of Home

Health bringing are quite different - require different but not lower, ~~[the' apparently humbler]~~ qualifications, - and are more varied. They require tact & judgment unlimited to prevent the work being regarded as interference & becoming unpopular.

{printed address:} Claydon House,
{upside down} Winslow,
Bucks.

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They require an intense & real belief in Sanitation, & that Life or/ & Death may lie in a grain of dust or a drop of water, or other such *minutiae* which are not minutiae but Goliaths. And the health Missioner must be a David to slay them & have his sweet voice and must be trained, as he was, to fight the giants with the simple weapons of every day use. She must create a new work & a new profession for women. And she must make her work acceptable to women of the labouring class.

I trust that your County Council will not think me one of your interfering Health Missioners. I know

f26v

~~your wise & high interest in inaugurating a vital work among the rural poor women. And I have therefore done your behest with alacrity.~~

May North Bucks distinguish itself by its wisdom & success in giving such an education to rural mothers & in waging the war against national deterioration of health & vigour! ~~Infant Schools do show such a illeg of mothers' ignorance in its pristine ugliness.~~

f27 Pray believe me
dear Mr. F. Verney
yours & the mothers'
anxious & attached friend
Florence Nightingale
Frederick W. Verney Esq.

Add Mss 41977D

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initialled letter, ff28-31, pen

f28

Nov 8/91

My dear Mr. Fred

Should some one write TODAY to DR. DE'ATH (*before* your Bletchley Meeting) & ask him whether he can recommend any women - out of his Ambulance class or otherwise - not I should say Schoolmistresses - for the Health at Home Missioners -

We have not one female ready - while the machinery & the money, thanks to you, is almost or quite ready. But it is like a Steam-Engine without coal or fire - but
with a driver -

f29

Also: should not *Proof of Syllabus* be sent to DR. DE'ATH to see if he has anything to say - TO-DAY - before printing?
~~—~~You spoke of Miss Beale of Cheltenham - an admirable woman, who might help about the "agnostic" lady for Bang-kok - (I am afraid that is what she will be called) - but not about the rural Health Missioners.

She probably knows nothing about the subject.

When such women as Miss Calder & Miss

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Wright of Manchester do not, how should she?

I attach much less value to the women/Missioners [6:590]

"lecturing", tho' if they are gay & lively, the mothers may like to go to them, than to their visiting in cottages - Lectures are only for those who *know*. ~~I~~think, having paid so much attention to the machinery, we should now set to to FIND THE MACHINES - I do not think *Londoners* much use in rural parts - (witness the Devonshire

f31

failure)

I do hope & trust that the *M.D. diploma* will not be held sufficient for the teachers of the females. These men know nothing, care nothing for what we want. Else why do they not do it themselves in houses & cottages?

~~I~~think you said that *Miss Brooke Hunt* had been consulted (as well as Mrs. Plaj?na) upon *what subject?* - by Glostersh: Co. Co:

What time shall I see her? F.N.

signed letter, ff32-33v, pencil

f32

Claydon Dec 1/91

My dear Fred

I remember now Nurse Franklin. We sent her from St. Thomas' to our Matron in Paddington Infy. I don't think she was more than an ordinary good Nurse with ordinary education. But I will not say more till I hear from St. Thomas' -
2 - I have a perfect nosegay of introductions from Sir W. Hunter - (two you have already - Lee Warner - who is now Political Secy i.e. Foreign Secy but is unfortunately coming home on leave end of Dec - 2 - Sir Raymond West)

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The others are: 1. Director of Education 2. R. C. ditto - ~~the~~ an improving Raja with Schools & Munics on his own land - All, Bengal - Campbell, Collector of Bombay - the most useful man going
Sir W. H. says

Sir W. Hunter has really taken a great deal of pains -

I am so very anxious that you should have a good introduction to Sir Evelyn Bering - I don't know that I dare write to Ld Northbrook, tho' he has been kind to me.

f33

I wish Sir Louis Mallet
were not dead -

I am thinking of Lord Dufferin
You know he was in Egypt,
tho' his famous Despatch
turned out a great mistake -
Shall I write to him? He
will see you both at Rome -
& ask *him* for an introduction

It is so important, because
you know what the Indian
reformers, Dadabhai Naoroji &c
say is: we want you to
govern in India as you do
in Egypt.

Or I think Lord Dufferin
would give me an introduction
~~from for you,~~ unless you
would ask him for one your=

f33v

=self, or unless you could
think of some one else to
give one whom I know -

So me & Mr. Marshall
are to be a consultative
Committee - But I am going
away -

I have written to Lord
Rosebery - & dipped into
"Pitt" which looks splendid
Many thanks.

Best love to Maudie
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

Dr-D Scullery maids are to
have Diplomas now, you
know - & will cut your Nelly's
tail off.

Add Mss 41977D

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signed note, f34, pencil

f34

Claydon Dec 14/91
Fare you very well, dear Fred.
You are going on a noble mission
God bless you - He does bless you,
by enabling you to do so much good.
This will be Maudie's joy.
ever yours loving
Aunt Florence
{archivist: 14 Dec 1891}

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ff36-37, Hôtel Quirinale, Rome, December 17, 1891, from FV, re Lord Dufferin's reception of Prince Damrong

signed letter, f38-39, pen

f38

Claydon New Year's Eve
of 1892
My dear Fred
I wish you all the
highest blessing for the
New Year which we
may hope for, nay *expect*
from God's love.
Gwendolen & Kathleen
are making a famous
noise on the lawn. Maudie
looked very tired when
she came on Monday, but
I hope is somewhat rested
now. Ralph too is quite
another boy since he came.
Our pilot, Margt & her crew,
left for Rhianva unwillingly
yesterday. Ellin looks very
much better - Sir Harry has
been flirting with Miss Lückes,
the London Hospl matron,

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persecuted of "Lords" & Princess Christians -
'persecuted but not forsaken' - a very
admirable woman And he went out
with her in the Brougham to day.

Dr. De'Ath and I continue as bosom
friends - I pushing the book line & the
Diagrams & Models. But Dr. Ord says the best
models are the "internal organs", "freshly
"taken" of a sheep. And I am
communicating this to Dr. De'Ath, who
begins on Monday; Gwendolen's birth day.

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{written across the corner}

I send you
a copy of my
letter to Poona -
because Sir W. Wedderburn
wants you to press it
on "Vishnu", & make him
ask questions of you
But we must be humble
with these Orientals
I write in haste
God bless you
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

Add Mss 41977D

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unsigned letter, ff40-45v, pen & pencil

f40

Private 10 South St. Feb 4/5/92

My dear Fred

God bless the solid
enterprise -

The great split about
whether the natives do or
will ever care for local self-
government is flanked by
another, more prosaic but
even more important which
has only struck any one of
late years & then very few.
It is this: some few have
perceived that as it is
quite impossible for the
sub-administration of India to be
done by Europeans - & as
we could neither pay them
nor high=class natives to
do it without impossible

[10:863]

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taxation; - WHO really
administers India? who
really represents the
British raj to the popular
Indian mind, the raiyat
mind, the working - day
mind, which perhaps
may see the European
District Officer once in
their lives - possibly never?
Is it not the low-paid,
corrupt, bribe-taking petty
native official, who
supplements his low pay
out of the people's bones?
I believe the ideal in the
soul of the great man who
shall be nameless (for
fear of setting up the
hue & cry: Great is Diana
of the Ephesians)

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was to substitute for the said low-paid corrupt petty official the decent villager (habituated to *Village* Self-government when we were painted savages)

However these are the things which do touch the native mind - whether Local Self- Government does or not.

And what a beneficent revolution this would be! the greatest of all! But we have destroyed the Village Community as much as we could -

~~—~~And then we must remember the difference in different parts of India.

[end 10:863]

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III (*Gordon Boys' Home*)

Douglas Galton did his best. He tried at the Meeting to move a Resolution to say that any Commandant should have had previous experience with boys. But tho' "Ryan" was of same opinion, he wd not second: So it was not put or recorded. They urged that his motion ought to have been an instruction to the Committee - *before* reporting. & that he was too late. He merely said: 'Les absents ont toujours tort' -

Col. Walker R.A. (the one elected) of Aldershot, has only the experience of boys

f42v

that all Regimental Commandg
Officers have - 2. he founded
the Ch. of E. Institute at
Aldershot - just what one
does not want - 3. he was
elected because he can
recommend Instructors &c from
Aldershot, who are all to
be Military!!

The most aggravating thing
was that two letters of
excellent sense I wrote to
Genl. Hig he told Sir Harry
were "*delightful* letters" - &
did not.

So much for Military sense
& business-power - like, as
Ld Clarendon said 200 years
ago, of the clergy.

I am delighted you met Sir [10:863]
Roper Lethbridge - You are to tell me all
about Bengal Tenancy Act & Bombay Village [end 10:863]

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2. -4-2
You will remember the Parsi Mr. [10:779]

Behramji Malabari,
the Editor of the Indian Spectator,
as the life-long champion
against child-marriages
& the oppression of child
widows - by no means always
judicious but untiring.
I wrote a Preface at his
earnest request at Claydon
which was published as
an Introduction to his "life
& work" (by Mr. Dayaram/a Hindoo)
He is a terrible bore but
certainly a prophet. [end 10:779]

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3. Dr. Hayes who you will remember was recommended by Philip Smith, the Director Genl, & Sir T. Crawford for the Court Doctorship at Bangkok but declined on account of his wife's health, now writes to P. S., who writes to the D. G., who writes to Sir T. C., who writes to me, that he can patch up his wife's health by the autumn & go to Bangkok if you can wait till then. I should think you cannot wait till then, if Dr. Gowan is going. I think there is no doubt that Dr. Hayes is a gentleman, of pleasant manners, & accomplished, has been in India, a good Doctor & a good Sanitarian, but of that firmness of character which makes a man *actively* moral I hear nothing. He may be or he may not. His wife is a lady,

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But tho' Sir T. Crawford is in favour of Dr. Hayes, he said to me: "Even if Hayes is available, telegraph to Mr. Verney," *AS I did*. "He will have a much better choice from the Govt of India".

4. Mr. Robertson writes to me after having been to Pleasley that the cleaning of the dam is going on spiritedly "There was a solid deposit of matter 5 feet deep" &c &c &c. He denies there being any smell, But my biography of the dam is this: it was smelling when you were there, it has been smelling vigorously ever since, it is now, & will be till the work is completed, that is soon

f45v

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Mr. Robertson conferred with Allsop, the Sanitary Inspector, who only complained "that the drainage from Mr. T. Crooks Homestead x x passes direct into the stream". It is now to make a tour underground *before doing so*.

The water supply to the Park Farm is a great success. "The Ram throws up 1400 gallons of water per day of the finest & purest quality."

Sir Harry "has given his consent to the new Railway" & the Colliery Manager is in ecstasies at the Coal going straight to market.

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5. I have got into a scrape with Sir Lintorn Simmons about the Gordon Boys' Home which is to be remedied by our Meeting!!!

They seem in blissful ignorance of the opinions of their own Committee. One of the Committee OF SELECTION told me himself that Colonel Walker knew nothing more of boys than every Regimental Officer. He said moreover that there *were* two *Naval* Officers who had commanded Training Ships among the candidates, & several *Army* Officers better than Walker.

What always strikes me is that the constant subserviency

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rightfully demanded for men - seniority or superiority in Army rank dwarfs all independence of mind in Military & Army Medical Officers -

I am going to knock under to Sir L. Simmons, because I am only Brigadier, (my rank in the Crimea) But "E pur si muove" I shall mutter to myself like Galileo -

I have however made some enquiries - And the Training-ships are not so successful as we think, I am sorry to say.

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff46-49, pen & pencil

f46

10 South St Feb 12/92
Peace & the highest success

to you, my dear Fred
I am sorry you could not
take more than a week
at pushing Bombay. But
it was very necessary to
see Oriental Hyderabad

[10:863-64]

It is continually said -
and I am afraid with
too much truth - that the
people on the Hyderabad
side of the Deccan are
much better off than on
the English side of the
Deccan - I hope you
will have been able at
least to touch this question
- and whether the English
Deccan ryots do not try

f46v

to abscond to the native
ruff Nizam's Deccan
I am afraid your principles
- your Municipal & Village
principles - are getting
corrupted by the Siren of
well=bred Toryism.
I see there is coming out a
fresh report on Deccan
raiyyat indebtedness - that
is, on *the way* the Relief Act
works. I shall expect
to hear from you a complete
account not only of the
Bombay Village Sanitation
Act, but also of the Deccan
Indebtedness Relief Act.
If not, I shall be obliged to
cut your acquaintance,
when you come home -

f47

I wonder whether any remains exist in Hyderabad or other native state of the old Money-lending system where the money lender was the benefactor, not the oppressor, (whom we have to legislate against) of the raiyat. Was it not in old native times that the money lender was appointed to a village - if when the native authorities went round, his raiyats were found to be FAT, he was appointed to ten cities (hence the parable) - if his raiyats were *lean* & poor, he was struck down without mercy. What a good plan! But we come in

Add Mss 41977D

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with out "Stamps" & our
Contracts & our Law Courts
& the poor raiyats are choused
& perplexed on every side.

[end 10:864]

I suppose you are now
touring North -

Your trio of ladies for Siam
is complete:

- I. Miss Blanche Smith
- II. Miss Shakespeare
- III. Miss Cole, daughter of an
Indian colonel, age 21 - no
training - learning the Kinder
garten now. liked by *both* ladies.

I have seen Nos II and I.

No I has decidedly good
qualities - Miss Shakespeare

I am quite in love with -

Maudie is made so happy by
your letters. Sir Harry rides
& is well. Violent threats had
to be used to prevent him coming
to London last week but succeeded.

{from f46, written in the left side margin}
God bless you ever your loving F.N.

f48

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We have been writing up to
Feb 12 and including Feb
12's mail to Bombay, (P.R.)
having no idea that you
were leaving Bombay so soon.
I trust that my Telegram
of Jan 26, & subsequent letters
if they reached you were
of some use. They were all
to the effect, after great
consultation with others,
that the man Ld R. recom=
=mended for Court Doctor
at Bang-kok was not
suitable, that Dr. Hayes
could not come till autumn,
& that *even if he were
available* you had much
better apply to the Government
of India to *lend you one*.
You would have a much

f48v

better choice. They would
lend you one without
striking him off the strength.
He would have had native
experience. And they would
for their own credit's sake
recommend a good one -
My Telegram which was
concocted in conclave raw:

“Would Government of India

“lend a Medical Officer

“experienced in Civil &

“Political employ and liked

“by natives”?

Sir Harry well

f49

Maude & Lettice had
two field days here yesterday
& the day before - & looked
I thought remarkably well &
Maude remarkably pretty.
She in morning to Gompertz'
Violin Lesson - then to see
Cheroon at Harrow - then
both to Henry VIII - yesterday
to both to see Ralph & Harry,
then to Gompertz' Concert.

Weather detestable - hard
frost, snow & blizzard
but warm & sunny in their
hearts. Maude revelling in
your letters.

God bless you
ever yours
very stupid Florence Nightingale

unsigned letter, ff50-51v, pen

f50

10 South St Feb 19/92

[10:632-33]

My dear Fred Thank you
a thousand times for your
two most important letters
which are a corroboration
from native *and* European
sources of what we learn
from men like Sir W. Wedderburn
who have gone behind the
curtain in sympathy and
experience & from all really
cultivated natives.

[end]

And thank you for your
beautiful little Roman scarf.

[10:632]

You know, I dare say, that
the commission for enquiring
into Deccan indebtedness
under the new Act reports,
among other things, that it
was just as bad under
native rule & that when we
took over the native Deccan

f50v

in 1818, I think, & put it
under Mount Stuart Elphinstone,
he said just as much
about the distressed Districts
as we do now. One would
like to know more about
this - not that it alters
what we have to do.

[end 10:632]

Europeans doubt, you
say, whether the Village
Communities ever were the
efficient self-governing bodies supposed -
But, you say, that in Baroda
& other neighbouring native
states Village Communities
which have never lost their
nati self-governing powers
are far better governed than
many in British India.
This tells much historically.

[10:864]

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We who have much evidence
at our disposal which also
exists in the I.O. are so
convinced of the truth that
to restore the Village unit
& rather than the creation
of large Local Boards is the
key to the situation that
we are trying to get them
back their Village cesses.
But of this when you come
back. We are painfully
aware that our letters are
always 6 weeks after date.

~~When~~ you receive this, you
will be at Calcutta; and I
trust you will get much
out of *Mr. Manmohan Ghose*,
and much about the
working of the

Bengal Tenancy Act -

[end 10:864]

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~~We have been~~

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff52-55, pen

f52

10 South St March 4/92

My dear Fred - All blessings
attend you -

Very many thanks for your
letter from Mount Abu of Feb 5

It is most important. And
I was delighted with our
old friend, (whose religion, to
which he is devotedly attached,
must I think be a good
one, for it brings forth fruits),
Mr. Runchoralal Chotalal,
& his success in Ahmehabad -

Alas! your valuable account
of Baroda Village Self-Government
or *non* Self Govt, throws rather
a gloom over our ideas of
possibilities in future. But
I admire so much what
your friend Major Macpherson
says.

f52v

We are petitioning Lord Cross (by desire) that the Cesses paid by villages should be charged in the first place with the minimum of sanitation required by the village that pays - I have got the figures of the amount of village cesses *paid* & the amount of expenditure *in* the village on cleansing, water-supply &c. The proportion is very like Falstaff's of 'sack' to 'bread' -

Sir W. Wedderburn read me a letter from Miss Hurford of Poona. She was quite delighted & comforted by your visit & Prince Damrong's whose appreciation supports her soul, which is more than the Govt of Bombay's does.

f53

Miss Hurford's work at Poona in female education give us more weight with the natives & makes us more popular than all the Departments put together. We are trying whether the India Office could not be addressed in her favour, obtaining the interest of the heads of the Ladies' Colleges at Cambridge & Oxford also of some great Educational Society, with the names of great ladies, such as the Duchess of Connaught, upon it.

But The death of Miss Clough, the Principal of Newnham, (containing Clough Hall, Sidgwick Hall & Old Hall) at Cambridge, is a severe loss. The influence she exercised, & the consternation (I can call it nothing less) of/at her loss are immense - I have often thought of here in relation

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to Oriental countries, like Siam. She was not a woman of commanding abilities; she was the very reverse of a learned woman: her manners were not attractive. But her intense sympathy with ~~& interest in~~ all young women - not only those under her charge - her absorbing interest in Education *for its own sake*, like Lord Lawrence's (who took the London School Board after saving India), made her a power - Like him, life was nothing compared with her work. She had an insight as to what every woman who had been under her charge was fit for. Her last word, a few minutes before her death, was to go on about some building she was doing for the girl-students - & the day before about a ring she was ordering in London for the lady she has recommended to Mr. Moran for Siam. [I have seen both the ladies, the first, & the second for Siam].

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Mr. Jowett has been here,
looking better than he has
done for months & months,
the result of enforced rest.
He talked about your
Prince Kitiyakara, & gave
a good account of him &
his industry, & said he was
getting over his reserve -
He said he must have ability,
or he could not have passed
the Classical Examn, as he
had not had the usual
instruction beforehand - [But
I suppose he Mr. Jowett meant the Public
School or other English education,
as Pr. Kitiyakara had had
a Tutor, had he not?]

I hope if you see Pss Narès
you will remember me to her
most devotedly.

And you will make a proper

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message for me to Prince
Damrong.

Mr. Morant has told me a
good deal about Siamese
Land Tenure - And you
will tell me more -

And I hope you have been
able to get a great deal
out of Mr. ManMohan Ghose
at Calcutta about Bengal
Tenancy Act &c. I trust you have
my kindest regards to both Mr. & Mrs. Ghose.

Yesterday March 3 I telegraphed to you
at Siamese Consulate, Calcutta,
a repetition of my message
about applying to Govt of India
to lend a Medl Officer for
Court Doctor at Bangkok,
which I telegraphed to you
at Poste Restante, Bombay,
on January 26, & which I
heard on February 29 only - was
“undelivered” because “unknown”

f55

I wrote to the P. O. for explanation, & the answer was that it had not been "called for" (at Poste Restante, Bombay): & that they only let the Telegrams "remain "a month" "before being "advised as undelivered"

I am afraid this must have been inconvenient to you; but I hope you received 3 (I think) letters from me telling the contents of the Telegram & explaining the state of the case -

I am afraid yesterday's repetition of the Telegram will be too late to do any good - But I am so glad you were going to Darjeeling - I presume you to see the Viceroy.

God bless you -
Maudie & Sir Harry well -
ever your affectionate
Florence Nightingale

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff56-59, pen & pencil

f56

10 South St March 11/92

Private

My dear Fred Good speed
in Siam - as we may rejoice
in your past good speed
in India, we will rejoice
in your present at Bangkok.
But be cautious about the
heat - prudent about times
& seasons of exertions, tho' I
know well you will not
relax exertion.

Maudie goes to night to
Mr. Morant's farewell dinner
to his three ladies - put off
from last Friday on account
of the funeral of Miss Clough
who recommended Miss
Blanche Smith.

But she will tell you all
about that.

f56v

I was rather appalled by your last note, dated Delhi Feb. 10, in answer to my letter of Jan 22, (4 days before my Telegram of Jan 26, which it appears never reached you.) - your note saying that you mean to put off all action about appointing the Bangkok doctor till you return to England.

[10:227]**[end 10:227]**

The unqualified opinion of the experts I consulted, including Sir T. Crawford & Sir W. Wedderburn, (tho' clearly against some natural prepossessions) was: "don't choose in England: choose in India: consult the "Govt. of India" ask *them* to recommend & lend you "one." And this was embodied

[10:227]**f57**

in my Telegram of Jan 26 -

Sir T. Crawford adding to me "EVEN IF Hayes is available" - & both of them saying: "why, "Mr. F. Verney is on the very spot in India to have a choice of experienced good men".

["Hayes" will not be "available" till autumn]

On March 2 I telegraphed again the same words to c/o Siamese Consulate, *Calcutta* - "Would Government India lend "Medical Officer experienced Civil "Political employ liked by natives"?

Then I heard that you would be gone to Darjeeling - which I was very glad to/of - But still I hope you got my Telegram.

[end 10:227]

f57v

The mystery is solved of your non-reception of my Telegram of Jan 26 - I wrote to the P.O. The answer was that a Telegram addressed *Poste Restante* is kept only one month - & then, if not called for is reported "undelivered", because "unknown" - and that ~~the~~/my Telegram to *Poste Restante*, Bombay, tho' delivered there, could not have been called for.

Yet you received Maude's Telegram about Wolverton & Co. Co., sent Jan 28 or 29, & answered it.

You see, at the date of your letter of Delhi, Feb. 10, you had only received mine of Jan. 22, in which

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I suppose we had not come
to our decision viz -
'apply to Govt of India;
'*not* to home':

I have written two, I think
three letters, expounding to
you *that*, my Telegram, of
Jan. 26 - & one since my
second to Calcutta, addressed
to Bangkok, expounding *that*.
And I still hope some may
have reached you in time,
if you wish to apply to the
Govt of India.

~~I~~ am afraid you will have
been hurried at Calcutta -
& not perhaps have been
able to see the ManMohun
Ghose's -

[10:227]Strictly*Private* We are making an effort**f58v**

to bring the case of that
splendid woman, Miss
Hurford of Poona, before Lord
Cross, so that he may get
support for her from the
Govt. of Bombay. She has
written to Sir W. W.

[end 10:227]

So no more to-day except
another God speed you
from your affectionate
Aunt Florence

Sir Harry well - very naughty
at times - *will* go out at
6 p.m. in the fog - say
before yesterday applauded
his own virtue very much
because, snowing and blizzarding
all day, tho' not so much
as in London, he did *not*
go out but played battledore
with Maudie -

f59

Coals is riz.
Coal porters' strike
Great love to Princess Narès
if I may

signed incomplete letter, ff60-60v, pen

f60

all these tiresome questions
[I have lately lived almost
entirely upon biscuits - not
being able to *digest* my cook.]
If it would be less troublesome
to you to see me than to
write, I could, if quite
convenient to you, see you
at 1.30, or at 5 or at 6
today, or at 4 -
With love to the children
twain, & to Mr. Fred,
ever your affecte
Aunt Florence
P. Turn Over

f60v 2. Would you be so good
as to tell Mr. Fred, with
my best thanks, how
much I was interested in
his paper on the Irish Land
Bill? But is it so that
improving landlords will not
come at all under the Act?
They think the "*Court*" will
have to decided that, & don't like
it.
3. Would you also tell him
that, according to his request,
I would gladly, if I could,
write some day in his
Women's Unions papers?
There is scarcely any movement
that is of so much importance.
{printed address: 10, South Street, for women as *his*
upside down:} Park Lane. W.
{tho' I don't believe in 'strikes'
being necessary to raise wages)
- see Hospitals & domestic servants. F.N.

signed letter, ff61-61v, pen

f61

May 10/92

Dearest Maude

I thank you so much
for your letters, tho' they
are sad enough in some
things - But I do so
rejoice that Fred is
coming home - not only
for you but for every body
& every thing.

Yes, poor Mr. Morant -
I have not been so long
the Govt's jackass,
without knowing such
a thing as Pr. D's
translation - aggravating
thing - happen many a

f61v

time here - as when
Mr. W. H. Smith was
taken away from the
War Office which no
one but he could do,
to be Leader of the Ho: of
C. which no one could
do & which killed him.

But I never found it
the less aggravating for
that -

However, we will rejoice
at Fred's return -

I am so grateful to
you for all you tell me.
And you are so good
about writing to me of Sir
Harry ever your loving
Aunt Florence

incomplete letter, ff62-63v, pencil [8:922-23]

f62

10 South St May 16/92

Dearest Maude

I have had a letter
from Fred: Bangkok Ap 9,
chiefly about Court Doctor
for Bangkok - I am very
sorry to think that Dr. G.
is actually "re-instated"
(tho' perhaps "only partially") -
Them Easterns are somewhat
aggravating.

I suppose we may
actually think of Fred
in Europe on Thursday.

are *you* going to put up
at the Siamese Embassy /Legation
or where?

f62v

How many God speed s
have been said for him -
And thank God who *has*
sped him.

[As the last man I should
have expected to make that
sort of remark, Mr. Knowles of
the XIX Century, once said to me:
"Thank God there *is* a God"]

Mr. Fred made a nonsensical
observation to me in one of his
letters, for which you must
chastise him. He said, he hoped
I would not destroy his letters
till after he came back, he
wanted to look at them. Tell
him I have kept all his letters
in a portfolio to themselves: but

f63

I don't know that I *shall*
let him see them after
that absurd remark.

I hope you will kindly
telegraph to us when you
have seen him again.

Excuse me if I don't send
back the Sonapundit & the
Devawongsee nice letters to-night
- They shall come without fail
tomorrow.

Thanks, dearest Maude, for
your letters & post-cards - very great
thanks - I do think he is going on
well - And Fred's return will
be an immense delight to him -
But I feel what you say about
the silent solemn figure of Death
coming up the big stair case -

f63v

But I hope he may be
spared a little longer yet -
And I do want him too to
do the cottages at Steeple
Claydon before he dies - &c &c

Dr. De'Ath has sent me
Dr. Wilson's certificate of
the 5/6 young-lady teachers
of Health - It is very
satisfactory - And this too
will please Fred & I hope
Margt.

I feel as you once said
that we are entering a fog
& don't know when or where
we shall come out: But
Margt is a light in herself
- a burning & a shining light.

incomplete, signed letter, f64, pencil

f64

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Very many thanks for "Rogers"
& "The Service of Man".

I will transmit them
presently to No. 4.

Did you not want "Sidereal
Photography"? It
is here -

Many thanks about poor
Miss Morant - I think you
& Maudie are of opinion
that I had better let her
alone for the present. Shall
I take any notice of her
letter or not?

God bless you & Maudie & childer 3
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff65-66, pen

f65

10 South St May 7/92
Dearest Maude

Many, many thanks for
your letter of this morning.
"The mind shrinks appalled"
from the "18 butlers" & no
less from "the Drawing room.

Isn't it worse than
Bangkok?

Pray keep yourself alive.
Have you something to eat?

I was just going to return
you these two nice letters
from the Bangkok 'big man'
by rail -

There would be a letter
from me for you by this
morning's post at Claydon -
not at all interesting for
your eyes but quite unfit

f66

for your/Margaret's - Perhaps
however the post reached
you before you left, & you
pocketed it.

Might I hope to see you
for even twenty minutes before
you leave for - Jerusalem/Zion?
no, Paris.

But I know how busy
you must be -

ever your loving
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff67-69v, pencil

f67

10 South St June 4/92
(*Sir Harry's 8000 a year*)

My dear Fred I am very
penitent for having talked
business to you last night
when you were tired -

But I thought you might
not be seeing Margt again,
blessed Margt, before they go
abroad. We must not do
anything without her of this
kind, for she has spoken,
I believe, both to Sir Harry
& to Mr. Robertson about it
& is not very sanguine of
making "his affairs straighter"
Mr. Western, I believe, receives
the Dividends, which come in

f67v

at all different times - &
pays them into Smith & Paynes
- & *perhaps* 'advises' Sir Harry
of them. *But this is of no*
use. The thing is that
Mr. Robertson or some one
at Claydon should keep
an account of what does
come in - & apprise Sir
Harry of what he has
every quarter or oftener -

[It was supposed that
Sir Harry had authorized
Mr. Western to do this with
Mr. Robertson, but it does
not appear to have been so]

f68

To suppose that Sir Harry
will send in his Banking
Book to be made up (without
Margt) is quite futile.

II. May I tell Sir Thomas
Crawford that Dr. Gowan
is reinstated for a time
(he probably knows it)
& that you are come
back - (wh. he probably
knows too)

Good speed in all your
acts - & take care of
yourself - or rather let

f68v

Maudie take care of you
My love to all at
Claydon
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

f69 [5:531-32]

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Lord Shaftesbury's Life is
admirable, delightful - I
am so glad of your critique
upon it - critique in the true
sense of extracting the
spirit, the highest meaning
- not of exposing the surface
faults.

'Genius is the power of taking
trouble' -

His was 'genius' in the
immeasurable pains & labour
to gain the ~~illeg~~most exact
information, tested by
himself - to prepare himself
in the most complete manner
for pressing it on Authorities
And the other part of him

f69v

was as remarkable - his
absolute dependence on God -
It was like Christ's "I speak
nothing of myself" -

His morbid self-distrust
only quickened his labour -

He would have been in
a Lunatic Asylum if he
had not devoted himself
to reforming Lunatic Asylums. [end 5:532]

signed letter, ff70-71, pencil

f70

June 13/92

My dear Fred

I do beseech you, I implore
you, I command you, I
instruct you to keep quiet.

Pray do *nothing*. It will
only ~~you~~ throw you back -
It will indeed. Go to the
sea to-morrow, & behave
like a wise man, one of
the Magi. And come
back well -

I am sure you were the
worse for seeing of me
last time: we talk about
exciting things - Now let us

f70v

both be good. I see
Margaret tomorrow, and
Lady Wedderburn - So you
& I have no chance to
see one another -

And to-day I am
sure you ought to be
quiet & be good - I
should like to stand over
you like a roaring lion -
I am sure Maudie prays
you to be good

So no more at present
from your loving
Aunt Florence

f71

When you come back
from the sea we will
both roar -

Add Mss 41977D

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initialled letter, ff72-75, pen & pencil

f72

10 South St July 29/92

Dr. De'Ath

2 letters returned

No 1

My dear Fred

I have never had time to answer - and it is most interesting & most difficult to answer, & most important.

1. "How many lectures"?

Dr. De'Ath & you will be best able to settle this -

2. How to start the work?

Ditto ditto - I suppose he means *how to give notice*.

Also: it would immensely facilitate things, if a *lady* of knowledge, sympathy & enthusiasm, & *not* brusque, not patronising or pedantic, could *go round in each village* & explain to

f72v

the cottagers' wives what
is coming.

3. most important of all
"Systematizing" & "supplementing"
the "course" by "personal
Home instruction"

a. I saw a M. S. book of
Lectures by Miss Bartlett
which I thought quite
admirable - lively, dramatic,
PRACTICAL [I don't think
say these were the *best*, for
I think I did not see
the 'books' of the two first
ladies on the successful List]
They/These were conversations
between two poor women/mothers,
a Mrs. Brown and a Mrs. Smith,
about the sort of clothing
to buy, & about Sanitary

f73

things in the *house* &c &c
one all ignorant, the other all practical

This is the sort of style
to attract the attention
of uneducated people.

[A Sanitary catechism
which has just been sent
me from India, asking
me to get it used in Indian
Elementary Schools, is the
exact reverse. It is in
this Style: Q."How do you
get rid of foul air?"

A. "By ventilation".

& in an adjoining page:

Q."What is ventilation?"

A. "The getting rid of foul air".

Such books ought to be
carefully improved off the
face of the earth]

f73v

b. ~~To supplement by~~
"personal Home instruction"
is the essence of the whole
thing - just as training
Nurses by the bed-side
in *actual* Nursing is
the essence, & lectures
only the supplement.

In Dr. De'Ath's letter,
No 2, I rejoice to see
that he speaks of "*taking the*
pupils in groups of two
or three to go over some
cottages with the teacher".

This I should call the
essence.

[Do you remember a story
which some eminent Master,
I think it was the great
Dr. Arnold of Rugby himself,

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used to tell

(& which is now in print)

He was teaching his Class,
& he saw a boy absolutely
inattentive. He immediately
changed his teaching to
~~str~~ drawing on a slate
Caesar's bridge, or
something of the kind -
Afterwards he spoke to the
boy about his inattention,
who said, without meaning
to be in the least impertinent,
"O I thought you were *only*
talking, Sir." With
ignorant cooks & under
servants & Nurses, & with
the *uneducated* generally,
they think we are "*only*
talking" - & at church

f74v

they think the clergyman
is "only burrowing away
"over my head"

But you will say *I am*
"only talking" - The fact
is without talking it
over with Dr. De'Ath
& you it is difficult
to do otherwise.

[I have just had to look
over the Exam: papers
of Nurses, splendidly
taught CLINICALLY - but
I think the papers are
just "only talking" hard
words -]

f75

I am keenly anxious that
the "Health at Home" ladies
should do *real* work -
& that Dr. De'Ath should
continue the Teacher.

As he says: "Now is the
"plan of campaign". Now
the lady=soldiers are on
their trial. The way must
be shown them, & then
the responsibility thrown
upon *them* of making
themselves interesting &
efficient, *after* Dr. De'Ath
& you have discussed it
with them. But for any sake,
don't let there be 'certificates'
at present, or 'honours' from
the Local Govt. Board or from London
F.N.

Add Mss 41977D

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inscription, f76, pen

f76

Offered to my
dear boy
Ralph Verney
with Aunt Florence's
dearest love
God bless him
Sept 16
1892

ff77-78v, 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W. {archi: ?September 1892} from MV re thanks for a present to Ralph and Ralph's return to Harrow

signed letter, ff79-80, pencil

f79 {archivist: 25 Oct 1892}

Claydon Oct 25/92

Dearest Maude We trust that dear Fred
is not the worse for Oxford. Sir Harry
had a little cold & breakfasted in bed;
but rode this afternoon!! & has just left
me!! Margt is decidedly better -
but saw Dr. De'Ath to-day & yesterday
- & will see him tomorrow. She is not
to go down-stairs & *not* to *speak* - She
is according to her own account, in
"robust health & in rampant spirits"

f80

& doing her book -

Miss B. Smith has chosen a book.
- a "Tropical Flora" - but does not tell me the price or send
me the Acct. Miss Shakspear has not
written - As the ladies are going to
tea with you tomorrow - happy ladies -
I ask you as a favour to pay their
Accts & enclose 5 - but please
advance the money for me, if *more*
is needed.

in greatest haste
ever yours

Aunt Florence

How is your cold?

Please say everything that is warm
& earnest for me to the ladies -
if I do not write, which I hope to
do by early post under cover to you.
I wish I might send my love to the
youngest whom I do not know

signed letter, ff81-82, pencil

f81

Claydon Oct 26/92

Dearest Maude I know not what to say
about your coming on Friday - It would
be such a displeasure to every body if
you did not.

If she talks, she barks - & throws
herself back - There is one person
she takes no care of - you know who
that is - She is constantly extolling her
own goodness, well=ness, good spirits -
All fibs except the last - When I hear
{archivist: 26 Oct 1892}

f82

her raising her voice, I run howling along
the long passage to find Lettice - If I
can't find her, I catch Edmund - And
we turn out the offender -

In my distress I asked Dr. De'Ath
who sees her every day - She has been
below par - & the congestion has settled
at the top of her throat - But all the
rest is better - He says:

every time she coughs, she delays
her recovery - every time she speaks
she coughs - But it would be a great
pleasure to her to see Mr. & Mrs. F.V.

What can I say?

She is so happy doing the old Verneys'
who have been eaten by worms
200 or 300 years ago - What a thing
it is to be interested in these who
give no one care, no responsibility,
no anxiety - Bless the worms -
ever your loving Aunt Florence

unsigned letter fragment, f83, pen

f83

The lady from whom I had
her, Mrs. Shore Smith, was
here last night - talking to
her. And it was to her this
~~she seemed~~/instance of her being so slippery

Mrs. S. S. thinks that
I ought to give you this
warning ~~that~~ she repents

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff84-87, pen [6:593-94]

f84

Claydon Nov 7/92

PRIVATE

My dear Fred

I am exceedingly obliged to you for sending me these valuable & most interesting letters.

The necessity, absolute NECESSITY, of a Sanitary Committee to the County Council presses upon us here with a ferocious power -

The Local Govt Board refuses, as far as we understand, to inspect or to enquire about Steeple Claydon -

And as far as we understand an interview between the Local Guardian & Sir Harry

f84v

is all the step at present contemplated about Steeple Claydon

But more about this anon -

I send you the ~~Minute~~/sheet Edmund kindly drew up - on the Sanitary powers & duties of a Co. Co.

& in another packet the "Sanitary Record" Vol - which is *Dr. De'Ath's* - where at p 430 are summarized the duties of a County Medl Officer of Health (as mentioned by Edmund)

f85

I was told by another
person to tell you
(privately) that the
appointment of a County
Medl Off. of H. by the Co. Co.
is a ticklish matter,
because the Co. Co.
is but too much inclined
to appoint ANY man who
has a Diploma.

That however will not
come on directly -

f85v {in FV's hand Miss N on San: Comee Nov 92}

P.S.

When Cholera is on the
tramp, Steeple Claydon
will catch it.

But you will save us.
I return your letters
but should like very
much to see them again.
your affectionate
F. Nightingale

f86

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Private

Dr. De'Ath has asked
me to say

A Sanitary Commee should
ask some one to report
upon the condition
- of the county
- of the districts of N. Bucks

Some one for each division
of the County

But as you ask him to
guard you against the
Bd of Guardians, he says -
the reports of the M.O.s of
Health are like a
Queen's speech - "She is
"on terms of friendship
"with all the powers"

f86v

- get the M.O.s *not*
to write "*friendly*" reports

Their Reports are too
glossy - they hide, they
do not expose, defeats
"We M. O. s don't tell
the truth," he says -

And then the Bds of
Guardians crow & say:
look, that is *all* the
Health Officer has to
complain of.

[You desired Dr. D not
to allow you to say what
could be refuted: about
Bd of Gns having received
reports & done nothing -

f87

you cannot unfortunately
prove a negative]
The Reports don't ask them to do
anything]
P.S. [Dr. De'Ath evidently
thinks there is no
necessity for a *County*
M. O. of Health]
P.P.P.S. Dr. De'Ath has
given me the particulars
for you how to dry earth
- you asked - in a cemented
shed

signed letter, ff88-90v, pen, printed in Bucks, where titled Health at Home Visitors

f88

London Novber 21/92 **[13:885-86]**
Health at Home Missioners
My dear Mr. Frederick Verney
Tho' I have recently left
Claydon, it was not till
after I had had the
advantage of much
information thro' Dr. De'Ath
of strict independent
enquiries, & of personal
communication with the three
ladies at present at work -
as regards the Health=at=
Home Mission
The result for the short
time is more satisfactory
than you could have dared
to hope - The Technical Education

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Commee may be quite
confident that good work
is being done -

But an extension of
time, your Committee will
readily see, is most desirable
The term of ~~8 weeks~~ {in FV's hand: their present employment} is
already drawing to a close
And this, just as the Health
Missioners are beginning
to gain the confidence of
the Cottage Mothers & girls -

If we consider how many
sceptics there still are among
those even who are called
educated as to the vital

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necessity of Sanitation & the
almost immediate saving
effect of some Sanitary
measures, we must not
be surprised that those less
educated whom we have to
deal with do not understand
or assimilate these new
ideas at once - It requires
the continued work of a
friend, not a *mere* Lecturer.

The friendly visiting of the
Lecturer Missioner at the
Cottage Homes by invitation
has been a marked success.

It has also been found by
experience that ~~the~~ all the
practical teaching which

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it was intended that these ladies should give could not be compressed into the number of Lectures so as to receive the illustrations & definitions by anecdote absolutely necessary - an additional reason why lectures which have been in most places well attended should receive an extension which it is hoped the County Council under whose auspices this experiment has been so happily begun would willingly approve. For Your Technical Education Commee would in their intelligence

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see that RURAL training must be given in rural health to rural Cottage women - & that London physiological Lectures without any training at all in Cottage Health=at=Home visiting are worth little or nothing for rural life. Its conditions, it need hardly be said, are so different from those of large towns.

I trust that I shall be forgiven by your Technical Commee if I appear intrusive -forgiven on account of my deep interest in the

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instruction to rural poor
women, for whom so little
has yet been done - so
wisely set on foot by the
Bucks County Council -
'May their shadow never
be less!'

Pray believe me
the humble & anxious friend,
dear Mr. Frederick Verney,
of yourselves & your Bucks
Cottage Mothers -

Florence Nightingale

[end 13:886]

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signed letter, ff92-95v, pen **[6:594-96]**

f92 {in FV's hand, Miss N. on San: Comee for Bucks}

London November 23/92
My dear Mr. Frederick Verney
Every man & woman now
must be a Sanitary Officer.

We must create a public
opinion which must drive
the Government instead
of the Government having
to drive us - an *enlightened*
public opinion, wise in
principles, wise in details.

There was a man in
India once - only lately dead
- first the Health Officer
of one of her Presidency cities
- then Sanitary Commissioner
of the Presidency - I had the
privilege of knowing him well
When he first began, there

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might be at times 200
or 300 Cholera deaths a
day. The people remained
passive: they only said
“It is the Goddess of Cholera”,
or “the Goddess of Small=pox”
(if there was a Small pox
epidemic) “who has been
“offended - Let us go to her
“shrine with votive offerings -
“to propitiate her” -

But latterly after seeing
& knowing him, if there were
two or three Cholera deaths,
they would cry out: “ Sahib,
“bestir yourself. Don’t you
“see we are all dead? What
“is the Government about?”

We hail the County Council

f93

is being or becoming
one of the strongest engines
in our favour - at once
fathering & obeying the great
impulse for national health
against national & *local*
disease -

For we have learnt that
we have national health
pretty nearly in our own
hands: *local* Sanitation,
national health. But we
have to contend against
centuries of superstition,
& generations of indifference.

If however the immoveable
Hindoo - with his centuries
of civilization when we
were painted savages -
made a Sanitary stride
so unusual to him - shall

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we who call ourselves the
most wisely progressive
of all nations lag behind
in our *rural* life - we
who have such opportunities
now of learning our
Sanitary business - certainly
the most important of all,
for we must *live* & be well in
order to work.

The Technical Education
Committee has shown its
practical skill in
starting Health=~~at~~=Home village
~~rural~~ Missioners - But we
the villagers need Sanitary
works too -
Let the County Council
take the lead as that
Health Officer in India

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~~did~~ - Let it represent
us, command us, instruct
us by a Sanitary Committee
in our struggle for health
We do not ask at present
for County Council *executive*
power. But what a *moving*
power would such a
Sanitary Committee, if wisely
conducted, be. gathering
experience every day,
encouraging the true reports of
able Medical Officers of
Health, instead of quashing
them - saying: 'we will *not*
have Cholera, we will *not*
have Fever - nor infantile
complaints, the true test
of what is sanitary or
insanitary - sickly children

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'growing into sickly parents.

We *will* have good
water-supply, good drainage,
no overcrowding - pure
air, pure water, pure earth
For disease is more expensive
than Sanitation.

We *will* be able to say
to Cholera, if it comes:
"there is no room for you
here - there is no place for
you to plant your foot-
Scarlet Fever, Typhoid,
cannot come here"

'Bucks shall be a county
of healthy villages, ~~instead~~
~~of must we say? the reverse~~ {strike out by FV?}

f95

God has put it perfectly
within our power to
learn how to govern thus
the march of disease -
thus to lay our commands
on the Spirits of the Air -
Then let us do it. Let
Buckinghamshire say:
'there shall no village
of Bucks be left a
prey to disease. We
will learn; we *will* speak
-we *will* do'"

We are waiting for the
manifestation of the Bucks
County Council.

Make the first step.

Give us our Sanitary
Committee

f95v

The Sanitary reform
must be a work of years
- not of a day.

Other Counties have
undertaken it.

But there must not
be a day lost in
beginning it.

Cholera may be upon
us next summer -

Disease is always with
us -

Give us our Sanitary
Committee - Good speed
to you - God speed you
Florence Nightingale

signed letter, ff96-99v, pen

f96 {in FV's hand: Miss N. on expansion of H.M. Dec 3}

Dec 3/92 8 a.m.

Private 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

In answer to your letter,
it is most important to form
a plan for "the extension of
"the Health at Home work
"within & without the county"

And it is practically
even yet more important to
send "without the county"
only Missioners fully
trained & competent to
address & *visit* the poor
mothers & girls.

We have two powerful
old established organizations
against us in London if
not more - & others are

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rising all over the country

Only on Thursday last, I
was appalled at finding
in one of my own (old)
Counties the following scheme
actually started with approval:

one or two Lectures are
given by a London lady -
& part of the audience are
Lady District Visitors -
These then in the course
of their visits go & "*find
fault*" (sic) with anything
they think wrong in the
Cottages - This was told me
as a thing they thought I
should rapturously second.

It would be fatal if N.
Bucks sent out any ladies
of this sort &

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imperfectly trained

Unquestionably the "best plan
"would be to retain all four
"Health Missioners in the County,
"say for " I am afraid I *must*
say for *more than* "another
"term of 80 days" - tho' that
will be a little more than 5
months which is much better
than half that time
"that two or three out of
"the four should take
"Probationers who have
"attended a course of Lectures"
(& Classes & Cottage Visiting)
by *Dr. De'ATH* at Bletchley.
tho' how is he to manage the
Cottage Visiting? - he must
take them to at least one

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Village he knows" & have passed an
"Examination as did the others"

'Passe pour' the Examn but
it is not that which makes
a Missioner -

"non-residents should give

"a fee payable to our

"Commee" Yes.

But could there not be
some further fee for Dr.

De'Ath?

"When second set of Health

"Missioners ready" for "the

"County" "spare one or two

"of the original ones to go

"out of the County. x x

"They will have had experience

"not only in the practice,

"but also in the *teaching*" - very

little I am afraid - "of their work"

f98

x x x -2-

"more likely to succeed than by

"sending out our half-fledged

"Missioners too soon"?

Unquestionably: but it is

just what I am afraid of

that "half fledged Missioners"

will be sent out

Dr. De'Ath's letter

2 I think Miss Deyns would be

a "half-fledged Missioner"

She struck me as having
more *knowledge* than either

of the two others - but less

flexibility to adapt herself

to the poor mothers - tho' as

much devotion - & she is a

very charming person.

But I would rather trust

Dr. De'Ath's judgment than

mine - tho' I *scarcely* think

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- his reasons are more *for*
sending *Miss Deyns* than
for sending a competent Health Missioner
- 3 Unquestionably if any one goes
she must "return to Dr. De'Ath
"her form" that he may have
"an eye on the work"
- 4 "Can you grow Health Missioners
"for other places out of
"your County funds"?
I suppose not. but your
plan of "fees" must come in
5. I trust Dr. De'Ath may
be authorized to do as he
says & "supplemented by
"visits here when necessary"
- 6 Make N. Bucks a "centre" -
& let it be a "centre" for
thorough work.

f99

I had hoped that you
would *anchor* a certain
number of Health Missioners -
- teachers in N. Bucks to
hand down the good
traditions [The temptation
or the fault of all Training
Schools is: not to keep a
nucleus but to hurry out
half fledged women to
frantic friends - is it not?]
2As for *Miss Negus* she is of
course entirely untried,
tho' Dr. De'Ath will fashion
her - And Miss Rowland
had only had 2 ½ villages
when I left Claydon, tho'
her visiting had been
wonderfully successful.

f99v

Miss Calder wants a
Health Missioner for
Wiltshire in January -
wife of Marlboro' College {in FV's hand: ask}
I will send you particulars
she told me to Claydon, tho' I feel
as if I were the Tempter.

Success attend you -
God speed you -
ever your affecte
Aunt Florence
{printed address: upside down} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
I hope you will be able to
consult Margt.

unsigned letter, ff100-01v, pen & pencil [6:596]

f100

6/12/92
10, South Street, {printed address:} [6:596]
This is what Miss Calder Park Lane. W.
said:
Mrs. Bell
The Lodge
Marlborough
wants a *teacher of Cottage*
Hygiene very much
for 3 months from January
I understood Miss Calder
to say that
Mrs. Bell ~~was~~/is the head of
the Ladies Commee of the
Wiltshire Co. Co.
(of which ~~the~~ Commee the
Bishop's wife is President)
[Miss C. reminded us of the
Technical College at Trowbridge.]
She says Mrs. Bell is a woman
of great activity, success &
wisdom - & worth serving - &
would be of use to us -

f101

I think if you have made
 up your minds that you
 ought not to give her one, (Health Missioner),
 it would be well to ~~do~~/ask as
 you say: 'would Wiltshire
 pay for the making of one,
 either a Wiltshire lady to
 be sent into Bucks, or a Bucks
 lady to be trained for Wiltshire?
 But, as you say too, it is
 terrible if they send you a
 "lout"-a or *idea* ("feminine of
 "idiot", see Dr. Johnson)
 [Most Training Schools now
 won't take a Probr without
 seeing & trying the Candidate] But I shd think Dr. DeAth might try *her*.
 _____ fees: fees _____ (yours)

I have sent 7 Health pamphlets to Miss Calder by Margt's desire

f101v [c1892]

"Silvanus Trevail" has [hosp]
 sent me his papers (7)
 which I thought admirable - I
 answered by asking him to
 send them to you & by sending
 him a Health pamphlet - I must
 write to-day, under cover of
 sending him Dr. DeAth's pamphlet
 "Organization of Village Sanitation",
 to say I know you have his papers.

[Dr. DeAth has not sent
 me copies of his "Cholera"
 pamphlet for which chastise
 him.]

You will observe, on Sylvanus'
 papers, that their Co: Co: pays
 £50 of the M. O. of Health's
 salary £100 -

You *must* tell Mr. French
 of Winslow to send me his *whole* Bill
 for the 600 pamphlets - Or I shall strike work.

signed letter, ff102-05v, pencil [6:596-97]

f102

Health Missioners 30/12/92

10, South Street, {printed address:}

My dear Fred Park Lane. W.

I wanted to say in as
impressive a voice as I
could - Aim at forming
centres of Health Missioners
rather than at covering
Bucks with H. M.'s -

With terror I see
increasing even among
clever people the idea that
they can learn how to practise
arts, agriculture, & various
trades & professions by
attending lectures - They
little know: This view is
spoilng all the good work

f102v

They are covering the
earth with amateurs &
professors - What a good
word that is "professions"
- people who *profess* -

It occurred to me to
say this - but you
cannot tell the quantity
of it that I see -

Have 3 or 4 good
Health Missioners planted
Don't scramble over the
whole County

But I know how
difficult the Co. Co. is

Add Mss 41977D

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f103

Please let me see
Miss *Deyns*' letter again You only
read it to me

Also Mr. Fosbroke's
letter.

I sent 25 copies
of pamphlet to Dr. De'Ath

f103v

I hear a very bad account
of the Sanitary meeting at
Steeple Claydon. They have
only appointed a Sanitary
Committee - have they?
to "look into things"!!!

I am interrupted
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

f104

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Miss Deyns

I sent your letter to
Miss Lückes - It was a
difficult one to write - &
I don't know that it
could have been better -

I send you her
answer which please
return -

1 You see every thing
has been at 6s & 7s
from the beginning -

I *believe* the *belief*
in N. Bucks that she x was
to be made capable of
x Miss Deyns

f104v

Nursing Epidemics

continued to the last -

& off & on in her own mind

2. Miss Lückes named
"next week" for her coming -
Months afterwards no word
had been sent to Miss L
that she was not coming.

When she came, or soon
after, Miss L. was just
going for her holiday -
& then came October -
[You see Miss Lückes
speaks of the "detail"
she & I went into anent

f105

Miss Deyns' training]

Now Miss Deyns & even
able, impetuous Dr. De'Ath
have not the least idea
of what an overworked
Matron's life is
Miss L. has 300 Nurses
minus 4! under her!
She has 700 beds- !!
And Miss Deyns wanted
to wait till October,
because there wd be 50
or 70 Patients more (in
700)!! Strange imbecillity.

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3. You see Miss Lückes is
not at all discouraged:

And I think there is
truth in her remark -
that perseverance will
win tho' progress is slow.
I wish I could see her,
but that is impossible
at present - I hardly
know how to answer her.

[She has so much
against her] In answer to your remark

~~34 I have been abused~~
by my own people which I think I deserve - "You always
"stood out for a year's training
"at the very least - And now you
"are satisfied with 6 months"!

unsigned letter, ff106-07v, pencil

f106

Jan 22

{archivist: [1893]}

My dear Mr. Fred

I really cannot make
up my mind to sign
my letter *with my name*,
if that is what Mr. Escott
means -

You know it is 'nuts'
to a Newspaper Editor
to get ~~you~~/one into a scrape
And this would be a scrape.

Lord Ripon is conscious
himself that he will
require knowledge - able
advocacy when he returns

Add Mss 41977D

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f106v

even with Mr. Gladstone

Such advocacy from
me would be quite
useless if I were committed
to a newspaper by name -
- do not you think so?

Nor do I think the
risk worth running for
a paper like the Standard -
- nor indeed for any
paper -

I shall have to give
facts to Mr. Gladstone,
the India Office &c

f107

If these facts have
been previously torn to
pieces by newspapers,
they will be worthless -
And this (the one enclosed)
is the best of two
not good papers -

I am so thankful &
so sorry for the kind
trouble you are taking,
which I hope will yet
be successful -

But I cannot see it

f107v

right to give my name

I am so sorry

signed letter, ff108-09v, pen & pencil

f108

10 South St

Feb 3/93

Dearest Maude

I feel so much with you
about the disagreeable &
"intensely interesting" business
you have been on.

Health pamphlets

1. In accordance with Fred's
wish, I send

12 Health pamphlets

6 " " paper
stiff

But tell him that *if he*
will send me word by
Messenger I can send
him *almost any number*
he will name of "paper" ps
& of "stiff" ps - but especially of
the former (they are of more
importance in his hands than
mine) & still have enough
for myself.

f108v

Dr. Whitelegge's letter

2. I return him with thanks

Dr Whitelegge's which is
so important that I should
have a type-written copy
made of it if I were he -

I am glad Dr. W. includes
Derbyshire in the industrious
Co. Co.s -

I also return Miss Hubbard
Miss Brooke Hunt's paper

3 I send Miss Brooke Hunt's
Club paper for Chicago,
if you & Fred could be so very kind as to look
it over. Her work is so
very good that it is a
pity her paper is not
better. [N.B. I asked her

f109

in accordance with Fred
not to lay so much stress
on a *lady* being at the
head of affairs. But she
would do it. And you
know I do so entirely agree
with her that there must
be a lady for Clubs - &
for Reading & Coffee rooms
a Manager & a lady
over him or they
degenerate into places of
selfish comfort. x [There are
so few gentlemen even curates who have
time for these things]

I must *send in her paper.*
for Chicago *as soon as*
possible to Lady Burdett Coutts

x The great thing is: not to give a
boy or man up because he has
been expelled the club.

f109v

Mr. Buckmaster

4. I did not know that
the Bucks Co. Co. had
got Mr. Buckmaster
for Agricultural teacher
I see with some uneasiness
Sir Harry's letter in the
Times.

I have more business
but will not worry now.

ever your loving
Aunt Florence
With all the force of my
heart I wish Fred his
deserved success about the
Sanitary Committee Co. Co -
F.N.

initialled letter, ff110-11, pen

f110

G.B.H. Feb 7/93

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Mr. Jowett was here last night And I asked him all your Questions & wrote down his answers from his lips.

1. He answered at first that he could not answer, because he did not know the state of your "general funds". But when I told him, he said: to the "special fund" yes: certainly

2. He said at first:

The General Committee of the Home should appoint some one to be approved in each case by the Ch. of E. or the R. C. Bishop of the Diocese

f110v

But, after a little conversation he said: The Committee should appoint some one to be approved in the Ch. of E. case by the Bishop of the Diocese [is he, he asked the Bishop of *Winchester*?] in the R. C. Case by the R. C. Bishop of the Diocese (or the R. C. Archbishop) should appoint some one *to be approved by the Committee*

3. He said at first Yes:

but afterwards he said: If they have not anything in the Charter (or whatever they call it) of the G.B.H. or any understanding with

f111

Mr. Saml Morley or other
Nonconformists that it
should be undenominational
I do not see that there
is any breath of faith.

F.N.

God speed you

f112, proposal to appoint chaplains for the Gordon Boys' Home, in FV's hand

unsigned note, f112v, pencil

f112v {written on the bottom of FV's proposal}

Yes

Committee shd appoint some
one to be approved in each case
by the Bishop of the Diocese
or by the R. C. Bishop of the Diocese
with the approval of the Committee
{the following is written the other way round}
If they have not anything in
the Charter, or any understanding
with Sam Morley that it should
be undenominational, I do not
see that there is any breach of faith.

signed letter, ff113-14, pencil

f113

Your meeting tomorrow 8/5/93

Your request 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

I began a few notes
for you which I enclose -

But it occurred to me
that it might be of some
use to you to see the
Proof, as you asked, of
my paper for Chicago -

But tho', "s'il y a de
l'esprit, c'est vous qui
l'y auriez mis" -

But you must not
quote it, please -

By an inexplicable
mistake, which I will
tell you afterwards, of

f113v

the English Commission,

~~it is~~ the English papers
are all ~~to be~~ bound up
in one book of hundreds
of pages! And the
copyright has been sold
to Sampson Low -!! [I am very sorry]

Even the Review was
not sent to me to correct!

Success to your
Meeting - tomorrow -
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

f114

Could you return
me my Proof
tomorrow (Tuesday)
night? It only reached
me ~~yesterday~~/today F.N.

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff115-16v, pen & pencil

f115 {in FV's hand, Miss Nightingale:}

May 19/93

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Thank you so much for the
Sanitary Committee's questions.
I think the getting these
filled up pretty fully is
already a great step in advance.

[N.B. I hope that Qs 6 & 8
include cess-pool privies,
of which 109 of Sir H.'s cottages
still rejoice in - ~~and in these~~
little or no progress with
dry earth closets]

I shall be so much
interested in seeing the
Tabulation.

Some kind person sent me
the Fenny *Stratford*
Technical Education Secretary's
Report

f115v

I wish I might see all those
of North Bucks-

This is valuable - but how
much more valuable it would
be if all were

to stated the reasons as some have done
e.g. *Cookery Classes*

Revd — Field. Woughton on the Green

“It is the universal opinion that

“‘Demonstrations’ are *almost*

“‘*useless*’ (underlined) & that the

“pupils only retain the knowledge

“which they gain from the

“practical lessons, *when they*

“*themselves prepare & cook*

“*the dishes x x*”

[This I am sure is true
with regard to every thing
technical - Health=at=Home
included -

I am appalled by a

f116

voluminous report just

received from the “Ladies

“Sanitary Assocn”, in which

15 “courses of *Lectures*”

here & there - & many hundreds

altogether are mentioned

with sickening self-applause.

Tho’ they mention Dr.

De’Ath with praise, not

one has seized his point]

I am afraid of

missing you - so will

only mention that there

are equally instructive

remarks (& failures in

remarks) in your

“Secretary’s Report” as

I have mentioned.

f116v

Letter from Margt this
morning. The plan of
Dr. De'Ath meeting the
Parish Doctor for poor
Jennings of Botolph Claydon
has fallen thro' - I am
afraid she is much worried
But she always succeeds at last -
Success to you all
along the line.
Alas! for poor Siam
But still hope
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

ff117-18v, 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W. June 9, 1893, from FV, re improvements at Pleasley
and problems in Siam discussed with Lord Salisbury

signed letter, ff119-20v, pen & pencil [6:602]

f119

*Inspection of Health Missioner's
work* June 23/93
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

You asked me to consider
& enquire about this most
important subject - which is
absolutely in its infancy as
regards all the C. C. Technical
Education work - altho' the
most important of all, as we
have on the highest authority-
viz. whether a tree bears
fruit or only *leaves* -

I return you with
thanks all your letters (6)

I scarcely think that
it will be of any service to
send a lady round, even
without the Missioner - far
less to give notice that
she is coming to question the

f119v

Cottage Mothers - No such
formal questioning is of any
use - is it?

Rural Mothers are like Hindoos
- they say nothing but what
they think we shall like to hear.
- & *that* they don't know how
to express. They think we have
a right to apply the screw -
& *they* have a right to conceal.
It is no use sending a lady
from the great house or the
Rectory - however kind -
Nothing but a long, & intimate
& confidential friendship,
accompanied by a personal,
informal eye & help, will
unlock their lips -

In their Domestic habits
you have centuries of ignorance,

f120

generations of superstition
to get over -
In their habits with us, you
have centuries of an unnatural
respect for what was by no
means always their "betters",
- a respect for mere position -
to get over. And I do think
this is in some respects
worse than it was. The
respect for rank, mere rank,
& the defiance of rank, mere
rank are increasing in all
classes.

But I am prosing -
Of the 3 letters you sent
me, Mr. Dale's is the best.
Mrs. Battersby's is far from
worthless. ~~She~~ It is a kind
good letter. But she does
not know her business.

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I send you a letter from Miss
Hubbard: ~~but~~ she has
always struck me as a person
with very peculiar insight
into the poor mothers' &
children's feelings & ways -
(tho' I have never seen her)
She wrote to me about H. M.'s
And I answered at
considerable length about
Tech: Educ: lack of fruit,
(as far as their Reports go.)
And then I wrote for her advice -
And I send you her answer.
What a miserable thing that
"bad, heady beer" is - as a proof
of Mothers' ignorance -

Can we not glean something
from her letter?

I have been so interrupted
ever your loving Aunt Florence
So glad Sir D. Galton is going to your
conference

ff121-21v, Fred V to FN June 29, 1893, re condolences on Lothian Nicholson's death

ff122-25v, Fred V to FN, from Lawers, Killin, Perthshire, August 27, 1893, re the family holiday, the cultivation of allotments, and the French dealings with Siam

ff126-27v, Fred V to FN 6 Onslow Gardens, September 7, 1893, re FV's return to London to support the Siamese against the French, and the family holiday

ff128-29v, Fred V to FN from OG, September 28, 1893, re a request for FN to write a paper on Rural Health Missions which MV would read at Leeds

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff132-35, pen

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Private 10 South St 7.30 a.m. Oct 20/93

Lectures on Sick Nursing

My dear Fred

On To me reflecting on
what you read to me & said
to me & asked me last night,
it occurs that I ought to
explain more - to you I
hope it will occur how
difficult it is for a tired
person to give advice
on what is only read TO
her - & on what you
yourself consider only a
makeshift, dragged in
in order to enable the
Tech: Edu: to contribute -
I. then - I think I caught
that Mr. Battersby's letter
was written in '90 - And
I think I heard the words
Middle Claydon & another Claydon

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~~Beware~~ Mrs. Davidson was not then appointed, I believe.

Beware of meddling with Mrs. Davidson - you will never get so good a woman. Part of Claydon is I believe in Winston Parish?? I should extremely deprecate having one part under the new fangled methods, & another under the good old Common Sense.

II. I mentioned to you the great benefit that the instructed (Lady) District Vis Nurses of Bloomsbury &c &c have been of to the poor bed-side in instructing the relatives or neighbours how to take care of the poor Patient - [~~Other uses have been:~~

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~~the check of drunkenness - NOT by direct preaching, a thousand times No - but because the man & still more the woman are ashamed to be drunk before the Nurse who is as their friend.].~~

The Nurse does gives the instruction quite informally AT EACH BED-SIDE IN THE COURSE OF HER OWN Nursing work X She does NOT LECTURE. God save us FROM THE LECTURING NURSE. X It would be all lost if done formally

[I think I mentioned to you one notable instance where a Nurse was sent straight from St. Thomas' to undertake

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a District in Yorkshire -

“O there was such a
good Ladies’ Commee! It was
quite safe”

The Ladies’ Comm: employed
her in lecturing all round
the place. There was
nothing left of her but
a spoilt Nurse - a woman
who had missed her
calling - a conceited
self indulgent itinerant.

“O she had an Assistant”.
*And what was the Assistant
doing?*]

III. The Lecturing on Sick Nursing mania
is spreading like a leprosy
all over Great Britain -
perfectly regardless of
“results” Or rather we

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are already reaping the “results” in a very sensible
deterioration of/in the
candidates who present
themselves as Probationers
for Hospitals & District Nursing

IV. Please remember that
Nursing differs as much
from say Agriculture &c &c
as human body & *soul* differs
from vegetables, grain &
manure - & Human life differs
∇ from every other life.
does it not?

V. I think I caught in
Mr. Battersby’s letter or I had heard before such
words as these: that the
poor should be taught *by*
Lecture (illustrated, of course)
Such things as changing a

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Patient's sheets with him in bed -
& he enumerated other such
things. most necessary

Believe a woman of 40 &
more years' experience, such
things can only be taught in
Hospital upon the human Patient's body
& by the Hospital trained Nurse
upon the same in ~~the~~/each Patient's
own home.

I think the *fatuous* 'lay'
reached its climax last
year when sham Nurses
operated upon Sham Patients
in a sham Hospital in
Windsor Park before the
Sovereign & the Princess her daughter!

[When I remember that the
greatest Operator we ever
had said that he never

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operated upon the LIVING
human body without the
shudder coming over him
that he did not know
what he was about, I do
feel that these fatuous people
do not know "what they
"are about" when they
talk so glibly about
teaching the poor Sick
Nursing by Lectures.

*Every case differs from
every other - as you
have well said - And what
do we mean by a "trained
Village Nurse except one who is
to attend such cases ?herself?*
VI. We do not think two or
even three years' Hospital
training enough without a

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6 or months', (which we
should like to make
12 months') training by
the poor bedside at home.

VII. Without proper *trained*
supervision the ordinary
nurse degenerates easily
to the level of the poor she
nurses - the gentlemen
less easily. But no
gentleman's or lady's
Committee can find it out or keep them
up - nothing but the
supervision (even periodical)
of one who herself knows
the difficulties, what is
to be done or what is *not*
to be done .

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I do not want to deter
you - far from it.
But people should know
that it is very easy to
set up a Village *Lecturer* -
England now swarms with such.
& *very easy* for her to do
more harm than good
And that it *is*/means nothing to
say: oh the people
"appreciate " her Lectures!

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A thousand thanks for your letter - & its contents received before I wrote this. But we cannot call Mrs. Battersby's letter, interesting as it is, a test or criterion of "results" You remember we remarked this at the time - And she thinks herself a Nurse?

I should like the Report you mentioned when convenient
I am ashamed to ask you to give me this letter back again, when done with
ever your loving Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff136-37, pen & pencil

f136

10 South St Oct 28/93
Saturday

Dearest Maude & Fred

I am quite scandalized at myself at what I am imposing on you & Fred -

I think the best test would be: *what you Maude like to read & what you don't - & to leave out what you don't*
And if that is *all*, then to leave out *all* -

What I send now is the part left out after p. 14 -
It is of course immensely too long. I took it chiefly from our pamphlet -
And as to what the mothers want, it is perhaps the most important part -

These Lady Lecturers seem

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not to know in the least
what the mothers are
without, tho' they do not
want it.

I have no time or strength
to shorten or to correct.

You must be: 'Hew Agag in
piece before the Lord.'

Don't bother yourselves
about 'Agag' - above all,
not to do it by to night -

*You can, at any time,
put it into a Hansom
cabman's hands & tell
him he will be paid
here -*

Only 'hew' enough -

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& make a wind - up -

*plus "how are we to
test results"*

ever your & Fred's
loving but troublesome

Aunt Florence (Agag)

I can't work by candle light -

I have no eyes - But I begin
when I can as soon as it is
light in the morning -

I never said how delighted
I was with Ralph's 'remove' -

signed letter, ff138-39, pen

f138

10 South St Nov 3/93

Dearest Maude & Fred

You say "The new returns send back early" -

I do so I wish I could have thought
more columns for the Health at H. (for the sake
of *results*) possible

Leeds: I don't know what you will say to me

I did send the Telegram to Miss Janes -

And she answered: Two: yes - & send to
me at Leeds.

I then sent the M. S. to Spottiswoode's

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And he actually returned it printed - it
was only sent late in the afternoon - the
next day at night.

I purpose sending you these later
TO-DAY - you to choose which you like -
I to send one to Miss Janes - which
ought by rights to go to-day - I to
keep the third -

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

I do feel like a wretch to have
accepted your kind offer to go to Leeds
I hope you won't be very tired.

unsigned notes, ff140-43v, pen & pencil

f140

Cookery: New form: Excellent
on the whole
particularly Remarks

1. Were these "Artisans" men?
Or does it only signify *wives*
& *daughters* of "artisans"?
2. Does each "lesson" include
"Demonstrations" and
"practice classes"?

It is curious & characteristic
of the age that "the girls
"would not attend" the
"practice classes" but only
the "demonstrations", which
are amusing -

And yet there are many
good folk in the North
who think the "demonstrations"
'most useful' & 'all that is
'wanted'

Suggested other columns

over

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Suggested Columns

1. Could there be another
column indicating what
class of cookery?

You know you have
Cottage Cookery
Higher Class Cookery
&c &c

And you will remember
that we were told a
year or two ago that
the farmer's daughters &
the cottagers would not
attend the same class,
because of this distinction,
& they thought that one
sort was *infra dig.* {beneath their dignity -GW}

2.

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2. Should there be a Column indicating what the *Cooking* MATERIALS are? We have received repeated warnings that some were too expensive for the people to get -

This is repeated in the other papers you have kindly sent me.

3. *How afterwards?*

Does the *Cottage & Farmers' Cookery improve?*

This is a most difficult matter to ascertain. Because if I understand right you do not ask your Cookery teacher to *visit* - And there is nothing Cottage mothers are

f141v

I believe so offend=able in as our 'prying' 'about' into their meal arrangements.

I believe there is no cooking in the world so bad as in England - And in Derbyshire & Yorkshire where the food is *extravagantly good*, it is the more deplorable.

[E.g. I asked our family Doctor at Lea Hurst to visit a family (at my expence) of whom I had received a miserable account from their daughter who was then in my service. And he did so & told me they were sitting down to a better joint than he "ever saw at his table".

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I cannot find the other
 "*New Form filled up*"
of which you speak
 unless it be this (enclosed)
But is there anything *new* in
 this?

From the other papers I glean
 as to HEALTH AT HOME
that the people would pay
 more attention if the
teachers were of greater
"age" & "experience"
 I think this applied
chiefly to Miss Rowlands & to Miss Deyns
& the "EXTRA" Lectures.

1. Home Treatment
 What to do till the
Doctor comes
2. Infants & Children

f142v

I think this is not unnatural
 because in Miss Rowlands & I believe Miss Deyns these
things *can* only be *book*
learning. How *can* they have
experience? tho' I much admire Miss Rowlands
& Miss Deyns.

 But in accordance with
your kind wish I asked
separately & saw two of our most experienced Supts
of Bloomsbury/Queen's Jubilee Lady District
Nurses, - who now do a
good deal of *Maternity*
(*not* Midwifery) *Nursing*
among the poor at home, -
whether the Lying - in women
objected to *unmarried*
& in some cases *young*
Maternity (Lady) Nurses -
And each said: "Nor in
"the least. They know the
"good the Nurses do them;

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"& it never occurs to them"

But I don't think the
two cases similar - You see
our Maternity Nurses
never LECTURE, tho' they *teach*
in the sick - room - And
the poor feel directly
that they the Nurses are fully trained
by their doing for them
what *no man = doctor nor*
Midwife ever does.

I do not feel as if any new
columns could be added to
the "Health at Home" - tho'
it would be most desirable
to have the *results* of the *Visits*
But it would be morally
impossible to submit these
to any "Secretary" - But

f143v

your H. Missioners do keep
Private Diaries - don't
they?

unsigned summary, ff144-44v, pencil

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Summary

Summary (P.1)

is excellent - cannot be softened down as far as I can see - On the contrary - The only thing that struck me as skull=staving=in

was p. 1 Buckingham - Sewage Disposal 1891

But *p.2 " Water Supply 1891 [3 wells cleaned out!*

is scathing as a comment!

You can't soften a creditor -

p. 3 Aylesbury Sewage Disposal 1891-2 Quainton

" Water supply 1891-2 "

This is very shocking, if as I suppose "Similar report to last year"

p. 3 Buckingham Sewage Disposal 1891-2 Steeple Claydon

" Water Supply 1891-2 " "

Do you know I think this is letting off Steeple Claydon very easy? for Sir Harry's sake?

How many "Pail closets" were "substituted" for Privies in 1891?

how few I am afraid to say - "Entire district defective" 1892

What does he mean by a "complete system for St. C. begun" 1892?

There was a carrying away by pipes of liquid stuff, including

pigs' liquid manure, to the "strong resentment" of the people, was it not?

What was done in "substituting" *earth closets* for *cesspool privies*

was a mere nothing - Was it not at the end of 1892 that we

counted ~~409~~/109 privies/cesspools to 120 cottages in the Claydons- not quite all in St. C.-

P.T.O. I think -

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Pray don't take this former page on my authority alone - about *Steeple Claydon*
Water-supply: They are "grateful" for "small mercies", if they call it an "improvement" " "

p. 5 *Winslow Sewage Disposal* 1891 X 1892

This is severe enough - but it is milk & water {printed address:} 10, South Street, compared to the
L.G.B. Inspector in [JANUARY ?] 1893 Park Lane.W.

in the Report you gave me & which I abstracted

Winslow Water Supply 1892

This is milk & water too compared with L.B.G. Inspector

January 1893

(January) '93 not better but worse than '92 in *Water Supply & Sewage Disposal*

e.g. Is a good Report sometimes due to a bad M. O. of Health?

p. 3 *Henley. Sewage Disposal* 1892 "In *Himbleton* no complaints" !!

[I have a very vivid recollection in my Military life of
seeing the men sitting at a dinner not fit for pigs.

& the Officer for the day going round & calling out "Any
"complaints?" No good soldier will make "complaints"

The bad ones do over everything -

Aylesbury

Urban cows drinking sewage - I suppose this does not
come in for '92. What a pity!

X Was it not currently believed that there was scarcely a pure
well in *Steeple Claydon*, even in 1893?

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff145-46, pencil

f145

10 South St Nov 3/93

Leeds

Dearest Maude

You were so good as to say
that you wished to read from
my M.S. If you still do so,
I could re-write by tomorrow
forenoon (when you begin
reading from the "*roof*"!
& I shall come to hear)
some of the scrappy bits -

But now, honour bright!,
which do you think really
best?

which for you?

which for Miss Janes, ? which
I ought to send by to-night's
post to her at Leeds -

& the third I should wish
to keep for myself - [I have
already applications for a

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copy, but I don't expect

I ought to give one till
their Vol: is published?]

I enclose a sheet of notes
which I want your & Fred's
judgment on - I am
particularly afraid - (almost
as afraid as that the journey
to Leeds is a very long one
for you) - of getting the
Local Govt Board & its
~~ins~~ excellent Inspector, into
a scrape by directing
attention to them -

ever your loving

Aunt Florence (Agag)

f146

Agag will send at 6 o'cl or so
for the one for Miss Janes -
But don't bother yourselves, please
- I could send it, I suppose,
tomorrow morning to get to Leeds
? by Saturday night -
F.N.

unsigned proof, ff147-48, pencil

f147

p.6 [Proof - "For Leeds Conference"]

p.7 &c

do you think it wise to quote
a "Local Govt Officer"?
It would be easy for any
enemy to trace the narrative
to *Bucks* - I have been
told by more than one that
the L. G. Board *must* be
careful - because it has
been 'cast' in so many
suits. Suppose an
action is brought ~~about~~
against it, by my
quotations - & suppose
the excellent "Officer" is
injured! It is so easy
to pick holes - It is
none so easy to mend
them.

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p. 22 (9) I have made
only a botch here - I wish
we could say something a little
more precise & to the point

p.3 The purist Spottiswoode
thinks that *fag* end is better
than *tag* end
What do *you* think?

p. 8 Is it wise to put the
exact price of hiring a ~~cart~~? Sewage
cart?

Add Mss 41977D

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Last Para. p.27

Do you approve of this?

p.1 Shall I omit:

“O wonder of wonders!”

signed letter, ff149-52, pen & pencil

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10 South St Nov 4/93

Dearest Maude

I hope your Dentistry
expedition with G. & K.
was successful -

And I trust Fred &
Mr. Curzon were, last night.

Many thanks for your
note.

When people ask me
~~after~~/how Sir Harry is, 9 times
out of 10 I have to answer

'Incredibly naughty'.

Now isn't it 'incredibly
naughty' of you to go
to Leeds & arrive just
an hour or two before
Agag comes off - And I
dare say you mean to

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come back next day.

Or rather it is 'incredibly
'naughty' of Agag to have
allowed you to go -

~~Now about Agag's paper:~~

I sent the other Proof to
Miss Janes at Leeds by last
the night's post - (& told
her you had the other one
to read)

1. And, referring to my former
notes to you - *p.p. 6 & 7*

I thought it too risky to
leave in *about the Local
Govt Official*, for the reasons
I gave you, & I scratched
out both allusions -

Please do the same
unless Fred thinks "strongly"
to the contrary.

f150

As for "Dr. De'Ath", there
is scarcely a word supplied
by him in the whole paper.

And the descriptions do
not refer to his Division
at all - *I shall not tell*
you to what Division or
County they refer, in
order that you may be
able to say that *you*
do not know. for people
will be sure to ask you.
I know people who
would give their ears
to hunt me up, which
would be very easy &
signifies little to me -
but probably signifies
a great deal to *officials*.

f150v

2. I put in an extremely
awkward fresh botch ~~to~~
(for I was tired) to IV. 9.

*I wish very much we
could improve that,*
because you see I have
been questioned about it.

I forget what else I
altered - I was so interrupted

But I would gladly
IF YOU & FRED WERE SO
GOOD AS TO SUGGEST,
put in your suggestions
into your Proof - if you like.

3. O one other thing I put into
Miss Janes' copy - After
the story of the poor woman
who took the medicine for

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her husband's 'bad leg'
because she thought she
had fever, & it made her
feel so **peart** - a Derbyshire
word - I put in

'The **peartness** *ended in
'fever'* - **Peart** means lively.

The people in Derbyshire
are so interesting, tho' I
can't at all say they are
good - And the betting
& the drink among the
Miners certainly increase:
And the dressing among
the girls

I'm not at all a
'high=wage'r -

f151v

But I won't bother
any more now -
ever your loving
Aunt Florence
(& hateful Agag)

f152

It is 39 years to-day
Nov 4 since we
arrived at Scutari -
& it is 39 years
tomorrow Nov 5
since the "Soldiers'
battle" (Inkerman)
when a handful of
men saved the
Army & perhaps Europe
It was greater than
Thermopylae -
How A few, standing to
their duty, can change
the course of history

signed letter, ff153-54, pencil

f153

10 South St Nov 6/93
Leeds

Dearest Maude & Fred

I have had an exceedingly
nice acknowledgment of
our paper (from Miss Janes,
the Secretary), & of your
coming.

I hope you will cut it as
short as you can: (tho' Miss
Janes does not so much
as allude to its length:)
compatibly with its being
for "*Women Workers*".

[The original M. S. was only
27 pages - the one the Proof
was printed from, 43 pages]
tho' I should not have thought,
if the former were only "20 mins"

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the latter would be "50 min"
But I think a paper longer
than 20 min. should not be
read.

I accept all Fred's emendations
with a loud purr of
gratitude, such as the best
fish elicits in the cat -
but Agag still feel "hewn in
pieces" about *IV 9 p.22*
because, you see, Miss Hubbard
& others, have asked so many
questions about *this* -the
"independent test of the
"RESULTS in cottage homes."
And even with Fred's constant

f154

help, we have not come to
a distinct conclusion.

Now I shall pray God
that you have a fair
journey, and, worldly woman!
a good luncheon *on the*
road - & a place to
sit down in between Arrival
& Agag
ever your loving
Aunt Florence
Love to chicks

Add Mss 41977D

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ff155-55v, November 7, 1893 from FV, re Gwendolen's excellent results at half-term

signed letter, ff 156-56v, pencil

f156

Nov 12/93

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

If you will be so good as to
give Messenger the proof you
read - were so good as to read
- at Leeds -

& if you would kindly say
whether you & Fred think the
additions & alterations he so
kindly made should all be
put in into a paper *not* to
be *spoken* but read -

I should be deeply obliged
I hope the parts you so wisely
left out are marked on the
proof -

You know, if you could
kindly spare me a visit - *not*
only about Leeds - how glad I

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should be - But I *have* a
conscience, tho' you do not
know it, & I know
that Sunday afternoon ought
to be Fred's & the children's
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

ff157-58, Fred V to FN November 13, 1893, re the death of Vortigern Verney

ff159-60v, Fred V to FN November 14, 1893, re Maude's third class train trip to Leeds and FV's last sight of Vortigern

signed letter, ff161-64v, pen & pencil

f161

Nov 14/93

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

I do indeed feel with
you & for you, dear Fred,
in the fearful shock for
yourselves almost as
much as for his immediate
family - of dear Vortigern's
so sudden death.

You had made a
second home for him -
you had been a main
element in his happiness
& his goodness this last
year. And it is a
touching thing that the
last token of his love
not 12 hours before his

f161v

fatal illness should
have been to bring
a musical toy for
Kathleen. "O insupportable
& touching loss" seems to
sound in my ears.

Afflictions & comforts
are so mingled together -
or rather all the "Blesseds"
given us spring out of ills.
It is a comfort as well
as a trial to look back
& see how large a share
yourselves had in his life -
temporal & eternal - For
we can never speak of a
life ended. It is only begun

f162

What can the "crown of
"life" mean - such a favourite
expression. It can't mean
rest or absorption - Life
is life. He was the 'life'
of us all, we say. The
'crown' of life must be
a larger, nobler, freer,
more earnest activity
in the cause of God,
the Almighty Friend -

"Therefore" "my beloved
"brethren", as St. Paul
always ends his exhortations
after death with, in some
words or other, "be ye
stedfast, unmoveable,
always *abounding* in the

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work of the Lord,
forasmuch as ye know
that your labour is not
in vain in the Lord.”

[I read that with the
servants this morning.
They were very much moved
by Vorty's death}

O that dear James
would take a lesson of
activity from the
“wholesome” life of Vorty -

But - Mrs. T. H. Green
(who nursed Mr. Jowett
in both his illnesses) said
to me: “I did not speak
“to him much in his last
“days. What were my thoughts

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“to his? He had his own
thoughts. And I did not
interrupt them”.

so I feel now with you

You have your own
thoughts about this
terrible blow. What
are my thoughts to yours?
Forgive me.

Maude, when she was
so good as to come on
Sunday, was asking me
about Mrs. T. H. Green;
& I was going to tell her,
when something interrupted;

After her husband's death,
she was quite prostrate for
a while (she is still quite
a young woman) - then she
picked herself up, & went

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to the London Hospital!

as a Probationer Nurse -
& finally as a Ward Sister

She was recalled to Oxford
by the necessity of taking
charge of an Invalid old
Aunt- & so was stopped
short in her Nursing career
to my infinite disgust.

But see, how wrong I
was!

~~I~~ think we must not let

Maude go to Leeds at
her own expence. She went
for our good, for the public
good. Still I feel as if
she had given me a

f164

splendid present, & I
were to give her sixpence
for it.

But I enclose it to you

Ought she to go in
Omnibuses?

~~I~~ do so feel for G. & K.

dear souls -

If any body is going to
the Funeral from London, I should
like to send an immortelle
for our Vortigern -

I have been so grateful
for Maudie's letters -

Do you know whether
Margt *is* going to Morfy?
poor Morfy - how *will* she
bear it?

f164v

ever your loving
Aunt Florence
Thank you very much
for the Sanitary Reports
F.N.

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
{upside down} Park Lane. W.

ff165-67v, November 14, 1893, from MV re Vortigern's death

signed letter, ff168-69, pen [8:923-24]

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Nov 15/93

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

How good of you to
take my Cross. The
inscription, too long, is
within - Dear Vortigern -
*Please thank his brother
Harry for his most touching
note to me* - How I pray
that the brothers may
be lifted by God's own
hands over this
terrible time to
Vortigern's joy in life.

It seems years since
I saw you on Sunday -
You know perhaps that

f168v

Mr. Jowett's successors
are appointed -
Caird of Glasgow elected
by the Fellows as Master
Bywater appointed by the
Crown as Greek Professor
- both such different men
& types from Mr. Jowett.
But there was *no one* -
I pray for you all.
Vortigern remembers you
all.

God bless you
Don't tire yourself too
much
I hope you saw blessed

f169

Margt in some peace
ever your loving
Aunt Florence
with love to all at
Clockfaen

{f170 is blank except for printed address: 10, South Street, Park Lane. W., and date: 19 Nov 1893}

signed note, ff170v-71, pencil

f170v

Thanks, thanks, everlasting
thanks -

There is a black bird
singing here - no doubt
in honour of the flowers.
I have never heard him
here before.

ever your loving
Aunt Florence
The flowers will be
company to me for a

f171

long while - as long as
they live. And they
shall live long.

Love to all
ever your affectionate
Aunt Florence

envelope, f172, pen

f172

by Hansom Cab
Mrs. Frederick Verney
6 Onslow Gardens
19/11/93

unsigned letter, ff173-74, pencil

f173

10 South St Nov 19/93

Dearest Maude You must
have had a sad, sad time
at Clockfaen, except for the
thought of dear Vortigern -
How are you all? And
will good James be more
serious about *life*? I don't
mean about death.

I was going to send
yesterday to enquire after
you, but could not.

In answer to your question,
I have never known a
case ~~where~~ of fatal apoplexy
in one so young- But I asked
Dr. Ord, (who is attending me)
who had seen the death
in the Newspaper, & who said

f173v

that *if* it happened it was
generally the result of
valvular disease of the heart
& a 'clot' finding its way
~~out~~/ wrong. But when I told him
the few particulars I knew
about the dear boy, he
said it could not be that -
it must be "hæmorrhage" -
He asked anxiously if
there had been a *Post Mortem*?

I have not seen blessed
Margaret. She came on
Friday about 2.15 - in a
great hurry to get off by the
2.45 - but offering to stay till
a later train - I had no

f174

alternative however, for I had
an early afternoon appointmt,
impossible to put off. [I did
not get your kind Telegram
till later.] She *must* be
tired - I fear you are, too -

ff175-76v, December 9, 1893, from FV, re a letter from Mr. David Dale, an labour employer and re
FV's Radicalism

initialled letter, ff177-78, pen & pencil

f177

Health at Home

&c &c *Missioners* 16/12/93
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My Dear Fred

Thank you very, very
much for your account of
Claydon Conference - I was
very anxious to hear. I wish
I could know what Mr. Herbert
Dale said about "*Organization*"
It might be very useful to
us. "Lady *Lecturers*" on
"Health" are more rife than
Influenza. It is a perfect
pest. They send their
Programmes to me! at Claydon!
which is adding insult to
injury, as they Parrot said
when they brought him from
his native shores to the
British Isles, & then made
him learn English.

f177v

The Lady *Lecturers* pursue
me as fleas do in Italy -
One of our St. Thomas' training,
a quite common-place woman
but good Nurse has left her
Nursing to lecture! at for
a country *County Council!*
as 2.10 a week for 3
months - & all travelling
expences paid - & promise of
another 3 months i.e. 65 for 6
months

Our Oxford Matron
lectures to a Class of
250!! in the country on
Cottage Sick Nursing! but
then she does it very
practically - & is shy about it -
not triumphant.

&c &c &c

Moral

to do what you propose
as soon as possible - & get

f178

out a pamphlet - & a Fund, if
possible - for Health *Missioners*
I believe our Leeds Conference
paper is to be published as a
Pamphlet very soon.

I am overdone with work
of other sorts - And so are
you -

I have Douglas Galton
tomorrow (Sunday)
F.N.

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff179-79v, pencil

f179

16/12/93

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

I have carefully read
& with mingled fury
& pleasure your
excellent Summary -
And you will see
that for the places
that I know, I think
it is rather understated
than overstated.

Having adorned it
with some remarks
about Steeple Claydon cess-pools, &
not having much

f179v

time, "I deliver the
"Staff to you, Sir" -
ever yours & Maudie's
loving Aunt Florence

Add Mss 41977D

710

signed letter, ff180-81, pencil

f180

Mr. Morant 23/12/93

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Here is Mr. Morant's
most touching letter - I
could not lay my hand
upon it last night.

I ought to have returned
it before

I have not yet written
the letter to you for Lord
Rosebery - but will.

Mr. Morant is a
gallant fellow, thro' all -
& will yet work out his
life -

He owes you great
thanks

f180v

Do you think he is right
about M. Jacquemyns
being so ignorant of the
real state of things?

ever your loving
Aunt Florence

Your magnificent offer
that I should come to
your dear house in a
fortnight Yes - but alas!
I cannot accept: millions
of thanks

f181

We have been excessively
pressed lately tho' I
dare say not so much
as you -

Love to every body at
Claydon -

I understand Lettice
will be back this morning
& Margt waiting for
them at Euston Hotel -
How I should like to
know how they are &
what they do -

We have paint in the house
-cannot ask them

ff182-83v, Claydon House, Bucks., February 11, 1894, from FV, re the illness & impending death of
Sir Harry

ff184-84v, February 12, 1894, re Sir Harry's death

signed letter, ff185-86v, pen & pencil

f185

Feb 14/94

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My very dear Fred

Thank you, thank you
for your two dear letters,
- grateful to you for 'ever
for the one written the night
before his death or rather
as you say of the beginning
of life to him.

It is true, it is true:
his character was almost
unique in some things -
He had I will not say
the art, nor even the gift,
but the *grace* of attaching
people to himself. It was
the grace of God. Every
one loved him who knew him.
The world is poorer without him.

f185v

He was ever young, ever fresh.

Please tell Morey how I feel
for him - how we thank him
for his ever ready care of him
keeping him alive & vigorous -
- & how sorry we are for his
anxiety about Edith -

And please give a message
for me to Mrs. Davidson
& to Mr. Robertson.

You know what a loss
he is to me, but when I
think of the loss, the
break up to his family,
I cannot feel my own.

Words are so poor -

f186

Either Sam or Louis Shore
Nightingale wishes to come
to the funeral, and I know
that you all will not
forbid but take their
true feeling as it is felt,
as their father cannot come -
I will telegraph who comes -

How many true mourners
there will be -

I cannot write much now.
I do not like to think of
tomorrow. The funeral will
be the least trying part -

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

Thank you very much for
remembering at such a time

f186v

to send me Miss Rowlands'
most satisfactory letter to
Dr. De'Ath - I will
send Dr. De'Ath our Leeds
paper -

Pray thank dearest Maude
for her dear, dear letter - I
am writing to her - I do
feel what she says so very
much -

I enclose 2/3 letters for you
to deliver, please, to
Margt & Ellin & Maudie.

ff187-88v, April, 1894, re political meetings at Norwich

signed letter, ff189-90v, pen

f189

August 27/94

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude & Fred

Thanks for your most kind
invitation & for his so
interesting printed papers.

You perhaps may have
seen Shore's death in
London on Thursday night last, so
that I could not write.

[8:924]

Just at last it was very
sudden - only 24 hours' illness
but very suffering. Only he
was simple & good & kind
& gentle to the last just like himself.
It was Pneumonia & heart.
Only his wife & Louis (&
two Nurses) were with him.
Unluckily Sam, the eldest
& Barbara were in Cornwall

f189v

for a much needed short holiday. They came back as fast as they could, but it was too late to see him alive. Their mother went up herself to Hampstead to tell it to Rosalind (the married one) who came back with her - All the burden of the day fell upon dear Louis, who was everything to his dying father, & afterwards did all the sad, sad business in the most efficient way, & joyfully, tho' he came here to cry - And he kept his mother calm -

f190

The funeral is to-day at Wellow (Embley). They persuaded their mother not to go - And I hope she will go up to Hampstead & stay there with the baby and a lady friend -

I am in Fred's debt for several letters. But I will only say now that, about the Bucks Council, a great authority said that, instead of being discouraged, he ought to feel very much encouraged & to think it a great victory, if 13 men voted with him, only one less than the other side,

f190v

knowing what people
County Councillors are -
& that soon, soon he
will have a complete
victory - only he MUST
stay as Chairman of
the Committee -

Aunt Florence's love
to the three dear chicks
No more at present
from your ever loving
Aunt Florence

unsigned letter, ff191-92, pen & pencil

f191

Dr. De'Ath's
big scheme Sept 29/94
Private 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

I am very sorry I cannot
agree with you quite about
Dr. De'Ath's scheme - I have
consulted experienced people,
who say (in which I entirely
agree:)

1. the only upshot of it will
be: free country *Lectures*
by trained *Nurses* !
2. the first question will
be: "what have they done
"in Bucks?" *and what*
have we to show? that
they will not pronounce
a failure ?

On no one that we know of
has the plan of real

f191v

Health Missioners *laid*

any hold - Lectures, lectures,
lectures is the only thing in
any one's head - There have
been 3 reviews of our
Rural Hygiene since it
became a pamphlet -
One (Lady Henry Somerset's)
says 'Miss N's scheme is free
public Lectures, (sic) to
country women - !!!
but the *practical* consequence,
& the only one I know has
been - that I have had
letters from National Health
Soc'y ladies saying -
'Here is my Programme
'here are my terms - I
'understand you want
'lady -lecturers for the country'

f192

You say "The wider
"the base, the greater
"the certainty" - Certainty
of what? There is no
kernel, *nø*/little seed to begin
with - *no* "base". That is just
what we want -
"A dozen County Councils
"in union could do
"wonders in this direction"
In what direction? The
Bucks Co: Co: has not
supported us - tho' I
am sure you have
worked "hard & well
enough
{written sideways in the bottom margin}
I cannot
write more
and I have
just received
your note
about
"Opening
"Address" at
"Aylesbury",
which I
answer on
another sheet.

initialled letter, ff193-94v, pen & pencil

f193

Claydon) 29/9/94

“All the descriptions of the
“Closets from Cesspool to
“*dry earth ones* have been
“altered.” (in the Acland Form
which I gave)

This is good news.

“As regards the condition
“in which they are kept,
“the whole of them have
“been inspected, Philip
“Tomes being present”.
and a most creditable
report given of their
condition. They were
found without a single
exception in a perfectly
sanitary state - & no
unpleasant smell to be
This is better news still

f193v

“detected in any case -
“very different from the
“old cesspools”.
It is not known who can
take the credit of this,
“whether the Sanitary
“Inspector exercises any
“great influence” - but it
was more likely to rest
“in great measure with
“the people themselves -
“They did not know “that
they were to be inspected
“so they were found just
“in their normal state”.

f194

[F.N. thinks that when the people do otherwise, it is more the fault of some other than their own.

But your question is the great one of this age - how soon ~~are~~/can the people be sufficiently informed for responsibility to improve them?

You know in "Rural Hygiene" we have put that out of 120 cottages (those were Sir Harry's - chiefly in Steeple Claydon) are counted 109 cesspit privies

f194v

It was in Sir Harry's time, as I understand, that these were altered into *dry earth* closets.

I think we ought to record this somehow. It is not recorded in your "Summary".

—Dr. De'Ath writes a kind note, acknowledging my warning about his proposed great scheme, of which I wrote to you -

F.N.

Thanks for Mr. Morant's letter. I cannot lay my hand on it just now.

&, worse, I cannot see him just now.

Will you tell him how it grieves me?

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
{upside down} Park Lane. W.

but I hope to see him
some time

I am so very glad the Bangkok people

propose to give you your money -

why, you ought to have 1000 a year. F.N.

signed letter, ff195-96, pencil

f195

Claydon {archivist: Nov 1894}

My dearest Fred

Thank you so much
for your dear letter.

And thank you so
much for telling me
about Philip. He & I
had so much in common
when he was at Aldershot
& commanding the London
District. He was the
greatest loss to us -
Alas that his precious
public life was ended then!
But I know what he
was to you. And your
character of him is
so just & loving.

f195v

They did not know
of his death here. But
Ellin came yesterday
& told us a little more
which she had heard
from George.

I assure you there
are a great many
besides "Maudie" who
don't 'boycott" you!
& none less than
your ever loving
Aunt Florence
Death follows death

f196

Nov 4/94

40 years ago to-day
we landed at
Scutari Hospitals -
How God has guided us!
I hope Siam is not
very bad -

O if Philip had but
been the next
Adjutant Genl!

signed letter, ff197-98v, pencil

f197

Claydon

Nov 11/94

My very dear Fred
Thank you very
much for your Report,
which blessed Margt
has also enjoyed - I
think we should
like a few more
copies, please - as
you kindly offer them.
Pray rejoice in your
magnificent conquest
of the "devil": that is,
as some philosopher
explained, not a

f197v

personality, but a
principle of evil
which, alas! finds
itself room in many
personalities -
I have had a long
conversation with
Dr. De'Ath, who is
very keen about the
Health=at=Home vs -
& who with Margaret
wants several things
which you will hear
when you come -

f198

Also: I am to see to-day
Miss Janes, the Secretary
to the Leeds Conference,
who was much
impressed with the
paper which Maudie
read, & who has
"thoughts" - She is
staying here till
tomorrow - [I suppose
the fact was she was
"much impressed" with
Maudie -]

I was very glad to
hear about dear Genl
Philip - O that he could

f198v

have recovered to be
Adjutant Genl. What
a 'find' for us would
that have been !

I fear Margt is far
from well - Maudie's
letters cheer her very
much - Also, she, Margt,
condescends to take
some *little* care now.

Ever, with love & thanks,
to you & Maudie
& to the childer love,
your loving
Aunt Florence

initialled letter, ff199-99v, pen & pencil [8:924-25]

f199

Dec 22/94

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

You ask me to write something
in Gwendolen's Testament. I
have no words about Gwendolen.
I have not seen her lately - but
when I saw her last, she had
got back that wonderful look
in her eyes like the Infant Jesus
in the Drn. Raphael which
embraces the whole world -

[I remember her in the days
when in that low solemn inward
voice as if she were singing
to God she used to talk
about having blind people in
her house & poor people - not
that I want her to be only
that] What *can* I say to her
but 'God bless thee'? That takes
in all - But on the birth-day
of the child Jesus, I would wish
her His

f199v

simplicity - not multiplicity
innocence - thinking no evil
purity - or seeing God, not self.

“I must be about my Father’s
business”

& all this to lead to a love &
devotion which takes in the
whole world - (or the world
around Him)

I did so hope that she
might have remained under
your *wing* (at least till past
her teens) that she might
have preserved that wonderful
mixture of genius & simplicity
(like yours) which all the
world cannot give but *can*
take away.

Do what you like with
the inscription - I am afraid
it is wanting in that very
simplicity

F.N.

Add Mss 41977D

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Add Mss 68888, microfilm, 203 folios, 93 pages, correspondence with Frederick and Maude Verney Part 6 1895-96, Adam Matthew reel 42

ff1-2v, 6, Onslow Gardens, January 5, 1895, from FV, re changes at Pleasley, and a secret about Lettice. I enclose Dr Bulstrode's letter on his Isolation Hospmemo. Kindly send it onto Dr Death; re farmers rent dinner

ff3-3v January 14, 1895, re a letter from a little Crown Prince

signed letter, ff4-7v, pen & pencil

[13:210-11]

f4

Bucks Lunatic Asylum

My dear Fred

I am somewhat excited by this Report - I hope & believe we could not show a similar one in Derbyshire -

You ask for hints:

1. If they have Nurses, how could one fourth AT LEAST (see Report) of the deaths show "Bedsore"? This recalls our worst Military times -

f5

2. What were the Medical Officers about ?

3. Where is the Matron?

It is however but fair to say that Margt reports most favourably of two cases & their treatment which went from here -

& suggests that Maude should see Mrs. Davidson (whose address she knows, I believe - close by you/O.G.) who accompanied to the Asylum one of these (Mrs. Hogg, I think) & was impressed with the kindness & care.

4. The "wet beds" tell a sad tale. Workho: Infirmaries tell a sadder. But then they have such a large proportion of old infirm cases - But even then this can be prevented by care & sympathy.

But what Margt and I feel most strongly is that you should

f5v

send a small Committee, say
three, with a Doctor among them
or even two, - a small Committee
out of your own Committee to
enquire in a FRIENDLY manner
& into such questions as these,
among others:

No. of trained Nurses?

Where trained?

Who is the Matron - & what
her duties - & what amount of
supervision?

f6

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Where there are considerably over
200 women Patients, this is
very important.

But it is scarcely less important
among the men - Patients -
or at least among the men
Infirmary cases, & where the
Total Deaths are one in ten -

Note: It occurs to one that perhaps

"Mrs. Hogg" was a "*Private*" Patient -

Her Nurse appears to have been a cultivated woman

f7

N.B. The great advantage of a Committee visit over the written Report you will receive is 1. that it tells *so much more* than a written Report.

2. that a written Report so often makes *bad blood*, whereas a friendly visit from some of your own Committee need not - any more than if you went yourself.

Good speed to this as well as to all your other undertakings, my dear Fred

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

We have long recommended a Training School for Nurses for Lunatics, to begin at some place like Hanwell - I have heard that a beginning has been made but I do not know about Hanwell

f7v

Will you tell dearest Maude that I was going to write to her to say that I could not give your too, too generous contribution to St. Thomas' till we know that something sufficient will be raised for their necessities - but I will tell the Treasurer that ~~you~~ it is here - Claydon

Feb 10/95 F.N.

report, ff8-9, pen & pencil

[13:211]

f8

Report: Bucks Lunatic Asylum - 1
apparently constructed & opened
in 1853. In upwards of 40 years,
while our knowledge of requisites for
Asylums & Infirmaries has so vastly
increased, have these requisites here
been brought up to date?

It is necessary to know this to answer
Nos 1, 10 &c

No 2. Is the County Surveyor to decide
upon the no &c of W.C. s? see also *No. 10*
has this an indirect connection with the
“wet beds”? No 10

No 12. [reminds one of a criticism
made on a Military Medical Report:
“Ventilation sufficient, because it is *not.*”]

Attendance sufficient, because it is *not*
Also: are Patients’ ears to be “bitten”,
even “slightly”, because there is not
attendance ~~suffi~~ to prevent it?

The “epileptic” & “actively suicidal”
cases make this a truly alarming
question -

go on to 2

f9

-2-

No 13. "expencc is not absolutely an answer to the "need".

An "Infirmary" is usually now considered "absolutely necessary" -

No 14 "Notes too meagre"

The reply reminds one of the child:

"We always burn our mouths in the "nursery".

No 16 is a curious commentary on the reply to 14:

7 Post Mortems without any "notes" at all

Nos 18, 19. "Bed-sores" & "wet beds" were ordered not to come; but did come.

"Ventilation"

Attendance sufficient because it is not. [Are there any *trained Nurses* here?

[N.B. We have this difficulty continuously confronting us in Poor- Law Infirmaries but successfully combated in some by the attendants (trained Nurses)

[end]

ff10-11v, Fred V to FN February 12, 1895, re miscellaneous news of the family

ff12-13v, Fred V to FN re the election contest in Norwich

ff14-15v, Fred V to FN February 17, 1895, re a Lunatic Asylum Report and a small sum sent to St. Thomas' Hospital Fund, and the election in Norwich

ff16-17v Fred V to February 22, 1895, re the Lunatic Asylum Report and money spent

unsigned letter, ff18-19v, pencil

f18

Lunatic Asylum Report

Feb 23/95

Dearest Fred

I had a long talk with
Dr. De'Ath yesterday
He says: Mr. Humphrey,
the Rest Medl Supt, is a
very "rum" customer indeed.
He advises that one lady,
at least, if not two,
should be on the small
Sanitary Commee, if you
send one to inspect the
place - He says Dr. Osborn
(the only Dr on the large
Sany Commee) is not a
'persona grata' - He

f18v

anticipates 'bad blood'
any how, but not a
'scrimmage', if there is a
lady.

He says the small Commee
should be

- 1 yourself
- 2 "Taylor"
3. Lady Verney
4. another lady outsiders

I told him 1. and 3. were
impossible

he wants very much to see
the Report of the

Commissioners in Lunacy

- I told him I had

returned it to you -

Could you send him one?

f19

On other subjects in our
talk another time

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

I have seen Margt since

I wrote this - & she
says she would go to

the Lunatic Asylum
with you, if you went.

But she rather
recommends Lady

Addington, if you
asked her yourself,

& if you went yourself
She would not go

f19v

with Alderman Taylor.

or Mrs. Horwood
(is that the name ? /
of Aylesbury, wife
of Major Horwood.

She Margt thinks a lady
who is quite out of it
would be better than
herself

I don't think
Margt is very well.

writing in the dark

Add Mss 41977D

732

signed letter, ff20-21v, pen

f20

Claydon Feb 25/95

(in FV's hand: FN. on my birthday)

{printed address: ~~10, South Street~~
Park Lane. W.

My dearest Fred

I sing O be joyful
for the day which has
given you to us And
I wish you God speed
in all your undertakings
for our good.

We shall miss you
sadly at C. C. Committees
here. But the work
you have done can
never die.

Sir H. Acland writes
to me to ask you to
"strike off a large
"number of copies in

f20v

"small octavo" of the

Introduction - it is
chiefly yours - to your
"Bucks Sanitary Conference"

Sir H. Acland "would
"like 100" - & as he
has put it into my
head - & I find such
"pessimistic" views
of Parish & District
Councils, I should
like 100. I wish
I could save you the
trouble of doing this.

f21

You will let me of
course pay the expence.
I am trying by such
small books as
Fowler's Poor Law
Chalmers' Local Self
Govt, which is being
reprinted with an
additional Chap. on
"Parish Councils"
&c &c &c
& by sending them to
country Libraries that
I know, to insense
the people as to the
"duties & responsibilities"

f21v

of Parish & District
Councils - Could you
kindly tell me of any
other such books you can
recommend?

It is not a little alarming
your view of James
Verney's situation &
his own.
I hope you were pleased
at the Govt victory on
Indian import duties.
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

ff22-23v, Fred V to FN March 10, 1895, re the death of the Dean, died in harness

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff24-25, pencil

f24

Bucks County March 21/95

Asylum

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

According to your desire,

I send a few notes on
the extraordinary replies -
But I could have summed
them up in 3 aphorisms:

1. (Ventilation) sufficient,
because it is *not* =(my own
on some Military Medical
Reports sent me to review)
2. the child's "We always
burn our mouths in the
nursery"
3. "There were much
uglier in the shop"

f24v

2. Thank you very
much for your Address
to Wolverton -

f25

3. After your giving
me your kind message
to Sam Shore Nightingale
on Sunday, I addressed
a little heap of Telegrams
to him, but failed to
see him till yesterday
(Wednesday) He then
went off to see you
at Onslow Gardens -
He wished to try for it
your loving
Aunt Florence

ff26-29v, Fred V to FN March 31, 1895, re a cancelled visit of Prince Swasti to FN, news of the health of Gwendolen and Kathleen and a search for a man of general and special education

signed letter, ff30-31, pencil

f30

April 9/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

Dearest Maudie

I have seen Morfy, &
she looks quite cheered
up, George being better
to-day. And there
seems to be no undue
excitement in seeing
James, which is a great
comfort - He had 3 three
hours' good sleep this
morning from 10 to one.
He keeps his room.

I hope dear Ralph
will be in the same
"shell" or "remove" (or
whatever that my {illeg eterious?})

f30v

thing is called) as Harry
at Harrow - I did not
express my 'sentiments'
on this point.

I send a bit of paper
which is to be used as
the law directs - And if it
is not I shall prosecute
with the utmost rigour
of the law. Don't pinch.

I have not used
your beautiful cheque
for St. Thomas' yet -
But I have told the
Treasurer that when
his Subn shall have

f31

reached a serviceable
sum, then these will
come in - I have it
quite safe -
How sorry I am - I think
it was Edmund told me - that
an unlucky investment
has been made with
Sir R. Western in Essex
How touching was the
speaker's farewell
~~where is "Gully"?~~
Fine weather for Lowestoft
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff32-33v, pen [5:533-34]

f32 {in FV's hand: On Peel's retirement [Apr 14]}

Easter Day/95
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W
I turn from all this
farrago to echo your
feeling about that
great man's farewell
speech, the Speaker's.
It is the Ho: of C.'s
farewell to its past
great life too -
An inferior man
would have scolded
the Ho; well, tho'
majestically, for all
it had made him go
thro', during the past
11 years - for its school-boy

f32v

tricks instead of being
 an earnest House of
 gentlemen, seeking with
 the solemnity/dignity which
 marks the deepest
 earnestness, the nation's
 weal, the weal of an
 Empire which counts
 a fifth of the world's
 population.

But this Peel, the last
 of its great men, points
 them to the grand &
 splendid traditions of
 their past - & appeals
 to a future of "centuries"
 when they must be ~~the~~
 as they were the

f33v

first, the model of
 the representative
 Institutions of the world.

Then, farewell Gladstone,
 farewell Peel

Who is this Gully? They
 say that Peel had no
 more "experience" when
he began. That's not
 true. But if it were
 Peel had the most
 magnificent Parliamentary
 antecedents, while
 Gully's father whom I
 knew well was a
 charlatan, a Hydropathic
 very clever quack -

[end 5:534]

f33v

Best Easter love to Maudie
& childer three, &
particularly to Kathleen

I wish to know who
are the crew of your
Yacht - Are you the
'Master'? & Ralph
the 'Mid'? I hope
there are *ABs* of
skill besides Kathleen
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

ff34-35v, Fred V to FN April 10, 1895, re Peel's retirement

ff36-36v, Fred V to FN Brookes, St. James Street, April 28, 1895, re Ralph's return to Harrow

ff37-38v, Fred V to FN The Siamese Legation, 23, Ashburn Place, London, S.W., re training for Miss Deyns

unsigned notation, f37v, pencil

f37v

Miss Lückes

? 1. 1 a week

Mrs. Cheadle

ask about "Expansion"

Miss Deyns Hospl training

unsigned letter, ff39-40, pencil

f39

Mrs. Cheadle - ing May 13/95

Miss Lückes 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

My dear Fred

Mrs. Cheadle accepts
all our additions & suggestions
& comes here this evening
to discuss "Expansion"

If you could give me
some hints, I should be
grateful

Miss Lückes: Matron
of the "London" - sent an
ecstatic account of Miss
Deyns on Saturday night
as a "Paying (temporary)
"Probationer" - & this morning

f39v

sends a whole sheaf of
papers - [I only send
you two - but I can send
you more if you wish to
forward them to the "Soames"
- I shall take out a
Certificate for reading
papers - which is the devil]

Miss Lückes comes on
Thursday .

If Miss Deyns is required
to enter on the "Preliminary
"Training" x & waste 6
weeks out of her 3 months here, I do not
think I can go forward

x which I shall know on Thursday

f40

with this sacrifice of Miss
Deyns - Miss Lückes has
raised the "London" de
profundis - but is
apparently carried away
by the wave of the day
[I go into a Lunatic
Asylum on Friday -]
I would recommend
that you do not bewilder
the "Soames" with the
"Preliminary Training"
paper - He might think
it all so beautiful.
Nursing is to be taught by
Physiology !!!

unsigned letter, ff41-47v, pencil

f41

Cheadle-ing May 14/95
Her own training 6 a.m.
Private 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W
Mrs. Cheadle reminded
me that she WAS TRAINED
AT ST. THOMAS' *for the purpose*
[You wished to put this in
your speech] then came
her 15 years in superintends
& inspecting District Nurses
[She spoke in the highest
terms of St. Thomas' training,
adding, I am sorry to say it,
that there was nothing like
it in the other Hospitals I
know

f41v

Expansion

II I asked her (by your desire)
about the *Expansion, proposed*
the School of Health at
Buckingham - a small house, a
- *resident Supt* for teaching cleaning &c
giving all her time
with a small salary
- *5 lady Probrs* to begin with
paying fees
- *enthusiasm*

She approved it warmly -
I pressed her to think it over
& give us the *disadvantages* -
she will do so:

She thought ladies *would*
come, paying fees
but that it must be *made*
known
it might be the beginning all over the
country

f42

Cheadl - ing

III

Miss Deyns to have Hospital
training for a few months.
Mrs. Cheadle told me, greatly
to my surprise, that Miss Deyns
had said to her: "O if I could
"have even a month or two
"at even a Workho: Infy
" - because the women *will*
"ask me Sick Nursing
"questions - & I cannot answer."

[F.N. "Well, you see," Battersby
& Co, Soames & *his* Doctors,
& Co., (all of whom know no
more about it than my cat,
or rather less,) have dragged
our necks into this noose,
& all we can do is to make
it fit as cleverly as possible.]

I told Mrs. Cheadle what I had
done about Miss Lückes whom she

f42v

knows - & asked her whether she would prefer sending Miss Deyns to *Miss Lückes* - or to *Miss Vincent*, for whom she, Mrs. Cheadle, has had some "excellent" District Nurses for Bloomsbury.

After some consideration, she said: "If the County Council "would give her (Miss Deyns) "6 mo: at the *London*, I "think that would be the "best on the whole because for such a "short time she would see "more variety of cases."

I asked her what would be the *disadvantages*: she said at once, of course: "*She will "be called a trained Nurse"*" I

f43

Cheadle-ing 2-
{printed address:}10, South Street,
Park Lane. W

I said "Miss Lückes "won't grant her any kind of "certificate". She, Mrs. Cheadle, said: "that is well: & Miss "Deyns is too honest to call "herself one" -

[F.N. to herself - Yes, but Soames & Co: will call her one - & Battersby & Co: will call her one - And so we have got our heads into the noose, & cannot get ~~them~~/it out.]

Mrs. Cheadle was quite strong on the point that, if Miss Deyns has to waste "6 weeks" in the "Preliminary Training" at the *London*, she would not let her go at all -

f43v

IV. *Report*

Mrs. Cheadle has inserted in
her Report all our points,
& has sent it to be typed -
She will look it over to-day
& send me two typed copies
this evening - which I shall
transmit at once to you -
[I asked for 4 or 5 copies]

f44

V. I return you two letters
- Prince Devawongse's
- the ex-Speaker's
because I am so afraid of
their getting mislaid
But I have many more
to return you

f45 -2-

15/5/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

Would you kindly
suggest points, if any,
that you wish *attended*
to in Miss Deyns'
training? Miss Lückes
is coming for this
among other things
to morrow Thursday,
when you will be at
your Meeting ~~then~~
The gentlemen's views are
so very peculiar that
I thought you might
help me

f46

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Miss Bartlett's letter

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W

I think she always told
us that she could not
"live away from home" -

It would be the
strangest mistake, I am
sure, of the Tech: Educ: Com:
to remove her from
Buckingham or to get
rid of her.

So far from what Mr.
Soames says, there are
"many villages" which
want the Health Missioner

f46v

Will you tell Miss Bartlett
(see her letter) to send her
little bills to you? And I
will tackle Miss Deyns.

With regard to Miss
Bartlett's last question
of course I do not know:

but I always understood
that that was Co. Co. work,
in which Mrs. Cheadle
was allowed to join.

f47

I was so thankful
for Maudie's letter

With regard to

Professional Lectures for
Probationers please
understand that they
are deluged at St. Thomas'
(as at all great Hospitals)
with Physiology)
Anatomy) Lectures
Hygiene)

3 Courses a year from
3 Professors - besides
Miss Crossland's Classes
which are worth them all

f47v

But to give them these
before they enter the Wards
~~is ver~~ as "Preliminary Training"
is very much like as if
you taught a baby to
walk by giving it
"preliminary" instruction
on the bones of its legs
or as if you taught a
soldier the structure of
his gun before you
taught him to shoot
is it not?

Good speed to you &
M. Rolin Jacquemyns

ff48-49, Fred V to FN 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W. June 4, 1895, re George's health and
~~Margaret at Claydon~~

ff50-50v, Fred V to FN June 8, 1895, thanking FN for her love and sympathy

signed congratulations, f51, pen [8:925]

To Frederick and Maude Verney

June 8/95

Oh blessed Silver Wedding
Oh happy pair of pilgrims
to whom the hard trials of life are
without thorns
always intent on good work
never hindered by self
who passing over the stony highway
of existence make it a well of living
water - to yourselves & to all you reach
May your Golden Wedding be the
complement of this -
the genius of marriage
to yourselves, your children and
the world
is Aunt Florence's fervent prayer
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
{printed sideways} Park Lane. W

ff52-53v Fred V to FN Claydon House, Winslow, Bucks., June 9, 1895, re MV's piano playing and FV's journeys to Greenwich and Norwich

ff54-55 Maude V to FN 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W., {archivist:June 9, 1895} from MV, thanking FN for anniversary flowers and greetings

ff56-57v Fred V to FN The Siamese Legation, London, June 12, 1895, from FV, re the appointment of a new Siamese Crown Prince, presently in England

ff58-59 Fred V to FN 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W., June 27, 1895, expressing FV's gratefulness for the blessings he has received

ff60-61, Fred V to FN The Siamese Legation, 23, Ashburn Place, London, S.W., June 29, 1895, re the possibility of a clerkship for Lewis S. N. at the Siamese Legation

signed letter, ff62-63, pencil [1:713-14]

f62

June 29/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

My dearest Fred

You left your coat here
last night which I send

I hope you got some
dinner some time -

You "is to take your
"beer reg'lar"

I do "pray" & "thank"
for you, my dearest Fred

I have been so much
struck by these Mahometans'

call to prayer - It is not
"Listen God, I'm going to
'pray' Still less; 'I'm

f62v

'putting on a new hat to
go to Church'

It is imploring God to
take the whole thing into
His own hands -

like S. John of the Cross, a
Spaniard of the 16th Century,

who said: Prayer is not to
ask God ~~what~~ to do what
we want, but to ask
Him what He wants us
to do -

All success attend you
ever your loving Aunt
Florence

f63

What a curious selection

Lord Lansdown for the
W.O., & Ld George Hamilton
for the I.O.

ff64-66 going to Sunny Hill, Thorpe, Norwich, July, from MV, re FV's campaign in Norwich

Add Mss 41977D

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unsigned letter, ff67-72, pen & pencil

f67

Miss Deyns

"Health Missioner) July 12/95

Hospital Training) 10, South Street, {printed address:}

"London" Hospital) Park Lane. W

My dear Mr. Verney

As you will suppose, I am

a little startled at the

want of knowledge betrayed

as to Hospital *Nurse-training*

& as to the immense pains

taken by Miss Lückes to

try a *new* experiment for

Miss Deyns' sake in forming

her for a HEALTH MISSIONER

It is now two months

since

Miss Lückes

Matron

The London Hospital

Whitechapel E.

(you ask name

& address)

f67v

met me here at my request

& made out a clear and

well-digested scheme for

giving Miss Deyns a quite

exceptional course of

preparation as "*Health*

"Missioner" for 6 months

to begin immediately, -

because she was told that

immediate action was

necessary to save Miss

Deyns' calling.

She kindly said that

there was no occasion

for Miss Deyns to do more

than fill up the Form

she gave me - & that she

might then be admitted

at once - (on payment,

(But Miss Lückes made no difficulty about that.)

f68

At your suggestion I wrote
all this to Miss Deyns
& sent her the Form to be
filled up - & received
from her a satisfactory
letter.

I cannot of course say
whether Miss Lückes
would take her now, Miss D
having heard I believe
nothing in the meanwhile.
And as for 'October,' there
is a total misunderstanding
on Miss Deyns' part. It
would all have to be done
over again. It is not at
all the question whether
there are more "cases" to
be seen on October or in
May, but whether

f68v

the quite exceptional
course of instruction
will or can be given now.

One thing is certain
that there is no Matron
but Miss Lückes who
will take the trouble Miss
Lückes would & has done.

[True, Hospitals are now
so poor that there is
perhaps not one except
St. Thomas', who would
not take for money a
person for — months
~~for pay~~ - to be made
- anything? - a Doctor
for India? or to take
a Voyage to the Moon?

But what arrangement is made for their instruction?

- None *can* be made &
none *is* made - They are
just left to "pick up"]

f69

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My dear Fred

The questions now {printed address:} 10, South Street,
asked me are Park Lane. W
'if I think there is sufficient
'in Miss Deyns' suggestion
'to make "delay advisable".

Somebody has probably
put into her head that
she can be taken in any
October like a Medical
student - completely
ignoring the fact that
this is an entirely *new*
experiment & a carefully
planned one, for a
HEALTH Missioner & no
one else.

It is a very narrow
pinch whether delay
has not already made

f69v

made her entrance impossible.

It will be obvious that
Miss Lückes would not
have taken the trouble
she has as a mere matter
of business *with any
stranger for any stranger.*

'Begin her course at once,
if even that be yet possible

Miss Deyns' remark
(on the yellow scrawl)
that it is due to the
Council" &c &c - only
shows that they all
together misunderstand
the question - what is
"due to the Council", is
to accept the exceptionally
favourable opportunity.

f70

I am asked
2. "how the arrangement
"should be actually made?
"Is the Matron now ready
"to hear from Mr.
"Williams our Secretary?"

The "arrangement" was made -

I must answer it by
another question:

Has Miss Deyns sent in
her Form duly filled up?
accompanied by an
explanation of delay?

It is most difficult to
advise: The most
business-like thing would
be probably to send it in
(accompanied by a note from *Mr. Williams*)
through me - but I

f70v

1. I have not a moment
to spare
2. I have **excessively**
distressed my "party"
by giving way in the
matter of 6 months, when
they hold out for a year's
training. I answered like
an idiot; 'but this is only
'for a Health Missioner -
'not for a trained Nurse',
And they party justly replied
'but THEY will call her
'a trained Nurse.'
And if I back out of it
now, the 'party' will say
that I am 'well out of it'

f71

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My dear Fred {printed address:} 10, South Street,

I would gladly have Park Lane. W

written you a letter which you
could have sent on to these
untoward people, without trouble

[perhaps p. 1 would do]

& another to yourself,
explaining what a 'fix'
they have got themselves
& me into.

[perhaps p. 2 would do -]

But I am so driven -

And today is Indian
Mail day - I have no time to
make it any shorter

And *you* are so driven -
Good luck to you

P.T.O.

f71v

If it is *étiquette*, as it
undoubtedly may be,
for Mr. Williams to write

still it must not be
done quite coolly
like a customer

And it is very unlikely
that a lady so supremely
busy as Miss Lückes
with some 200 Nurses
should remember exactly
an offer made so long ago

I have pointed out the
difficulties - but none
would be more disappointed
than I - if it were entirely

f72

to slip thro' - none knew
so well as I what an
unique offer Miss Lückes
has made - And none
seem less to understand
the position than Miss D.
herself - so much so
that I almost hesitate
to inflict such a
person on Miss Lückes
to whom I had given
such a good account
of Miss D.

initialled letter, ff73-74, pencil

f73

Miss Deyns) July 13/95

Mr. Williams) 6 a.m.

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

My dearest Fred

Please be careful of me
with these misunderstanding
people -

The *last sentence* on
sheet 1 of my letter of
yesterday where I said
'that they would take any
b"lady who paid for
anything, pretending to teach
her & leaving her to "pick up",
would be ruin to me in
their hands. hey n

I wanted so much to
write something that you
could forward to them without

f73v

trouble. But I was so
hurried & interrupted -
Please do not send anything
to Mr. Williams or
Miss Deyns
with which they could work
harm

As for Miss Deyns, to whom it
was so fully explained two
months ago that she was
admitted by Miss Lückes
on a proposal entirely
appropriate to herself alone,
as a Health Missioner,
she is unintelligible & her
yellow scrawl -
[Of course the delay occasioned
by the uncertainty of whether
the payment would be

f74

sanctioned is no fault of
hers - But]
I could not allow her to go
forward with Miss Lückes
in or out of my name with this
scheme as shown by the
October proposal. Now,
could I?
Probably Miss Lückes has
forgotten all about her as
Miss Deyns - I do not think
she took any note of her
name - *because* she, as
she expressly said, *expected*
Miss Deyns to send in
the Form filled up - And she
has 200 Nurses to think of
I am so sorry for all this
imbroglio to you at this time.
F.N.

ff75-76v Fred V to FN July 28, 1895, re FV's unsuccessful efforts to obtain a seat in the House of Commons

ff77-78, Fred V to FN August 12, 1895, re George's health

Add Mss 41977D

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ff79-80, Fred V to FN The Auld Hame, North Berwick, August 19 1895 from FV with holiday news

Add Mss 41977D

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ff81-82, 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W., July 22, from MV, re George's illness

ff83-84v, Claydon House, Winslow, Bucks., July 26, 1895, from FV, re the Liberal defeat at Norwich due to running two candidates

signed letter, ff85-86v, pencil [5:359-60]

f85

28 July/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Hurra for the Norwich
Meeting to morrow, I say -
tho' you find it oppressive,
I am afraid. It is rather
trying & touching than
oppressive, I think. You
meet your friends, you who
have fought the good fight
so well & meet them who have also
fought it so cheerily - & you
encourage yourselves for
another time. I should
like to be the man of the Beer
meeting *his* friends, the Publicans.

If the old noble of past
times could say: I had rather

f86

'have my dead son than your
 'living ones - how much more
 should you whose son Norwich
 is *not* dead rejoice over your
 possession tho' lost for a time
only a time.

One great lesson this General

Election has or should have
 taught us viz: that the
 working man knows nothing
 of Politics - in the higher sense
 that Dr. Arnold of Rugby
 put to them: Religion & Politics,
 he used to say, make up all the world,
 Religion to teach us God: Politics
 to teach us our fellow - creatures.

I always think of you &
 your saying: when does the
 working - man know enough to
 make him know more by giving him responsibility?

f87v

This is the question of the Age
 When † /you hear the "Labour" party
 contending for more wages, fewer
 hours, to take the freedom from
 every body of taking their work
 as they please & domineer over
 every body to do as the "Labour"
 party please, you see they
 know nothing at all about
 it. If they had really studied
 the subject, whatever conclusion
 they came to, one would have
 no more right to interfere than
 to quarrel with a Russian for
 talking Russian. But it is
 vain to think that the Elementary
 Schools can teach politics. *We*
 have to teach them - to teach
 the village young men - And truly
 the sooner it is begun, the better.
 Village Clubs won't teach them -
 all success be yours - your loving Aunt Florence

ff90-91v Fred V to FN from 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W., July 18, re the defeat at Norwich

signed letter, ff92-92v, pencil [8:926]

f92

July 22/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

My heart is with
you & Fred - But still,
as you I know feel,
there are the greatest
of consolations in the
way you conducted
the contest. But I
should like to drown
B. in Beer & am
constructing an apparatus
similar to that of the
Prince who was

f92v

drowned in Malmsey.
Thank my Fred for his
letter -
Could you tell me how
you thought poor George
- & how you thought
Margt? Just a
word, please - if you
will be so kind.
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff93-94, pencil

f93

Private Augt 24/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

I have not yet had
time to write my letter to you

But could you do me a
favour? They want me

to write a letter of
condolence & appreciation

to the *D. of Cambridge* -

His was so colourless of
a life that it is extremely
difficult to do -

Every body will admit that

- he was no jobber

- he stood up for

everything for the men's
comfort

- he was a first rate

man of business - never

f93v

spared himself the most

tiresome detail -

he was a good man - a

moral man.

but he had no power of

conceiving or exceeding

any reform

& if any is to be made, *he*

must go -

he was exceedingly popular

among the soldiers - (as

popular as his successor

is unpopular - deservedly

unpopular, I believe)

the Duke was most feeling

& kind - but he had not an

f94

atom of a/the soldier in him
- he failed at Inkermann
 where he commanded -
 (a Division, I think) -
because he could not bear
 to have his horse tread
in the blood of the
 fallen men
Could you give me a sentence
 or two?
 ever your loving
 Aunt Florence

unsigned letter, ff95-97, pencil

f95

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Private Letter 27/8/95

to D. of 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Cambridge Park Lane. W.
O no! the "Nurses" have
nothing to do with it. I don't
suppose they know who the D.
of Cambridge is. [When he held
a Meeting on their behalf,
there *were not* Nurses] It is
simply a private letter of
my own to the C. in C. And
if you want to know who
suggested it, it was a man
who, having been many years
in a ~~superior~~'greater' appointment in
the W.O. knows more of the
way the mouse runs than
any body - D. Galton - And,
when he asked me the second
time whether I had written

f95v

& I said 'No' - I asked/consulted a man who is one of my few surviving advisers - & he said 'Write; - & at all events it can do no harm' -

But I only "speak" in *my own* "name" - [I suppose the D. of C. knows that I have been employed for 40 years more or less in the W.O. - because he is a sort of master of detail. But] it is none the less "difficult to concoct" - That's the reason why I come to you - *that*, & because when I see the two men the "Times" is writing up now, I think the D. of C. deserves a better pen than mine.

f96

There is something great in a man who has never jobbed in his life. When all the R. Family are jobbers.

Gwendolen

What you say about Gwendolen is true ever since she was 2 years old - And a very few years later she had all sorts of philanthropies in her head of which she rarely spoke - I am not alluding to all that gabbling & acting about *Dolls'* *Hospis.* Besides, her philanthropies were not on those lines. They were about the blind & old - & about Kathleen whom she used to teach - And even now, tho'

f96v

I see her so seldom, I can
see the wonderful look
return of the Infant Jesus
(in the Dresden Raphael)
whom she was so like -
the look of saving the
world, but not by talk.
Never let a child of that
sort have dolls - *Live* pets
but not in confinement, should
be her play - & taming them.
And a few *good* poor people
if such are within reach, &
teaching their children.

People thought she did not
mourn her grand ~~mother~~/mama - She
used to retire between the
double doors, of which there are
enough at Claydon, & cry,
& say nothing to nobody.
{written in the left side margin}
Margt always said G. was the gem of the whole lot.

f95

{written in the left side margin}
Best love to Maudie & the children

f97

-1a-

I find in the 'other papers' X
"Agriculture" "Mere book knowledge
of no use in such a case as
this. Examinations by Science
& Art Dept considered too
difficult for agricultural
students.

"Cookery" - "Demonstration lessons
in country places useless -

"For classes for poor
people useless to deal
with food & materials
beyond their reach".

X (in Maudie's dear hand)

These remarks are *most*
pregnant. Could we have
more of them for Health at Home?

signed letter, ff98-99, pencil

f98

10 S. St. Sept 21/95

My dear Fred

I hope you are not
the worse for coming to me.
I think I ought to have
shut my window.

Private

Let me say about
'Master Ralph'. He has a
great quality which is
magnanimity - He is like
a father to a boy who
has outstripped him

"I don't think much
"of a boy who is clever"
said to me one of the
wisest people I have
ever known - "I always

Add Mss 41977D

764

f98v

"ask: has he attention?

"And attention is a

"moral as well as an

"intellectual quality - Boys

"with attention never go

"far wrong."

Now I think Ralph
has attention.

Boys of 16 are often
very slow & succeed
well & make remarkable
men in after life -
whereas it is very rare
for a precocious boy
to make a great man -

f99

I back Ralph -

& want to send him 10/

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

ff100-01v en route to Pleasley, Mansfield, September 22, 1895, from FV, re Sir Harry Verney's debts to be paid, Miss Bartlett's dismissal at Buckingham and a visit to Ralph at Harrow

Add Mss 41977D

765

signed letter, f102-03, pencil

f102

Sept 23/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Thank you very much
for your letters.

I am aghast at Miss
Bartlett's dismissal. The
worst of it is that one
does not know what to do.

- I thought she did good,
& what was much more,
Mrs. Cheadle did. Dr. De'Ath
said she taught "Bartlett"
& not Health Mr. Soames;
I think if you were to
examine her centres, you
would, as the Anti-Jacobin
did, find that

"There was a hole for his tail to
come through".

f103

2 *Nationalization* [5:198]

Mrs. Rosalind is at this
moment at Beauvais (in
France). She will not
return from a little tour in
France with her mother & sister
till quite the end of the
month. So meanwhile I
asked the best educated I
know of the Radical M.P.s
He says: "By nationalization
"of minerals they mean
"that individual land owners
"should not monopolize
"them but that they
"should be made
"available for the enterprize
"of the whole nation under

f103v

“proper regulations.
“Practically they are
“nationalized in all
“European countries &
“the owner of the surface
“is not allowed to claim
“exclusive right to all
“below the surface. The
“result would probably
“be to cheapen coal.”

[I think I ought to
receive a small pension
for translating for Radicals.]

Best love to all
ever your affectionate
Aunt Florence

initialled letter, ff104-05v, pencil

f104

Oct 4/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

I am so very sorry to
hear (half an hour ago) from
Miss Lückes that Miss Deyns
has an attack of Scarlet
Fever - &, tho' very mild,
they have been obliged to
send her, as they do all their
Nurses, to the London Fever Hospital,
Liverpool Road, Islington. I am afraid it
is a great disappointment
to Miss Deyns - She had
just completed her month -
& very well, in the Children's
Ward - And Miss Lückes
says that they always

f104v

reckon 3 months f before
a Nurse can resume work -
Miss Lückes asks me to
 “let the Chairman know
 “what has occurred”
And I am afraid I must
 ask *you* to do this.
They *have* communicated
with Miss Deyns’ relations
 “in the routine way”
They say they do not
 know how she caught it
But that is all the old
fashioned idea of Infection.
They say there was no
Scarlet Fever in the Ward.

f105

But there is always
S. Fever when the first
rains come after the heat.
We have one case at
least, among the Probrs
at St. Thomas. But
then we have the
advantage of a separate
block for it.
 I hear a rumour that
you are going to the
S. of France - That is
not true, is it?

f105v

 writing to save the post
with great haste
 F.N.
Miss Irby is in England
 Miss Lückes hopes that
they will give Miss Deyns
another 2 months to
make up all for this
lost 3 months.

incomplete letter, ff106-07v, pencil

f106

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10, South Street, {printed address:}
so many in England Park Lane. W.
with no (or little) knowledge
of the facts are hounding
us on to War - the great
Sunday "Demonstration"
in Hyde Park - but not only
that - but popular ladies
of authority &c &c &c -
One gentleman of authority
told me that we could
have no idea of what an
European War would be
now with our long range
guns, our frightful instruments
for blowing up by the thousand,
our Ironclads - no hand
to hand fighting

[15:571]

f106v

I cannot get the D. News
And I could not read it
if I had it. You say
that is "solid" -
Other people say: "Every
"body" says so & so -
"Every body" is always wrong
which is by no means
saying that those who go
to make up "every body"
are wrong - But there
is such a great deal
in enthusiasm without
facts - like the cry:
'Great is Diana of the
Ephesians'.

f107

How is Ralph?

With love to all
your affecte
Aunt Florence

I have read your Chester
McNaughton book with
the utmost admiration
That is the true Missionary
I have ordered more - Sir
W. Wedderburn knew him
very well, & was instrumental
in getting him the post
over the College of the Young

f107v

Rajahs whom he so
nobly instructed
Thanks too for Sir W. Hunter's
"Thackerays in India"
What a condition of things
(the "private trade" &c) it
reveals among our officials
in early British rule -
Do you know I can
remember Ly Ashburton's
mother accepting a bribe
or present, call it which
you will! But what splen=
=did individual heroes
among it all.
Have you heard anything more
of Ly Ashburton's affair?
Thanks also for "The Old
Missionary" - a book I have
long thought the best thing ever
done of the kind - so pathetic.

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff108-09v, pencil

f108

Oct 19/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

I return 6 letters of
the Norwich time which
you & Maude were so good
as to send me to see. ~~me~~

It is impossible to express
one's admiration of Mr.
Hoare's letter. It reminds
one of the good old times
of 30-40 years ago - would
that that chivalrous
time would come again
in the Ho: of C., which
was due entirely to the

f108v

Peel school & to Sidney

Herbert, when they
did not care for place,
but worked as hard
when they were 'out'
for the measures of
those who were 'in' -

The Ho: of C. now
is like an *unreformed*
Workhouse Infirmary.

I hope you are all
'reformed' in *health*
now - Aunt Florence's
best love to all.

f109

Don't go to the London
Fever Hospl, even to see
Miss Deyns - the French
call our Fever Hospitals
"foyers d'infection" - And
they are right

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

We have been & are
~~very~~ uneasy about
Shore's Louisa, tho' she
is better. She was
stopped by the sudden
cold "with one of her
larynx attacks - at
Bretagne - on her way
back from France.

f109v

Rosalind Nash is with
her, of course - But they
want Sam who is
worth 20 Nurses - who
is in Scotland - And
they won't let us
telegraph for him
but I should catch
hold of him in a day
or two. Don't say
anything about it, for
we don't want Louis
to know, who is away
for his holiday, of his
mother's illness. She *is*
better. F.N.

Add Mss 41977D

772

signed letter, ff110-11, pencil

f110

Oct. 19/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Thank you for your
letter -

If you are *quite* sure
that your lady, Mrs.
Curzon's mother, *wants*
to see me, I would see
her either tomorrow
(Sunday) or Monday at
5, if I knew beforehand.

[Mary T. Leiter]

But I have broken
thro' my rule lately,
& have seen American
Doctors They are

f110v

delightful people, so
full of enthusiasm.

But they have not even
a glimmer of an idea
what Nurse training means -

It is all Lectures,
no Matron, no beds,
no Homes on any
principle - And they
expect me to teach
them in an hour
how to train - the
Lecture system again

f111

I will tell you more
when we meet -
One man says "Hygiene
depends "entirely" on
a knowledge of organic
Chemistry (sic) & of
Bacteriology (sic)
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff112-13v, pencil

f112

Private 10 South St
Oct 24/95

My dear Fred

Thank you very much
for your letter about
dear Ralph, which I
will act upon gladly.

~~Yes~~: I liked Mrs Leiter
very much: we will
speak about that further -

But the one thing that
I find about Americans
is that they are beginning
before the Flood; that is
before what we conquered
with great difficulty,

f112v

beginning 40 years ago

This brings us in any
conversation upon
our haunches just as if
we were horses pulled
up suddenly by a sharp
curb upon their haunches.

They have not learnt
their A B C - but
are full of enthusiasm
to read *without* it -

Mrs. Leiter asked
me to *give* her copies
of the two pamphlets
you lent her - Bucks Sany Conf
- Health at Home which

f113

I am doing - adding
to them what she has
not seen "Rural Hygiene"
& "Mrs. Cheadle's Report".

She asked me very
earnestly whether she
{the next 5 lines have vertical lines beside them in both margins}
might *quote* what
you send her as being
my doctrine - or at
least quote it *in her*
own words - as such.
I did not know what
to say: so I said I
would ask you.
Please answer at once.

f113v

Sir T. Crawford's
death is a great
loss to us - we have
no one to replace him
with his great Sanitary
knowledge *and* his
charming temper -
which sets up no
one's back against it.
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

ff114-15 Fred V to FN, The Siamese Legation, 23, Ashburn Place, London, S.W., October 31, 1895,
from FV re a letter to Prince Devawongee, and a thank you for FN's kindness to the Verney children,
and notes on Lunatic Asylums

signed letter, ff116-17v, pencil

f116

Nov. 1/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Thank you very much
for the copy of your letter
to *Pr. Devawongee*, which
I will speedily return.

2. I send you to read
the *D. of Cambridge's* letter
- very pathetic - which I
have not shown to any one.

[I put it by in such a
safe place to show you
that I could not find it
till this morning] Please
return it to me as soon
as you can - for I suppose
I must send it to one or
two.

f116v

3

I have received from the
good man at Birmingham
(of the Balaclava Feast)
a copy of my letter, as
by request, for you. It is
copied by himself & the
hand - writing is so bad that
I must have it typed;
when done, I will send it
you

I cannot read it myself
as it is

f117

[5:475]

4. Have you read Mr. Gladstone's letter to Mme Novikoff in last Sunday's "Observer" - To find Mr. Gladstone spurring on to War, 'shaming' England, - & at the instigation of an exceedingly clever, exceedingly unprincipled woman, - is something so dreadful that one could almost wish it had pleased God to take him first before he had forgotten all the principles of an ex- Premier - & the Greatest leader of the Ho: of C **[end 5:475]**

f117v

ever your loving
Aunt Florence

ff118-18v Fred V to FN 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W., November 1, 1895, re FN's letter to the Duke of Cambridge

signed letter, ff119-20, pencil **[8:926]**

f119

Private Nov 1/95
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude
G. is more beautiful
than ever - *that* is with
being with her mother -
But I wish I could
help you to find a lady-
-governess - how I wish!
She has, I should
think, quite as much
power of reflection, making
progress now every year.
I hope I did not
excite her.
She would not have

f119v

any tea - And I am afraid
there was nothing to tempt
her appetite - But there
was a horrid fog all night
here -

It is difficult not to
talk to her, because she
asks such searching
Economic questions -

There are Graham Wallas'
Economic Lectures going
on now at the Socy of Arts
I do not think the Nash

f120

baby attends them yet.
But its father & mother
& grandmother do - I
hope they are not too
radical.

Fine weather to you
ever your loving

Aunt Florence
Thank you so much for
your List of books - How
good of you to think of it.

Aunt Florence's love to
K. & kindest regards
to Mrs. Davidson, please

I hope you will not be too tired

[end 8:926

Add Mss 41977D

778

signed letter, ff121-25v, pencil

f121

10 South St

Nov 12/95

My dear Fred

Thank you very much
for your letter about Miss
Bartlett & the Buckingham
Vicar - How glad I am
I wrote to you - And you
will kindly write to Dr.

De'Ath

But I shan't let
you "guarantee" the 10.
You have given too much
already

2. I send you the typed
letter for the Veterans (I wrote the M. S. of) by

f121v

your kind desire - It has
been a long time typing,
because the *copy* was do
infamously written I
could not read it myself x

There are also two or
three bits left out by the copier which
I can't remember: but
as the Paris hair-dresser
said: 'The less of your
face you do see, the
better you do look'-

x I have never seen my own
written letter again

f122

3. Please tell Maudie that her book about the "briar = bush" which she lent me is beyond all price.

And I send her a book "The Old Missionary" which I think is also beyond all price - I could not have conceived Sir W. Hunter writing such a book: so full of sympathy, insight, & real tender understanding.

But 4

f122v

4. is of most importance You & she have been at Claydon. Please consult

her

there

I am afraid I could not possibly leave London before some time in December -

If Margt is going to have any kind of Xmas party, I assure you then I am only an encumbrance - not because of rooms or vittles but - because Margt has to entertain the people, of course - & it is

f123

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{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

only when she is alone
that I can be of a
little use by talking
about interesting
things to her &c

Maudie! Maudie!!
Now do speak the
truth - Is *she*
going to have a
Xmas party?

You are a bad lot
not to have written

f123v

to me -

And how is she?
ever your affectionate
Aunt Florence

f124

5. Have you seen
Mr. or Mrs. Man Mohun
Ghose at
the Alexander Hotel?
They enquired after you.
You know their worth -
I have seen them each
separately

F.N.

f125

6. -3- 12/11/95
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

I was very glad
to read your letter to
Pr. Devawongee which
I return

I would just call you
attention to Mr. Gladstone's x
letter to Mme Novikoff
in the Observer - Perhaps
you don't attach much
importance to it - but
many people do.
I felt quite frostbitten.

x you mention "Gladstone" in
p. 2 of your letter

f125v

in my heart that the
gallant old ex-Premier
could appear in such
a coat - cursing
the ~~Turks~~ Sultan -
crying *shame* upon us
- & calling down God's
vengeance -
& that he should
show himself the tool
of such a woman.

ff126-27 Alenho, Ridgeway, Wimbledon, November 12, from MV, re MV's thanks for a book, and news of Claydon

ff128-28v November 12, 1895, from FV, re the absence of a Christmas party at Claydon

ff129-30 Fred V to FN November 28, 1895, re some pens FV is sending FN, and a proposed trip to Paris to see Rolin Jacquemyns before his departure for Siam

ff131-32v, November 28, from MV, re the Verneys' trip to Paris and the happiness of Gwendolen and Kathleen with Miss Douglas

ff133-34 Maude V to FN December 5, re a suitable book on Confirmation, Nurse Murray's serious illness, and news of the Verney's visit to Paris

incomplete letter, ff135-36, pencil [8:926-27]

f135

10 S. St Dec 6/95
Dearest Maude

Many, many thanks
for your note.

I do so want to send
you something you will
like (for the children's
Confirmation) *for daily
duties*, as you say.

I have looked thro'
several of the S.P.C.K.'s
books - In all is something
good - In all is something
Ecclesiastical - Also,
they are too much for

f135v

poor children -

Nevertheless I think I
will send you two or three.

But what I have found
the best for poor and
rich is:

"Jesus the Carpenter of
Nazareth"

which gives the idea of
the busy life of daily
hard work for God &
man -

I dare say you have
it. Nevertheless I send
it. Also the *2nd* Edit. of

f136

Jowett's Sermons - The
first & indeed the second
sermons are, I think, worth your
reading for the children.

But I do think *your*
talk with your children
better than all the books
in the world.

I send Jowett. A
friend of mine said to me,
'It's not like preaching
It's not a Sermon -
It's like an undergraduate
talking - especially "Eating

f136v

"& drinking". [He shows
them the Act; he shows
them the Life & *not* the dogma. He does
not say: Do this & do
that - But he says:
Here it is - What do you
think?

I have written expressly
for books for the
Confn of educated boys
of 16 - & girls of 15 - not
the poor - books which
will tell what the
daily duties are & inspire
how to do them - But I

[end 8:927]

signed letter, ff137-38v, pencil [8:927-28]

f137

Dec 10/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

One does feel so
very sorry for the
terrible disaster to
dear Mrs. Davidson;
but her stedfast
mind is much in
her favour - & for you
for I fear you have
no one but Mrs.
Davidson to place
over Mrs. Davidson's

f137v

sick-room with
unbounded trust -
My best love &
prayer for her -
I send you 4 books
But I wish I could
send you books
that were *all* good
I think "The Laying
"on of Hands" has
good things, because

f138

the writer was a
layman before he
was a clergyman
- there are not so many
stock phrases -
The habit of giving
"addresses" takes away
a good deal of the
individuality, the
main instrument of
good in 3 & 4

f138v

I wish I had an
American book which
converted me in 1836
- Alas! that I should
so little have lived up
to my conversion.
"The Cornerstone" -
There was such a striking
chapter. Pharisees,
Peter, & Judas even, all
live now - And, then it
gave them as they appear
in these days -
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

ff139-40 December 18, from MV, re family news including a visit to "The Mikado" by the Verney children and 4 Siamese boys

ff141-42 December 20, from FV, re a talk between Prince Svasti and Lord Wolseley, and a request for Ralph to see FN

ff143-44v Kerris Vean, Falmouth, Cornwall, Christmas Day, from MV, re news of George and thanks for the children's presents

ff145-47v Christmas Day, from FV, re George and the presents, and problems with Harrow's regimen for Ralph

signed letter, ff148-52v, pencil

f148

Dec 28/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

I feel most deeply for
the difficulty about dear
Ralph's health. And
Dr. K. Barker's is a
most sensible letter -
one which cannot be
neglected. But it is so
hard to advise when
one does not know the
people. 1. I do not see
how you can avoid
writing to Dr./Mr Davidson,
tho' I doubt, as you do,
whether it will do any

f148v

good - *Can* he (I speak
as a fool) alter the hours
of foot - ball & dinner
for one boy, unless
indeed a fortunate
conciliabule of parents
had written all at once?
And if the other boys
with ostriches' stomachs
did not for some reason
like the change, could
the one boy stay?
The season of short days
makes the difficulty
greater -
If I wrote, I would make

f149

the letter less that of an
instructor God speed -
2. Dr. K. Barker's letter -
You would not send
this telle quelle, would
you? even with Dr. K.B.'s
leave - Probably he is
one of those men who say:
Fiat justitia, ruat caelum.
But this would not carry
his point (I speak as a
fool) while, as he goes
slap-dash, & very wisely,
at the whole of Harrow
School, it might ruin his
practice [Valour succeeds,

f149v

but prudent poltroonery succeeds too]
~~better~~] I would copy the
verdict about Ralph
- it is *you* not his name who answer for
Dr. K. B. - but not the
signature

I return Dr. K.B.'s
excellent letter -
& the "Draft" (of which I
cannot find the 2nd part)

You cannot think how
London servants suffer
from something of the same causes as
Harrow school boys . But
doctors know - tho' they do
not say for fear of being
sent away -
I fear dear Ralph will have to leave Harrow

f150

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1. *Army Class*: will he have *Gymnastics* there?
2. *Home & McGuire*
You know that Crammers give *no discipline* - indeed they are the very reverse of discipline.

But it would be extremely difficult, I am quite aware, to get Ralph at 17 into a School - They would not take him at Clifton, because that would be cramming

illeg

f150v

3& 4

Sandhurst & Militia
Ralph says, & he does not generally speak without knowledge, that *Military Surveying* is now taught everywhere -

Is it taught in the *Militia Classes*? Except at Sandhurst, where it is taught & practiced to perfection, it is not supposed that it *is* really taught
The Militia is generally credited with words &

f151

theory, but not with
real practical knowledge/doing

It is true that it is
now

Sandhurst
or Militia
to get into the Army
& that half the men
in the Army have
got in thro' the Militia,
but Sandhurst, thorough
Sandhurst, looks down
upon them - And is
there discipline in the
Militia?

f151v

At Sandhurst they go
out on Military Surveying
~~2~~ and 3 times a week,
they have plenty of space
& ground for real
surveying - But in
scarcely any other place
have they this last?

The discipline at Sandhurst
is splendid - It makes
a man of you.

f152

Private -4-

5. Rifle Brigade

You know these are
almost all London men.

Did you ever think
of a Line Regiment?

The 19th Line Infantry
Yorkshire - Col: Bruce
is an excellent Regiment

So is the West Kent
2nd Batt: Line Infantry

In both these Regiments
all are country men

A Yorkshireman is
always good - remember
that I'm a Yorkshireman

f152v

For the Rifle Brigade
you must send in your
name early "on the Duke's
"List" as you know -
But Regiments &
Schools

change so much according
as their *present* Officers
or Masters *are* - One
can only speak for the
present year

ff153-54 Fred V to FN December 31, 1895, re FV's & MV's concern at FN's ill health, and family plans

Add Mss 41977D

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signed letter, ff155-56, pencil

f155

Jan 8/96

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Thank you very much
for your note. I should
particularly have liked
to have seen you today
not only to talk about
family but about
this extraordinary mixture
of heroism & blue funk
as you say which
nobody seems as yet
to understand & which
nobody delights in but
the newspapers, who

f155v

have the pleasure of
contradicting themselves.

But Doctors are
inexorable, 'be quiet &
'silent & don't even write'
they say.

My love to all yours -

And tell me, please,
about dear Ralph's
fate, when decided

In my last letter to
Maudie, I was just
going to send a message

f156

of regard & surprise,
delightful surprise,
to Mrs. Davidson at her
being able to go to
Falmouth, when I
was interrupted. I hope
she is now well. Please
give her my message.

Is your address
Debdale
Mansfield?

Good speed to all
ever your & their
loving Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff157-57v, pencil

f157

Private Jan 19/96

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Thank you for telegraphing
to me about Harry & Vienna
It will be the making of him,
if he can keep straight
Vienna has not a good
character.

When does he go?

You know that poor Miss Deyns
has "Modified Small Pox"
- only a few days after
returning to the London -
& is gone to the Small pox
Hospl. She is unlucky
indeed
Miss Lückes of the London

f157v

wishes to know if you
would like her to
take some one else
during poor Miss Deyns
seclusion.

ever your loving
Aunt Florence

I hope you really think
that the Mekong
business is settling
better than you expected

signed letter, ff159-60v, pencil

f159

Jan 30/96

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Good cheer for Siam
if you are even tolerably
satisfied with the Mekong
business

Poor Margt - I am
afraid it is a great
wrench for her, parting
with the 4 children for
2 months - But she is
blessed Margt all the
same - I hope it will
do him good

Ralph I enclose a

f159v

sordid little bit of gold for

I think there is some
comfort in a bit of gold
even in affliction - I
was so sorry not to be
able to see him -

He is not in the same
'House', is he? with
Harry - When does his

Confirmation take place?
When is the bigger Harry
going to Vienna?

f160

Sir Harry did something
for Pleasley Water-supply
did he not?

You know we were
thinking of putting up a
drinking water-fountain - But
I had much rather you
applied the enclosed to
anything you ~~illeg~~/ think best,
only I always remember
that Workmen's Clubs often
entail much harm &
little good, except there
be a gentleman or

f160v

better still a lady,
~~like Lady illeg~~
always & responsibly
there
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

ff161-61v incomplete, undated, from MV, re Parish Council, and the death of the Crown Prince of Siam

unsigned letter, ff162-63, pencil

f162

10 S. Street Jan 31/96

My dear Fred Please understand that that
little sum is for *your* Pleasley purposes & name
not for mine. It is of no consequence that
they should remember me - besides all I
knew are dead - it is of great *consequence*
they should remember you - And it could only be
a little mite in what *you* do

Yes: about Harry (medicine sized) & Vienna,
I am sorry - whatever of back bone is in him
is of your putting & Maudie's - If he is in London,
{archivist: 31 Jan 1896}

f163

before he goes, I should like to see him,
just for one ¼ hour - And could you think
of some present, not cumbrous to travel, & little,
which I could give him?

ever your & Maudie's

signed letter, ff164-65, pencil

f164

Robert Robinson Feb 9/96
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

The last person I saw
before I was shut up
i.e. before Xmas was
R. Robinson.

And he asked me to write
a letter from him to Lord
Spencer whose place as
Land Agent he wants.

The present Lord Kinnaird
will speak for him who ~~was~~/served
with his brother till his
death. And the present

f164v

Lord North - his last place

But I can speak for
R. R., as one can speak-
for few - tho' not professionally I have known
him for 41 years - beginning
in the Crimea where I
could trust him to buy
things for the Patients on
board the ships at Bala-
clava (& never drink) as
I could trust no man
He was then 16 -

I bought him out of
the Army, educated him -

f165

And Sir Harry was so
kind - R.R. married a
Claydon girl - getting him
Ld Kinnaird's place - He
has never made a faux
pas -

When I saw him the
other day, he was still
the same upright, open,
little fellow he was 41
years ago - There is some-
thing that a good young
soldier never loses -

But I do not know

f165v

Lord Spencer, except by
name - And I did not
know what to do, till I
recollected that you
were intimate with him,
at least at the Norwich
election -

Could you kindly help
me?

Ld Spencer was, perhaps
still is, abroad. But I
was told that my letter
wd be forwarded to him
wherever he was -

Help me, please -
ever your loving Aunt F.

initialled letter, ff166-68, pencil

f166

Feb 28/96

My dear Fred

- 1 I am afraid I am not able to see any one to-day.
2. Poor Nurse Murray - I will do my very best to help her. But few have any idea how difficult it is - Miss Pringle, the pink & pearl of all our Matrons, is now the Nurse & housemaid of two or three old idiots, supposed to be R. C. s - She has been thrown over board by her own co-religionists

f166v

3. I was quite aware that the whole pit was in love with Maudie. But do not be alarmed - Ask Phillimore - I do not find in my legal books or my Prayer book that a pit can marry a lady - Besides, "I could not do with "all" - in the words of the immortal Shakspeare I am much more alarmed at the idea of a "Parish Room",

f167

without Maudie to
conduct the doings -
A Parish Room or Club
with a lady - & there
you are - *without* a
lady, where are you?

4. I have done nothing
about Miss Deyns with
Dr. De'Ath - What can
I say? It is not ~~my~~
for me - far less for you
- to manage this Doctors'
quarrel - Her brother or

f167v

some other Doctor ought
to have gone up to London
& ascertained the facts.
Either the Small-Pox
Doctors ought to have
communicated with
the Doctors who sent
them a case of non-
- Small Pox Small Pox
ought not they? Or
the London Hospl Doctors
who sent the case
ought to have communicated
with the Small-Pox Drs -
who rejected it -
Is it not so?

Add Mss 41977D

799

f168

-2- {archivist: Feb 28 '96}
so sorry not to be able
to see you
Love to Maudie &
chicks
N.B. Ireland would be
the place for Nurse
Murray -
ever your loving
F.N.
/s Mr. Stow going to
leave Claydon?

{f169 is blank}

signed letter, f170, pencil

f170

Pr Svasti March 15/96
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
My dear Fred
I re-inclose *Pr*
Svasti's letters - I think
I would keep them if
I ~~were~~ were you - They
seem sincere, & have
a touch of Oriental
grace about them.
ever your loving
Aunt Florence
Poor Siam, as you say!
But you have done much
good to the Princelets & to
many more there -

ff171-73 Claydon House, Winslow, Bucks., April 3, 1896 from FV, re the debt FV owes to Parthe, an offer for FN to name some one to be invited to Claydon, visitors to Claydon, a request for the name of a specialist in deafness, and concern for FN's health

Add Mss 41977D

800

signed letter, ff174-75v, pencil

f174

April 15/96

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dearest Fred

Thank you from the
very bottom of my heart
for your beautiful letter -
It does the old woman
so much good -

I took your advice &
sent for Mr. Gardiner - He
came at once - 'me' & the
4 maids took the Sacrament
I thought I never heard
the impressive Service
more impressive - he
was so kind coming on

f174v

Good Friday - We had a [April 3] [6:576]
little, very little conversation

A. He says there is now a
Tenement Act - what is it?
and he wants a Health
Missioner to go into the
tenements & work it - I
said: I suppose she must
be of the District - And
he said: Yes - And asked
me to find one - But you
see I don't know his
District at all. he
dates now from St.
George the Martyr, Southwark -
He *has* a trained Nurse.

B.
But I am more & more
puzzled about the

f175

training of *H. Missioners*,
anent Mis Deyns. I have
asked several experienced
people - And one recommends
A *Cottage Hospital* -
but insists upon a
“grounded 3 years’
“training as a *Nurse*”,
which she repeated at
least 50 times -
Another & the most
sensible, as I thought:
said: ask advice at *Manchester*
& gave me an address
-“they know much more
“about Health Missioners
“there than we do in London “
[You understand; I only told

f175v

you about Mr. Gardiner’s
wish, because I think
that some people are
awakening to the difference
between Health & Sickness]
C. Two things are cropping
up which will be attended
with great difficulty:
1. “Female Lodges”
2. the law about *publishing*
private letters.
I am very glad your great
party was so prosperous
Margt is delighted at
your being there
ever your loving
Aunt Florence
Love to Maudie & all

ff176-77 Fred V to FN May 3, 1896, re a Technical Education meeting and news of people at Claydon

ff178-79 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W., June 19, from MV, re George’s death

signed letter, ff180-80v, pencil

f180

June 26/96

My dear Fred

I had Harry Lloyd
Verney's letter last night,
written in the train.

I think we cannot mourn for
George, but for poor Morfy
very, very much.

"Grief must fill the room up
of her absent child."

for she had attended on him
like a child -

I hope this great change
will also make a great
change in dear Harry

f180v

Will

Clarens

Lake of Geneva

find them, if I write?

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

initialled letter, f181, pencil

f181

June 28/96 What nice boys your Siamese boys are!

My dear Fed I am sorry to say my "coast

"is not clear this afternoon" -

Harry Bonham Carter is going abroad for a

much needed holiday - & he & I have
business to do.

We are also very "thrang" as we say in
Derbyshire. Sisters taking the opportunity

{printed address:} 10, South Street,

of being in London to see me 300 Nurses {sideways} Park Lane. W.

are going to Windsor by the queen's invitation

on Thursday - not that I think Nursing a Royal thing

F.N.

initialled letter, ff182-83, pencil

f182

Dr. De'Ath
& *Nat: Health Socy* July 2/96
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred
Would you read these 3
letters & tell me your
mind?

A few weeks ago, Lady
Priestley wrote to me
about the same, enclosing the
Programme by Dr. Schofield
(not Thorne Thorne) It was
perfectly incredible - all these
London young women,
taught in London by Lectures,
were to be hired out by
the Nat. Health Socy to
reform the country Hygiene
- in villages or by County Councils

f182v

"in uniform" - **sic**
in great ladies' country
houses "out of uniform"
sic
[I don't think it is profane to
say
From such
"Good Lord deliver us"]

Lady Priestley wrote to me
"should she join?"
"She was in a minority of
"one in not joining" -
"would I send her our "Rural
"Hygiene"? "to compare the two"?
I did - but gave her no
other answer -

f183

What shall I say to
Dr. De'Ath?
I dare say I could find
Lady Priestley's letter
& even the Programme
if you wished.
ever yours
F.N.

signed letter, f184, pencil [8:90]

f184

Mr. Morant) July 2/96
(~~enclosed~~) 10, South Street, {printed address:}
shall be returned) Park Lane. W.
My dear Fred
Thank you for sending
me Mr. Morant's letter - so
characteristic of the man
I do feel very glad, & should
feel gladder if I knew who
was "she" - There was a "she"
when he went out to Siam -
of whom he told me-I wonder
whether it is the same "she"
Please tell him how I
give him joy
I should like to send
the "she" a wedding nosegay
on her wedding day, if I
knew who
& where "she" is
ever your loving Aunt Florence

Add Mss 41977D

805

signed letter, ff185-87, pencil

f185

Lady V.C. July 5/96

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

I am aghast - Sir John
McNeill said that the sense
of honour was degenerating
in England - And he was
himself a fatal illustration
of it!! I who thought him the
soul of honour! [I will
write no more confl. letters
in this world]

But to business

Lady V. C. & Ld Ste !!!
I have had no time to do
my letters to Sir J. McNeill
I too have been ill - much
worse than usual
But if you knew how much

f185v

must be wholly torn out -
no "scratching" will do -
tho' it is a comfort to see,
as you point out, that I am
~~may~~/to "scratch out *whatever*
"I like" -

{the following paragraph has a bracket in the left margin}

In July & August it is
always impossible that
I should undertake any
private business. We are
overburdened with work -
I especially, because of
the great change at St. T.'s

{the next paragraph has a bracket in the left margin}

But I may have some
time in September - to use
as she desires - & I cannot leave London

{bracket ends}

tho' the letters are so
repulsive to me that when
I just look at them, I shut

f186

them up like some unclean
animal -

She does not seem to know
the law - The law is, I believe,
clear enough - viz - that ~~the~~
letters are the writer's
Copy-right - that is, that
they cannot be published
without the writer's
permission -

I remember saying - [was
it to you? - was it in the
case of Lord Stanmore
who *has my* letters] - & who
wants *Sidney Herbert's*
letters in my possession -
that I was in his, Lord
S's, power - You said:

f186v

"Not at all - You have
"but to get an *injunction*
"and &c &c - [I forget
what the last words were]

I am sorry I prevented you
from sending your excellent
letter to Lady V.C. I believe
I did it/so, because I could
not swear to every word
in it

But you must now
write her an 'excellent'
letter, please - not exactly
threatening her with the
law - that would be rude
- but letting her know that
there *is* a law & quoting

f189v

not to cry - for I think
Sir John McNeill's doctrines
the most inconceivable -
I think those Argylls
must have corrupted
him

2. Did you see Dr. Thorne
Thorne after all? Don't
answer if you didn't

3. Maudie is the very *old* woman
of the good, *old* times

3. You villain base - you
know I don't think
Maudie a "*new* woman" -
Cycling is a splendid
thing for ladies unattached - But
what would you have
thought if you had seen

f190

Miss Crossland cycling
or our Sisters? The next
thing is of course to
cycle with Doctors or
students, as actually
happened with *boating*
at Oxford till we sent
down a Matron who
didn't cycle?

Would you have us called
The "Matrimonial Market"
as St. B's is?

4. I should like to see
you so much on Sunday
But I am double engaged

1 - to the Bishop of Ripon
who preaches at St. Thomas

f190v

on Sunday (we have
one of his daughters a
Ward Sister at St. Thomas')
& who has several times
asked to see me - But
if he shouldn't come that
day, I have 2. another
engagement of some one
going out of town.

5. Don't travel at
night more than you can
help.

6. Could Maudie kindly
send me a post card
saying how *Edmund* &
Margt are?

Best love to R., G., & K., &
blessing on all - I hope to
see you all when you come back
{in the right margin}
your loving Aunt Florence

signed letter, f191, pencil **[8:928]**

f191

July 26/96

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Gwendolen

I send a few roses for
you to give to Mother -
When you have affectionately
to smell your train for 24
hours, you are glad of roses
to smell - I am afraid
they will be rather shaggy
for I was obliged to get
them last night or not
at all.

And now I wish you one
& all a delightful run in
Switzerland & Mother not
too much fatigue
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

Add Mss 41977D

810

signed letter, ff192-93v, pencil [8:928]

f192

Oct 17/96

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

No, dearest Maude I did
not know that you were
all absconding on
"Nov 6" - And I don't
even know whether the
place you are going to
is at the North or the
South Pole- It is very
good for the Cr. Prince
& very bad for us.

But I forgive you
& wish you all well
& glorious. Good speed

f192v

I do pity & sympathize
with you in your making
of households

I wish I could see
you all before you go

Have you a post -
- town where you are
absconding to?

Love to all
your ever affectionate
Aunt Florence

f193

Thank you very much
for a brace of partridges -

I did not forget my
thanks - but my head
was scrambling

F.N.

You must not think of
“paying” anything for poor

Mrs. Callander - She
has no kind of claim
upon you. I am only
afraid of troubling

f193v

you much too much as
it is -

What kind of “books”
does she like?

~~You are not going to~~

let your present
house, are you?

I shall hate the people
who take it “with a
“mortal undying hatred
“& would pursue them
“to the confines of
“eternity if I had but
“the time.”

signed letter, ff194-96v, pencil

f194

Lady V. Campbell

Private Oct 29/96

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Many thanks for your
note . I shall be very
glad to see you - only *not*
tomorrow (Friday)

I am told that as you
are so very good as to
act as my Agent, Lady
V.C., had no business to
forbid my seeing the letter
she wrote you, & which was
followed up by your most
kind letter from the
mountains, which was

f194v

not to the point & showed
that they were under an
error

Till I have seen that letter,
I hardly know what to
say -

Of course the easiest thing
& honourablest thing would
be what you suggest -
viz "that Lady V. should
"leave them the letters with" me
"altogether" -

I have even now only looked
over the letters *cursorily*
There are two long ones of
mine about Sidney Herbert

f195

which it is impossible to
conceive how a man of
honour could have kept.
And nothing should induce
me it I could not destroy
them *not* to take out
an injunction against
the Publisher for printing
them. which I am told
would be the right course -

There is a mass of trivial
corresponde from my relations

There is a long letter from
S. Herbert himself, showing
how much Sir J. McNeill
had helped with making

f195v

regulations for the Genl Hospls
& for the expende of my
fund which I should
not see any particular objection to
being published - But they are
so wholly uninteresting to the Public

And there are some
confl letters from Parthe,
showing how much I had
been persecuted in the Crimea
which it is no use
reviving now. Indeed, I
myself had forgotten it

The whole leads to such
a mistaken idea of Sidney
Herbert, that if they are
to be published, I should

f196

-2-

insist,
on writing a kind of
Epilogue showing what
Sidney Herbert really
did do & having it
published with the
life. But I suppose
there is nothing they
would like better -
The whole is out of
date & partakes of
the nature of a libel.
-and oh what a waste
of time for me

f196v

but even this is
plain sailing compared
with the other:
Ld. Stanmore's Life
of Sidney Herbert
which is a difficulty indeed
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff198-201, pencil

f198

Nov 26/96
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude
Thank you, thank you
for your dear, dear letter.
The Pine Wood is sweet,
the sun is sweeter, but
Maudie is sweetest ~~illeg~~ /of
all.

This tells you how I
should like to come.
But indeed, dearest I
fear for myself it is
impossible.

And you *must* NOT
make any difference

f198v

in your arrangements
for the excellent Siamese
boys for me - Think
what importance it is
for them to see such
an English home as
yours. You *do*,
happy boys!

If you do make any
difference, I will have
you up before the Police
Magistrate, & he will
inflict the severest
punishment the law

f199

directs - for abandoning
children -

Sir John Bridge.
will you come here,
please?

~~I am so very sorry~~

not to be able to see
you on Saturday -

I have an engagement
of some *months* with
an American lady,
head of a Training School
for Nurses, who is now

f199v

on tour in Gt. Britain
to see our Training Schools.

But she has blundered
her Itinerary & our
engagement does not
come off till this very
Saturday unluckily -
I shall hope for another
day when you are
in town for furnishing
Siamese Legation

I want to thank you
for all you have done
for poor Mrs. Callender
& to ask how long she

f200

-2- {archivist: Nov 25/96}

how long she is likely
to stay at the Cancer
Hospital - & what
I could do for her when
you are gone to the Pine Wood
I could keep *Monday* or
Tuesday afternoon
open for you, if you
are in London *naturally*
Great love to G. & K.
& kindest remembrances
to Mrs. Davidson
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

I telegraphed to you an hour ago P.T.O.

f201

"Blessed be Drudgery"
for such as you -

I must try to get that
little book again.

Add Mss 41977D

817

signed letter, ff202-03v, pencil

f202

Dec 10/96

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Fred

I was very glad to
hear you were alive,
I know how much you
have to do, but was
rather frightened at your
not coming on Monday
Thank you very much
about Hatchard's - He
has sent me what he
calls an "Approval Parcel"
(but without an Invoice)

I shall keep them all,

f202v

many of them are standard
books - one a Life of
Gordon, in two Vols -
but there are only 19 Vols
in all (including two
little ones) And we
have 15 Wards, *plus*
two blocks, to supply -
And some of them books are
what irritate Hospl
Patients most of all,
viz - short fairy tales
or stories in small print bound up
in one thick Vol.

f203

These books are for
gentle folks.
not for between 200 &
300 men, women &
children in bed -

But I am glad all
the same - I opened
one of them, 'The
Palace on the Moor,'
which seemed to me
one of the best stories
I had ever seen -

But I have no eyes
ever your loving
Aunt Florence P.T.O.

f203v

I hope Maudie has
found a governess. It
is so tiring looking for
governesses - or even
for cooks.

Add Mss 68889, microfilm, correspondence with Frederick and Maude Verney Part 1897-1901, Adam Matthew reel 42

signed letter, ff1-1v, pencil **[8:929]**

f1

28/1/97

Dearest Maude
Here is £1 I owe Fred
for books for the children,
tho' I don't know what
they were, except Gwendolen's
I have to write to you
about dear Ralph, who
is much more manly,
quite as thoughtful, but
I think wants Gymnastics
& dinner - I cannot
write now -

f1v

Please thank Fred for
McNaghten's capital
book of Kathiawar -
Ralph always interests
me so very much -
but he is not like a
boy
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

unsigned note, f3, pencil

f3

I always remember of Ralph
that he was "preferring one another
"in honour" - see Harry minimus
That is a noble character

signed note, ff4-5, pencil

f4

10 S. St Feb 4/97

My dear Fred

I do not know what
to do for this poor man
whom yet I would so
gladly help. I do not
think it would do for
me to write to a man
whom I never heard of -?
nor yet to write a
formal certificate for him?
But I have told him,
I believe, & I would now

f4v

tell him again that
he may quote me as
his reference - & I will
write for him what I
saw at Claydon in
Sir Harry's time if I
am written to *as his reference*

Will that do?

ever your loving

Aunt Florence

Tho' I know nothing about
it, I should not be much
surprised if we saw him
at Melchet 6 months hence. But you probably know more than I.

f5

What a beautiful
book that is of Mac
Naghten's which you
kindly sent me - I
think that it gave a
copy to Board
Schoolmasters here
But you probably know
more than I

unsigned letter, ff6-7v, pen

[8:929-30]**f6**

Feb 23/97

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Thank you, thank you,
dearest Maude, for
defending me about the
“relics” of me & the Crimean War
What *are* the “relics” of the
“Crimean War”?

The tremendous lessons we
have had to learn from
its tremendous blunders &
unavoidable ignorances.

1. [I do not here enter into
the blundering at home - the
green coffee &c &c &c]

But:

Lord Raglan with Lord Stratford de Redcliffe
all the qualities our Ambassador
& the défauts at Constantinople
de ses
qualités of a great
noble
want of resource, initiative
& combination

f6v

our men said at Constantinople
 they had rather everybody eats rice
 have lost their every day
 rum than their rice

also drinks coffee
 salt meat & biscuit shores of Euxine
 dying of scurvy crowded with cattle
 which could have
 walked themselves
 up to camp

sleeping on the ground } mattresses
 &c &c &c

All this requires explanation

- no use going into it now

2nd Lesson - *Untrained Nurses*

useless, often worse than

useless, no characters

The TRAINING of Nurses

our second Lesson

3. *Hygiene: Sanitation* -

The total ignorance of this
 cost Lord Raglan himself
 & thousands of our gallant
 soldiers their lives.

f7

What filled our Hospitals
at Scutari?

Fevers	Scurvy (miscalled
Diarrhaea	Frost bite
Dysentery	Cholera

We took in 4000 from
these diseases in 17 days.
We had 4 miles of beds in
one Hospital alone at Scutari

Ld Palmerston sent out
the Sanitary Commission
(& the Commissariat do.)
in March/'55 And with
their help we learnt the
terrible lesson of the
Crimean War on Hygiene

[N.B. But even now, I
have not seen one book
on the Crimean War which
gives it]

f7v

*These are the tremendous
"relics" of the Crimean War*

And I will not give my
foolish "Portrait" (which
I have not got) or any
thing, as "relics" of the
Crimea. It is too ridiculous
You don't judge even of
a public house & the
victuals inside by the
sign outside

I won't be hung up
as a *sign*.

Please tell the kind
ladies politely,

initialled letter, ff8-9v, pencil

f8

Private March 11/97

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

I am so sorry about
Gwendolyn: for tho' I hope
it is a very light sort, it is
so inconvenient & so bad for
Maude, tho' she makes every
thing good

My Bust

I had a letter from Edmund
saying that you had sent
him a "Form" to fill up &
sign about sending the Bust
to the Earl's Court Exhibition
but that he would wait
"2 or 3 days" till he heard
from me - I wrote immediately

f8v

saying that I *had*

promised it (to *lend*
it) to Lady Wantage, as he
said, &, not knowing what
the Form was, accepting that
he should fill it up & send
the bust, which I told him
was the Soldiers' bust - &
the Soldiers' property.

But I am told that
I did quite wrong about
the "Form", & that I ought
'to tell you that I do not
'wish any "Form" to be
'filled up - & that I should
'prefer the Bust to be
'sent *here* & that I will arrange

f9

for its delivery at the
 'Exhibition - that there
 'will be no difficulty as
 'to the Form which the
 'Exhibition people require
 'to be filled up: *they* will
 'take whatever I choose
 'to send' -
 I am afraid it is too late
 to stop it/ the Form - & above all
 do not embroil me with
 [illeg] which always
 recoils upon Margt
 [You see all Parthe wished
 was that it should be
 considered her property
 (which it never was)

f9v

& they consider all *hers*
 to be *theirs*, because she
 left every thing to Sir Harry
 in great haste
 yours rather anxiously
 F.N.
 God bless Margaret
 & you all
 March 11
 My dear Fred
 I sent this early this morning to
 all your haunts in London. But
 you were gone - So I can only
 send to Camberley -
 I do agree with you that
 the D. Chronicle has rather
 lost its head - But I am quite
 appalled at the way in which

signed letter, ff10-11v, pencil

f10

April 13/97

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dearest Fred

Thank you for your very
kind letter. It is indeed
a great piece of news
that you have bought
a house. May it
be all you desire!

You are going you
say to Venice on
the 29th? I trust
to see both you &
Maudie before you

f10v

go -

I have been & am
so pressed - the Hindoos
of note who have
been summoned here
for the "Indian Expenditure"

Comm: & whom they
wish me to see -

They are very instructive
but not hopeful

And we have painful

Indian business too -

[Yesterday Mr. Morant
came without an

f11

appointment - He was
very full of meat & I
was pleased to see
him - but it is hard
work.]

And now I have to
confess - I have been
so driven that I
never sent your letter
to ? Mr. Lister Kaye
about poor Mr. Robertson
And I could not find
it. But I have
never written to Mrs.

f11v

Robertson in answer
to the letter I showed
you. *I don't know
what to write.* If Lady
A. means to tell this
story - !?
Miss Violet Brooke Hunt
is going to be married !!
to a Mr. Bathurst
of Sydney Park near Gloucester
I have had a nice
letter from dear Ralph
ever your loving
in haste Aunt Florence

signed letter, ff12-13, pencil

f12

April 16/97

Good Friday

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dearest Fred

I am so very sorry here
is your letter to Mr. Lister Kaye
which I did not send - (not
because I neglected it but
because people *would* come
on business, just when I had
received an hour for my letters)
on behalf of poor Mr. Robertson
I have not written to *her*.

I see you are going away
on the *27th* that is Tuesday
week. I hope very much
to see you & Maudie before
~~that~~ you go.

So the Prince is gone or going

f12v

to Berlin for his Military
education - I am sorry - Is
not the English as good?
And the German is all
spoiled by making Germany
a standing camp - And they
hate us.

Miss Violet B. Hunt has sent
me her little reprinted
Article. It is very good And
I observe she says what I
entirely concur with that
people are proud of founding
Workmen's Clubs, Public houses
without profit, & leaving them
entirely to Workmen's management
which is the best of principles,

f13

if with a sympathetic central
influence, better perhaps
wielded by a woman than a
man - with ~~whom~~/him they argue -

Best love to Maudie
and hoping to see you both
ever your loving

Aunt Florence

O King of England!
opposite Windsor Castle!!

[written on a slant]

"Violet

wants to know

Lady Ashburton

Do you know where

she is now?

signed notes, ff14-17v, pencil

f14

May 27/97

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

1) F.V.M.'s to be

Preface to 2nd Edition

dated April 1897

with an addition

2) see 2] separate paper

3) M. V.'s alterations

to her specimen lecture

p.p. 32, 33, 34, 35.

4) Mrs. Cheadle's Report

to take the place of

F.N.'s letter p. 49

passages from that

letter being inserted in

the addition to the Preface

2)

f14v

2) separate paper

Hy Bonham Carter has been so good as to write this - partly from my letter at the end p. 49 - partly from what I told him of

the great increase of questions asked by the poor mothers of Miss Deyns at her lectures

such a hopeful sign!
It should be dated April/97
You know that Fred: addressed about 350 of the Technical Educationists of

f15

N. Bucks at Claydon Ho with great success - even the old farmers waking up
You know that Miss Deyns spoke for a few minutes & said how *much more interested than formerly the mothers seemed* - & how they *asked her questions eager & intelligent* when she was lecturing to them.

This was what I told

Hy B. C. & he wrote that "addition" 2) *separate paper* -
He said it should go in at the end of Fred's Preface to 2nd Edition

f15v

or Insert the addition
as a note to Mrs. Cheadle's
Report.

Please look at 2)

I do not know whether
the "Health Missioners" have
~~"mentioned it/~~ "pointed it out" "in recent
"reports" - I only know that
Miss Deyns did ~~"mention it/~~"point it out"
at Fred's Meeting in a
few words he made her
say -

How sorry I am to give you
so much trouble

dearest Margaret

f16

-2-

I cannot tell
you how 10, South Street, {printed address:}
overcrowded with work Park Lane. W.
& serious anxieties I
have been & am - I
have not known ¼ hour's
leisure. And I only
mention it /this as my excuse

I saw Fred a day or
two before he started
with Maude to meet
the King of Siam -

And he repeated
his desire that I should
look it over & send it
to you, dearest Margaret,
for you to put ~~under~~ it
into form for Press

f16v

[I am sorry to lose a single line of your "specimen lecture" which is by far the best thing in the book - But I shall stick to it in an old copy - I must bow to what you say in this.]

I enclose Fred's first note to me 1

f17

Dearest blessed Margaret

f17v

see within

signed letter, ff18-21v, pen

f18

Private August 30/97

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

I had a long interview with Sir Douglas Galton last evening - And we talked carefully over your (3) printed papers & your own letter to me - He is very much interested He says that it is an unprecedented/outrageous thing to rule "referred back" as "rejected" - but that it is very difficult to overrule a Chairman's ruling. [I am very glad that you have such an ally as Lord Buckinghamshire if he is a man of sense & of *cautious* energy/vigour]

f18v

Lord B's letter of course
did not come to me till after
D. G.'s visit - but I hope
will facilitate some of the
things he said D. G. proposed

He, D. Galton, first asked:
'what do their *Standing Orders*' say'?

& said 'these sort of things
'ought to be provided for
'by the Standing Orders'

(in the Worcestershire
case, they *are*)

Perhaps they are in yours)

But, he said, 'move for a
'Committee to get complete
'Standing Orders', if you
are not satisfied with your
Standing Orders.

You should, he said, "by

f19

"a side wind get your
"Standing Orders" - not *run*
at this particular Chairman's misdemeanour
to get the necessary Standing
Order.

He was pleased to hear that
~~your~~ majority against you
was only one - 13 to 14 -
which inspired him with
hope - He thinks it so
certain that you will win.

If the worst comes to
the worst, he says: there
will be a new Council
next March - get a new
Chairman - (they elect their
new Chairman each time)
- *have an alternative*
Chairman ready -

f19v

He suggests that you should get the Clerk of the Co. Co to write round for the *Standing Orders of the other Co. Co.s*

He says they have never had any difficulty with *their* Co. Co & in tracing the causes of this in order to make up his mind as to your cruel difficulties, he said:

their (Worcestershire) *magistrates* all offered themselves as candidates for the Co. Co. *Did yours?* Of course a good many of these are gone - but the high

f20

Private -2- {in FV's hand Miss N. Co Co business}
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

tone remains. They have had two excellent Chairmen And they have had such a pull in their County Medl Off of Health - the other M. O. H. consult him - He has 800 a year - & must take *no* private practice - he therefore does not tread on their toes - It is Fosbroke, as you know; *not* the one that D. Galton voted for, but, he says, has done admirably.

He, D.G. says; 'they exercise 'great care not to seem

f20v

'too interfering -
 'They would not, e.g.
 'preach at them' WHAT THE
 'LAW WAS - they would not
 put *the whole thing* bodily
 into a paper but do it
 more gradually - taking one
 thing at a time?

The consequence is that
 their Sanitary Commee is
 authorized to take action
in the name of the Co. Co -
 - they have now, or rather
 are going to have, a JOINT
 Isolation Hospl: a great
 advantage.

f21

I am afraid all this is not
 of much use to you at
 this moment. But it is
 always well to know - at least
 I have found it so - what
 others have attained; &
 how?

I return Ld Buckinghamshire's
 good letter with thanks
 God speed you
 I am sure you will win
 ever your loving
 Aunt Florence
 I will return your May
 paper. but be cautious
 please
 I was very sorry not to see
 you on "Tuesday at 6.30," as

f21v

you kindly said - I had
 cleared the house for you
 Very glad you have Maurice
 Bunsen for Siam - Is he
 a son of George?

signed letter, ff22-23, pencil

f22

Sept 2/97

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

I am so thankful for
your letter about Margaret
& Ellin - How good of you
to write -

But I am like one
dumb-founded; I cannot
write a word of what I
feel to them -

I do so agree with
Gwendolen - What was it
that funny Kathleen said?
~~==~~You have of course heard
from Fred - I have, but

f22v

not a word about his

King, which is the real
anxiety - he merely writes
about Doctors for his
Siamese - & says he will
be for a week (from 30th)
at Hotel du Vieux Doelen

La Haye

~~==~~I am quite shocked at
your reading Trooper Halket
in the train. But as I can't
undo it, I will tell you
something that is

[15:1022] [8:930]

Confidential
The Govt here was so struck

f23

with it that they would
 not believe it. And
 they despatched a man
 (whose name was told me)
 to Mashona land to report to them - IF he
 has reported, they keep it
 dark - but whatever
 has transpired, tends to
 prove show that the
 book *is* true - This *is* sad [end 15:1022]
~~send~~ a half sovereign
 for each of the two dear
 girls - But you must
 tell me what K. said about Ellin,
 please ever your affte [end 8:930]
 Aunt Florence

unsigned, incomplete note, f24, pencil

f24

II

And she must know, in a poor place,
 where to apply for a 'confinement bag'
 Oct 7/97

signed note, ff25-26v, pencil

f25

Oct 10/97

10, South Street, {printed address:}
 Park Lane. W.

My dear "hardened and
 "abandoned" Maude

Thanks for your note
 I am sorry you took my
 poor note for a preachment
 You will see if you care
 that it was not, and
 that I am not so guilty
 as I seem.

I wrote mine when you
 or Fred had told me
 you were *not* going &
 I had not the wit to

f25v

to suppress it, the "offending
"member" when somebody
else told me you were -

Forgive me: I won't do
it again.

May your journey be:
prosperous in all ways!

I am always glad to
know that Pr. Sw. is
behaving himself. When
he was under Mr. Jowett

f26

he was so nice. He spoke
to me more than once about him

Thank you very, very
much for your most
kind invitation to Burnham
But I am afraid I m
past moving.

ever your affecte
Aunt Florence

I sent Fred the
instructions about what
a Nur District Nurse
for Pleasley should be,
as he asked.

f26v

but I do not know the
present state of
Pleasley, & am afraid
this negatives their
usefulness.

God bless your journey
F.N.

signed letter, ff27-28v, pencil

[8:930-31]**f27**

Oct 11/97

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Thanks more than I can say
 but less than I feel, my
 very dear Fred & Maude,
 for your most kind offer
 of lovely Burnham Lodge
 while you are away -
 But I am told that it
 is impossible for me to
 move; and so I must
 decline (unwillingly) - but
 never shall I feel less
 grateful

The "cats" also offer

f27v

their purring thanks.

It makes me young
 again to think of
 the ecstasy of a voyage
 from "Marseilles" to Alexandria
 & my first sight of the
 rising of the Sun from
 an eastern sea not
 rising rather pale, as he
 does here & shivery shivery - but
 leaping like a bridegroom
 out of the sea with
 a flood of light & warmth -

f28

And beautiful Cairo -
 but first the little group
 of solemn dignified Easterns
 of 2 & 3 years,
 sitting on the ground
 eating their breakfasts
 All blessings on your
 journey -

Are Gwendolen & Kathleen
 to be bridesmaids at
 the wedding on the 20th?
 Please tell some one
 kindly to tell me this

f28v

ever your affectionate
 Aunt Florence
 Do you remember
 the Persian's answer
 to some Englishman's
 stupid remark about
 the Sun: "But that's
 "because you have
 "never seen it"

signed note, f29, pencil

[8:931]

f29

Feb 7/98
 10, South Street, {printed address:}
 Park Lane. W.
 Offered to our
 dearly beloved
 Maude Verney
 on her birth-day
 And may each petal of
 these flowers bring to her
 a token of our love
 & of our firmest wishes
 & prayers for her, & hers
 who are dearer to her
 than herself
 Florence Nightingale

initialled note, f30, pen

f30

March 3/98

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Our best wishes
are yours to-day
not only for your sake
but for ourselves own
your ever loving
F.N.

ff31-31v 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W. March 4, 1898, from Fred Verney to FN, thanking FN for her congratulations on his success

ff32-33v Fred V to FN Burnham Lodge, Slough, April 8, 1898, asking FN to come to Burnham Lodge

ff34-35 Fred V to FN April 24, 1898, telling about the Verneys' stay at the Nag's Head, Pleasley

signed note, f36, pencil

[8:931]

f36

June 30/98

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

Thank you so much
for the beautiful present
of strawberries you were
so kind as to bring me
ever your affecte
Aunt Florence

ff37-38v, Burnham Lodge, Slough, August 18, 1898, from Maude Verney, inviting FN to stay at the Lodge while the Verneys are in Holland

signed note, f39-40, pencil

[8:931]

f39

August 25/98

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

How kind, how very
kind it is of you to think
of me & of the pleasant
"wind among the leaves"
& all other delights of
Burnham Lodge for me

But I am afraid
they are not for me.
Rest I am afraid is all
that I can take - & here
You cannot tell how deeply

f39v

I feel your care for me -

Love to Fred & to the
dear Gwendolen & all
Your "180 villagers"
must have been delightful

I have a nice view
here - quite unlike London

Good angels speed
you in Holland - And
they *will* speed you

f40

ever your loving
Aunt Florence

signed note, ff41-42, pencil

f41

Sept 3/98

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Thank you for your
welcome letter & for the
lovely photograph of
the "little Queen" - I am
so glad that you &
Maudie & Gwendolen
are there - And may
the Queen be all that
our Queen has been to
us - Lord Melbourne
educated *her* - And well

f41v

she has responded -
It is hard to praise
her enough.
I have not found the
"cheque for the interest"
but this, I am sure, is
my own stupid blunder=
=ing. I *will* find it,
this afternoon or tomorrow
& let you know, perhaps
telegraph, to
Hotel du Vieux ~~G~~ Doelen
La Haye

f42

So please leave word to
have your letters
forwarded

[I keep your address
in your hand]

Love to both M. & G.
in haste

ever your affectionate
Aunt Florence

Don't you bother yourself
about the "cheque" - I am
sure it is 'all right.

F.N.

signed note, f43, pencil

f43

5/10/98

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Fred & Maude

Your visits are like
angels' visits to dear old
Pleasley

If you could make
use of a little Cheque
~~towards~~/ towards anything you like
there, please do -

ever your affectionate

F. Nightingale

My love to Pleasley

Please have lunch here whenever

you come into London & tell me

beforehand F.N.

ff44-45v, Nag's Head, Pleasley, October 6, from MV, thanking FN for a cheque and giving news of Pleasley

signed letter, ff46-47, pencil

f46

Dec 20/98

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

How can I thank you
for your kind thought of me
& your Calves foot Jelly
& most of all for your
dear little note.

I love them all -
What a splendid day
for December -

May you have a
splendid time at Claydon

My love to all -
The maids say: "What a

f46v

"lovely jelly! And isn't
"it good of Mr. Fred?"
Indeed it is!

And may all blessings
attend her & hers -

I trust dear Gwendolyne
is pretty well now.
How they will enjoy
you all at Claydon
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

f47

Did you not have a
(professional) *Nurse* once
whom you valued very
much?

And could you kindly
tell me *her name &*
address?

Not that I want her
at once - But as you
are going away for a
bit, would you kindly
just *give me these?*

f48 March 9 1899, from FV, expressing sympathy on the death of "your dear and loyal friend" of FN
[Galton]

ff49-50, May 17, 1899, explaining the difficulty in Ralph's joining a regiment and asking FN to write a letter in support of him

signed letter, ff51-52, pencil

[8:932]

f51

May 25/99

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

Would you be so
very good as to get me
a Revolving Book-case
small or bigger - [I believe
the small ones are about
5 & the bigger ones 6 -
I would go as high as 10,
but I hope I shall not
'have to' - I send you a
Cheque for 6]

It is for
Harry Lloyd Verney

f51v

or Lady Joan Cuffe -
~~do you know when they are~~
~~to be married?~~ They have
been asked 3 times in
Church]

Collinson & Locke
Oxford St
is said to be a good place
But I dare say you know
best -

sorry to give you
the trouble

f52

ever yours
 F. Nightingale
 They are to be married
 June 6 2.30 p.m.
 at All Saints'
 Ennismore Gardens
 are they not?
 & afterwards there is
 to be a luncheon

ff53-54 Fred V to FN The Nag's Head, Pleasley, Mansfield, May 27, 1899 re FV's decision to put Ralph's name in for a regiment and giving news of Pleasley

ff55-56 Fred V to FN October 3, 1899, with news that Ralph has passed his competitive exam for the Army and that all the family is well

ff57-58v Fred V to FN, The Siamese Legation, 23, Ashburn Place, London, S. W., October 5, 1899 re Ralph's excellent exam results, his learning to ride and his projected enrollment in the Rifle Brigade

signed letter, ff59-60, pencil

[8:932]

f59

Dec 7/99
 10, South Street, {printed address:}
 Park Lane. W.
 Dearest Maude
 So many thanks for the
 lovely lilies of the valley
 How good of you to send
 them - They look beautiful
 in water & will last
 long with the care they
 will thankfully receive
 We are here almost
 as dark as Erebus &
 I have no eyes. I was

f59v

obliged to send the
 "type papers" yesterday
 without looking at them
 But when Fred was
 reading them to me, I
 heard a mistake - It
 was that "he" was an
 "old friend of my father's"
 It was rather the
 contrary

f60

Please give my love
 to Harry Lloyd. I hope
 he will soon be quite
 right again.

Dear Ellin
 & dear Dorothea I
 am sure it was a
 lovely christening.
 May all blessings attend
 her - & you too
 ever your loving
 Aunt Florence

ff61-61v Fred V to FN 6 Onslow Gardens, S.W., January 8, 1900, re a projected trip abroad and a comment about the strange state of affairs

signed letter, ff62-64, pencil

f62

~~Sunday~~ Feb 6 [1900]
 10, South Street, {printed address:}
 Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

Thank you for showing
 me Kathleen's dear
 delightful letter. It
 would be a thousand
 pities that she should
 leave off her music or
 her German - tho' I am
 sorry to see the tide
 leaving Italian for
 German. There are as

f62v

many divine things in
 one page of Dante as
 in the whole of Goethe -
 Faust I can't abide
 & Margaret "tumbles
 "down bump", as Bab
 would say, much too
 soon to be respectable -
 Still it is no use as
 Canute says, to kick
 against the tide -

f63

So I enclose something
 which I know with the riding won't
 go far - but there is
 more where that
 comes from -

If you have any
 difficulty in changing it,
 please return it to me
 & I will change it
 {in a different hand}

As for "riding", no "hockey"
 no games will equal it

f63v

{previous hand}
 for improving the
 circulation all over &
 exercising the muscles &
 animal courage. A live
 horse & the sympathy
 of the 'horse & its rider'
 is worth all the bats
 & (deaf & dumb) balls
 put together. So '*drat*'
 hockey & long live the
 horse.

Them's my sintiments' -
 And I back them by
 silver, which I know

f64

-2-

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
will go a very Park Lane. W.
little way. But there's
more where that comes
from.

My dear Fred, my
mind is so dog's eared
by interruptions &
botherations that I
can't write & must let
this go as it is

ever your affectionate
F. Nightingale
{f65 is blank}

ff66-67v Fred V to FN February 20, 1900, re Ralph's learning the brain requirements to be a soldier

f68 Fred V to FN 6 Onslow Gardens, February 23, 1900, thanking FN for seeing Ralph

ff69-70 February 26, 1900, from MV, asking FN for additions to a list of London Medical Officers who
are to discuss Lady Sanitary Inspectors

f71 March 1 1900, from FV, sending FN a Major Yarr's letter and promising to visit her

ff72-72v Fred V to FN Imperial Hotel, Malvern, March 10, 1900, expressing his inability to have visited
FN and announcing his appointment to the Water Committee of the London County Council

signed note, f73, pencil

f73

Sunday March 18/1900
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

I will see you for
a *short* time at 5
(*not*"earlier") to-day -
I have old friends
staying in the house -
one of 3 years but still
an 'old friend' - she
was born in the house
And they go to-morrow
ever yours

Aunt Florence

signed note, ff74-75, pen

f74

Private II March 20 1900

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Fred

You have a great
& noble plan before
you to carry out.

But pray be cautious
"Rome was not built
"in a day".

You are young in
the work - a great
advantage in some
respects. Who was it
who said that he
would give all his

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acquirements to be
young? But we must
not teach our
"grandmothers to suck
"eggs". Our own
dear & noble Queen
was young at her
accession to the throne.
- but she made Lord
Melbourne her tutor -
yet gave him up,
tho' with tears, when
he ceased to command
a majority. It was
perhaps the noblest act

f75

in her noble life. And
 he retired [Don't say,
 'that's all an old story -
 'isn't it']

The Radicals originate -
 but the Conservatives
 carry out & confirm

You must have money,
 And it must come
 from private sources.

And I hope to contribute,
 tho' my contribution
 must be very small.

ever your affectionate
 Aunt Florence

ff76-77 Fred V to FN March 22, 1900, thanking FN for her letter, and announcing Ralph's departure with his Regiment

f78 Fred V to FN April 7 1900, reasons against FN having anything to do with that wild scheme, just off to Venice; keep your MS about the Queen Victoria River for me

ff79-80v Fred V to FN in Venice, April 28, 1900, giving news of their successful holiday and the death of Lady Monteagle's son

ff81-82 Fred V to FN Brooks' Club, May 7, 1900, telling FN how grateful Lady Monteagle was to see FN and announcing the family's return

signed note, f83-83v, pencil

f83

May 14/1900

10, South Street, {printed address:}
 Park Lane. W.

My dearest Maud

I am so very sorry
 that it is impossible
 for me to see you
 to-day - I had quite
 forgotten than I have
 an appointment to-day
 which I cannot well
 put off. And it is
 alas! for me, the same
 every day this week

f83v

But any afternoon
next week at 5 o'clock
that you will kindly
appoint, I shall be
delighted to see you.
your affectionate
Aunt Florence

ff85-86v June 24, 1900, from MV telling of FV's injuries after a fall from his bicycle

ff87-88 June 24, 1900, from FV telling of his fall and asking to set up an appointment to see FN

ff89-89v June 25, 1900, accepting Gwendolen's appointment with FN for that day and his own for Wednesday

f90 Fred V to FN, The Siamese Legation, June 25, 1900, with an enclosure from Sir William Acland, Bart and offering to write to the latter for FN

ff91-91v Fred V to FN June 27 1900, saying that he must rest his leg and that Gwen enjoyed her visit with FN

{f92 is blank}

ff93-93v, July 6, 1900, from MV, enclosing letters from Ralph for FN to read and return
signed note, ff94-94v, pencil

f94

July 7/1900
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dearest Maude
Many thanks for
Ralph's letters - which
I return - They are
very interesting - it is
very good of *me* to
return them.
I have sent on
Margaret's as you
wished -
I am very glad

f94v

that Ralph is getting
on so well & writes
so cheerfully

Very glad that Fred
is feeling so much better -
Hoping that Gwendolen
& Kathleen are quite
well.

with love to all
your loving
Aunt Florence

{f95 is blank}

ff96-97 Fred V to FN July 7, 1900, regretting that FV has been unable to see FN and promising a goblet from Venice that Gwen will bring to FN's house

signed note, ff98-99, pencil

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f98

July 11 1900

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dearest Gwendolen

Will you present my
ardent thanks to your dear
Father & Mother for the
lovely little glass from
Venice & yet more for
their kindness in thinking
of me -

The adorable little
serpent crawling up the
stem is an invention of
genius & dignifies &

f98v

sweetens the whole race
of serpents which has
been most unwarrantedly
cried down. What can
be more amiable &
inspiring than this little
fellow? he

"lends enchantment to the view".

I am so glad that your

Add Mss 72832A

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Father is so much
better

f99

The "Lord Chamberlain"
has absconded for three
weeks to a place called
Hastings - and
"has left me mourning"
no, not exactly
"mourning" - but rather
blind & impatient.

Pray excuse any
failures on my part
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

ff100-00v July 25 1900, from FV, explaining that he must visit a Sewage works with the Siamese minister and will not be able to see FN

ff101-02 Fred V to FN August 12 1900, expressing regret that FN has not been well, hoping to see her on Tuesday and enclosing a memorandum about the Health Visitor question

f103 Fred V to FN, The Siamese Legation, 23, Ashburn Place, London, S. W., September 24, 1900 promising to see FN and announcing his intention to run in the forthcoming election

ff104-05v Claydon House, Winslow, Bucks., September 24, from MV, sending partridges to FN, explaining how much their Siamese guests enjoyed Claydon and reporting that FV has been too busy to find a seat to contest

ff106-07 Maude Ve to FN from Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, September 27, announcing that FV is standing for the Exchange Division at Liverpool and MV's own agitation

f108 North Western Hotel, Liverpool, September 28, 1900, from FV, announcing his candidature

ff109-10 October 28, from MV, explaining that Gwendolen's visit to FN must be postponed because of GV's ill health and describing Roughwood

ff111-12 Fred V to FN November 27, regretting the trouble FN has had with Mary (a maid) and accepting for GV a visit to FN on Thursday

signed note, ff113-13v, pencil

f113 June 19 1901

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

How good of you to
bring me these lovely
flowers & fresh eggs from
Gwendolen & her hen -
Also it is very kind of you
to speak about the Nurses
resting at Roughwood - I
only wish I could be that
Nurse - At present I do
not know of any Nurse
that I could send. But
when I do I will hasten
to write. I should

f113v

so like to see you. But
I am full up till after
this day week
Should you be out of town
after this, would you kindly
let me know when you
return?

With love & many
thanks for all, always
your loving

Aunt Florence

signed note, f114, pencil

f114

June 21 1801 {should be 1901}

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

I shall be delighted
to see you next Friday
June 28 at 5 o'clock
With much love to Gwendolen
yours
Aunt Florence

signed note, ff115-16, pencil

f115

June 26 1901

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Fred

Many thanks for your
letter of this morning
I shall be glad if you
will kindly write a letter
for me to (Admiral) Sir
Wm Acland -
I am quite willing that he
should have what letters
I have, could I but promise
to find them

I know I have some,
but being in this one

f115v

room, I don't now
where always to find them -
We have been hunting
this morning, but have
only come across two.
~~But~~ As I find them, I
will forward them on to
you. And perhaps you
will be so good as to see
if they are of any value
& if so forward them on
to Sir William.

f116

I think we are gradually
coming across them [Ellen
is invaluable in this search]
We have now four.

It would be impossible
for me now to read all
letters through. And I do
not feel that I could
see anybody, as I am
so 'full up'.

As you are so busy, I
hesitate to ask you to do

Add Mss 72832A

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them for me -
your loving Aunt Florence

signed note, ff117-17v, pencil

f117

July 6/1901

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Fred

I am sending you a
few of Sir Henry Acland's
letters - also one belonging
to him from the Empress
Frederick -

It is all that I shall
be able to let you have
for over a fortnight -

I am also returning
to you Ralph's letter
which Maude was so kind
as to send me - It is so

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nice to know that
Ralph is getting on &
well. And his letters
are most interesting

Hoping all is well
with much love to everybody

Your affectionate
Aunt Florence

{f118 is blank}

ff119-20 51 Drayton Gardens, S.W. July 21 1901 from FV, informing FN that Dr Collins will come to see her, Kathleen in middle of her Oxford local exam, takes it quietly; has taken Buchanness, house on Aberdeenshire for August

f121 Fred V to FN, The Siamese Legation, S.W., July 31 1901, telling FN how pleased Dr Collins was with his visit.

signed note, ff122-23, pencil

f122

August 9/1900

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Fred

I have not felt up to
looking thro' the late
Empress Frederick's letter
yet, but will do so

It is a pity that so
good a letter should be
wasted - but, as you say,
one does not like the
thoughts of publishing it
without some of the Royal
Family's consent.

I have not found any

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more letters yet of Sir
Henry's yet, altho' we
have done a great deal
of hunting - I don't think
I have a great many of
his letters - But what I
have they shall have as
soon as they can be found.

[Was is Mr. Gladstone
who said that all
this "adds a new terror
"to death"]

f123

You have my unwilling
permission to get the
three photographs -
provided the "American
"lady" does not worry
me me -

Hoping all are well
your ever loving
Aunt Florence

signed note, f124, pencil

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f124

Oct 10/1901

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Maude

How good of you to call!
I am rejoiced to hear that
you are back in London.

W I should like to see
one of you, either you or Fred,
on Tuesday week (I have
no earlier day) at 5, if
quite convenient to you
or him -

Please say how the children -
(I mean the little angels)
are - Could you not
put off the winter? Your loving
Flo

signed note, ff125-25v, pencil

f125

April 8 1901

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Fred

I shall be delighted
to see you on Friday
afternoon at 4.30 -

I am glad that you
are laying the foundation=
=stone for the
Claydon Public Library -
I do with all my heart
wish them success -
as I think a Public
Library is good for
body & soul. And

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may God's blessing
rest upon it
is the fervent wish
of your loving
Aunt Florence

ff126-27, 51 Drayton Gardens, S. W., July 2, from MV, enclosing a letter from Ralph and telling of Ellin's arrival

ff128-29, undated, from FV about his lack of knowledge of Aristotle's Ethics

ff130-30v, undated {archivist: ?1887} from MV, re the children's illness

ff131-32v Maude V to FN, from Hinde House, 14, Hinde Street, London, W., March 4, announcing Fred's success in an election and mentioning that Kathleen is still ill

ff133-33v Maude V to FN 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W., June 18, remarking on FN's sadness at leaving Claydon and her mother and that Kathleen is somewhat better

ff134-34v Maude V to FN January 26, expressing the Verneys' concern over Harry's worn out appearance

ff135-37v Maude V to FN, Debdale Hall, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, February 28, with details about MV's visits with the colliers

ff138-40v Fred V to FN 6, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W., Tuesday evening, thanking FN for flowers and books for the children and praising the colliers

unsigned notes, ff141-44, pen & pencil

f141

Proposed "Provident Trained Nurses' League

TO REMIND: 15/3/80

In *July & August 1879*

Mr. F. Verney had the goodness to supply suggestions, information &c, with very kind letters from Mrs. Paterson &c, upon Women's Societies, Leagues, & Savings, (with a view to promoting the savings of Trained Nurses by societies or otherwise) to F. Nightingale.

F.N.'s notes upon which she has, since that time, been working, with Hy Bonham Carter, Secy to the N. Fund, & others, were as follows -

" A Subn of from 6d. to 1/0 a week would provide members of a Trained Nurses' Union with everything F.N. mentions - a sick allowance, a Central Home, or Lodging House & an Old Age Allowance

"(A Savings Bank might be in connection)

"would a sufficient number of Nurses join paying such a Subn ? Mrs. Paterson

F.N. has asked Matron & Home Sister {of St. Thomas'

Matron London St. Mary's

Matron St. Bartholomew's

(being all trained "N." Matrons) &c &c &c

Edinburgh, Lincoln

to enquire among their Nurses trained & in training

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“Working Women’s Societies

“weekly subn of 2d. enough to allow 5/a week/for 4 years
to be paid for 8 weeks in the year
in case of sickness or want of work

safely done with as few as 50 members {We have only
{Do you provide a Doctor? (Medical attendance?) 78 members in
F.N. the Lea Female

(6 a week to such an Union {Friendly Socy
she would be entitled during 20 years (that she would
be saving under 40)

to allowance of say 10/a week for 12 weeks in year
if needed Mrs. Paterson

F.N. observes: Trained Nurses seem to differ from
all other working women in these two respects:

1. they are never “out of work”: on the contrary, we cannot
supply one tenth of the
applications made to us for
trained Nurses

2. they are always provided for in temporary *sickness*
in the Hospital where they work
F.N.

Say 300 Nurses at £2 a year £600
100 Sisters £4 £400
400 _____
£1000

Would any Provident Insurance Socy if we were to
come to them with a promised Subn of 1000 a year
affiliate us? And what would they do for us?

F N

“Self supporting Union

“tens can do something
hundreds a great deal
thousands anything”

“Bonuses if Subn increase” Mrs. Paterson

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Mrs. Paterson:

“To support home or lodging house, would have to be
6 or 8 always using the rooms:

momentarily unemployed or in need of rest

If every Nurse in Socy were to use the home for
one week in the years 300 or 400 members
could keep a house of their own:

If not so many, connected Savings bank might
provide funds - depositors of bank by
becoming Societies’ landlord would both secure
5 p. c. on their own savings,
& hasten the day when they themselves & the other
members could have the use of their own Home” -

Mrs. Paterson

F.N. A “Central Home” for Trained Nurses
when they want rest must be invaluable -
- & for those who have no homes for their Annual
holidays -

Between one situation & another, our trained
Nurses are always received into the “N”. Home at
St. Thomas’ *while their “Agreement with us lasts.*
But this cannot of course go on for years & years
There are now between 300 & 400 trained “N.” Nurses
It would be impossible to receive any considerable
proportion of these in changing from one post to another
A “Central Home” would therefore be very desirable.

F.N.

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How soon ought superannuation allowance to begin?
? at 65 the most usual?

I don’t think *Nurses* are fit for much F.N.
work after 60.

F.N.

Derbyshire Girls
Lea Female Friendly Socy

ff145-47 list of questions pertaining to Nurses’ Societies, not in FN’s hand

signed list, f148, pencil

f148

List of things ordered (& paid for)
at Farmers' Association
(to come whenever Mrs. Verney
is ready for them)

A Sirloin Beef
Neck Mutton
2 Chickens
Tongue
6 lbs Breakfast Bacon
½ bushel Apples
8/1/88 F. Nightingale

Mr. French

Please pay Laundress' Acct
for week ending Jan 9 -
& any others we may leave
F.N.

initialled notes, ff149-51, pencil

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Sir Douglas Galton (to F.N.) June 14/89 X
Recommends [*Gordon Boys' Home*]
Cubic space for 20 boys of 16, each 400 to 500
Window space: 1 ft to 60 cubic feet
2 ft x 3 ft to each boy: sash top & bottom
- or to open entirely,
inwards from bottom
the whole of the window-space to be available
to open. At G.B.H. quite insufficient
He thinks the two iron gratings open into SHAFTS??
but says the shafts must be *much too small* -
He thinks there are *two?* fire-places to each Dormitory
He discourages Tobins -
but would put *Sherringhams* - in the middle, as
gratings are at corners.
Sup- space per bed: recommends 40 to 50 sq. feet
Bed space " 5 ft. 6
Space between beds " 3 ft
" " foot of beds " 4 ft 6
In Hospital beds are placed in twos, giving on
one side each bed much larger space between -
Width of ~~Ward~~/Dormitory: recommends 17 ft
Height " " 10 "
When new block built, boys will be spread out

at least for a time

~~X He had only just returned from Paris - but came~~
here the same day.

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D. Galton

perfectly aghast at the rolling up the bedding (but I thought showed an unholy joy at thus accounting for the 'appalling smell')

He says: the boys are "quite certain" - "as sure as fate" to have an *outbreak of Typhus* from this cause sooner or later - that this has been known, to all but the G.B. authorities, for 100 years - that the worst epidemic of Typhus ever known in the Army was from this cause & *this cause alone* - in the Horse Artillery between 1800 and 1810 -

that in Barracks we roll up the bedding, because the room is a living & eating as well as sleeping-room - but that the bedding is *always* exposed to the air first for 1-2 hours -

that the Gordon Boys' Bedding ought never to be rolled up at all - why should it? -it should be exposed out of doors - hung up in Dormitory with all the windows open - [But all the windows can't be always open]

They, the Building Committee, *with D. Galton present*, had a meeting last week - in which all but your important evidence came out!! Mr. Butterfield had disregarded all their injunctions & his own promises -

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& made the Contractor go right against them - And there is no resource except to cashier B., which Co. Hamilton won't.

Galton will not say that the space given above is not enough, but admits that window-space, *open window-space, outlets, ventilation, are nothing like enough* -

At their Meeting they ordered a Zinc frame for the window=spaces to fit inside & *open entirely* - And he agrees that there must be more outlet & bed-rolling abominations utterly revolutionized. **[end 5:255]**

They have also order {gap in the paper} another well; aware of the failure of water - su{gap pp?}ly.

He insists on the boy {gap s?} having a both every **[5:255-56]** week, of course - *Do they?* (besides the green swimming-bath) - He wants to know what amount of *daily personal ablution* they do?

I fear I shall not see him again before next Thursday at earliest. But any *questions* or answers or commentaries that *you will* make I will pitch into him *before your* next "Wednesday & Thursday" at G.B.H., if you like.

[He is returning to Paris - some time this next week]

F.N. 14/6/89

signed letter, ff152-53, printed letter

f152

Confidential

Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks,
October 17, 1891

My dear Mr. Frederick Verney

It is scarcely needful to say to intelligent people that Health at the Home is one of the most important questions for any one charged with the duties of Local Government. But, while Sanitation has actually become fashionable, while we are choked with the flood of Sanitary books, pamphlets, publications, and lectures of all sorts, good, bad, and indifferent, we have remained a book and a pen.

We have not become a voice and a hand.

What is read in a book stays in the book.

Health in the Home has not been carried home to the hundreds of

thousands of rural mothers and girls, upon whom so largely depends the health of the rural population.

In fact, they do not believe in Sanitation as affecting health, as preventing disease.

There has been a melancholy instance near here.

At your special request I have been making assiduous enquiries for educated women trained in such a way that they could personally bring their knowledge home to the cottagers' wives on a mission of health for rural districts. For this they must be in touch and in love, so to speak, with the rural poor mothers and girls, and know how to show them better things without giving offence.

We have, though they are but a sprinkling in our great towns and in London, excellent Town District Nurses, but for many obvious reasons they

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would not be quite suitable for your proposed work. We can find no one woman for this ready made. She must be created for a rural Health Missioner.

Knowing how deeply interested you were in this subject on its practical side, we have consulted a number of the most experienced people. And we have arrived at the conclusion that to make the movement a success, we must find some gentleman apt to teach, and educated women apt to learn - in other words, we must train them for the purpose. And we must not mix up Nursing the sick with Health in the Home.

It does not appear in the least necessary to go outside this county. It seems far better to utilize the ability at hand for teaching and the capacity for being taught.

With this object, I have made enquiry as to who there may be in North Bucks who would be willing to give time and trouble to teach, and who is qualified by knowledge and experience, and caring for this problem as it deserves.

I had already been much struck by a report of one of the North Bucks Medical Officers of Health - Dr. D'Ath. I made enquiries from independent sources. I have seen him, and have a good hope that he will prove himself to be as competent, as he certainly is willing, from a high sense of duty, to undertake this work - the work, that is of training those who are to teach practical domestic sanitation to the mothers and girls, and who will be qualified by a course of work, theoretical -- that is, to give them the "reason why" and practical, to show them how to do it, under Dr. De Ath.

I know of no such School of health now in existence for teaching of this kind as would be started at Buckingham, if this project is carried out. And if carried out successfully, Buckingham may become a centre of supply of trained Health Missionaries - not for its own immediate neighbourhood only, but for many parts of England where such work is sorely needed.

It seems hardly necessary to contrast Sick Nursing with this. The needs of Home Health-bringing require different but not lower qualifications, and are more varied. They require tact and judgment unlimited to prevent the work being regarded as interference and becoming unpopular.

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They require an intense and real belief in Sanitation, and that Life or Death may lie in a grain of dust or a drop of water, or other such minutiae which are not minutiae but Goliaths - and the Health Missioner must be a David to slay them, and have his sweet voice, and must be trained as he was to fight the giants with the simple weapons of every day use.

She must create a new work and a new profession for women. And she must make her work acceptable to women of the labouring class.

I trust that your County Council will not think me one of your interfering Health Missioners. I know your interest in inaugurating a vital work among the rural poor women.

And I have, therefore, done your behest with alacrity. May North Bucks distinguish itself by its wisdom and success in giving such an education to rural mothers, and in waging the war against national deterioration of health and vigor.

Pray believe me,

Dear Mr. Frederick Verney

Your and the Mothers'

Anxious and attached Friend,

(Signed) FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

Frederick William Verney, Esq.

{ff154-55 copy of ff152-53, also printed

ff156-57, undated, syllabus of lectures for Health at Home

incomplete notes, ff158-59v, pencil & pen

[6:604]

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3. Another caution - no "germs"

please [begins]

A Commission of eminent men
has just reported that Leprosy
is a direct consequence of
a - - - - Bacillus!

Why if it wished to be popularly/practically
useful could it not have
said:

direct consequence of
uncleanliness, specially of
person

putrid or bad food

or - what you gentlemen know
better than I

God forbid that the time should
~~have~~ come when Nurses
or Health Missioners
are instructed that

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typhoid fever is the "direct
"consequence " of
a Bacillus!

instead of being a direct
consequence of bad drains

or - what you gentlemen
know better than I

[end 6:604]

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4. The teaching *by the Health Missioners* would be given by familiar lectures to poor mothers & girls, followed by personal instruction by way of conversation with the mothers in their own homes & would be directed to

- (1) sanitary conditions of homes themselves
- (2) the essential principles of keeping the body in health with reference to skin, circulation, digestion
- (3) instruction with reference to management of infants & children - & what to do in emergency or accident till Doctor comes.

But, through all, the Health Missioner must be *in touch* with the poor mothers. They must not be spies; or standing on a platform above the mothers

f159v

5. There is no time to be lost -
 - Now that Elementary Schools hold the girls for 8 years, some for 10, every year they will come more & more to think that every thing is to be taught *literarily* by the *Book* - You must get in your practical teaching now or never.

I see every year that the opportunity is passing
 {the following paragraph has a diagonal line drawn though it}

e.g. Confirmation Classes are not the Spirited practical things they used to be - they are the book, catechism, copying of texts - the grammar of conduct - not the conduct itself.

unsigned notes, ff160-61v, pen & pencil

f160

Notes M.O.s of Health's Meeting

8/5/93 on Tuesday

In answer to your request: 9/5

? begin by alluding, which you will do much better than I,

to the great organizations, the

immense works, drainage,

water-supply &c, done for the

national health, for the poor

- but nothing or hardly anything

done to teach the poor *at home*

(which can only be done *in*

the home for the home)

how to keep their *home-health*

Health - Missioners: absolute necessity

not to be District Visitors or

Almsgivers

not to be District Nurses

(tho' District Nurses must have

the knowledge)

Then drive in, dig in the

practical truths, which are

attended to less & less every

f160v

day of this furiously literary
& educational/examinational time:
such as

1. Impossible to teach 'Health
at Home' by literary lectures
- that would be like the way
we teach languages - Grammar
first which no mortal boy
understands or can understand
instead of ending with it.
We teach the Grammar of Health
Nursing & Sick Nursing - and
too often we get no further.
[This reaches to the summit of the
farce - in Ambulance Lectures
& Exhibitions where mock patients are
attended by mock Nurses
in a mock Hospital]

We then have Examinations -
we say that the audience is
"interested" - And we think
our work is done -

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In the *home only care* be
taught how to preserve the
health of the home -

Teach the absolute practical
necessities for health=at=home
in a graphic plain Course
of Lectures if you will -
then take your future
Missioners to the Home
but with great tact &
prudence -

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2. You believe in the *Word*
[*That is to do every thing!*]

You don't believe in the *Work*
[which is all the *Word* is for]

~~The nation is/seems gone made~~
~~upon this~~

This appears to be the
great danger of the age

unsigned notes, ff162-62v, pencil

f162

by request] A District Nurse [*Pleasley* should have been trained -

The first duty of a Nurse is to nurse -

She must do the Nursing Work under Doctor's orders - & be able to report fully & accurately to the Doctor when he comes -

But next to this she must "nurse the "room" - i.e. put it into Nursing order, so that it should not hinder the Patient's recovery - or be a cause of

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disease (& not of health) to the family.

She should be able to instruct the family (or a helpful neighbour) how to carry on the Nursing when she is not there.

She should be the friend & not the law-giver of the family - ~~And~~ / so that the family=face as well as the Patient's face should light up when she comes.

For this purpose she must e.g. never say: 'I hope when I come again all this rubbish 'will be cleared out from under the bed' (where (probably there may be old boots, dirty linen, potatoes &c) If she does, they will wish her *never* to 'come again'.

But she must do many things herself such as clean a disorderly grate, dirty windows &c, & so show them how to do it.

She must also know - about nuisances which she cannot remedy herself - what is in the province of the Sanitary authorities & give notice at their Office

She must know if meat or brandy &c

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~~are~~/is required where to apply for it (whether Poor Law or Charity)

also, in a very poor place, ~~about~~/for blankets

She must look before confinements whether the feather bed or mattress has been lately cleaned - If not since the last confinement this is a fruitful source

of puerperal mischief or even of fatal
Pyæmia - & often of injury to the infant

unsigned notes, ff163-70, pen

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Training Schools in Bombay Presidency

4 Government Training Schools for Masters

Poona

Ahmedabad

Dharwar

Hyderabad (Sind)

2 ----- for Female Teachers

Poona

Ahmedabad

Details would be shown in Report of Director Public Instruction

General Results ----- Bombay Administration Report

P. Turn over

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2. Victoria Technical College

being organized in Bombay in 1885

probably it has a Normal branch

Lord Reay who took the greatest personal

interest in these subjects could give

all recent information -

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3. Most excellent College for young Chiefs

at Rajkote in Kathiawar

Rajkumar College

Mr. Bhaunagari could give all particulars

Also one at Ajmere, called the Mayo College,

Sir W. Wedderburn believes -

Both these Colleges were started & are

maintained by the Chiefs

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4. *Female Education* V
Poona High School x

Prince Damrong should certainly visit this School
 started by Sir W. Wedderburn

Lady Supt: Miss Hurford: perfection

She has now been placed by Govt in charge
 of the *Female Normal School at Poona*.

This Pr. Damrong should visit. It is under the
 supervision of a Committee of leading *Indian*
 gentlemen -

x Note, I think I gave Mr. Morant the "Proceedings" at
 starting the Poona High School, showing the lines of dealing
 with a somewhat delicate subject -

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Madras

Be sure you see the Victoria Hospital for High Caste
 Hindoo women & Mahometan Purdah women -
 - the only one, I believe, in India - [It was Mrs.
 Scherlieb's]

Also: see the Agricultural (Govt) College at
 Saidapet near Madras - the only one, I believe,
 in India. [We rave at the English educated Hindoos
 for not putting their education into their
 agriculture & give them no education to put in
 But Bombay has, I believe, begun -]

~~(1)~~ Letter to John Murdoch Esq L.L.D Agent of the
 Christian Vernacular Education Socy
 This insignificant looking little man knows real

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India better than any one - He has spent 40 years at his own expence in making tours of India, each taking two years. He is all enthusiasm without any fanaticism: cares neither for life not death. His little Sanitary books, "Way of Health" &c &c are better than anything we in India have done. Lady Dufferin knew his worth, had his "Way of Health" adopted by Govt & placed him by herself at dinner at Govt House.

I have written to him fully about you & the Prince. He is now in England till the 3rd(to-day) ~~And Mr. Morant ought to see him - Tho' there is no time, this is his address.~~ go to p. 2

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Bombay Presy POONA

Rao Bahadur Vishnu Moreshwar Bhidé
Chairman of the Poona Sarvajanic Sabha at Poona. They are, I believe, the old Mahrattas- They do an immense amount of public work with very little money. They know the people well who have the greatest confidence in them, They are now consulted by Govt

[Mr. L. W. will tell you just the contrary -
But your principles are sound]

AHMEDABAD

Rao Bahadur Runchorelal Chotalal
Chairman of Municipality - a most active and

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enlightened man - has encountered a great deal of opposition, even from his own people - a truly religious man of the highest type - a Jain - an excellent Sanitarian - an authority, of course, in Municipal administration

I shall hope for an account of the *Bombay Village Sanitation Act - how it works* - when you come back - through *Sir Raymond West*, (to whom pray give *my kind remembrances*) & others -

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Mr. Murdoch reaches *Madras* about Jan 8,

1892 & remains there till the *end of January*.
In February he goes to *Calcutta*: thence to
North India & back to *Madras via Bombay*

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Calcutta

Man Mohun Ghose (brother of Lal) & his most excellent wife
- both most enlightened people - I should like
to send my love to Mrs. Manmohun Ghose -
He is said to be making £10 000 a year at
the "Bar". [Strong opponents say that he &
other natives are far before any English at
the "Bar " or Judges we have out there -
And so are called 'Mutinous dogs' -]

Mr. M. Ghose begins at the beginning - he is a
thorough going reformer - he sends out lecturers
to teach the rural people the first elements
of English administration

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They are, I believe, of the ~~Brahma-Somaj~~? in
religion

They had a daughter of 17 at School near
London - who, if in India, would have been
a Grandmother - Her father fetched her back home
to Calcutta last year -

Mrs. M. Ghose is interested in the
Medical Education of women

I shall hope when you come home
to hear from you thro' Mr. Ghose of
the working of the

BENGAL TENANCY ACT

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I have written to all these people
something of what each could tell you
of interest to you & the Prince

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6 letter of introduction from Sir W.W. Hunter

Bombay

- 1 to Mr. Lee Warner (the Political or "Foreign" Secretary to the Bombay Govt) "who unfortunately "takes leave at the end of the year"
- 1 to Mr. James Campbell, the Collector of Bombay, "who will probably be the most useful man "to Mr. Verney in that part of India "
- 1 to Sir Raymond West, "a member of the "Bombay Governor's Council, & very earnest in "educational & municipal measures"

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Calcutta

- 1 to the Director or Chief of the Department of Public Instruction
- 1 to the Head of the Roman Catholic teaching body
- 1 to the leader of the progressive Conservative party among the Brahman landholders of Bengal Dec 3/91

Add Mss 68890, microfilm, 114 folios, 9 pages, correspondence with children of Frederick and Maude Verney, and other relatives 1874-1902, Adam Matthew reel 42

f1 Gwendolen Verney letter to FN from Claydon July 2 1890

f2 Gwendolen letter to FN from 39 Marine Parade 1890 re regatta

f4 Gwendolen letter 190-

f6 Gwendolen letter from Rhianva

f8 undated

f10 Gwendolen letter Claydon Jan 4 1891

f12 Gwendolen letter Claydon Jan 11

f13 Gwendolen letter Onslow Gdns Feb 9 1891

f15 Gwendolen letter Plas Rhoscolyn Apr 20

f19 Gwendolen letter Dec 26 1895

f21 Gwendolen letter Jan 15 1895

f23 Gwendolen letter March 7 1898

f25 Gwendolen letter March 12 1898

f27 Gwendolen letter June 26 1900 saw her yesterday

f29 Gwendolen letter July 9 1902

f31 letter of Frere, India Office that Rev F Verney peculiarly fitted to discharge efficiently duties of office of clerk of School Board at Oxford Feb 21 187

f32 Gwendolen letter Oct 17 1900

f33 Gwendolen Verney to Aunt Florence Oct 29 1900, May I come and see you soon?

F35 Gwendolen letter Nov 30 1900

f39 from Boston, Charles Warren to Fred Verney 3 March 1871, re clerical life, his leaving Sheffield, nothing re FN

ff41-44 letter, pencil, black-edged paper to HV re Pleasley

35 South St. [16:801-03]

Park Lane W.

May 13/74 6 a.m.

Pleasley School

My dear Sir Harry

You did not remember to give me notice, as you promised, that you stayed Tuesday in London: &, when you came on Tuesday afternoon, you could not stop.

So I can only put on paper the results of my labours:

I have done what you wished:
I have consulted several School & Sanitary authorities: & they all agree with me in this:

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1. that it is quite out of the question to build an *Infant School* with so little sun light or indeed window-space at all.

An Infant School ought to have its *two long* sides & one of its short ones quite *open* to the *sun & air*, so that the children may have the sun from the moment they come into school till the moment they leave:

S.E. S.W. N.W., (closing it to the *N.E.*).

It is well known that both health & power of learning depend on this - in Infants especially- this School has only *one S.E.* & one *N.W.* window-

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The beautiful *S.W.* exposure is entirely blocked up by *Gravel Yard & Large School Room*: and, worst of all, made pestiferous by '*Offices*' into which it looks. *Pray do not so much* as listen to such a plan. the only proposition we can make is to slew round the *long* side of *Infants' Room* to the *S.E.* (putting the master's house somewhere else.) see *Plan A.*

This plan will be of course objected to because of the length of front: (*96 feet*: without the thicknesses of walls.)

And, without knowing the ground, it is impossible

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to say whether the *Master's house* can be

detached, or must be added to the length.
 [This would be an advantage under some circumstances to the appearance; but if the slope is so great as to place the roof of the Master's house nearly on the same level as the floor of the School, the advantage we suppose would be lost.]
 If the *Infants School* is under a separate *Mistress* & carried on altogether separate from the *Mixed School* as we should imagine from the

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numbers being so large: - would it be possible to detach the *Infants' School*, & make *one block* of the *Infants' School* & *Master's House*? & *another* of the *large School Room* & *Class Room*?

The only way to give a proper (S.E.) aspect to the *Infants' room* is either to *detach* the *Infants' room* & *Master's House*: it would appear: or to submit to the ugliness of the *immensely long* front.

If it were one's own affair, one would cast

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about for a *site* that would admit of the former plan: and if it is necessary to have communication between the 2 Schools, this could be managed by means of a Corridor or Lean-to-2. The *Offices* & *Walls* & *Gravel yards* blocking in the whole corner of the building & completing - not even a square but - a *parallelogram* will be pestiferous.

[And people wonder that *Country Schools* have measles & Scarlet Fever!!!]

The *Offices* must be projected far out behind

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3. The *Large School-Room* has a good S.E. & S.W. exposure:

but the *Porch* *must* be moved up to the part of the wall adjoining *Class=Room*. Else it intercepts sun on winter afternoons.

4. The *Class-Room* will have *no sun* all the year round. S.W. & N.E. windows!!! except *summer* the worst sun: viz afternoon sun. but I know not how to improve it: [& it is of far less importance than *Infants' Room*.]

I would however block up *N.E.* window & give one large *S.W.* (*or two*) and one *N.W.* window.

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Pray assure Mr Stewart, if he will accept it, of my very great interest in these Schools: (which must excuse my very strong convictions against parts of the plan (*as it is:*) and of my desire to subscribe: if he will allow me.

You know how overworked (& underhelped) & suffering I am: so that I am hardly able even to undertake this small extra correspondence.

God speed the Schools: ever yrs affectly
I am writing this *before* my day's work. Florence Nightingale

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ff45-46 pencil letter

10 South St.

18/12/83

Dearest Margaret May I put this matter as regards my sister into your kind hands?

Our Aunt Julia (Smith) has been sinking for many days- She is 83. She is most attentively watched by her two nieces, Alice Bonham Carter & Beatrice Lushington, alternately -by a young lady, Miss Burnett, who was to have trained in hospital, who is as a niece to her- & by her excellent maid. She is

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sinking quite peacefully & painlessly - And the only thing is to be regretted is that she is not in one of her homes. she is at Hastings.

I did not know whether it would be better for Parthe to hear of her illness before her death - or whether 'no change', perhaps for many

days yet- might wear her
 more- I expected to
 hear every hour this morning
 'It is all over'- What do I
 say? then the blessed day

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would have begun-
 but I have just had a
 message to say; that the
 unusually high temperature
 is the only very bad sign-
 & she may last for some days.
 She is without pain or
 uneasiness.

I enclose 2 letters for
 Parthe to read, if she lies.
 Will you please have them
 returned to me?

good speed, & good cheer,
 dearest Margaret.
 I would we could hear better

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of my Sister's nights.
 My dearest love to her.

Would you be very kind
 as to give the enclosed
 note to Mrs. Ellis & read it.
 O! could you advise me on
 the knotty question of beer?
 So very sorry to trouble you.

I hear the dear little voices
 - & the robins, wrens &
 fly-catchers chirping at
 your Balcony window
 How did the little girls like Kathleen
 & Westminster Abbey?

Dearest Margaret, adieu
 yrs ever
 F. Nightingale

f47 Saturday Maude to Mama

f49 HV to Fred July 3 1886. Alas my dear F I confess that I anticipated the defeat so that I opened the telegram with the anticipation of its contents, but you made a capital fight and did your work as well as it cd be done, and for that I rejoice most truly. We cannot command success in illeg of our world

struggles, but if God gives us strength and courage and perseverance to work to the best of our power we may thank Him. shd do Siamese work, plunge into that and read books on Oriental politics and made acquaintance with the Easterns who are come to the exhibition and bring some to show.

F51 John Ricketts to F.W. Verney re £200 cheque re election expenses

f51 election expenses for Fred Verney note

f52 letter to Mrs Verney on loss of Mervyn

f53 another, from embossed House of Commons!

f55 HV to F, prob Fred re Pleasley dam

f62 to FN from Louisa Hubbard. printed Beedinglee, Horsham, June 20/93, much FN underlining FN in top corner: Please return to F.N.

Ff68-75 typed dictated copy to Sir Henry [Acland] from Empress Frederick re FN, Mrs Craven, Sep 8 1893, from Homburg v.d. Hohe

Let me thank you most sincerely for your letter of August 9th, which I found here on my return from Greece and have also [alas] been unable to answer till now.

I have pondered over your letter and thought the matter over again, which indeed I do every day as I think it one of such very great importance. The ends and objects of nursing and providing the public with the best nurses in every sense I think are viewed by you and by me exactly in the same manner, and I do not think our opinions differ materially from those of Miss Nightingale and my friend Mrs Craven.

Indeed I think with you that something ought to be done, to save the nursing cause, viz., the standard of excellence of nurses from being lowered.

F69 Possibly the Prince of Wales mt be inclined to call a committee, which shd try to combine all that is good in the efforts made with such energy, benevolence and generosity by our sister Princess Christian, that have assumed a form which does not seem completely to satisfy a great portion of the best friends of the nursing cause, tho no doubt the many able people who support her with their experiences and their advice fail to see the danger which I am in conscience and honesty bound to admit is clear to myself. I am only too glad and ready to admit that I am wrong, if it can satisfactorily be proved to me, and perhaps the dangers I apprehend can be got over.

If I may reiterate the opinions I expressed to you at Buckingham Palace, which are based on a little experience and a very profound interest in the nursing profession, I can only repeat that its is to my deep regret that I see the movement taking the upper hand which is to determine the value of a nurse by examination. If this really gains the day, it will I think lead the nursing in England altogether into a wrong direction, and on a path which will lead to deterioration.

F70 English nurses are I think acknowledged by everyone in Europe to be the best. Though the development of nursing is far ahead of other countries in England, yet even there, there is room for improvement. I cannot forget Miss Nightingale's excellent saying 'the best woman will make the best nurse' and the longer and the more one comes in contact with nurses and nursing the more one sees how true it is, that the moral qualities of a nurse outweigh the theoretical knowledge.

How can an examination decide whether a nurse be thoroughly conscientious, truthful, patient, kind, unselfish, full of tact, intelligence and self-sacrificing and womanly dignity--the essence of all womanly qualities--which are such a blessing and boon to the sick, and of such importance for their recovery, and do not depend on the theoretical knowledge f71 they have gained from books and learnt by art?

Far be it from me to underrate the value of knowledge. I think a nurse cannot be thoroughly trained and educated enough - The more she knows of anatomy, physiology, hygiene, chemistry, bacteriology

if you like, besides the technical dressing of wounds, bandaging, etc., the better for her - the more useful and valuable she is. Still how often have nurses, who will blunder at examinations, and have received inferior testimonials, show themselves wonderful in practice and with their sound common sense and correct instinct and excellent qualities of heart, show that they were real born nurses, and saved many a life by their unflinching courage and excessive devoted care, have cheered many a death bed.

I again repeat that no one can doubt the necessity of a certain sum of knowledge being indispensable, also practical experience under clever men, who are willing to take the trouble to teach and train them.

F72 The value of their theoretical knowledge depends on their ability and aptness to make use of what they know and have learnt, in the right way, and it is this character of the woman which is the guarantee of how she will carry out what has been taught her as - *to know* and *to do* are two very different things.

How will a board of examiners - to whom the noses are perfect strangers - be able to decide by the theoretical knowledge of these women alone, whether they are practically qualified for their profession?

Mo one can judge of a nurse except those who have an opp of seeing her in the discharge of her duty, and who are able to discern the qualifications and such persons ought to have the right to give the testimonials and *not* a board of examiners who can only judge of what she has learnt, but not of what she can do.

F73 The movement professes to determine that nursing in England is to form a profession, and nobody is to belong to it except those who have passed an examination.

The examining body must therefor consist of all the gratest and most eminent medical men, who have the practical experience of what shd be demanded of a nurse. And above all, only such nurses shd be admitted to the examinations that have already received certificates of efficiency from the hospital in which they have been trained. If therefore the board which conducts the exams receives a ...

F74 As alas! Examinations seem to be the fashion of the day, I dread theoretical knowledge being brought too much to the fore, at the expense of experience and of the best part of a nurse's art, so that the nurses will become very one-sided.

It is from this danger that I would wish to see the British nurses of the future preserved.

I am just as anxious as you to end the division between the different views and endeavours to further a truly benevolent object. Nothing could be more painful to me than f75 in any way to appear at variance with anything undertaken by my sister whom it is my gratest wish to second in everything, besides knowing the truth of the saying 'l'union fait la force.' Nothing could give me more pleasure than the hearty combined action of the several bodies of institutions you speak of, who are anxious to organise once and for all, in the best manner, the profession of nurses in Great Britain - a truly gigantic undertaking, which therefore requires slow and cautious development, and not being worked in too vrhement or hasty a way.

Once more thanking you for your kind letter, and begging you to excuse my long delay in acknowledging it, also my *dictating* my answer.

f76 funeral of Sir Harry Verney programme Feb 15 1894

f88 July 19 1893 Bracondale Norwich, re election disappointment

f90 G White to Mrs Verney??

ff92-96 typed copy of FN letter to T.G. Clarke, Birmingham Oct 21 1895, Balaclava Anniversary celebration

ff97-98 pencil letter

Oct 31/95

10, South Street [printed address]

Park Lane, W.

Dearest Ralph

Aunt Florence was very glad to hear that you had worked hard enough to be first but one in your Mathematics Class.

And it is a great thing to *care* for what you have to learn, for its own sake - a greater thing than to win all the Removes & places in the world, tho' that is a good sign too.

And it is a worse thing to lose the love of your work than to lose your

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Remove or your place.

so let us win them both - place & love of the work.

At Claydon when dear Grandpapa talked to you in my room you always seemed to enter into your work.

I saw dear Mother yesterday & shall see Gwendolen to day. You know they are going to-morrow to Wimbledon. Mother as she always does seems careless of any

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trouble to herself.

provided it is the
right thing to do-

The Hindoos have a phrase
that Europeans are
"dipped in ink". Don't
dip yourself in ink, yet.
reading & writing teach
one a good many things
one, likes to think about
for one's future life.

God bless you, my dear soul.
ever your loving
Aunt Florence
there is a sordid little bit in
another cover.

f99 Louisa SN to Mrs Verney 17 Feb 1896 Louis just here

f101 Ralph to FN Jan 21 [1890?] thanks for 10s, just before going back to school, useful, last time shall
go back w/o Harry

F102 Ralph to FN Dec 25 [97] thanks for delightful owl, looks wise, Xmas present, he chose an
umbrella, I like being asked what I want

F104 HV to Maude Oct 14 1892

f107 Ruth Verney to FN Dec 22 1901 re christening of dear little Christopher, white day, charming
service, used white prayer book you gave me for my confirmation nearly 6 years ago

f109 FPV to child

f111 HV to Maude

f112 Ralph Verney to FN June 16 [1891?] thanks for arm chair you gave me, you gave mother £1 to
spend on my room and mother bought me a chair

f114 Jan 9 Ralph to FN thanks for travelling bag just arrived

Add Mss 72832A 140 folios, 8 pages, miscellaneous family correspondence, unbound; Adam Matthew microfilm reel 49, 2 sections; Section A has 1 FN original letter

letter to Miss Nightingale, Embley April 1846

f7 inv to M.F. Smith 1846/ Principessa Torlonia

Journey to France 28 August 1826 left Uncle Sam and Aunt Julia

Erskine Hay Speakers' Court, Palace at Westminster 1 Feb 1871

1860 going to Sardinia

letters to Mrs Nightingale

Sept 1, Thames House, from Mary Gaskell, shocked has not answered her, children in France.

f54 to Mrs Nightingale from Hope Richardson, Jedburgh June 26. thanking her late, press of business,

f61 Keswick

f65 P Nightingale, some kind of deed. September thirtieth. 1815.

Miss M.F. Smith, report on trip set off 28 August 1828 to France, corr with S Smith, to Mrs Nightingale, Thornton, Mary Gaskell to Mrs Nightingale, Hope Richardson to Mrs Nightingale,

M.F. Smith entries

has letters to Mrs Nightingale

arch: May Smith and looks like "A few bits as your father used to send to Mr Empson", includes ref to Jowett

Hudson the railway king, J.P.

letter with sketch

letter from Firenze 2 April 1848, I wrote to Flo....

28 Aug 1826 Uncle Sam and Aunt Julia set off from Milford for France, looks like, sketches

letters to Sam Smith at House

to Mrs N., lots, Mary Gaskell, Hope Richardson June 26

f52 Thames House Sept 1, Mary Gaskell

f63 Julia Howe to My dear lady, to Mrs N

I have but just arrived in Coventry and had had your kind note but a few minutes. I thank you sincerely for it, and so do my sisters. I am sorry however to say that the fates and Dr Howe do not will that I should dine with you tomorrow. The Bracebridges, who are our fates just at present, will decidedly that we should dine at Atherstone then, and for a day or so to come, thus postponing until Tuesday or Wednesday the pleasure of being with you. Upon the strength of this my husband has whisked off to Devon and heaven only knows when I shall catch him again. I hope you will pardon my want of punctuality--what would you have of a poor woman who is tied to the tail of a comet? You must

understand, I do not mean by this one of those wild things with horrid hair that fly about doing mischief and setting the world on fire. Mine is a remarkably peaceful and philanthropic comet, yet like all his brethren irregular, eccentric, unwilling to be bound to the dull orbit of appointments. However he is most anxious to see you and yours again, and will, if you permit, bring us a few days later. I say, if you permit, but do not trouble yourself to write unless is be to tell us not to come. Otherwise I shall think that your silence gives consent. I think that we shall hardly arrive before Wednesday and not then, unless inconvenient to you.

In the hope of our seeing you, believe me, dear Madam,
 very faithfully yours
 Julia Howe

[Mrs N comment:]

What a happy creature and how proud of her Comet! and justly I doubt not.

F66 SH to WEN 5 Carlton Gardens April 12 1880 (other Sidney Herbert? To whom? But looks like SH had but the date!) My dear Sir, Even had there been no date to your note as there was no signature I shd have known by the

f68 ALS with envelope, engraved 49 Belgrave Square

March 27 1855

Dear Mr Nightingale

I will be glad to see you at any time most convenient to you.

Whatever I can do to promote the comfort and assist the endeavours of your daughter I will do with all my heart & soul.

Would tomorrow between ½ past 10 and 12 suit you. I shall be at home then.

believe me.... Sidney Herbert

f71 bill to W.E. Nightingale, Job Smedley, grocer and tea dealer. Cromford. bread items.

f75 letter From Mr B, Robt Lowe 8 May Balaklava

ff77-80 draft/letter, pencil [arch: ? was this sent? probably not]

Oct 3/71

Private

Dearest Ju [Julia Smith]

I am sorry to say it is true that during the *latter* years of Burton's cook= life she, poor woman, did sell the dripping, i.e. *after* I left home (tho' I did not know it till lately, years after her death).

During the first 8 or 10 years of her service, & till I left home, I am *certain* that not one penny= worth did she ever sell out of the house, that *all* the dripping was given to the poor people, other kitchen stuff made up for them- & that she had no "perquisites" -

according to my mother's excellent rules, made ever since I can

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remember *any* thing, & impressed upon Burton as upon all the others.

I passed naturally thro' Kitchen & offices 2 or 3 times a day (till I left home) - consulted with Burton about dripping, broth & other things she made for the poor people-- lists were kept- I took out a good many things myself & my mother hardly if ever went out in the carriage without taking dripping= parcels &[. [I can see them now]- I am certain that none of my mother's rules ere relaxed till after I left home.

The whole thing unrolls itself like a map before me. [Gradually even before that time & much more afterwards, I understood that my mother & Parthe were falling into Invalid habits of self-indulgence - And

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when I was with them for some months after my return from the Crimea, my mother & Parthe did *nothing* but lie on 2 sofas in the drawing- room, calling to each other: "don't tire yourself," not even by "putting flowers into water." [My mother said to me several times: 'I never go into the kitchen now- because I know I should see something I don't like,' - words of which I did not understand the import till long afterwards-

Parthe, as you know, took no part whatever in the household - and I believe does not now in her own household (of which I try to know as little as possible.) i.e. not what you & I should call a part. My father's sluggishness of character

& impatience of mind - which you

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see, (& which poor fellow! no one influence of his life has ever counteracted) - prevented him from taking any active part, either as to wife or daughter (or butler or farm - which certainly were his business & not my mother's]

Though the excessive affection which he had for Parthe up to the time she was 25, & and which dignified his subservience? to her & my mother - whom she then governed absolutely- had long since departed. Alas! Alas!

Indeed, at that time he was with them as little as he could help - never in London, except for a few days - And even before I left home he would always be at the home where they were *not* - if he could.

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Bref, for the last 18 or 20 years, the household has had no head whatever.

[And when I went to Embley in '66, for the first time for 10 years, I was appalled at the dilapidation & extravagance, visible even from my bed, tho' I suspected *nothing* else.]

It is one of those things which make one weep 'tears of blood,'-

For my mother was a most excellent manager of a household (till habits of self-indulgence crept on). order & beauty sprung up under her steps, not only in creating these two places, but in managing her household - And I still think that she & poor Mrs. Watson have brought up more

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good girls for places than any
body I know.

Oh dearest Ju -when I see the awful
consequences brought on (by such
very little faults, to begin with)
in households, in families, in
Empires, in political life, in
administration of great public
offices, in the fall of the French
Empire, in the War Office, at Embley,
I say (by myself) every night of my
life & almost every hour of the night,
'Father, forgive them, for they knew
not what they did- Father, forgive
me, for I knew not what I did.'

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To return.

A few years (1 or 2) before I left
home, I was made housekeeper -
(by Parthe's influence over my mother).

A few months afterwards I was
destituée (by the same influence)-
I had written a burlesque on Hermia
& Helen's scene in M.N.'s Dream, -
in which m housekeeping & the "
preserves" figured. - This was
the reason, Parthe told me-

I have never understood Parthe's
conduct on that occasion (tho' I think
I did on most others, even on the
occasion of her stopping my Egypt
lectures in Holloway) - Nor do I now.

But I have long since seen how
every thing was made to 'trend' to my
going to Crimea & War Office &
am more than content in the midst

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of tribulation-

if only this dreadful thing had not
happened.

For I do think it is a *dreadful*
thing.

I am so sorry for *all* concerned-
even for Watson

As you say, "butlers" (& as I say,
much higher people) do these things
if not overlooked-

And to me the really bad part
of Watson is (not the frauds, tho' these
are past doubt) but the breaking of
even the "Thieves' Code" in his
dishonourable aspersions against
the '2 Sisters' & his conduct to
Peter - together with his favouritism
in the house.

[These are against even Servants' honour.]
Also: *he knew* my mother's rules.

Ff91-93 L.H. Shore Nightingale typed report dated 20 February 1914, reports meeting 9 February at Cambridge Club between Sir Herbert Stephen, Sir HV and LHSN with a view to defining the executors' position as pub of FN's letters by the Verneys. HV seems not to of his mother with Nash, Dorothea Stephen, executors and E. Cook, amicable, but executors aware of their rights and prepared if nec to maintain them, made clear "that a pub relating to FN by the Verneys wd not be welcome to FN's relations" Lady Verney's letter 13 Feb 1914 admits cannot publish any letters by FN w/o consent of executors, her letters notable in showing that Parthe and late HV fully grasped FN's strong objection to publicity and were determined to ignore it; "The object of the pub of the 'life' of FN by Sir E Cook was to present a faithful picture of FN and her work, avoiding as far as possible the revelation of such private matters as she wd have wished not to show to the world. Margaret apparently wishes to publish these very matters." Fair to assume that FN considered question of pub, left materials to HBC, shd cd have given directions to enable MMV to publish a memoir; "In short Margaret is supporting Parthe's view against FN and it would appear that the executors can best carry out FM's wishes by opposing this. A possible way out of the difficulty wd be to consent to Margaret's printing a short book as she proposed *for private circulation only.*"

f94 typed copy of letter of MMV Plas Rhoscolyn Holyhead to LHSN, re papers, how got into her possession Feb 13 1914,

Many of them were written to "Parthe" others to Mrs Nightingale by her sisters and friends, some to "W.E.N." chiefly from 1820 onwards.

These letters belonged to Lady Verney and she was most anxious they should never be mixed up with her sister's papers, or be given to her; perhaps she thought her sister would destroy them unread. Lady Verney's effects were all left to Sir Harry. He wished me to have and to read these papers; buttoo busy editing her Mss... re Cook, "I need not say that if I can write a book it could not in any way come into competition with the great Biography, which no one appreciates more than I do. What I chiefly want now is a *pedigree* to explain all the cousinships...." anxious to put the letters in order.

f110 letter to Miss Smith from M. Howitt

to thank her father for sending £2 for Frederick Douglass's fund. Lady Byron has sent us £ and will ...

Anna Mary Howitt, aunt of Barbara Leigh Smith

to Barbara to 1867, many letters

f96 17 May 1929 Mrs Oliver Strachey, re O'Malley, asks for her to have access to the papers herself. re play, Evans.

f97 note. When she was going to Harley St. it was said she was going agst her parent's wish. Ly Cranworth was a lading member on the comtee and a very good woman but the last to illeg. ... daughter FN wrote her mother to see Ly Cranworth and F behaved beautifully and.... how sorry they were to lose Florence The great thing about FN really was her power of capturing or possessing people....

f85 FPV, letter, pen FPV to FN

My dear

I think you will like to see this account of Garibaldi. Alas E. found out afterwards that the woman he is living with now is not his wife.

Mde Schwabe who lives near him and is going out to look after the education of women at Naples (& has got the crown princess to speak to the Princess Margherita about being the chief patroness of the Society) desires me to tell you she is making up the accounts of money disbursed for widows and orphans in the war. The French Committee comprised Protestants and Catholics, Mme de Stael and an abbé! She believes that much good wad done by the money.

Lady Sarah & Maargaret sleep in South St. for a couple of night about the 9th and then go out by Marseilles to Edmund at Malta. I think it is just possible that Harry may go out to join them for a little time. He will not say anything at present, but if he plays this this winter I am sure I hope that he will. He has so enjoyed this place and the dear people in it, it is charming...

Did you ever have a "Good Words Young" the "Nightingales' heir. I went to It was at Combe but... illegs....

wreck of the illeg a troop ship carrying 1000 troops to the Crimea discipline of the men so beautiful that they were found drowned in their ranks as they stood. The ship went ... in daylight....

Edmund asked for a nosegay to take away with him to the ship. the only flowers on the auslander little...Elba. Napoleon 1

Margaret saw officer who told how illeg Garibaldi was with being illeg. An Armenian took all sorts of letters but he would not see him. The man has done last... General's window. Garibaldi came with ... the man put him into his illeg and went home and told how he had 'interviewed' the General.

I hope you can read it. I wrote it in great haste from dictation.

f89 letter....

Hampstead

Tuesday

My dear illeg

Both the dear children are quite well and it was very rainy yesterday afternoon and again this evening. They were very much amused to go down in the drown of ... Emily illeg

f91 more to Miss Smith. Barbara. MH

f136 typed Barbara Leigh Smith to her father Sorrento May 12 1855

12 05 1855 typed statement of Barbara Leigh Smith to her father, from Sorrento, all re travels 73832 A

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f138 Barbara to aunt March 21 1867 Avignon, re the Fawcett Society, going to Algiers, Bernie, loves Avignon, Bernie doing antiquities

f140 BL Bodichon to Bertha, from Scalands Gate, Robertsbridge Hawkhurst [1874] re Dr Bodichon